

### Measuring Enrollment

One of the most frequent requests Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness receives is for data on "enrollment". This information can be provided in a variety of ways, depending upon the definition of enrollment. For example, enrollment at Edison State College can include:

- All course enrollments regardless of whether the student dropped or was dropped, or re-registered for the same course in the same term;
- All course enrollments as long as the student was officially in the course as of the specific capture date reported to the State of Florida;
- Credit hours as of a specific date, captured from the live Student Data Base;
- Number of students enrolled for one or more courses in a given term, commonly referred to as Unduplicated Headcount;
- Enrollments, however defined, in credit courses or non-credit courses or in both; or
- Number of students in each program, which is typically based on information from the student's application form; some students may be in a program that is very different from the one in which they are taking courses.

Enrollment is also reported in different timeframes: semester, academic year (fall and spring), or fiscal/full year (summer, fall and spring). The chart below shows three common measures of enrollment, each based on a full year (summer, fall and spring). The information is calculated from the raw data reported to the Florida Department of Education at the end of each term. The table reflects the total numbers and the chart depicts the annual percentage change over the prior year; all data is for credit students/courses.

Enrollment Definition	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
<b>Semester Hours</b> (using enrollments provided to the State at end of term)	211,267	216,194	241,913
<b>Course Enrollments</b> (using one per student)	65,881	67,494	79,097
<b>Unduplicated Head Count</b> (using one student enrollment per year regardless of the number of courses taken)	17,111	17,191	18,634

Percent Change Year Over Year

