

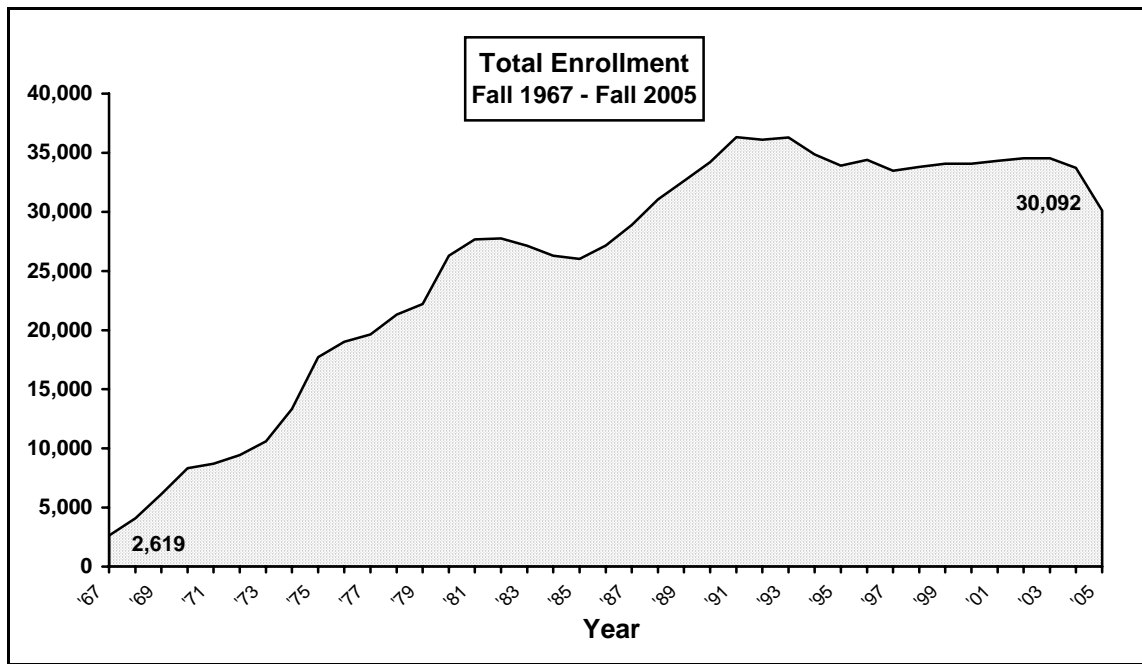
The Fall 2005 Student Portrait

Introduction

The 2005 Student Portrait profiles College of DuPage’s Fall Semester 2005 student body. It is organized to answer a series of commonly asked questions about our current students. It provides information for the college decision-makers in order to anticipate student needs and expectations.

The first section contains a brief history of the college’s enrollment and a comparison of enrollments with other Illinois community colleges. The second section is a “snapshot” of all 30,092 students—credit and non-credit. It shows the age, ethnicity, gender and also their residency, how they register for classes, and when and where they take classes. The third section is devoted to demographics and characteristics of the 27,117 credit students. It shows their major field of study, their plans to graduate/transfer, their education level, where they come from, and their course taking pattern.

From 1985 to 1991, College of DuPage’s total Fall enrollment grew to a record-breaking 36,322 students. The enrollment stayed over thirty-six thousand until 1993. Enrollment declined during the following five years. Since 1998 it had increased gradually to 34,535 until Fall 2004 when it dropped to 33,732 and this Fall dropped further to 30,092. The graph below presents the Fall 10th Day total headcount since the college began in 1967.



Fall 1967 to Fall 2004 – Quarter System, Fall 2005 – Semester System