

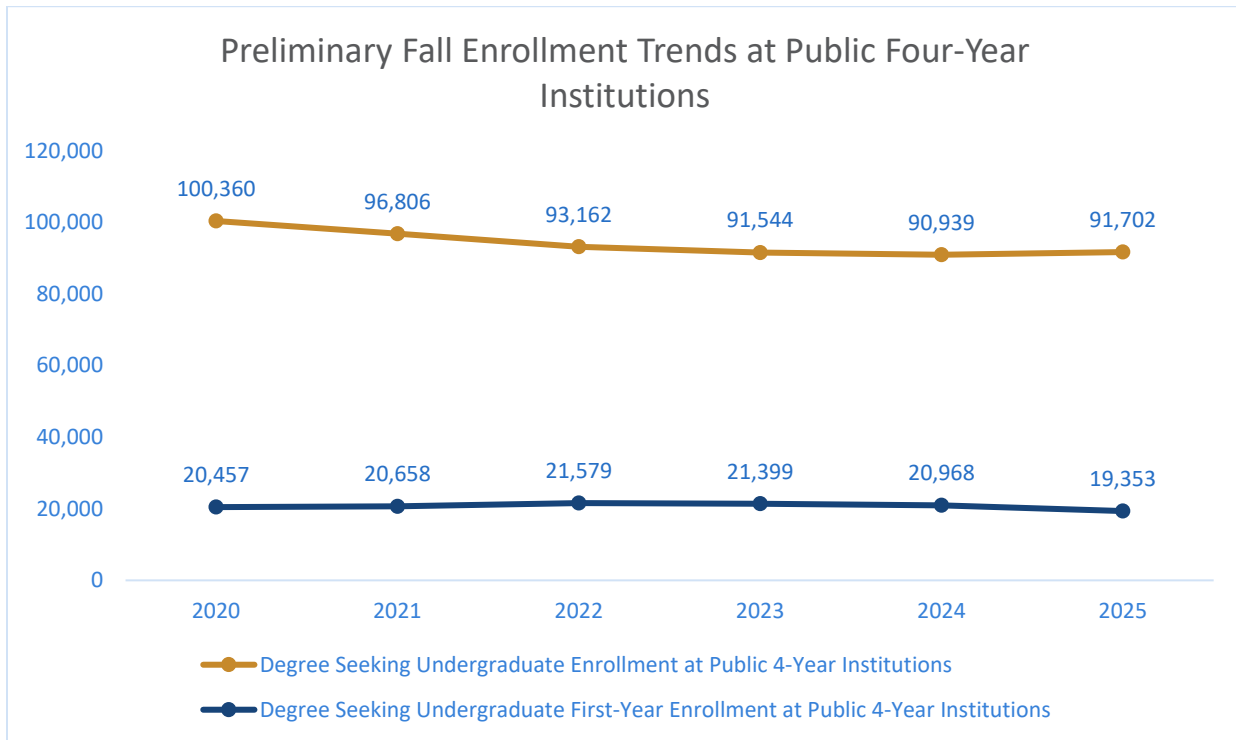


# Preliminary Fall Enrollment Trends for Washington

January 2026

## Preliminary Fall Enrollment Trends at Public Four-year Institutions Over Time

- Preliminary fall undergraduate enrollment at public four-year institutions in WA saw a slight increase of about 1 percent from fall 2024 to fall 2025, compared to a 1.9 percent increase nationally<sup>1</sup>.
- Preliminary first-year<sup>2</sup> fall enrollment at public four-year institutions in WA declined roughly 7.5 percent from 2024 to 2025.

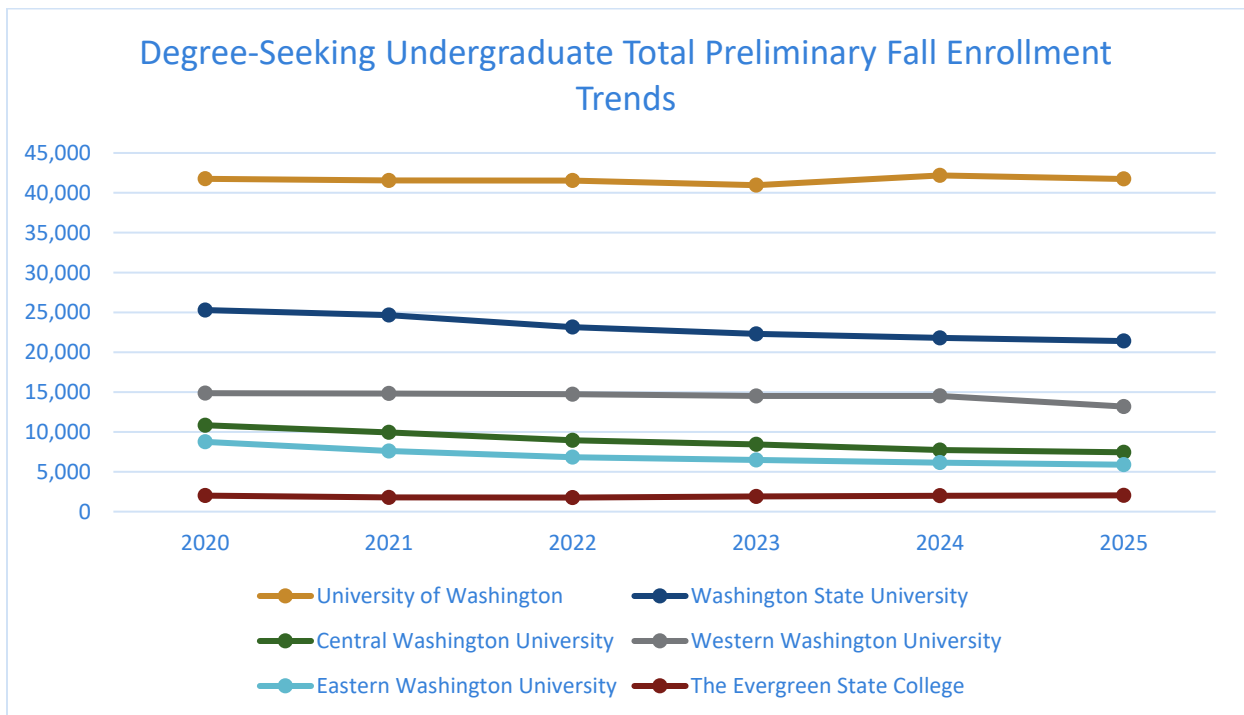


Source: State-level Day 10 Enrollment data from Education Research & Data Center (2025, November 4)

<sup>1</sup> National Student Clearinghouse. (2025, November 11). Clearinghouse enrollment insights series: Preliminary fall enrollment trends. <https://nscresearchcenter.org/prelim-fall-enrollment-trends/>

<sup>2</sup> First-year refers to students with freshman standing.

**Total degree-seeking undergraduate and first-year preliminary fall enrollment trends over time for all six public four-year institutions in Washington**

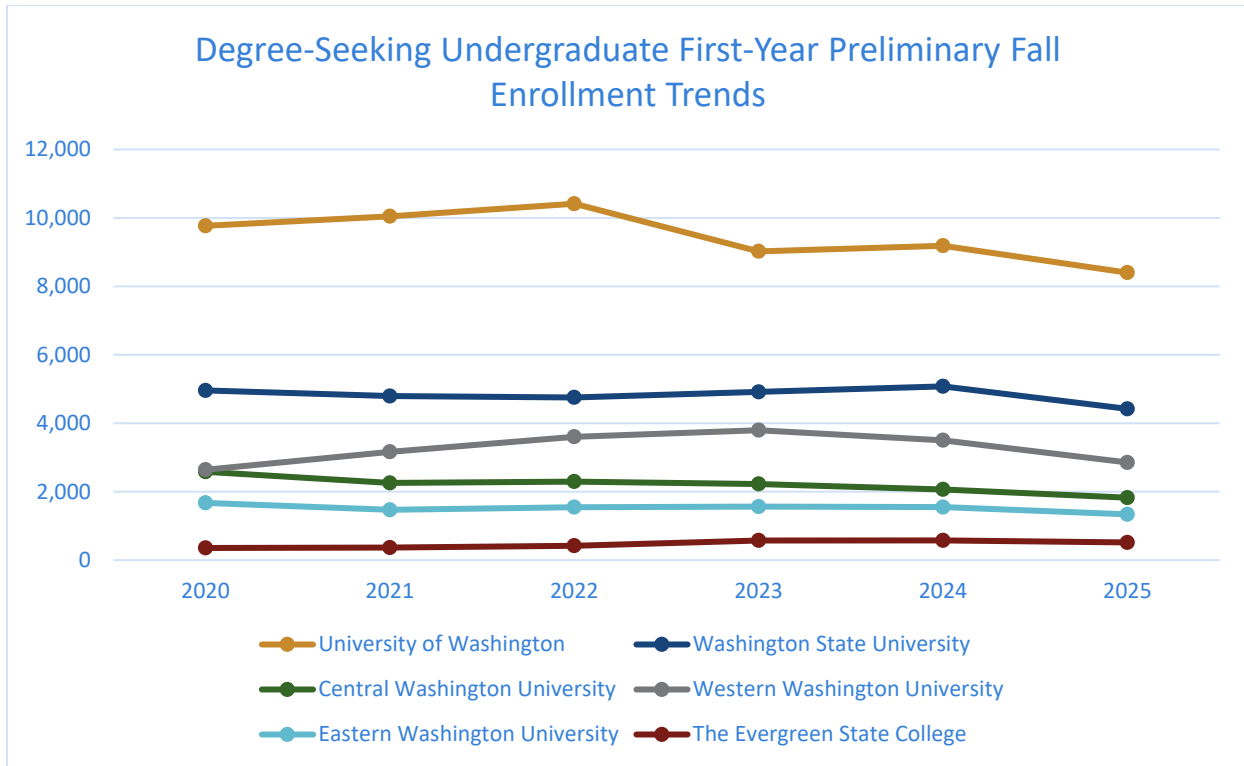


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Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Total Preliminary Fall Enrollment						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>University of Washington</b>	41,759	41,552	41,539	40,959	42,182	41,744
<b>Washington State University</b>	25,292	24,661	23,148	22,295	21,793	21,400 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Central Washington University</b>	10,839	9,937	8,944	8,437	7,725	7,446
<b>Western Washington University</b>	14,861	14,817	14,727	14,513	14,516	13,183
<b>Eastern Washington University</b>	8,752	7,606	6,828	6,475	6,143	5,888
<b>The Evergreen State College</b>	2,009	1,784	1,765	1,904	1,989	2,041

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<sup>3</sup> Washington State University. (n.d.) Student dashboards: Total student enrollment. <https://data.wsu.edu/system-data/institutional-dashboards/student/total-student-enrollment/>



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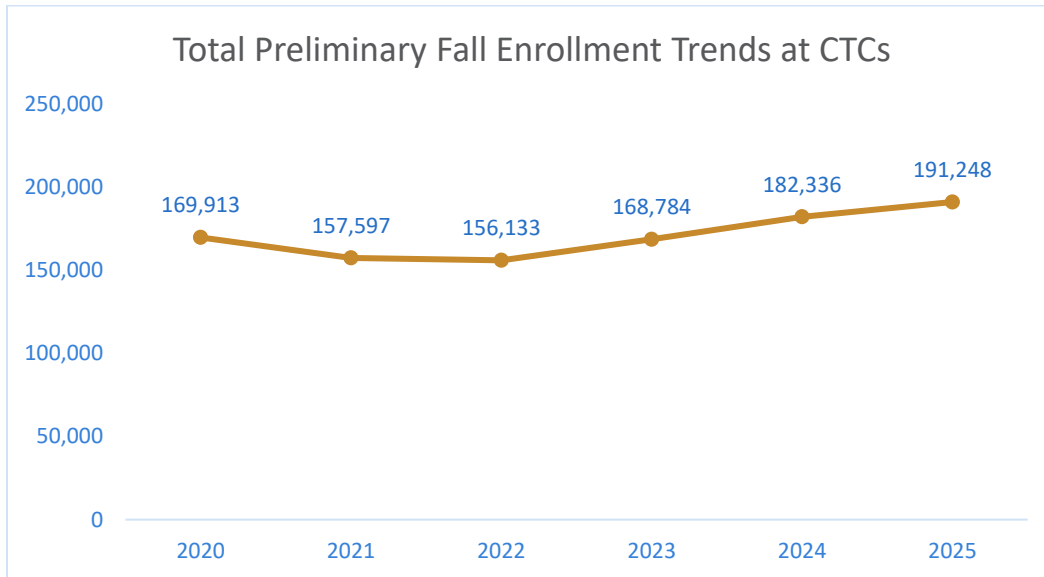
Degree-Seeking Undergraduate First-Year Preliminary Fall Enrollment						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
University of Washington	9,769	10,046	10,415	9,022	9,187	8,400
Washington State University	4,957	4,794	4,755	4,915	5,077	4,420 <sup>3</sup>
Central Washington University	2,581	2,256	2,294	2,225	2,067	1,825
Western Washington University	2,641	3,165	3,605	3,796	3,501	2,853
Eastern Washington University	1,672	1,469	1,546	1,563	1,549	1,338
The Evergreen State College	355	366	419	574	576	517

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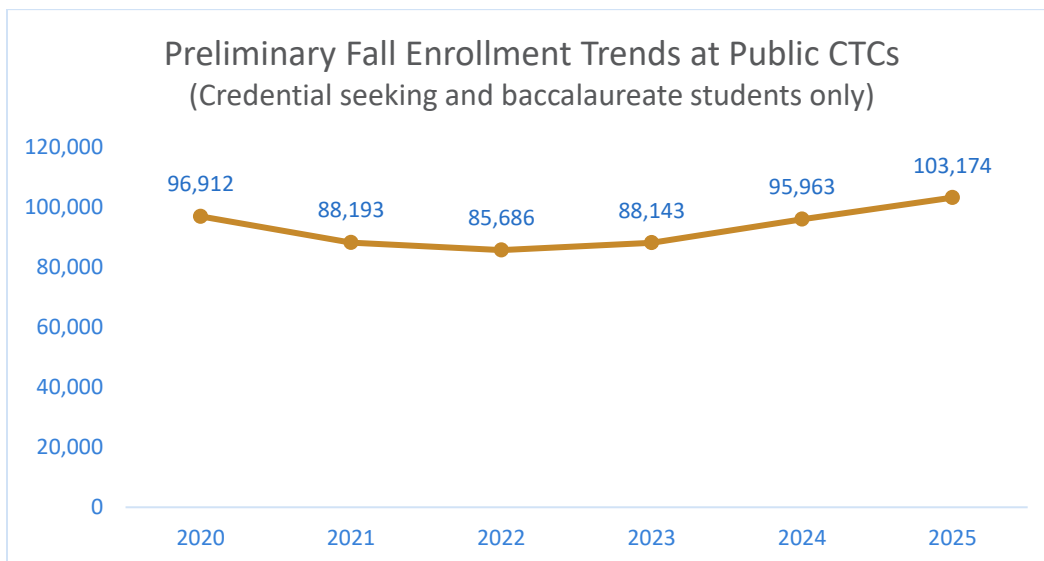
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## Public Community and Technical Colleges Preliminary Fall Enrollment Trends Over Time

- Total preliminary fall enrollment at public community and technical colleges (CTCs) increased by 4.8 percent from fall 2024 to fall 2025, compared to a 4 percent increase nationally.
- Preliminary fall enrollments in credential-seeking and baccalaureate programs at CTCs in WA increased by 7.5 percent.



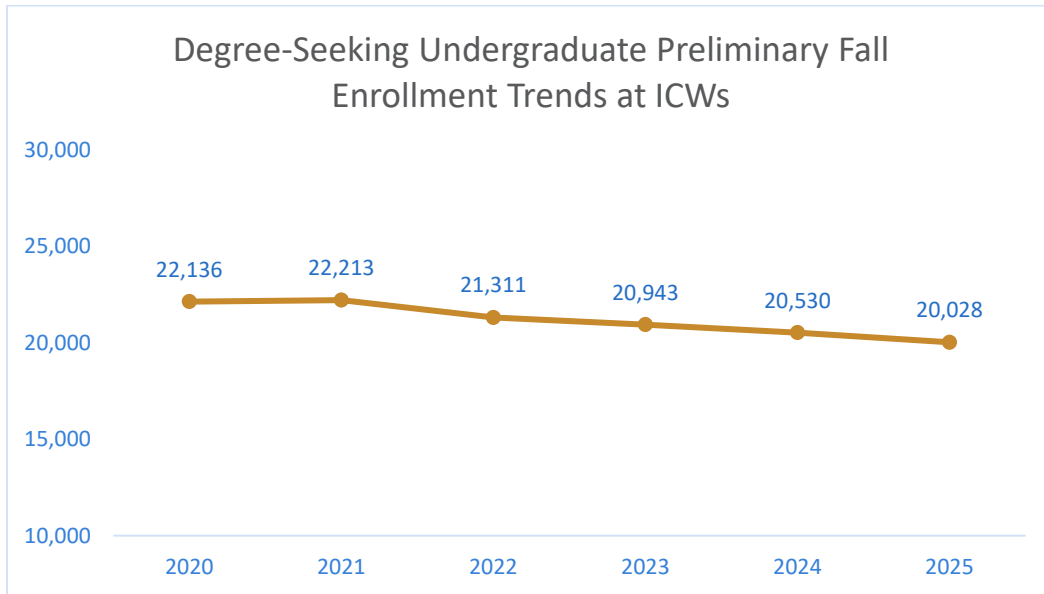
Note: This data includes credential-seeking, dual-enrolled, baccalaureate, basic ed, apprenticeships, and continuing ed.  
Source: State-level data from State Board of Community & Technical College’s analysis of preliminary fall enrollment numbers.



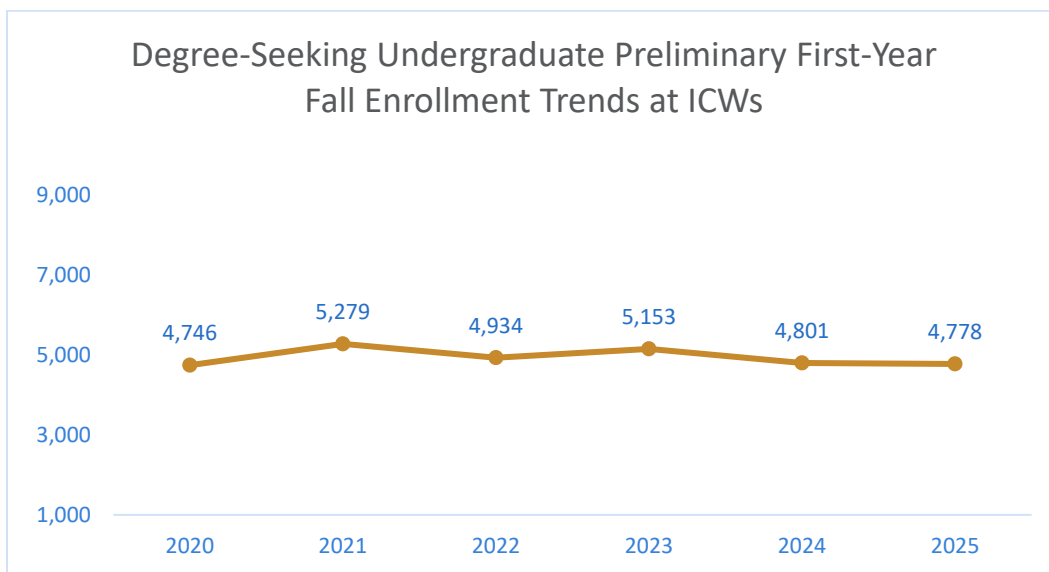
Note: This data is limited to non-dual enrolled credential-seeking and baccalaureate students.  
Source: State-level data from State Board of Community & Technical College’s analysis of preliminary fall enrollment numbers.

### Independent Colleges of Washington Preliminary Fall Enrollment Trends Over Time

- Overall preliminary fall undergraduate enrollment for 2025 at the Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW) saw a decline of about 2.5 percent, compared to a 0.9 percent increase nationally.
- First-year preliminary fall enrollment at the Independent Colleges of Washington saw a marginal decline of 0.5 percent from 2024 to 2025.



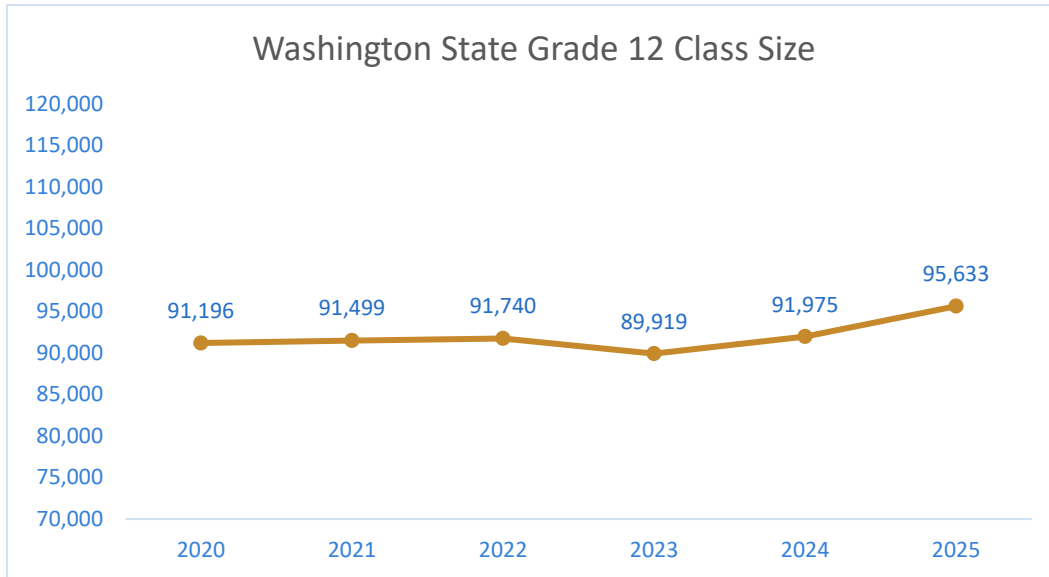
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**WA Grade 12 Class Size Trends Over Time**

- Grade 12 student enrollment for the class of 2025 was close to 4 percent higher than that of 2024 and the largest in the past 5 years.



Source: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction: Total Grade 12 Enrollment.  
<https://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/10330>

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