

A large, multi-tiered fountain with numerous water jets spraying upwards and outwards, creating a misty spray. In the background, a large, modern building with a flat roof and several windows is visible under a clear sky. The fountain is the central focus of the image, with water jets of varying heights and patterns.

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BEAR STATS

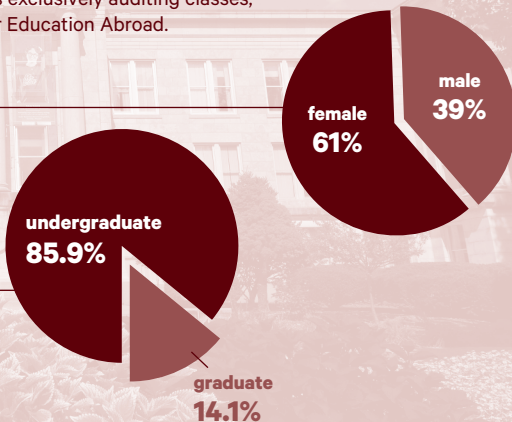
SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS | FALL 2025

The **FALL 2025** enrollment was **25,238** on the Springfield campus.

For national comparison purposes, the headcount of **24,606** is used. It is based on IPEDS submissions and is represented on subsequent charts and tables. These data are used for all external surveys. This total does not include the **632** students exclusively auditing classes, enrolled at English Language Institute (ELI), China Campus or Education Abroad.

MSU's enrollment of **24,606** includes **15,017** females and **9,589** males.

21,138 (85.9%) Bears are undergraduates, while an additional **14.1%** are graduate students.



TOTAL BEARS BY COLLEGE

Fall 2025

	Fall 2024 Total	Fall 2025				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
College of Business	4,347	3,510	734	4,244	17.2%	-2.4%
College of Education	1,624	1,034	572	1,606	6.5%	-1.1%
College of Natural & Applied Sciences	1,620	1,393	189	1,582	6.4%	-2.3%
Darr College of Agriculture	863	829	23	852	3.5%	-1.3%
Graduate College - Interdisciplinary **	261	0	211	211	0.9%	-19.2%
Library Science, Department of	43	0	26	26	0.1%	-39.5%
McQueary College of Health and Human Services	4,392	3,412	1,057	4,469	18.2%	1.8%
Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	3,388	2,563	656	3,219	13.1%	-5%
Other Programs *	7,822	8,397	0	8,397	34.1%	7.4%
Total	24,360	21,138	3,468	24,606	100.0%	1%

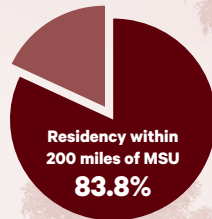
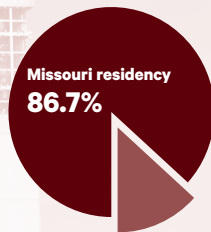
* Other Programs include pre-college dual credit students, BS undeclared students, nondegree-seeking undergraduates, Bachelor of General Studies majors, BA Global Studies majors, pre-professional students, pre-college dual enrollment students, exchange students, BearPOWER program students, BS and BA individualized program students.

** There are more than 3,000 graduate students in different colleges. The above number only reflects students in select programs that report to the Graduate College.

BEAR RESIDENCY

86.7% of Bears report Missouri residency*

83.8% of those Bears report Missouri residency within **200 miles** of MSU



8,792 Bears (41.7%) come from:

- **Greene County (23%)**
- **St. Louis County (10.7%)**
- **Jackson County (8%)**




Many **(31.2%)** first-time undergraduate Bears are from:

- **Greene County (15%)**
- **St. Louis County (9.9%)**
- **Jackson County (6.3%)**

Bears originate from **50** states plus the District of Columbia, military, Puerto Rico and **86** foreign countries.

*This calculation is based on reported tuition residency.

PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED STUDENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCY DISTANCE

0–100 Miles		10,703	43.5%
101–200 Miles		7,073	28.7%
Beyond 200 Miles		3,200	13%
Outside Missouri		3,630	14.8%

All calculations on this page are based on county of residency.



BEARS BY ETHNICITY

Fall 2024 compared to Fall 2025

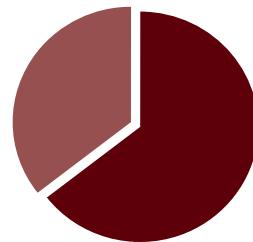
	Fall 2024 Total	Fall 2025				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
Hispanic	1,363	1,315	155	1,470	6%	7.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	93	76	14	90	0.4%	-3.2%
Asian	538	441	91	532	2.2%	-1.1%
Black/African-American	843	820	133	953	3.9%	13%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	21	21	5	26	0.1%	23.8%
White/Non-Hispanic	18,558	16,233	2,500	18,733	76.1%	0.9%
Two or more races reported	1,086	1,071	117	1,188	4.8%	9.4%
Unknown, race not reported	799	706	45	751	3.1%	-6%
International, all races and ethnicities	1,059	455	408	863	3.5%	-18.5%
Total	24,360	21,138	3,468	24,606	100%	1%



BEARS BY AGE

Fall 2024 compared to Fall 2025

	Fall 2024 Total	Fall 2025				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
17 and under	6,485	7,103	0	7,103	28.9%	9.5%
18-21	10,067	10,048	99	10,147	41.2%	0.8%
22-24	3,411	2,131	1,086	3,217	13.1%	-5.7%
25-29	1,726	789	843	1,632	6.6%	-5.4%
30 and older	2,671	1,067	1,440	2,507	10.2%	-6.1%
Total	24,360	21,138	3,468	24,606	100%	1%



70.1% of Bears are **21** years or younger

The average Bear age is **22**.

Undergraduates – 20 years **Graduates** – 31 years

STUDENT CREDIT HOURS (SCH) AND HEADCOUNT-BASED FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLMENT

FTE calculated using student credit hours (SCH): **16,329**

- **Undergraduate – SCH/15**
- **Graduate – SCH/12**
- **Doctoral – SCH/9**

FTE calculated using headcount: **17,038**

- **Full time headcount + 1/3 part time headcount**



	Student Credit Hours (SCH)	FTE Calculation
Total undergraduate student credit hours (SCH)	208,308	13,887
Total graduate SCH (non-doctorate)	21,911	1,826
Total doctoral SCH	5,541	616
FTE using SCH		16,329

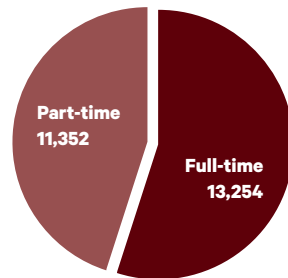
	Headcount	FTE calculation
Full-time	13,254	13,254
Part-time	11,352	3,784
FTE using headcount		17,038



HEADCOUNT BY COURSE LOAD

Fall 2024 compared to Fall 2025

	Fall 2024 Total	Fall 2025				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
 Full-time	13,385	11,653	1,601	13,254	53.9%	-1.0%
 Part-time	10,975	9,485	1,867	11,352	46.1%	3.4%
Total	24,360	21,138	3,468	24,606	100%	1%



Full-time undergraduate Bears averaged 14 semester credit hours during the fall term.

Part-time undergraduate Bears averaged 5 semester credit hours during the fall term.

Graduate Bears averaged 8 semester hours during the fall term.

NEW BEAR CLASSIFICATIONS

New Bears include:

- First-time new in college
- First-time nondegree seeking undergraduates
- First-time undergraduate transfer students
- First-time degree and nondegree seeking graduate students

FIRST-TIME NEW IN COLLEGE BEARS: APPLIED • ADMITTED • ENROLLED

Fall 2021–2025

Year	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
2021	9,726	9,128	2,562
2022	9,625	8,909	2,332
2023	11,901	10,836	2,841
2024	11,584	10,487	2,689
2025	11,946	10,723	2,684

NEW BEARS BY COLLEGE

NEW BEARS
BY COLLEGE

	Fall 2024 Number	Fall 2025					1-Year % Change
		Undergrad		Graduate	Total		
		First-time cohort	Transfer	First-time	Number	Percent	
Darr College of Agriculture	264	187	62	5	254	5.3%	-3.8%
Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	913	472	182	150	804	16.6%	-11.9%
Business	1,275	550	367	158	1,075	22.2%	-15.7%
Education	419	166	145	141	452	9.3%	7.9%
Graduate College-Interdisciplinary **	137	0	1	103	104	2.2%	-24.1%
McQueary College of Health and Human Services	1,419	712	402	201	1,315	27.2%	-7.3%
Library	21	0	0	4	4	0.1%	-81%
Natural and Applied Sciences	519	315	140	54	509	10.5%	-1.9%
Other Programs *	404	283	36	0	319	6.6%	-21%
Total	5,371	2,685	1,335	816	4,836	100%	-10%

* Includes BS undeclared students, Bachelor of General Studies majors, BS and BA individualized program students, and pre-professional students

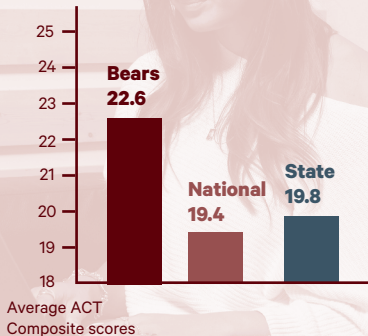
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FIRST-TIME NEW IN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE BEARS TEST SCORES

Fall 2025

In 2024, 50 out of 50 states reports at least 36% of students taking the ACT. Of those 50 states, 32 had average ACT scores that exceeded the national average of 19.4. Missouri was one of those states, recording an average ACT score of 19.8 in 2024.*

While ACT and SAT scores are not currently required for admission, most (66.2%) first-time undergraduate Bears submitted ACT scores.



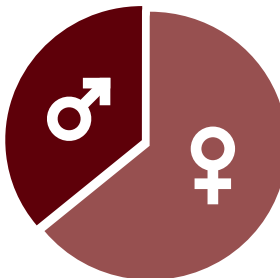
Our average ACT scores were **higher than** the state and national averages.

*<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/average-act-test-scores-by-state.html>
Includes District of Columbia.

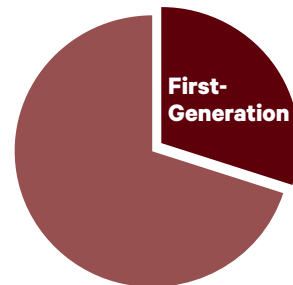
FIRST-TIME NEW IN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE BEARS BY ETHNICITY

Fall 2025

	Headcount	Percentage
White/Non-Hispanic	1,999	74.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	12	0.4%
International, all races and ethnicities	47	1.8%
Unknown, race not reported	99	3.7%
Asian	47	1.8%
Hispanic	178	6.6%
Black/African-American	160	6%
Two or more races reported	138	5.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4	0.1%
Total	2,684	100%



First-time undergraduate Bears are **62.6% (1,680)** female and **37.4% (1,004)** male



27% (726) of first-time undergraduate Bears are first-generation students

TOP FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS

Fall 2025

Rank	High School	First-time undergraduate students
1	Kickapoo High School	81
2	Nixa High School	57
3	Glendale High School	52
4	Central High School	51
5	Republic High School	46
6	Ozark High School	44
7	Home Schooled	36
8	Willard High School	35
9	Parkview High School	35
10	Eureka High School	26

AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

Fall 2025

Average high school GPA for first-time undergraduate Bears is **3.71**

GPA Range	Headcount	Percentage
3.75 or greater	1,325	49.3%
3.50 to 3.74	441	16.4%
3.25 to 3.49	332	12.4%
3.00 to 3.24	292	10.9%
2.50 to 2.99	158	5.9%
Less than 2.50	137	5.1%
Not reported	0	0%
Total	2,685	100%



BEARS ONE-YEAR RETENTION RATE

First-time, full-time, new in
college undergraduates:
Fall 2020 to 2025

	Fall to fall terms				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Number of students in cohort	2,480	2,414	2,188	2,672	2,549
White	2,003	1,977	1,755	2,154	1,985
Black	120	93	64	110	142
Hispanic	139	106	114	158	169
Other	218	238	255	250	253
Students in cohort who returned after 1 year					
Number returned	1,865	1,832	1,735	2,065	1,949
White	1,537	1,517	1,402	1,706	1,558
Black	72	59	43	59	90
Hispanic	97	80	91	114	119
Other	159	176	199	186	182
Percent returned	75.2%	75.9%	79.3%	77.3%	76.5%
White	76.7%	76.7%	79.9%	79.2%	78.5%
Black	60%	63.4%	67.2%	53.6%	63.4%
Hispanic	69.8%	75.5%	79.8%	72.2%	70.4%
Other	72.9%	73.9%	78%	74.4%	71.9%

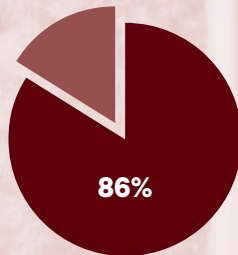


TOP TRANSFER FEEDER COLLEGES

Fall 2025

- 1 Ozarks Technical Community College — Springfield
- 2 Missouri State University-West Plains — West Plains
- 3 Crowder College — Neosho
- 4 St. Louis Community College — St. Louis
- 5 Metropolitan Community College — Kansas City
- 6 Saint Charles Community College — St. Charles
- 7 East Central College — Union
- 8 University of Missouri — Columbia
- 9 Jefferson College — Jefferson County
- 10 Drury University — Springfield

Seamless transition for MSU transfer students is assisted by two-year college transfer degree plans maintained for many two-year Missouri colleges and shown on the MSU transfer website.



The vast majority **(86%)** of undergraduate transfer students enroll full-time

FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER BEARS

Undergraduates by ethnicity and gender

Fall 2025

	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	% Total
Hispanic	32	53	1	86	6.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	4	1	8	0.6%
Asian	15	20	0	35	2.6%
Black/African American	39	30	0	69	5.2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	1	0	1	0.2%
White/Non-Hispanic	398	594	13	1,005	75.3%
Two or more races reported	29	36	1	66	4.9%
Unknown, race not reported	4	5	3	12	0.9%
International, all races and ethnicities	29	24	0	53	4%
Total	549	767	19	1,335	100%

Undergraduates by classification

Fall 2025

Freshman	140	10.5%
Sophomore	390	29.2%
Junior	618	46.3%
Senior	187	14%
Total	1,335	100%

The **ethnic diversity** of first-time Bear transfers is similar to the **total MSU population**.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Bachelor's degree programs

Undergraduate Bears choose from **101** undergraduate majors with **180** options and **123** minors.

MSU also offers **119** undergraduate certificates.

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Master's degree programs

Master's students choose from **59** programs with **76** options.

MSU also offers **118** graduate certificates.

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Specialist and doctoral degree programs

Missouri State offers **three** specialist programs. MSU also offers **11** doctoral programs — plus one with the University of Missouri-Kansas City.



DOCTORAL AND MFA DEGREE AWARDS

Includes terminal degrees awarded in fine arts FY 2021 to FY 2025

Degree type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Doctor of Audiology	13	13	12	10	11	59
Doctor of Defense and Strategic Studies	0	1	1	8	12	22
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	65	62	71	57	68	323
Doctor of Nursing Practice	31	20	22	19	27	119
Doctor of Physical Therapy	40	40	36	31	38	185
Master of Fine Arts	3	7	20	12	10	52
Total	152	143	162	137	166	760

As of the summer 2025 semester, Missouri State University has conferred doctoral degrees to **1,583** graduates.

Learn more about MSU's doctoral programs: **Graduate.MissouriState.edu**



DEGREES AWARDED IN CRITICAL FIELDS

Awards category	2020–2021	2021–2022	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Health	599	637	662	726	747
STEM*	930	920	1,184	1,312	1,189
Other Critical**	1,499	1,526	1,669	1,503	1,260
Other***	2,914	2,805	2,281	2,790	2,912

Over the past 5 fiscal years, the number of awards in the STEM and Health categories has increased by **27%**

Excludes Dalian, China campus awards.

*STEM – programs of study defined as Science, Technology, Engineering or Math

**Other Critical – determined to be high demand by the State of Missouri

***Other – degree programs that extend beyond the identified “Awards Category”

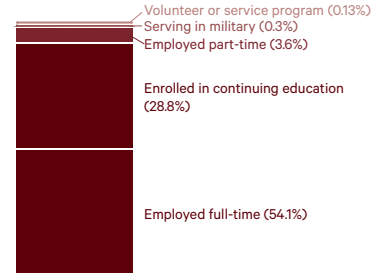
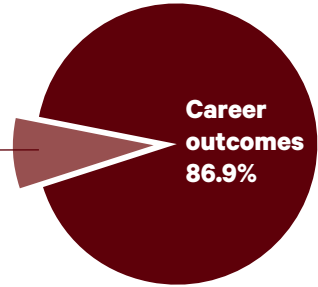


SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION

	2020–2021	2021–2022	2022–2023	2023–2024
Employed full-time	55.6%	50%	51.5%	54.1%
Employed part-time	4.2%	4.2%	5.6%	3.6%
Enrolled in continuing education	31.3%	39.2%	31.0%	28.8%
Serving in military	0.5%	0.1%	0.6%	0.3%
Volunteer or service program	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Total	91.9%	93.7%	89.0%	86.9%

Knowledge Rate is the percent of graduates for which the institution has reasonable and verifiable first-destination information. The 2023-2024 knowledge rate for Missouri State University is 75.0%. The 2017-2019 knowledge rate averaged 91%, and after sinking to 63% in 2020-2022, it is on the rise again.

Seeking
employment
13.1%



HIGHEST ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Top Bachelor's Programs (2024–2025)

- 1 **Psychology – BS**
- 2 **Computer Science – BS**
- 3 **Elementary Education - BSED**
- 4 **Biology - BS**
- 5 **Criminology and Criminal Justice - BS**

Missouri State's cooperative engineering program with Missouri University of Science and Technology graduated **49** students in 2024-2025. Students earn credits through Missouri State University; however, S&T grants the degrees.

Top Graduate Programs (2024–2025)

- 1 **Business Administration – MBA**
- 2 **Project Management – MS**
- 3 **Computer Science - MS**
- 4 **Accountancy - MACC**
- 5 **Social Work, Master of - MSW**

Bears earned **6,108 degrees and certificates** in 2024-2025:

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| • 3,132 bachelor's | • 156 doctoral | • 919 undergraduate certificates |
| • 1,340 master's | • 12 specialist | • 549 graduate certificates |

In addition, our Dalian, China campus awarded **126** bachelor's degrees.



BEAR SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

Full-time, first-time undergraduates

The MSU graduation rate is expected to increase.

Percent Graduating Within Six Years				
2015-2021	2016-2022	2017-2023	2018-2024	2019-2025
59.5%	58.2%	57.3%	57.9%	59.1%

These numbers are based on IPEDS data.



TUITION AND FEES

Fall 2025

Tuition Type	Missouri Residents	Missouri Non-Residents
Undergraduate 30 hours	\$10,828	\$20,460
Graduate 18 hours	\$9,124	\$16,180

MSU undergraduate tuition per credit hour:
resident **\$302**; non-resident **\$646**

Some disciplines have additional fees.

MSU offers a number of scholarship opportunities specifically for entering freshmen. All students are also encouraged to apply for scholarships privately funded through the Foundation.

FACILITIES

Type of buildings	Number of buildings	Size
Education and general	61	3,549,419 sq. ft.
Auxiliary	27	2,517,442 sq. ft.
Buildings leased from others	4	57,025 sq. ft.
Maintainable campus (excludes buildings leased from others)		6,066,861 sq. ft.

Grounds	Size
Tunnels	1.6 miles
Roads paved	2.28 miles
Sidewalks	10.19 miles
Parking lots	58 acres

Land	Size
Farm/ranch acreage*	3,996 acres

* Farm/ranch land of 3,996 acres at Baker's Acres, Shealy Farm, Darr Agricultural Center, The Woodlands, Kindrick Family Farm, and Journagan Ranch are used as teaching and research properties.

Main campus size — **225 acres**

More than 4,000 students live in university housing.

Other campus units not included above are the Fruit Experiment Station at Mountain Grove, Missouri, the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies located in Fairfax, Virginia, the West Plains campus and a site in Dalian, China.

Physical changes continue on the Springfield campus:

- Blunt Hall Phase I and II are comprised of an addition to the building and renovation to the existing space for College of Natural and Applied Sciences. The 77,000-square-foot addition, completed in summer 2025, features modern, well-equipped labs, updated lecture halls and outdoor learning spaces. The project strengthens university support for students in the sciences and support of faculty research. The renovation of the existing 126,000 square feet includes window, door and roof replacements, new LED lighting, lab renovations and restroom upgrades. Phase II to be complete in fall 2026.



- A 10,000-square-foot addition and renovation to the northwest corner of Kemper Hall was completed for the School of Construction, Design and Project Management. This addition provided space for more hands-on learning with large equipment for construction management students. The renovation also created open computer and surveying technology labs, rooftop terrace, new restrooms, storage sites and a student study lounge.

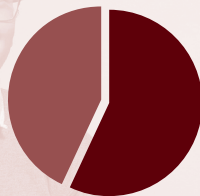




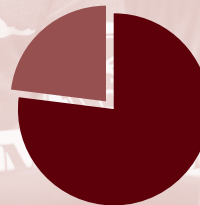
EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Fall 2025

Appointment	Faculty	Staff	GA	Total
Full-time	690	1,291	0	1,981
Part-time	250	493	513	1,256
Total	940	1,784	513	3,237



More than **61%** of Bear employees are **full-time**.



More than **78%** of full-time instructional faculty have a **terminal degree** in their field.



BEAR COMMUNITY NOTES

Missouri State University presents five annual signature events that foster learning in ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement – the three pillars of the university's mission in public affairs. Each year a new theme guides the public affairs activities at Missouri State. For 2025, the theme was **Resilient People. Resilient Future.**



420,000+

hours of volunteer service
provided by our campus
community each year



70+

international destinations
for short-term or long-term
education-abroad programs



GO BEARS

Bears may attend **NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletic events** for 19 teams and participate in numerous recreational activities.



BEARWEAR FRIDAYS

On BearWear Fridays, we wear maroon and white!
And on many other days, of course.

The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) serves as a centralized resource to campus decision-makers and planners by providing an objective standard for determining the extent to which MSU achieves its core mission of educated persons, as well as determining the extent to which MSU achieves its stated goals.

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