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BEAR STATS

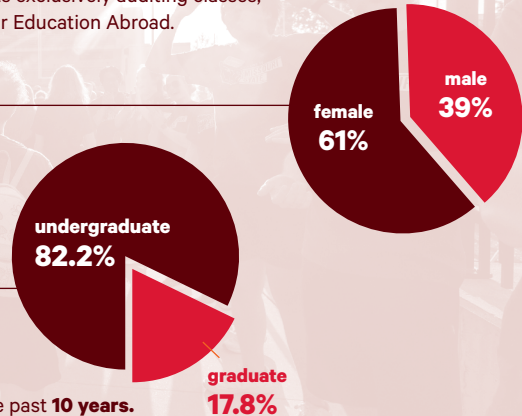
SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS
FALL 2023

The **FALL 2023** enrollment was **24,224** on the Springfield campus.

For national comparison purposes, the headcount of **23,418** 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 **806** students exclusively auditing classes, enrolled at English Language Institute (ELI), China Campus or Education Abroad.

MSU's enrollment of **23,418** includes **14,172** females and **9,246** males.

19,259 (82.2%) Bears are undergraduates, while an additional **17.8%** are graduate students.



Total Bear enrollment has increased by **2,147 (10.1%)** over the past **10 years**.



TOTAL BEARS BY COLLEGE

Fall 2023

	Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total
College of Business	3,523	946	4,469	19.1%
College of Education	1,081	804	1,885	8.0%
College of Natural & Applied Sciences	1,398	268	1,666	7.1%
Darr College of Agriculture	840	33	873	3.7%
Graduate College-Interdisciplinary ***	0	330	330	1.4%
Library Science, Department of	0	30	30	0.1%
McQueary College of Health and Human Sciences	3,250	1,098	4,348	18.6%
Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	2,691	648	3,339	14.3%
Humanities and Public Affairs	0	0	0	0.0%
Arts and Letters	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Programs	6,476*	2**	6,478	27.7%
Total	19,259	4,159	23,418	100.0%

* 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.

** Represents postbaccalaureate students who are International Leadership Training graduate students.

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BEAR RESIDENCY

82.0% of Bears report Missouri residency*

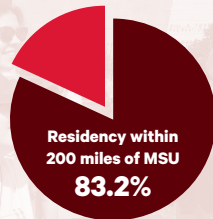
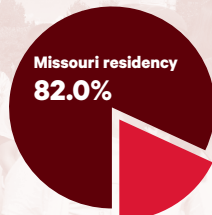
83.2% of those Bears report Missouri residency within **200 miles** of MSU

7,848 Bears (40.8%) come from:

- **Greene County (21.9%)**
- **St. Louis County (10.8%)**
- **Jackson County (8.1%)**

Many **(29.8%)** first-time undergraduate Bears are from:




- **Greene County (14.5%)**
- **St. Louis County (9.1%)**
- **St. Charles County (6.2%)**



Bears originate from **50** states plus the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, military, Puerto Rico and **94** foreign countries.

*This calculation is based on reported tuition residency.

PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED STUDENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCY DISTANCE

0–100 Miles		9,749	41.6%
101–200 Miles		6,383	27.3%
Beyond 200 Miles		3,032	12.9%
Outside Missouri		4,254	18.2%

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



BEARS BY ETHNICITY

Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2023

	Fall 2022 Total	Fall 2023				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
Hispanic	1,082	1,066	187	1,253	5.4%	15.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	72	66	18	84	0.4%	16.7%
Asian	498	395	87	482	2.1%	-3.2%
Black/African-American	729	635	154	789	3.4%	8.2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	27	21	6	27	0.1%	0.0%
White/Non-Hispanic	17,414	15,110	2,840	17,950	76.7%	3.1%
Two or more races reported	821	851	105	956	4.1%	16.4%
Unknown, race not reported	912	664	106	770	3.3%	-15.6%
International, all races and ethnicities	980	451	656	1,107	4.7%	13.0%
Total	22,535	19,259	4,159	23,418	100.0%	3.9%



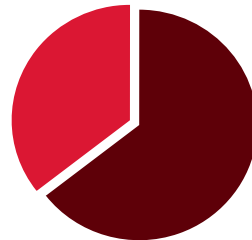
BEARS BY AGE

Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2023

	Fall 2022 Total	Fall 2023				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
17 and under	4,407	5,250	0	5,250	22.4%	19.1%
18-21	9,634	9,752	94	9,846	42.0%	2.2%
22-24	4,074	2,509	1,268	3,777	16.1%	-7.3%
25-29	1,786	777	1,008	1,785	7.6%	-0.1%
30 and older	2,634	971	1,789	2,760	11.8%	4.8%
Total	22,535	19,259	4,159	23,418	100.0%	3.9%

The average Bear age is **22**.

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



64.5% of Bears are **21**
years or younger

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

FTE calculated using student credit hours (SCH): **16,133**

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

FTE calculated using headcount: **16,798**

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



	Student Credit Hours (SCH)	FTE Calculation
Total undergraduate student credit hours (SCH)	200,151	13,343
Total graduate SCH (non-doctorate)	27,124	2,260
Total doctoral SCH	4,752	528
FTE using SCH		16,132

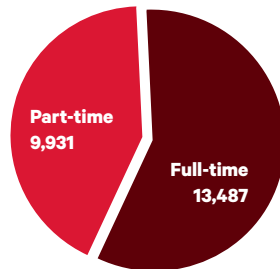
	Headcount	FTE calculation
Full-time	13,487	13,487
Part-time	9,931	3,310
FTE using headcount		16,797



HEADCOUNT BY COURSE LOAD

Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2023

	Fall 2022 Total	Fall 2023				1-Year % Change
		Undergrad	Graduate	Total	%Total	
 Full-time	13,135	11,613	1,874	13,487	57.6%	2.7%
 Part-time	9,400	7,646	2,285	9,931	42.4%	5.6%
Total	22,535	19,259	4,159	23,418	100.0%	3.9%



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 2019–2023

Year	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
2019	7,581	6,667	2,679
2020	9,591	8,303	2,649
2021	9,726	9,128	2,562
2022	9,625	8,909	2,332
2023	11,901	10,836	2,841

NEW BEARS BY COLLEGE

	Fall 2023				
	Undergrad		Graduate	Total	
	First-time cohort	Transfer	First-time	Number	Percent
Agriculture	190	61	13	264	4.9%
Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	524	207	182	913	17.0%
Business	570	343	362	1,275	23.7%
Education	138	141	140	419	7.8%
Graduate College-Interdisciplinary **	0	0	137	137	2.6%
Health and Human Services	721	350	348	1,419	26.4%
Library	0	0	21	21	0.4%
Natural and Applied Sciences	334	121	64	519	9.7%
Arts and Letters	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Humanities and Public Affairs	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Programs	365*	39*	0	404	7.5%
Total	2,842	1,262	1,267	5,371	100.0%

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

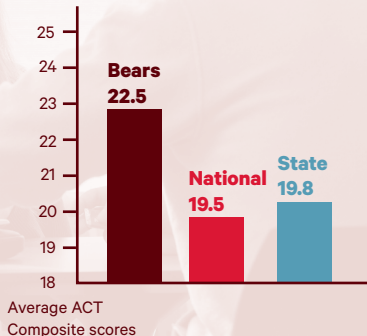
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FIRST-TIME NEW IN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE BEARS TEST SCORES

Fall 2023

In 2023, 50 out of 50 states reported at least 37% of students taking the ACT. Of those 50 states, 31 had average ACT scores that exceeded the national average of 19.5. Missouri was one of those states, recording an average ACT score of 19.8 in 2023.*

While ACT and SAT scores are not currently required for admission, **most (76.5%)** first-time undergraduate Bears in fall 2023 submitted ACT scores.



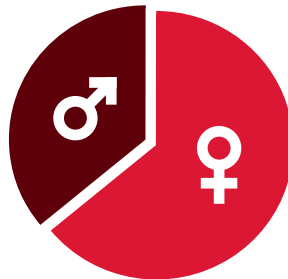
Our average ACT scores were **higher than** the state and national averages.

Average ACT Score by State. Digest of Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_226.60.asp?current=yes%20ate

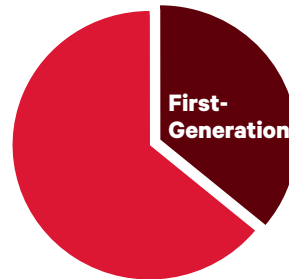
FIRST-TIME NEW IN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE BEARS BY ETHNICITY

Fall 2023

	Headcount	Percentage
White/Non-Hispanic	2,208	77.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	15	0.5%
International, all races and ethnicities	55	1.9%
Unknown, race not reported	100	3.5%
Asian	43	1.5%
Hispanic	167	5.9%
Black/African-American	114	4.0%
Two or more races reported	136	4.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4	0.1%
Total	2,842	100.0%



First-time undergraduate Bears are **64% (1,819)** female and **36% (1,023)** male



36% (1,188) of first-time undergraduate Bears are first-generation students

TOP FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS

Fall 2023

Rank	High School	First-time undergraduate students
1	Kickapoo High School – Springfield	91
2	Central High School – Springfield	62
3	Nixa High School – Nixa	56
4	Republic High School – Republic	50
5	Glendale High School – Springfield	49
6	Ozark High School – Ozark	47
7	Liberty High School – St. Louis	44
8	Willard High School – Willard	32
9	Lee’s Summit West High School – Lee’s Summit	28
10	Carthage Senior High School – Carthage	28

AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

Fall 2023

Average high school GPA for first-time undergraduate Bears is **3.74**

GPA Range	Headcount	Percentage
3.75 or greater	1,437	50.6%
3.50 to 3.74	438	15.4%
3.25 to 3.49	369	13.0%
3.00 to 3.24	290	10.2%
2.50 to 2.99	144	5.1%
Less than 2.50	164	5.8%
Not reported	0	0.0%
Total	2,842	100.0%



BEARS ONE-YEAR RETENTION RATE

First-time, full-time, new in
college undergraduates:
Fall 2018 to 2023

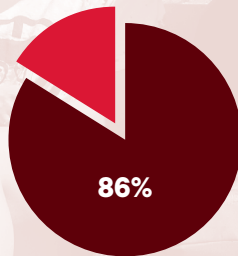
	Fall to fall terms				
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of students in cohort	3,004	2,640	2,480	2,414	2,188
White	2,535	2,199	2,003	1,977	1,755
Black	104	94	120	93	64
Hispanic	116	121	139	106	114
Other	249	226	218	238	255
Students in cohort who returned after 1 year					
Number returned	2,346	2,092	1,865	1,832	1,735
White	2,005	1,765	1,537	1,517	1,402
Black	78	67	72	59	43
Hispanic	77	92	97	80	91
Other	186	168	159	176	199
Percent returned	78.1%	79.2%	75.2%	75.9%	79.3%
White	79.1%	80.3%	76.7%	76.7%	79.9%
Black	75.0%	71.3%	60.0%	63.4%	67.2%
Hispanic	66.4%	76.0%	69.8%	75.5%	79.8%
Other	74.7%	74.3%	72.9%	73.9%	78.0%

TOP TRANSFER FEEDER COLLEGES

Fall 2023

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

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 2023

	Male	Female	Not reported	Total	% Total
Hispanic	33	50	0	83	6.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	9	0	9	0.7%
Asian	9	13	0	22	1.7%
Black/African American	32	17	0	49	3.9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	1	0	3	0.2%
White/Non-Hispanic	390	605	2	997	79.0%
Two or more races reported	20	29	0	49	3.9%
Unknown, race not reported	2	2	0	4	0.3%
International, all races and ethnicities	27	19	0	46	3.6%
Total	515	745	2	1,262	100.0%

Undergraduates by classification

Fall 2023

Freshman	124	9.8%
Sophomore	417	33.0%
Junior	575	45.6%
Senior	146	11.6%
Total	1,262	100.0%

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 **98** undergraduate majors with **178** options and **120** minors.

MSU also offers **106** undergraduate certificates.

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Master's degree programs

Master's students choose from **58** programs with **78** options.

MSU also offers **108** graduate certificates.

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Catalog**

Specialist and doctoral degree programs

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

DOCTORAL AND MFA DEGREE AWARDS

Includes terminal degrees awarded in fine arts FY 2019 to FY 2023

Degree type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Doctor of Audiology	10	10	13	13	11	57
Doctor of Defense and Strategic Studies	0	0	0	1	1	2
Family Nurse Practitioner-DNP	0	0	0	0	3	3
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	61	56	65	62	74	318
Doctor of Nursing Practice	22	17	31	20	20	110
Doctor of Physical Therapy	39	38	40	40	40	197
Master of Fine Arts	4	2	3	7	19	35
Total	136	123	152	143	168	722

As of the summer 2023 semester, Missouri State University has conferred doctoral degrees to **1,285** graduates.

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



DEGREES AWARDED IN CRITICAL FIELDS

Awards category	2018–2019	2019–2020	2020–2021	2021–2022	2022–2023
Health	514	551	599	637	662
STEM*	824	811	930	920	1,184
Other Critical**	1,363	1,435	1,499	1,526	1,669
Other***	2,788	2,900	2,914	2,805	2,281

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”

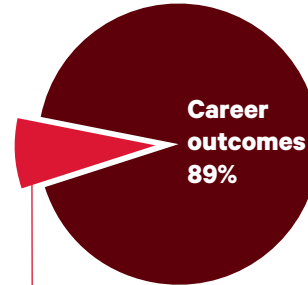
Over the past 5 fiscal years, the number of awards in the STEM, Health and other Critical Fields categories has increased by **30%**



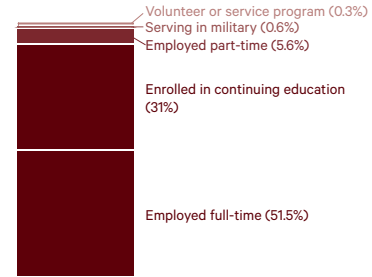
SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION

	2020–2021	2021–2022	2022–2023
Employed full-time	55.6%	50.0%	51.5%
Employed part-time	4.2%	4.2%	5.6%
Enrolled in continuing education	31.3%	39.2%	31%
Serving in military	0.5%	0.1%	0.6%
Volunteer or service program	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Total	91.8%	93.7%	89%

Knowledge Rate is the percent of graduates for which the institution has reasonable and verifiable first-destination information. The 2022-2023 knowledge rate for Missouri State University is 69.7%. The 2017-2019 knowledge rate averaged 91%, and after sinking to 63% in 2020-2022, it is on the rise again.



**Seeking
employment
or continuing
education 11%**



HIGHEST ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Top Bachelor's Programs (2022–2023)

- 1 Psychology – BS
- 2 Computer Science – BS
- 3 Elementary Education – BSED
- 4 Biology – BS
- 5 General Business – BS

Missouri State's cooperative engineering program with Missouri University of Science and Technology graduated **43** students in 2022-2023. Students earn credits through Missouri State University; however, S&T grants the degrees.

Top Graduate Programs (2022–2023)

- 1 Business Administration – MBA
- 2 Computer Science – MS
- 3 Project Management – MS
- 4 Social Work – MSW
- 5 Special Education – MSED

Bears earned **6,138 degrees and certificates** in 2022–2023:

- 3,244 bachelor's
- 149 doctoral
- 645 undergraduate certificates
- 1,449 master's
- 38 specialist
- 613 graduate certificates

In addition, our Dalian, China campus awarded **166** 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				
2013-2019	2014-2020	2015-2021	2016-2022	2017-2023
55.9%	57.9%	59.6%	58.4%	57.3%

These numbers are based on IPEDS data.



TUITION AND FEES

Fall 2023

Tuition Type	Missouri Residents	Missouri Non-Residents
Undergraduate 30 hours	\$9,502	\$17,928
Graduate 18 hours	\$7,476	\$13,704

MSU undergraduate tuition per credit hour:
resident **\$290**; non-resident **\$621**

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	74	3,605,952 sq. ft.
Auxiliary	25	2,377,524 sq. ft.
Buildings leased from others	6	238,626 sq. ft.
Maintainable campus (excludes buildings leased from others)		5,983,476 sq. ft.

Grounds	Size
Tunnels	1.6 miles
Roads paved	2.28 miles
Sidewalks	10.19 miles
Paved parking lots	56.2 acres
Gravel parking lots	1.8 acres

Land	Size
Farm/ranch acreage*	4,017 acres
Other specialty land**	53 acres

Main campus size — **225 acres**

More than 3,000 students live in university housing.

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

* Farm/ranch land of 4,017 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.

**Other specialty land of 53 acres is Bull Shoals Field Station and Baker Observatory.

Physical changes continue on the Springfield campus:

- Construction of a new pre-engineered metal building that is approximately 10,300 square feet at the Darr Agricultural Center provided the college with space for the Animal Science and Companion Animal programs. The **Small Animal Education Center** includes a lobby, restrooms, offices, treatment room, animal bathing, food storage and laundry, group activity and training lab, teaching laboratory, six indoor and outdoor runs, an outdoor play area, mechanical/electrical, and support spaces.



- The **Jordan Valley Innovation Center, Building 4** project provided finished space for the Missouri Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (MCCOE) and for Brewer Science. The first floor space for MCCOE included approximately 2,500 square feet with the potential for expansion to 3,200 square feet. The new space includes a breakout area, office, control platform, operations floor, and support spaces. The second floor space is for Brewer Science. The new area is approximately 10,400 square feet with an additional area of 3,200 square feet of existing space in Building 3 being reconfigured. The work included a conference room, offices, flex offices, personal health room, open office workstations, break area, lab, clean room, and support spaces.





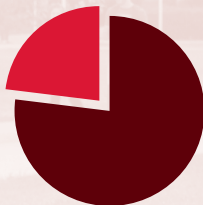
EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Fall 2023

Appointment	Faculty	Staff	GA	Total
Full-time	704	1,298	0	2,002
Part-time	374	519	600	1,493
Total	1,078	1,817	600	3,495



More than **57%** of Bear employees are **full-time**.



More than **70%** 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 2023, the theme was **Navigating the Now: Tradition, Innovation and Wisdom in a World of Change.**



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 17 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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