Fall 2026 Census Report



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Fall 2026 – Executive Summary

August 29th, 2026

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Total Enrollment:

- **Total Enrollment:** 1,828 students, up 8.3% from Fall 2025 (1,688)
  - **Full-Time:** 700 students, up 1.3% from Fall 2025 (691)
  - **Part-Time:** 1,128 students, up 13.1% from Fall 2025 (997)
- **Persistence:** 47.2% of students who took classes in Spring 2026 persisted to Fall 2026
- **Retention:** 59.9% of first-time full-time students who started in Fall 2025 returned in Fall 2026
- **Total Dual Enrollment:** 828 students (45.3% of overall headcount), up 13.6% from Fall 2025 (729)

Credit Load and Full-Time Equivalency (FTE):

- **Total Credits:** 16,325, up 3.6% compared to Fall 2025 (15,768.5)
- **FTE:** 539.3, up 2.6% from Fall 2025 (525.6)
  - Online FTE increased 7.7%
  - Alliance FTE increased 6.9%
  - Sidney decreased significantly, down 11.2%
  - Scottsbluff and High School Select, remained steady compared to Fall 2025.

Student Demographics:

- **Gender:** Female students remain the majority at 57.0% overall (1,085 students); males make up 43.0% (742 students), with 1 non-reported.
- **Hispanic/Latino Enrollment:** 469 students (25.7%), consistent with prior years.
- **Age Distribution:**
  - Students under age 18 account for 39.9% (729 students).
  - Students ages 18–21 account for 36.1% (660 students), while those 22 and older comprise 24.0% (439 students).

Service Area:

- Scotts Bluff county accounts for 946 students and 49.2% of all enrolled credits.
- Box Butte (137 students), Cheyenne (144 students), and Morrill (98 students) counties are the next largest contributors to enrollment.
- Each county within the service area has enrollment this semester.
- Out-of-state enrollment (199 students) and international enrollment (75 students) is consistent with previous years.

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Fall 2026 – Enrollment by Location – 5-Year Comparison

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Type	Location	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026
Full Time	Alliance	40	29	38	37	42
	High School Select	- -	27	38	59	40
	Online	88	125	126	161	164
	Scottsbluff	454	480	406	394	419
	Sidney	36	22	25	40	35
Total Full-Time		**618**	**683**	**633**	**691**	**700**
Part Time	Alliance	88	24	14	14	12
	High School Select	- -	381	435	491	574
	Online	242	227	263	299	373
	Scottsbluff	527	188	202	188	164
	Sidney	105	5	22	5	5
Total Part-Time		**962**	**825**	**936**	**997**	**1128**
Total FT & PT		**1,580**	**1,508**	**1,569**	**1,688**	**1,828**
Credit Hours	Alliance	1,126.0	605.0	724.0	721.5	771.5
	High School Select	- -	2,435.0	2,672.5	3,270.0	3,378.5
	Online	3,718.0	3,883.0	3,974.0	4,739.5	5,105.0
	Scottsbluff	9,144.5	7,003.0	6,640.5	6,308.0	6,422.0
	Sidney	1,146.5	401.5	525.5	729.5	648.0
Total Credit Hours		**15,135.0**	**14,327.5**	**14,536.5**	**15,768.5**	**16,325.0**

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Fall 2026 – Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) of 10-Day Census – 5-YearComparison

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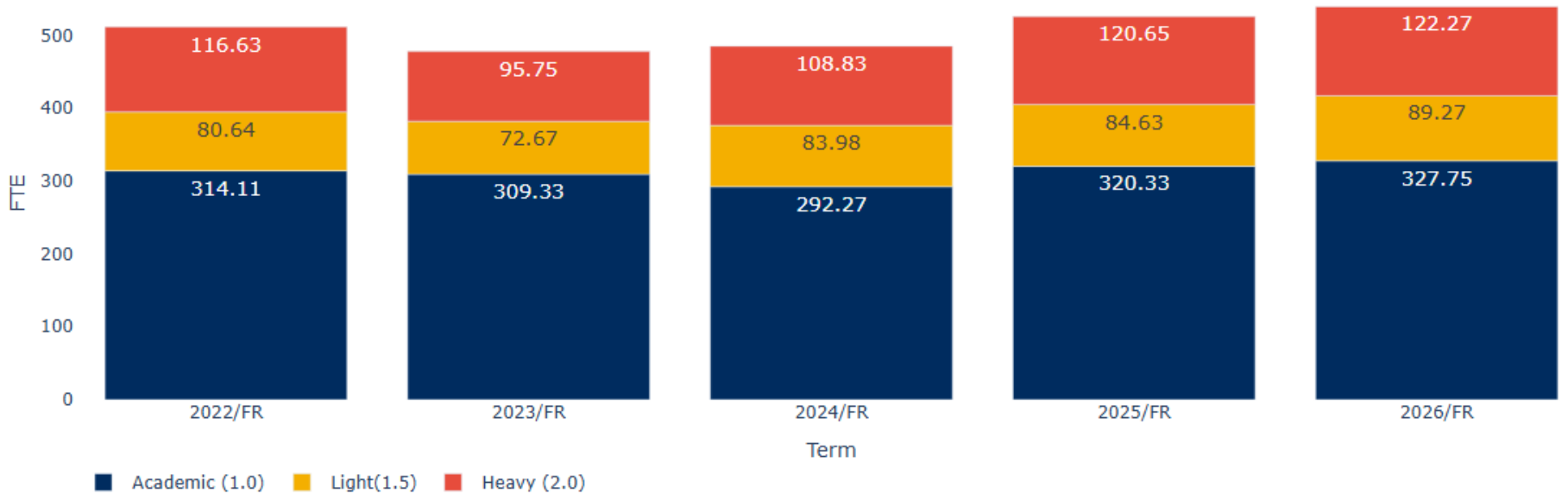
FTE

FTE TYPE	2022/FR	2023/FR	2024/FR*	2025/FR	2026/FR
Academic (1.0)	314.1	309.3	292.3	320.3	327.8
Light(1.5)*	80.6	72.7	84.0	84.6	89.3
Heavy (2.0)**	116.6	95.8	108.8	120.7	122.3
Total	**511.4**	**477.8**	**485.1**	**525.6**	**539.3**
REU	**668.3**	**609.8**	**635.9**	**688.6**	**706.2**

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Academic (1.0)	9,362.0	9,275.0	8,752.0	9,610.0	9,815.0
Light(1.5)	3,372.0	2,872.5	3,265.0	3,619.5	3,668.0
Heavy (2.0)	2,401.0	2,180.0	2,519.5	2,539.0	2,678.0
Total	**13,631.0**	**13,386.0**	**13,396.0**	**13,262.5**	**14,269.5**

Total FTE by REU Weight | Fall 2022 - 2026



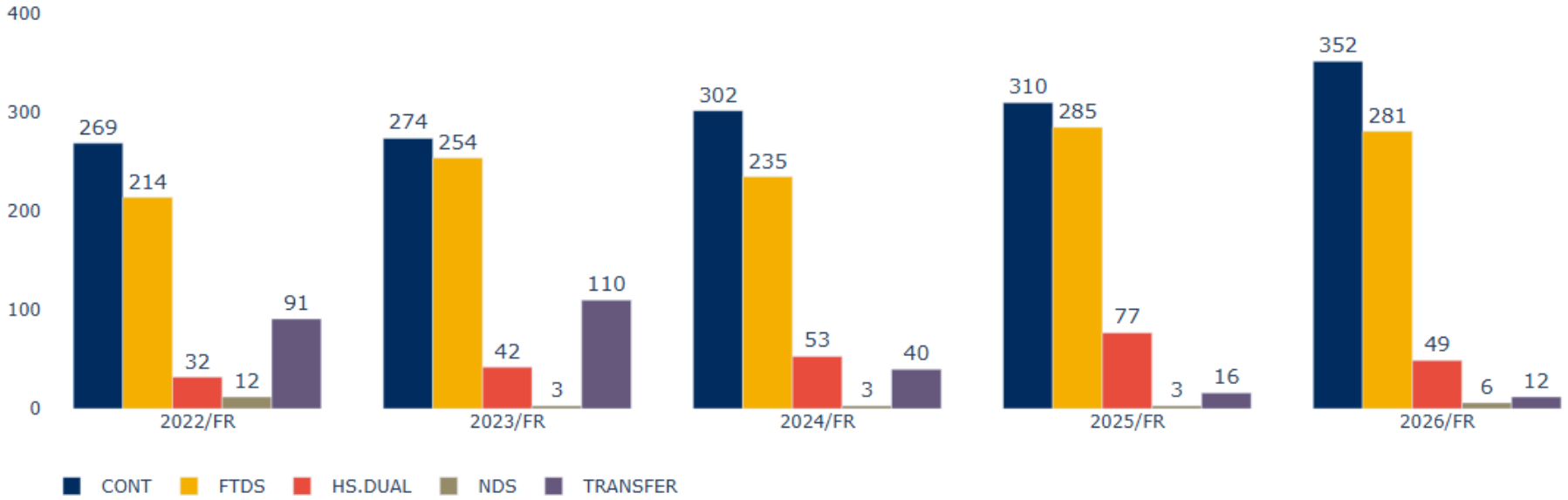
* **Light (1.5)** courses require the use of equipment, facilities, or instructional methods that are easily adaptable for use in general academic transfer classroom or lab.
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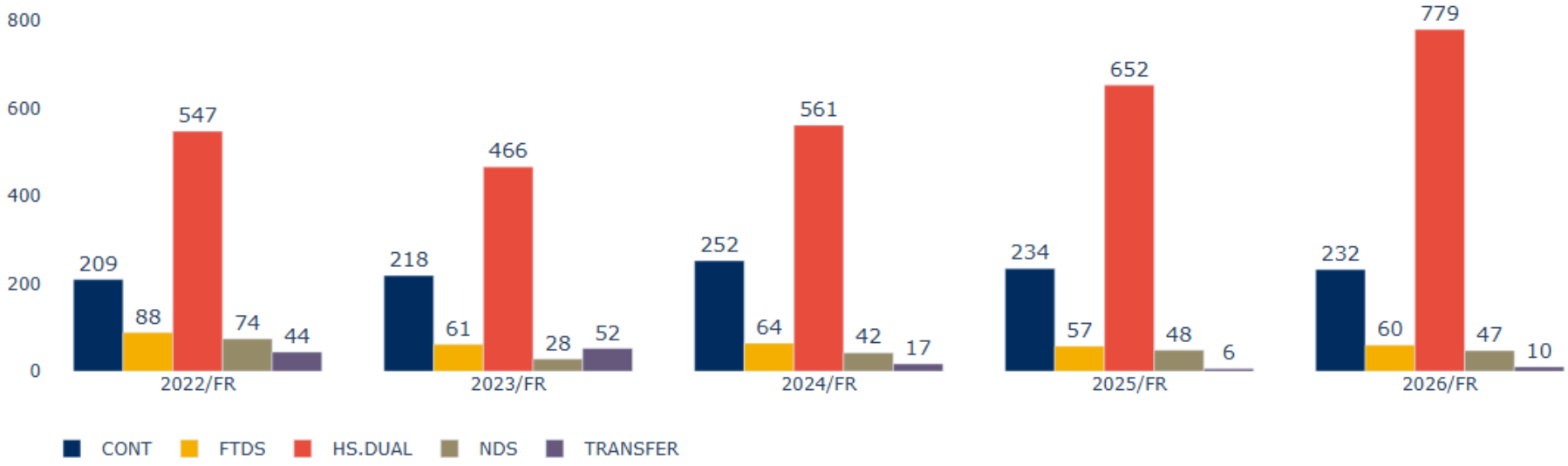
Fall 2026 – Full-Time and Part-Time Students by Academic Status

Continuing Degree, First-Time Degree Seeking, HS Dual Credit, Non-Degree Seeking, Transfer Student

Total Full-Time Students by Academic Status | Fall 2022 - 2026



Total Part-Time Students by Academic Status | Fall 2022 - 2026



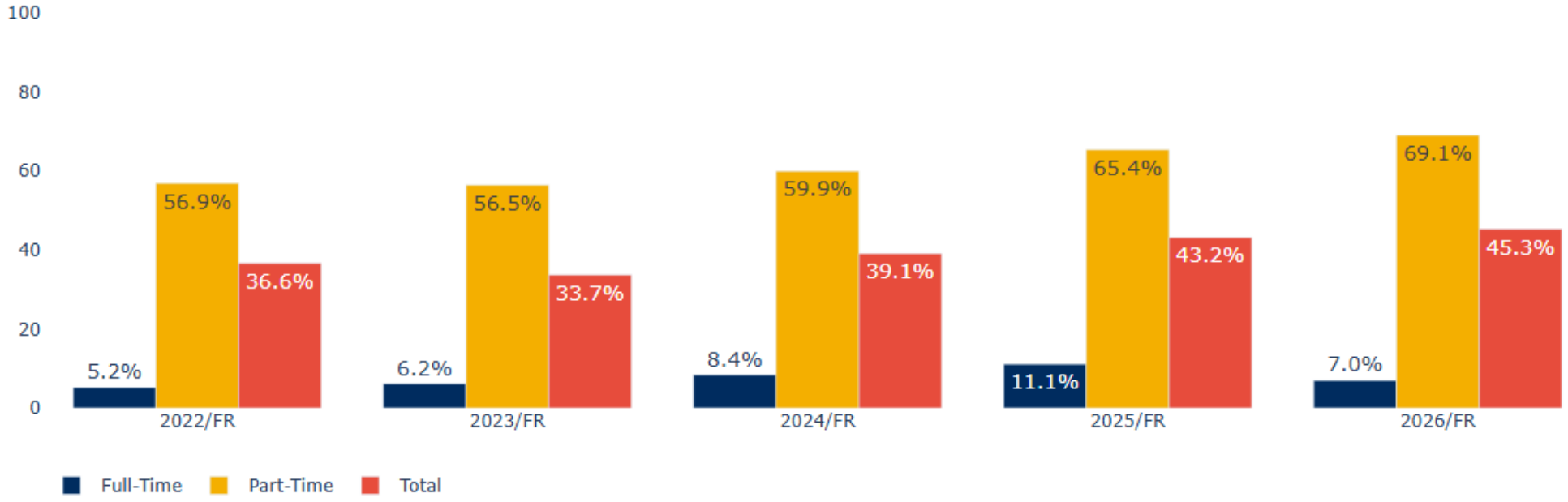
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Fall 2026 – Dual Enrollment Trends – 5-Year Comparison

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Type	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Full-Time	32	5.2%	42	6.2%	53	8.4%	77	11.1%	49	7.0%
Part-Time	547	56.9%	466	56.5%	561	59.9%	652	65.4%	779	69.1%
Total	**579**	**36.6%**	**508**	**33.7%**	**614**	**39.1%**	**729**	**43.2%**	**828**	**45.3%**

Percent Dual Enrollment | Fall 2022 - 2026



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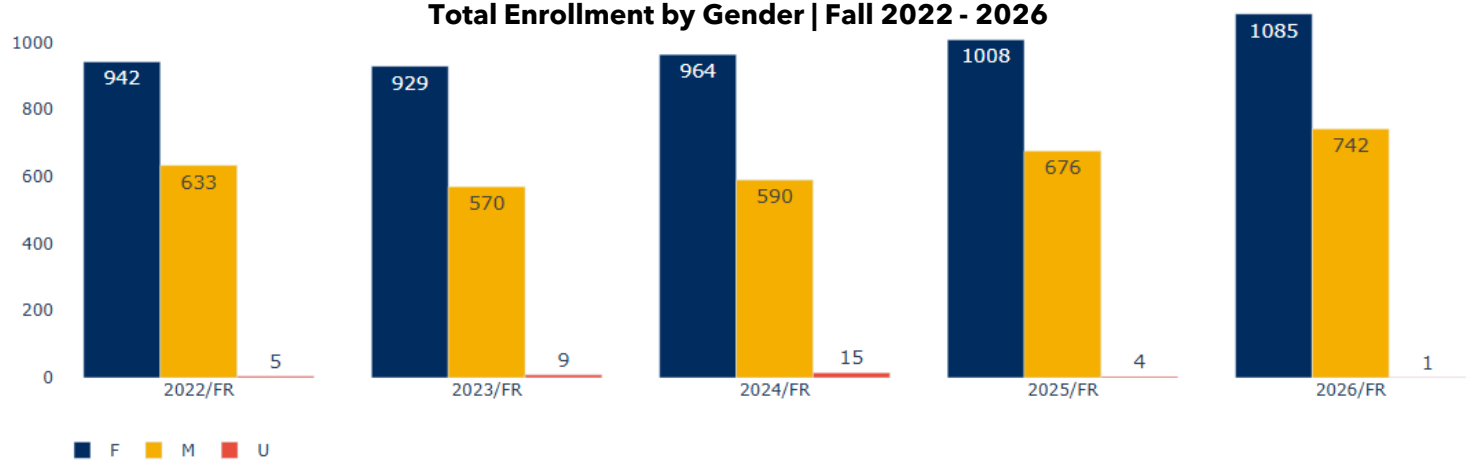
Fall 2026 – Gender Breakdown – 5-Year Comparison

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Type	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Female FT	335	54.2%	389	57.0%	342	54.0%	359	52.0%	383	54.7%
Male FT	283	45.8%	292	42.8%	286	45.2%	332	48.0%	316	45.1%
Unknown FT	- -	0.0%	2	0.3%	5	0.8%	- -	0.0%	1	0.1%
Total FT	**618**		**683**		**633**		**691**		**700**	
Female PT	607	63.1%	540	65.5%	622	66.5%	649	65.1%	702	62.2%
Male PT	350	36.4%	278	33.7%	304	32.5%	344	34.5%	426	37.8%
Unknown PT	5	0.5%	7	0.8%	10	1.1%	4	0.4%	- -	0.0%
Total PT	**962**		**825**		**936**		**997**		**1,128**	
Total	**1,580**		**1,508**		**1,569**		**1,688**		**1,828**	

Average Age	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026
Female	22.8	22.8	22.6	22.3	22.1
Male	21.2	21.2	21.4	20.7	20.5
Average	**22.2**	**22.2**	**22.1**	**21.7**	**21.4**

Total Enrollment by Gender | Fall 2022 - 2026



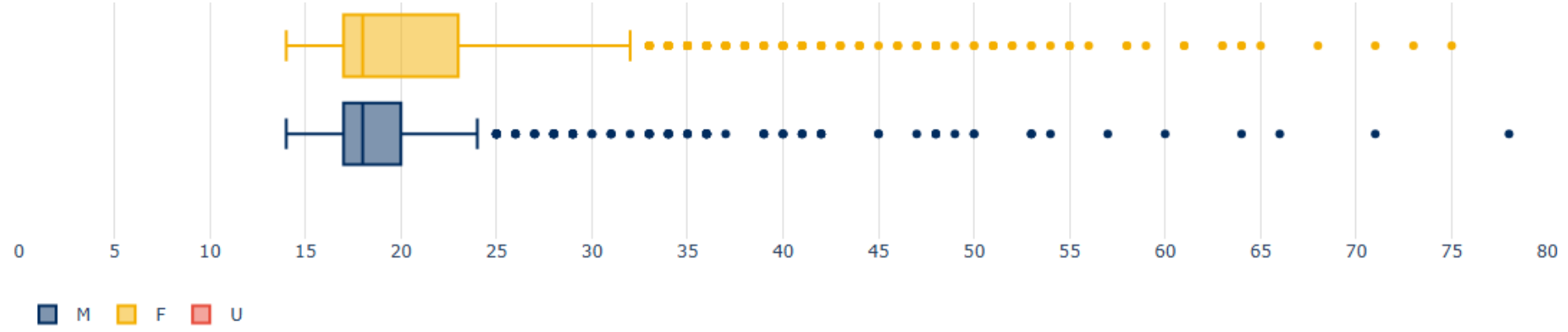
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Fall 2026 – Age Breakdown – 5-Year Comparison

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Age Group:	Fall 2022			Fall 2023			Fall 2024			Fall 2025			Fall 2026		
	Count	Percent	FTE	Count	Percent	FTE	Count	Percent	FTE	Count	Percent	FTE	Count	Percent	FTE
Under 18	393	24.9%	54.0	458	30.4%	64.7	542	34.5%	73.8	653	38.7%	106.1	729	39.9%	131.7
18 - 19	513	32.4%	152.6	457	30.3%	159.9	442	28.2%	164.4	460	27.3%	186.8	492	26.9%	206.0
20 - 21	236	14.9%	134.0	153	10.1%	102.8	168	10.7%	102.6	156	9.2%	92.9	168	9.2%	66.9
22 - 24	113	7.2%	59.0	106	7.0%	47.0	98	6.2%	40.9	100	5.9%	37.9	107	5.9%	38.6
25 - 29	108	6.8%	38.5	115	7.6%	37.7	91	5.8%	34.1	104	6.2%	35.2	92	5.0%	30.2
30 - 34	78	4.9%	29.8	80	5.3%	26.2	71	4.5%	23.2	72	4.3%	23.2	83	4.5%	23.9
35 - 39	45	2.8%	14.4	52	3.4%	15.6	54	3.4%	17.5	39	2.3%	13.4	58	3.2%	18.2
40 - 49	63	4.0%	18.8	53	3.5%	16.2	62	4.0%	18.9	58	3.4%	18.6	59	3.2%	16.4
50 - 64	22	1.4%	7.7	26	1.7%	6.1	32	2.0%	8.7	32	1.9%	9.4	32	1.8%	7.3
Over 65	9	0.6%	2.6	8	0.5%	1.6	9	0.6%	1.1	14	0.8%	2.3	8	0.4%	0.2
Total	**1,580**		**511.4**	**1,508**		**477.8**	**1,569**		**485.1**	**1,688**		**525.6**	**1,828**		**539.3**

Age Distribution by Gender | Fall 2026

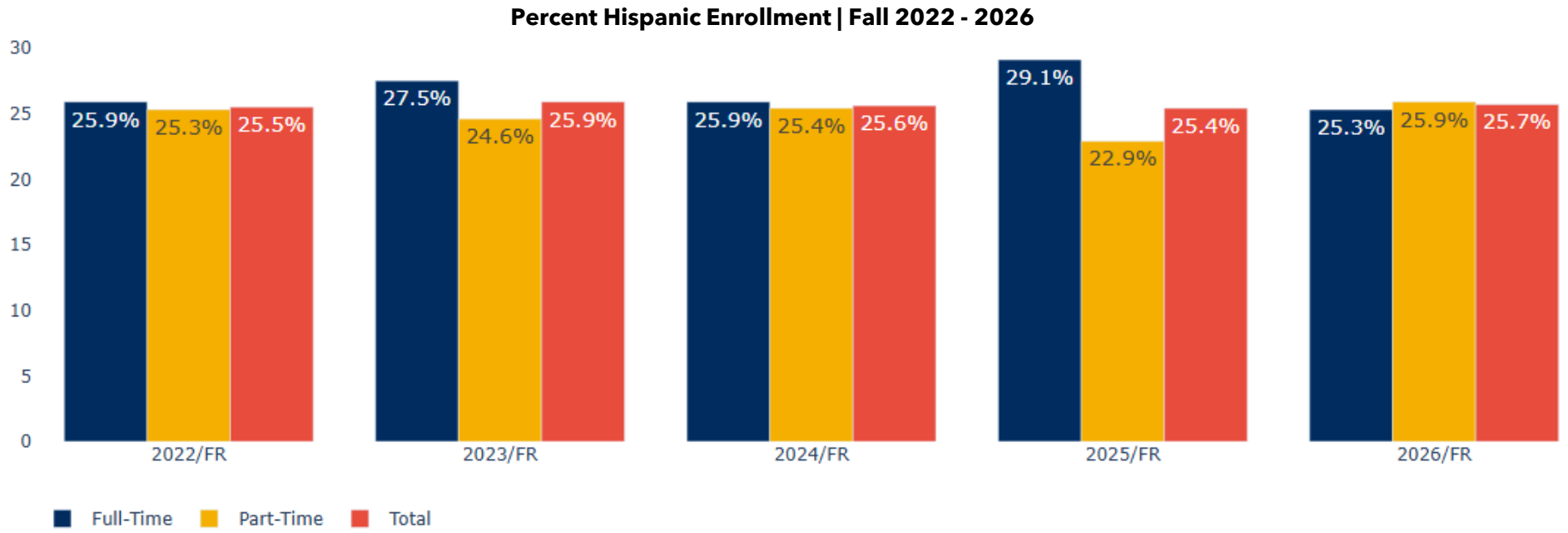


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Fall 2026 – Hispanic Enrollment Trends – 5-Year Comparison

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Type	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Full-Time	160	25.9%	188	27.5%	164	25.9%	201	29.1%	177	25.3%
Part-Time	243	25.3%	203	24.6%	238	25.4%	228	22.9%	292	25.9%
Total	**403**	**25.5%**	**391**	**25.9%**	**402**	**25.6%**	**429**	**25.4%**	**469**	**25.7%**



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Fall 2026 – Race & Ethnicity Breakdown – 5-Year Comparison

Type	IPEDS Race & Ethnicity	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Full-Time	American Indian or Alaskan Native	11	1.8%	13	1.9%	13	2.1%	13	1.9%	14	2.0%
	Asian	15	2.4%	11	1.6%	8	1.3%	13	1.9%	14	2.0%
	Black or African American	17	2.8%	21	3.1%	22	3.5%	22	3.2%	29	4.1%
	Hispanic / Latino	160	25.9%	188	27.5%	164	25.9%	201	29.1%	177	25.3%
	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%
	International	72	11.7%	80	11.7%	79	12.5%	78	11.3%	78	11.1%
	Unknown	15	2.4%	22	3.2%	18	2.8%	19	2.7%	7	1.0%
	White	327	52.9%	347	50.8%	327	51.7%	344	49.8%	379	54.1%
Total Full-Time		**618**		**683**		**633**		**691**		**700**	

Type	IPEDS Race & Ethnicity	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Part-Time	American Indian or Alaskan Native	17	1.8%	19	2.3%	19	2.0%	26	2.6%	30	2.7%
	Asian	12	1.2%	12	1.5%	13	1.4%	14	1.4%	18	1.6%
	Black or African American	13	1.4%	8	1.0%	15	1.6%	14	1.4%	25	2.2%
	Hispanic / Latino	243	25.3%	203	24.6%	238	25.4%	228	22.9%	292	25.9%
	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.1%	2	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.2%	1	0.1%
	International	- -	0.0%	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	- -	0.0%	- -	0.0%
	Unknown	44	4.6%	43	5.2%	61	6.5%	28	2.8%	12	1.1%
	White	632	65.7%	535	64.8%	588	62.8%	685	68.7%	750	66.5%
Total Part-Time		**962**		**825**		**936**		**997**		**1,128**	

Type	IPEDS Race & Ethnicity	Fall 2022		Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Fall 2025		Fall 2026	
Total	American Indian or Alaskan Native	28	1.8%	32	2.1%	32	2.0%	39	2.3%	44	2.4%
	Asian	27	1.7%	23	1.5%	21	1.3%	27	1.6%	32	1.8%
	Black or African American	30	1.9%	29	1.9%	37	2.4%	36	2.1%	54	3.0%
	Hispanic / Latino	403	25.5%	391	25.9%	402	25.6%	429	25.4%	469	25.7%
	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	0.1%	3	0.2%	3	0.2%	3	0.2%	3	0.2%
	International	72	4.6%	83	5.5%	80	5.1%	78	4.6%	78	4.3%
	Unknown	59	3.7%	65	4.3%	79	5.0%	47	2.8%	19	1.0%
	White	959	60.7%	882	58.5%	915	58.3%	1,029	61.0%	1,129	61.8%
Total Students		**1,580**		**1,508**		**1,569**		**1,688**		**1,828**	

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Fall 2026 – Service Area Breakdown

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County	Full-Time Students	Part-Time Students	Full-Time Credits	Part-Time Credits	Total Students	Total Credits	% Total Credits	College Now!	% Total Students from CollegeNOW!	CollegeNow! Credits
Banner	1	3	12.0	17.0	4	29.0	0.2%	1	25.0%	6.0
Box Butte	45	92	657.0	527.0	137	1,184.0	7.3%	57	41.6%	300.5
Cherry	0	5	0.0	27.0	5	27.0	0.2%	5	100.0%	27.0
Cheyenne	38	106	561.0	475.5	144	1,036.5	6.3%	93	64.6%	427.0
Dawes	5	25	61.5	97.0	30	158.5	1.0%	20	66.7%	66.5
Deuel	3	18	49.5	88.0	21	137.5	0.8%	15	71.4%	67.0
Garden	2	14	28.0	78.0	16	106.0	0.6%	13	81.2%	68.0
Grant	0	1	0.0	3.0	1	3.0	0.0%	1	100.0%	3.0
Kimball	10	45	142.0	227.0	55	369.0	2.3%	42	76.4%	223.0
Morrill	19	79	262.0	482.5	98	744.5	4.6%	65	66.3%	392.0
Scotts Bluff	319	627	4,500.5	3,526.5	946	8,027.0	49.2%	457	48.3%	2,752.0
Sheridan	1	31	15.0	136.0	32	151.0	0.9%	26	81.2%	105.0
Sioux	0	1	0.0	3.0	1	3.0	0.0%	1	100.0%	3.0
Rest of State	21	40	348.0	188.0	61	536.0	3.3%	26	42.6%	127.0
Out of State	158	41	2,414.0	224.0	199	2,638.0	16.2%	6	3.0%	29.0
International	78	0	1,175.0	0.0	78	1,175.0	7.2%	- -	- -	- -
Total	**700**	**1,128**	**10,225.5**	**6,099.5**	**1,828**	**16,325.0**		**828**	**45.3%**	**4,596.0**

Service Area Breakdown is based on where students home county is. For example, CollegeNow! students may live in a different county then their high school (e.g., student lives In Scotts Bluff County but attends school at Banner County.

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Fall 2026 – Residence Hall Census

Horizon - Scottsbluff

	Students	RA's	Total
Males	22	1	23
Females	36	2	38
Doubles	38	0	38
Singles	6	2	8
Beds	64		
Occupants	46	71.9 %	

Pioneer Tower - Scottsbluff

	Students	RA's	Total
Males	36	1	37
Females	37	2	39
Doubles	68	0	68
Singles	5	3	8
Beds	100		
Occupants	76	76.0 %	

Conestoga - Scottsbluff

	Students	RA's	Total
Males	47	3	50
Females	36	2	38
Doubles	46	0	46
Singles	29	0	29
Super Singles	5	5	10
Beds	148		
Occupants	88	59.5 %	

Total for all Residence Halls

Occupants	Beds	Overall %
228	336	67.9%

Building A - Sidney

	Students	RA's	Total
Males	8	1	9
Females	0	0	0
Doubles	8	0	8
Singles	0	1	1
Beds	12		
Occupants	9	75.0%	

Building B - Sidney

	Students	RA's	Total
Males	8	1	9
Females	0	0	0
Doubles	8	0	8
Singles	0	1	1
Beds	12		
Occupants	9	75.0%	