

FAST FACTS: ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- In FY2020, 9,401 college students and 5,388 DOC students enrolled at Lake Land College for a total of 14,789 enrollees throughout the fiscal year. This Fast Facts report will focus on college students.
- Almost 92% of the 5,388 DOC students served in FY2020 were male. A total of 423 female students enrolled in educational services in FY2020.
- The majority of DOC students were white (45.6%) followed by African American students (40.9%) and Hispanic students 11.6%.
- Almost 6% of DOC were of traditional age (i.e., 23 and under). 21.4% were 24 to 29, 36.7% were in their 30s, and 24.2% were in their 40s. 12.53% of DOC students were 50 and up.
- Around 82.5% of the DOC students attended Lake Land part time in FY2020.
- Although first generation status is vastly underreported (99% unknown) in the DOC population, it is likely that the majority of these students are first generation.
- Around 50.5% of DOC students were seeking certificates and 25.9% were enrolled in the Associate in Liberal Studies program. Close to one fourth of the DOC students (23.5%) were course enrollees.

OTHER FACTS

- The DOC program at Lake Land provides educational services to 24 correctional centers across the state, including several juvenile correctional centers. The various correctional centers served a number of students ranging from 10 at the newer centers to 476 students. Southwestern Correctional Center served the largest number of students (476) followed by Jacksonville (366) and Henry Hill (341).
- The 5,388 DOC students served in FY2020 produced 64,413 registered credit hours over the academic year.
- While many of the DOC students were enrolled full time during a single semester, over the course of the academic year only 17.5% accumulated 24 or more credit hours. The remaining 82.5% were considered part time students for the academic year.

CONCLUSIONS

- Since FY2008, the DOC student population has grown from a 2,598 students to 5,388 in 2020. Much of this growth can be attributed to the addition of correctional centers over time. In FY2008, Lake Land College served only eight correctional centers. By FY2011, Lake Land was serving 15 correctional sites and 4,036 students and today it serves a total of 24 correctional sites with 5,388 students. Thus far FY2014 proved to be the most successful year for the DOC program by reaching the most students served between 2008 and 2020. During FY2014, Lake Land served a total of 7,347 students.
- While enrollment numbers steadily increased from 2,598 in 2008 to 7,347 in 2014, enrollment in the DOC program have steadily decreased between FY2014 and FY2018 with an upsurge in FY2019 and another decline in FY2020. The increase in FY2019 was due to the addition of five new correctional sites. Is the overall decline over time due to natural fluctuations in the DOC population, changes in student behavior resulting in the inability to continue participation, or are there other factors at play? This change should be examined further.