

# FAST FACTS: ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- In FY2018, 9,735 college students and 5,223 DOC students enrolled at Lake Land College for a total of 14,958 enrollees throughout the fiscal year. This Fast Facts report will focus on DOC students.
- Almost 100% of the 5,223 DOC students served in FY2018 were male. A total of 17 female students enrolled in educational services at the Vienna Work Camp in FY2018.
- The majority of DOC students were white (45%). Around 43.7% of DOC students were black and 12.5% were Hispanic.
- Almost 7% of DOC were of traditional age (i.e., 23 and under). 24.3% were 24 to 29, 37.1% were in their 30s, and 21.4% were in their 40s. 10% of DOC students were 50 and up.
- Around 88.4% of the DOC students attended Lake Land part time in FY2018.
- 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 44% of DOC students were seeking certificates and 29.3% were enrolled in the Associate in Liberal Studies program. Close to one third of the DOC students (26.2%) were course enrollees.

### OTHER FACTS

- The DOC program at Lake Land provides educational services to 20 correctional centers across the state, which is an increase of one from FY2017. In FY2018, Lake Land added two Juvenile Correctional Center to DOC services program. The various correctional centers served a number of students ranging from 35 and 37 at the new centers to 535 students. Southwestern Correctional Center served the largest number of students (535) followed by Pinckneyville (426) and Robinson (392).
- The 5,223 DOC students served in FY2018 produced 61,534.5 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 12.8% accumulated 24 or more credit hours. The remaining 87% were considered part time students for the academic year.

### CONCLUSIONS

- Since FY2008, the DOC student population has grown from a 2,598 students in 2008 to 5,223 in 2018. 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 20 correctional sites with 5,223 students. Thus far FY2014 proved to be the most successful year for the DOC program by reaching the most students served between 2008 and 2018. During FY2014, Lake Land served a total of 7,237 students.
- While enrollment numbers steadily increased from 2,598 in 2008 to 7,237 in 2014, enrollment in the DOC program have steadily decreased over the past three years. Is this decline 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.