

FAST FACTS: ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC)

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- In FY2019, 11,608 college students and 5,788 DOC students enrolled at Lake Land College for a total of 17,396 enrollees throughout the fiscal year. This Fast Facts report will focus on DOC students.
- Almost 98% of the 5,788 DOC students served in FY2019 were male. A total of 112 female students enrolled in educational services in FY2019.
- The majority of DOC students were African American (44.5%). Around 43.1% of DOC students were white and 11.3% were Hispanic.
- Almost 8% of DOC were of traditional age (i.e., 23 and under). 22.5% were 24 to 29, 36.1% were in their 30s, and 22.7% were in their 40s. 10.7% of DOC students were 50 and up.
- Around 87.7% of the DOC students attended Lake Land part time in FY2019.
- 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 45.6% of DOC students were seeking certificates and 29.7% were enrolled in the Associate in Liberal Studies program. Close to one fourth of the DOC students (24.7%) were course enrollees.

OTHER FACTS

- The DOC program at Lake Land provides educational services to 25 correctional centers across the state, which is an increase from FY2018. The various correctional centers served a number of students ranging from 11 and 75 at the new centers to 443 students. Pinckneyville Correctional Center served the largest number of students (443) followed by Southwester (435) and Taylorville (426).
- The 5,788 DOC students served in FY2019 produced 67,936.5 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 12.3% accumulated 24 or more credit hours. The remaining 87.7% were considered part time students for the academic year.

CONCLUSIONS

- Since FY2008, the DOC student population has grown from a 2,598 students to 5,788 in 2019. 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 25 correctional sites with 5,778 students. Thus far FY2014 proved to be the most successful year for the DOC program by reaching the most students served between 2008 and 2019. 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 and an upsurge in FY2019 due to the addition of five new correctional sites. 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.