

Rock Valley College

Data Brief: 14th Day Census Enrollment (Spring) March 2024

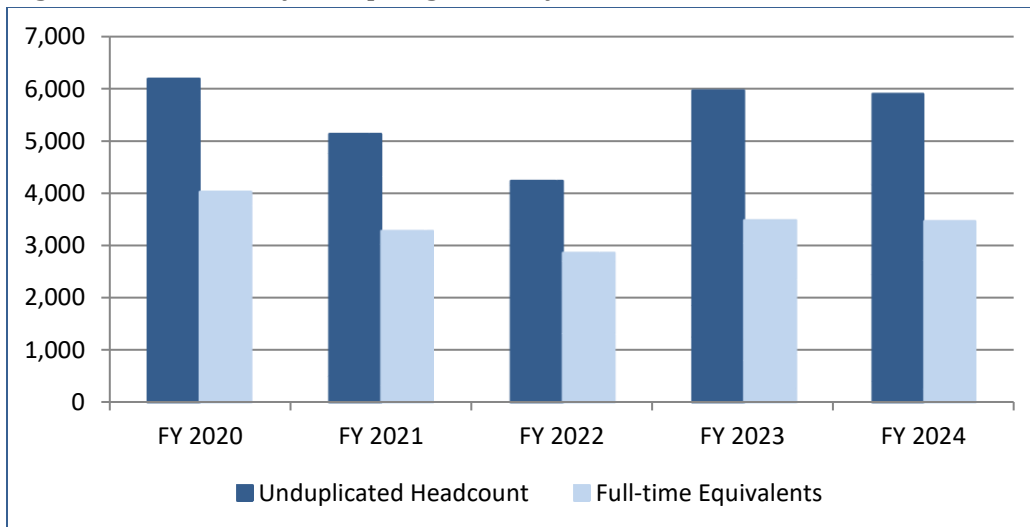
Background

Data to produce this report have been captured and submitted to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Fourteenth day census enrollment identifies the number of students officially enrolled in credit courses at the College as of the end of regular registration of the spring term¹. It is intended to provide a *snapshot* or point in time view of spring enrollment. To comply with ICCB reporting rules, the spring census enrollment report includes Winterim 2024 and Spring 2024 registrations. At the College, data to produce this report are captured on the 14th *class* day from the first day of spring classes, including Saturdays.

14th Day Enrollment Results (Spring)

Figure 1 and Table 1 indicate the unduplicated headcount and full-time equivalents (FTE) reflected in the 14th day census of spring enrollment across the most recent five years.

Figure 1: RVC Multi-year Spring 14th Day Census Enrollment – Headcount and FTE²



¹Fourteenth day census enrollment is based on unduplicated headcount of Arts, Sciences, Career Education, Adult Education, and Vocational Skills courses in Community/Continuing Professional Education.

²For the purpose of this report, Full-time Equivalent (FTE) is based on 15 credit hours per term.

Table 1 also includes credit hours, with annual changes and the five-year multi-year change, provided in terms of percentage change.

Table 1: RVC Multi-year Spring 14th Day Census Enrollment

	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	Spring 2024	5-year Change
Unduplicated Headcount	6,173	5,119	4,226	5,951	5,887	-4.63%
<i>(Annual Percentage Change)</i>	-2.51%	-17.07%	-17.44%	40.82%	-1.08%	
Credit Hours	60,372.50	49,174.50	42,949.50	52,272.50	52,003.00	-13.86%
<i>(Annual Percentage Change)</i>	-3.00%	-18.55%	-12.66%	21.71%	-0.52%	
Full-time Equivalents	4,024.83	3,278.30	2,863.30	3,484.83	3,466.87	-13.86%
<i>(Annual Percentage Change)</i>	-3.00%	-18.55%	-12.66%	21.71%	-0.52%	
1 st Day of Class	1/11/2020	1/9/2021	1/8/2022	1/14/2023	1/13/2024	
Census Day (14 th Day)	1/23/2020	1/26/2021	1/25/2022	1/31/2023	1/30/2024	

Data in Figure 1 and Table 1 indicate the following:

- Over the 5-year period, unduplicated headcount as reported on the 14th class day decreased by 4.63%. The annual change in headcount reflects a decrease of 1.08% from FY23 to FY24.
- Over the 5-year period, credit hours and full-time equivalents decreased by 13.86%. The annual change indicates a decrease of 0.52% from FY23 to FY24.
- Over the five-year period, credit hours and FTE have decreased at a faster rate than headcount, suggesting that students are taking fewer credit hours on average.

Enrollment declines from Spring 2023 to Spring 2024 are due to a decrease in Adult Education enrollment. Enrollment in Arts, Sciences, and Career Education courses increased over the same timeframe