

Undergraduates by the Numbers | Lawrence Campus

Data were taken from various sources, including [KU AIRE](#) and [KHEStats](#), as well as EAB, NSSE, department surveys, and other data collection systems.

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Unless otherwise noted, data is current as of the Fall 2021 census.

Created by Academic Success

We support the intellectual engagement and pursuit of learning by all KU students throughout their undergraduate education, from orientation to graduation and beyond.

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Student Population

- 22,508 Lawrence campus students
- 17,985 undergraduate students
- 4,523 graduate students
- 58.95% Kansas residents, 41.05% Non-residents
- 47.7% Male, 52.2% Female, 0.1% Not reported

First-Time Freshmen

- 4,119 first-time freshmen
- 566 first generation students
- 54.6% bring at least 1 hour of college credit
- 58.56% Kansas residents, 41.44% Non-residents
- 45.4% Male, 54.6% Female

Transfer Students

Transfer student data includes both Lawrence and Edwards campuses

- 1,049 new transfer students in Fall 2021
- 415 from Johnson County Community College
- 42: Average # of hours transferred (data retrieved from KHEStats)
- 3.15: Average transfer GPA (data retrieved from KHEStats)
- 76.64% Kansas residents, 23.36% Non-residents
- 45.1% Male, 54.9% Female, 0.0% Not reported

Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

- White – 69.85%
- International – 4.87%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native - 0.47%
- Asian – 5.61%
- Black – 4.25%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander – 0.11%
- Hispanic – 8.95%
- Multiracial – 5.29%
- Unspecified – 0.60%

Undergraduate Enrollment by Program

- Liberal Arts & Sciences – 50.84%
- Business – 15.03%
- Engineering – 13.42%
- Education – 6.67%
- Architecture & Design – 4.49%
- Journalism – 3.8%
- Non-degree seeking – 2.49%
- Music – 1.48%
- Pharmacy – 0.94%
- Social Welfare – 0.86%

Military-Affiliated Students

Numbers include those who have been identified in one of the following groups: Veterans, Active-Duty Military, National Guardsmen/Reservists, Dependents, or Spouses

- 5.7% of the overall student population are military-affiliated students
- 296 are graduate students
- 995 are undergraduate students
- 1,291 total military-affiliated students on the KU Lawrence campus

Student Success at KU

The following data points are organized using the Completion by Design framework for student success at the University of Kansas. Sections include connection, entry, progress, completion, and transition.

Connection

- 22% of all undergraduate students are Pell eligible as of Fall 2020 (includes undergraduate students from the Lawrence and Edwards campuses)
- 20% of Fall 2020 first-time freshmen are Pell eligible
- 53% of students in the 2020 graduating class took on some type of student loan debt
- 18-to-1 – student-to-faculty ratio
- 3.28 – Average undergraduate GPA for Fall 2020

Entry

- 591 students enrolled in a UNIV course or first-year seminar (2020-21)
- 14 credit hours – Average undergraduate credit hour enrollment
- 54% – Exploratory students who declared their major after 1 year (Fall 2020 cohort)
- 94% – Exploratory students who declared their major after 2 years (Fall 2019 cohort)

Progress

Undergraduate retention rates for first-time freshmen cohorts

- 84.8% – Fall 2020 cohort retention rate after 1 year
- 78.3% – Fall 2019 cohort retention rate after 2 years

Completion

- 228 presenters at the Spring 2021 Undergraduate Research Symposium
- 1,932 students engaged in 111 different service-learning courses (2020-21)
- 1,286 students working on an experiential learning certificate as of August 2021
- 59.9% of KU graduates had an internship while at KU (2019-20)

Transition

- 5,353 Students involved in one or more career communities (2020-21)
- 3,037 – Students helped in career coaching appointments (2020-21)
- 58.8% of graduates were employed full-time or in the military within six months of graduation
- 34.9% of graduates enrolled in graduate programs within six months of graduation

Graduation Rates

First-time freshmen cohorts

- 53.5% - 4-year (2017 cohort)
- 64.9% - 5-year (2016 cohort)
- 66.0% - 6-year (2015 cohort)

Additional Figures

- 90.5% of students worked while enrolled at KU (2019-20)
- 1,056 – Unique students using writing center services (2019-20)
- 6,089 – Accommodations made for students (2020-21)
- 64 & 17,090 – Textbooks and article pages, respectively, converted to accessible format (2020-21)
- 22,292 – Advising appointments made through Jayhawk GPS (2020-21)