MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

# FALL 2026
# ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**20,292**

**Number of Students**
**Taking Credit Courses**

**October 2026**

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

# FALL 2026 OFFICIAL ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

- There are **20,292 students** taking credit courses in Fall 2026 by census date, Sept 23, 2026.
  - Student headcounts **increased by** 320, or **+1.6%,** over Fall 2025
  - 12,401 or 61.1% are returning students
  - 2,418 or 11.9% are concurrently enrolled in high school
  - 1,221 or 6.0% transferred from other colleges
  - **4,252 or 21.0% are first-time-ever-in-college** (FTEIC) students

- **Retention**
  - Fall 2025 FTEIC cohort achieved a 65.8% retention rate, with 2,794 of 4,248 students returning in Fall 2026

- **Enrollment Pattern Highlights**
  - Total credit course enrollment is 68,575, generating 180,697 bill hours, or 6,023.2 FTEs
  - Total bill hours increased by 1,650, **or +0.9%**, above Fall 2025
  - 66.7% attend part-time; 33.3% attend full-time
  - 54.5% enrolled in at least one distance learning course
  - 23.6% took distance learning classes exclusively
  - Average credit load per student is 8.9

- **Demographic Highlights**
  - Average age is 23.2, slightly older than Fall 2025
  - 55.9% are female; 44.0% are male
  - Hispanic students are the single largest race/ethnic group with 30.1%, followed by Black students (26.3%), White students (16.6%), and Asian students (12.0%)
  - Almost one in five students is a Hispanic female (18%)

- **Highlights of Selective Student Groups**
  - 2,743 recent Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) graduates are enrolled at the College in Fall 2026, an increase of 93 students, or +3.5%, over Fall 2025
  - There are 444 F1 Visa students, a decrease of 56, or -11.2%, over Fall 2025

Refer to OIRE dashboards for additional enrollment data and trends.

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# Fall 2026 Official Enrollment Highlights

### *Table 1: Total headcounts and credit hours INCREASED from the previous fall semester*

| | Fall 2026 | Fall 2025 | Difference '26 - '25 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | number | percentage |
| **Headcount** | **20,292** | **19,972** | 320 | **+1.6%** |
| **Credit Load** *(a.k.a. Bill hours)* | **180,697** | **179,047** | 1,650 | **+0.9%** |

### *Table 2: Student and Credit Hour Enrollment by Campus*

| | Germantown | Rockville* | Takoma Park/ Silver Spring | Distance Education | Collegewide** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Headcounts** | **7,420** | **14,015** | **7,153** | **11,046** | **20,292** |
| **Credit Load** | **24,036** | **68,282** | **26,668** | **61,711** | **180,697** |
| % of Total Load | 13.3% | 37.8% | 14.8% | 34.2% | |
| **FTE** *(credit load divided by 30)* | **801.2** | **2,276.1** | **888.9** | **2,057.0** | **6,023.2** |

### *Table 3: Two-thirds of students attend part-time*

| | Germantown | | Rockville* | | Takoma Park/ Silver Spring | | Distance Education | | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Full-time** (12+ bill hours) | **3,079** | 41.5% | **5,619** | 40.1% | **2,529** | *35.4%* | **4,153** | *37.6%* | **6,748** | 33.3% |
| **Part-time** | **4,341** | 58.5% | **8,396** | 59.9% | **4,624** | *64.6%* | **6,893** | *62.4%* | **13,544** | 66.7% |

### *Table 4: Twenty-one percent of Enrollment are FTEIC students*

| | Germantown | | Rockville* | | Takoma Park/ Silver Spring | | Distance Education | | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **First time Ever in College (FTEIC)** | **1,437** | 19.4% | **3,094** | 22.1% | **1,452** | 20.3% | **1,836** | 16.6% | **4,252** | ***21.0%*** |
| **Transfer-In** | **418** | 5.6% | **803** | 5.7% | **544** | 7.6% | **748** | 6.8% | **1,221** | ***6.0%*** |
| **Returning/ Continuing** | **4,550** | 61.3% | **8,740** | 62.4% | **4,632** | 64.8% | **7,487** | 67.8% | **12,401** | ***61.1%*** |
| **Concurrent Enrollment** | **1,015** | 13.7% | **1,378** | 9.8% | **525** | 7.3% | **975** | 8.8% | **2,418** | ***11.9%*** |

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### *Table 5: FTEIC, First-Time-Ever-In-College, Students.*

| Total FTEIC | | 4,252 | Average Age | | 20.1 | Total Load | | 46,992 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| % of Change from last Fall | | +0.1% | Median Age | | 18.0 | Avg. Load | | 11.1 |
| **Demographics** | **Unduplicated Headcounts** | **%** | **IPEDS race** | **Unduplicated Headcounts** | **%** | **Course Enrollments** | **Unduplicated Headcounts** | **%** |
| Female | 2,253 | 53.0% | Hispanic | 1,539 | 36.2% | Full-Term | 3,610 | 84.9% |
| Full-time | 2,294 | 54.0% | Black | 1,096 | 25.8% | First half of term | 519 | 12.2% |
| East County | 701 | 16.5% | White | 510 | 12.0% | Late-Start Courses | 2,605 | 61.3% |
| Non-citizen | 880 | 20.7% | Asian | 471 | 11.1% | Second half of term | 649 | 15.3% |
| MCPS recent grads | 2,685 | 63.1% | International | 445 | 10.5% | Took at least one DL course | 1,837 | 43.2% |
| 006 Business Majors | 578 | 14.0% | Multi-race & blank | 181 | 4.3% | Took DL-only | 525 | 12.3% |
| 570 Pre-clinical Nursing | 425 | 10% | Hawaiian/ Pac. Islanders | 6 | 0.1% | Took ECEC classes | 83 | 2.0% |
| 611B General Studies STEM | 379 | 8.9% | Am. Indian/ AK Native | 4 | 0.1% | Developmental Courses | 2,280 | 53.6% |

### *Table 6: Female students make up almost 56 percent of the student body*

| | Germantown | | Rockville* | | Takoma Park/ Silver Spring | | Distance Education | | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Female** | **4,034** | 54.4% | **7,440** | 53.1% | **4,482** | 62.7% | **6,433** | 58.2% | **11,339** | 55.9% |
| **Male** | **3,383** | 45.6% | **6,561** | 46.8% | **2,666** | 37.3% | **4,604** | 41.7% | **8,936** | 44.0% |
| **Others** | **3** | 0.0% | **14** | 0.1% | **5** | 0.1% | **9** | 0.1% | **17** | 0.1% |

### *Table 7: Hispanic students are the single largest racial/ethnic demographic group this Fall, accounting for 30 percent of the student body*

*Race is based on IPEDS definitions*

| | Germantown | | Rockville* | | Takoma Park /Silver Spring | | Distance Education | | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Asian** | **960** | 12.9% | **1,739** | 12.4% | **692** | 9.7% | **1,314** | 11.9% | **2,442** | *12.0%* |
| **Black** | **2,018** | 27.2% | **3,427** | 24.5% | **2,340** | 32.7% | **3,116** | 28.2% | **5,344** | *26.3%* |
| **Hispanic** | **2,265** | 30.5% | **4,287** | 30.6% | **2,139** | 29.9% | **3,241** | 29.3% | **6,117** | *30.1%* |
| **Multi-Race** | **344** | 4.6% | **617** | 4.4% | **282** | 3.9% | **469** | 4.2% | **904** | *4.5%* |
| **Am. Indian/ AK Native** | **10** | 0.1% | **17** | 0.1% | **9** | 0.1% | **14** | 0.1% | **26** | *0.1%* |
| **Hawaiian/ Pac. Islanders** | **3** | 0.0% | **20** | 0.1% | **8** | 0.1% | **9** | 0.1% | **24** | *0.1%* |
| **White** | **1,113** | 15.0% | **2,403** | 17.1% | **946** | 13.2% | **1,716** | 15.5% | **3,371** | *16.6%* |
| **International** | **693** | 9.3% | **1,472** | 10.5% | **717** | 10.0% | **1,137** | 10.3% | **2,016** | *10.0%* |
| **Blank/Unknown** | **14** | 0.2% | **33** | 0.2% | **20** | 0.3% | **30** | 0.3% | **48** | *0.2%* |

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### *Table 8: Almost 44 percent of the student population is 19 or younger*

| | Germantown | | Rockville* | | Takoma Park /Silver Spring | | Distance Education | | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 or Younger | 3,506 | 47.3% | 6,247 | 44.6% | 2,717 | 38.0% | 4,187 | 37.9% | 8,811 | 43.4% |
| 20-24 | 2,416 | 32.6% | 4,874 | 34.8% | 2,483 | 34.7% | 3,971 | 35.9% | 6,707 | 33.1% |
| 25 or Older | 1,498 | 20.2% | 2,894 | 20.6% | 1,953 | 27.3% | 2,888 | 26.1% | 4,774 | 23.5% |
| *Average Age:* | *20.6* | | *21.2* | | *23.4* | | *23.3* | | *23.2* | |
| *Median Age:* | *20.0* | | *20.0* | | *21.0* | | *20.0* | | *20.0* | |

### *Table 9: Number of Recent High School Grads Attending MC the Semester After Graduation*

| | Germantown | Rockville* | Takoma Park/ Silver Spring | Distance Education | Collegewide ** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Recent High School Graduates ‡ | 1,176 | 2,446 | 1,118 | 1,366 | 3,309 | 16.3% |
| Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) 2026 Graduates | 1,011 | 2,072 | 826 | 1,115 | 2,743 | 13.5% |

*‡ Recent High School Graduates are high school students who graduated between Sept 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026, from private schools, home schools, international schools, and all US public high schools.*

### *Table 10: The top five MCPS high schools account for almost 30 percent of the total MCPS recent graduates (2,743) enrolled this Fall*

| | Fall '26 | Fall '25 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total MCPS recent grads enrolled at MC | 2,743 | 2,650 | 3.5% |
| Total MCPS graduates (data from MCPS) | 12,516 | 12,550 | -0.3% |
| MC Market Share | 22.0% | 21.3% | 0.7ppt |
| **MC Enrollment** | **Fall '26** | **Fall '25** | **% Change** |
| Wheaton HS | 186 | 179 | 3.9% |
| Seneca Valley HS | 170 | 166 | 2.4% |
| Gaithersburg HS | 160 | 141 | 13.5% |
| Northwest HS | 153 | 147 | 4.1% |
| Montgomery Blair HS | 149 | 147 | 1.4% |




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## *Table 11: Non-Citizen students and their Top 10 countries (based on country of birth on VISA)*

| | Collegewide ** | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | '26 | '25 | % Change |
| All non-citizen students | 4,053 | 4,040 | 0.3% |
| | | | |
| I.I.E. "International Students" ‡ | 1,220 | 1,271 | -4.0% |
| ‡ *I.I.E., or the Institute of International Education, defines an international student as an individual enrolled in coursework in the USA on a temporary visa that allows for academic study. Immigrants, permanent residents, US citizens, undocumented immigrants, those with deferred action status, or refugees/asylees are excluded.* https://opendoorsdata.org/faq/ | | | |
| Visa-F1 Foreign Student | 444 | 500 | -11.2% |
| | | | |

| | Collegewide ** | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Country | '26 | '25 | % Change |
| Ethiopia | 431 | 408 | 5.6% |
| El Salvador | 212 | 226 | -6.2% |
| Cameroon | 186 | 204 | -8.8% |
| Peru | 120 | 112 | 7.1% |
| Nigeria | 120 | 100 | 20.0% |
| Brazil | 89 | 94 | -5.3% |
| India | 84 | 88 | -4.5% |
| China | 84 | 90 | -6.7% |
| Afghanistan | 80 | 56 | 42.9% |
| Ghana | 77 | 70 | 10.0% |

** *Collegewide is an unduplicated student count.*

**Total number of countries that MC students represent:**







## *Table 12: Section Counts and Course Enrollments by Class Modality (INTG code)*

| | Class Modality | Fall 2026 CRN counts | Fall 2026 Enrollment | % of Total | Fall 2025 CRN counts | Fall 2025 Enrollment | % of Total | % Change in Enrollment (26'-25') |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **In-person** | 2,740 | **46,963** | 68.5% | 2,592 | **45,268** | 67.7% | 3.7% |
| 2. | **Blended** | 99 | **1,317** | 1.9% | 91 | **1,319** | 2.0% | -0.2% |
| 3. | **Fully Online** | 1,026 | **20,276** | 29.6% | 998 | **20,321** | 30.4% | -0.2% |
| 4. | **Other** | 1 | **19** | 0.0% | | | | |
| | *Total enrollment* | | *68,575* | | | *66,908* | | *2.5%* |

## *Table 13: Section Counts and Course Enrollments by Part-of-Term*

| | Part-of-Term | Fall 2026 CRN counts | Fall 2026 Enrollment | % of Total | Fall 2025 CRN counts | Fall 2025 Enrollment | % of Total | % Change in Enrollment (26'-25') |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Full Term** | 2,838 | **48,790** | 71.1% | 2,673 | **46,731** | 69.8% | 4.4% |
| 2. | **First Half of Term** | 164 | **2,903** | 4.2% | 173 | **3,236** | 4.8% | -10.3% |
| 3. | **Week 3 Start** | 654 | **12,893** | 18.8% | 638 | **12,957** | 19.4% | -0.5% |
| 4. | **Second Half of Term** | 210 | **3,989** | 5.8% | 197 | **3,984** | 6.0% | 0.1% |
| | *Total enrollment* | | *68,575* | | | *66,908* | | *2.5%* |

### *81.3 percent of students enrolled in an associate degree program‡*

### *Table 14: Top 15 enrolled majors account for almost 65 percent of total Fall enrollment*

| | MAJOR | FALL 2026 Headcounts | % of Total | FALL 2025 Headcounts | % of Total | % change in Headcounts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Collegewide Total* | *20,292* | | *19,972* | | *1.6%* |
| 1. | Business, 006 | **2,345** | 11.6% | 2,279 | 11.4% | 2.9% |
| 2. | General Studies - STEM, 611B | **1,844** | 9.1% | 1,819 | 9.1% | 1.4% |
| 3. | Gen Ed/Pre Clinical Nursing, 570 | **1,587** | 7.8% | 1,332 | 6.7% | 19.1% |
| 4. | General Studies - SSAH, 611C | **1,120** | 5.5% | 1,170 | 5.9% | -4.3% |
| 5. | General Studies - HACL, 611A | **793** | 3.9% | 829 | 4.2% | -4.3% |
| 6. | AS in Science-Biological Sci, 412F | **789** | 3.9% | 682 | 3.4% | 15.7% |
| 7. | Gen Ed/Pre Clinical Diag Sona, 530 | **660** | 3.3% | 525 | 2.6% | 25.7% |
| 8. | General Studies - INTG, 611D | **657** | 3.2% | 488 | 2.4% | 34.6% |
| 9. | Computer Science, 107 | **629** | 3.1% | 889 | 4.5% | -29.2% |
| 10. | Cybersecurity AAS, 356A | **599** | 3.0% | 723 | 3.6% | -17.2% |
| 11. | Gen Ed/Pre Clinical Rad Tech, 520 | **478** | 2.4% | 324 | 1.6% | 47.5% |
| 12. | Nursing, 400 | **454** | 2.2% | 395 | 2.0% | 14.9% |
| 13. | Information Systems, 109 | **420** | 2.1% | 636 | 3.2% | -34.0% |
| 14. | General Engineering, 410 | **387** | 1.9% | 394 | 2.0% | -1.8% |
| 15. | Arts and Sci Criminal Justice, 617 | **352** | 1.7% | 293 | 1.5% | 20.1% |
| | *Combined 15 top majors* | *13,114* | *64.6%* | *12,778* | *64.1%* | *2.6%* |

‡ *The percentage excludes the pre-clinical programs.*

### *Table 15: List of courses with 500 or more enrollments.*

| | Course Title | Fall 2026 CRN counts | Fall 2026 Enroll-ment | % of Total Enrl | Fall 2025 CRN counts | Fall 2025 Enroll-ment | % of Total Enrl | % Change in Enrl ('26-'25) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Collegewide Total* | *3,866* | *68,575* | | *3,681* | *66,908* | | *2.5%* |
| 1. | **ENGL101** Intro to College Writing | 208 | **4,095** | 6.0% | 202 | **4,110** | 6.1% | -0.4% |
| 2. | **ENGL011** College Writing Support | 129 | **2,617** | 3.8% | 126 | **2,646** | 4.0% | -1.1% |
| 3. | **MATH117** Elements of Statistics | 96 | **2,212** | 3.2% | 96 | **2,219** | 3.3% | -0.3% |
| 4. | **PSYC100** General Psychology | 82 | **2,161** | 3.2% | 75 | **1,974** | 3.0% | 9.5% |
| 5. | **COMM108** Foundation human comm | 95 | **1,947** | 2.8% | 96 | **1,953** | 2.9% | -0.3% |
| 6. | **ENGL102** Crit read/write/research | 96 | **1,933** | 2.8% | 89 | **1,765** | 2.6% | 9.5% |
| 7. | **SOCY100** Intro to Sociology | 69 | **1,706** | 2.5% | 64 | **1,661** | 2.5% | 2.7% |
| 8. | **BIOL150** Principle of Biology I | 45 | **980** | 1.4% | 39 | **885** | 1.3% | 10.7% |
| 9. | **BSAD101** Intro to Business | 36 | **852** | 1.2% | 35 | **777** | 1.1% | 9.7% |
| 10. | **MATH050** Foundations of Algebra | 35 | **770** | 1.1% | 32 | **767** | 1.1% | 0.4% |
| 11. | **MATH181** Calculus I | 37 | **754** | 1.1% | 39 | **649** | 1.0% | 16.2% |
| 12. | **CHEM131** Principles of Chemistry I | 32 | **710** | 1.0% | 29 | **589** | 0.9% | 20.5% |
| 13. | **ARTT100** Introduction to Drawing | 36 | **661** | 1.0% | 36 | **677** | 1.0% | -2.4% |
| 14. | **NUTR101** Introduction to Nutrition | 28 | **642** | 0.9% | 28 | **662** | 1.0% | -3.0% |
| 15. | **ECON201** Principle of Economics I | 28 | **636** | 0.9% | 27 | **639** | 0.9% | -0.5% |
| 16. | **BIOL212** Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 27 | **622** | 0.9% | 23 | **542** | 0.8% | 14.8% |
| 17. | **ACCT221** Accounting I | 24 | **577** | 0.8% | 24 | **561** | 0.8% | 2.9% |
| | *Combined top 17 courses* | *1,103* | *23,875* | *34.8%* | *1,049* | *23,014* | *34.4%* | *3.7%* |

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