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Summary: Applications, Admissions and Enrolled Majors

The total number of fall semester applications initiated by prospective students has increased from 10,844 initiated in 2019 to 12,143 initiated in 2023, reflecting a 12.0 percent increase. The number of completed applications that were accepted decreased from 75.0 percent in 2019 to 66.0 percent in 2023 (8,128 and 8,016 applications respectively). From 2022 to 2023, initiated applications increased by 8.2 percent, rising from 11,225 to 12,143. The total number of applications for fall 2023 reached a five-year high and the total number of applications accepted is the second highest in five years (Table 2.13).

Approximately 90.3 percent (10,968) of all prospective student applications initiated in fall 2023 sought entrance as undergraduates, of which 68.3 percent (7,490) that were completed were accepted. Of the undergraduate initiated applications, 60.4 percent (6,633) of prospective student applications were from first-time students, of which 66.3 percent (4,395) that were completed were accepted. Of the total applications for fall 2023, prospective graduate students accounted for 9.7 percent (1,175). Out of these, 44.8 percent (526) of applications were completed and accepted (Table 2.13).
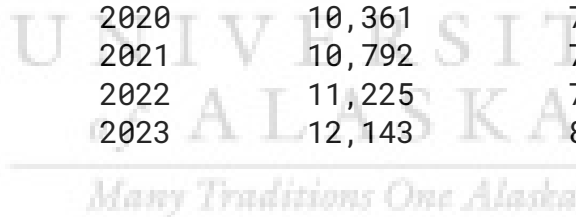
From fall 2019 to fall 2023, the total number of unique applicants increased 7.8 percent from 10,088 to 10,870 applicants. The total number of applicants is at a five year high, while the total number of unique applicants that were accepted has decreased 4.0 percent (7,737 to 7,426 applicants) during the same time span resulting in an 8.4 percentage point decrease in the proportion of accepted students to applicants. From fall 2019 to fall 2023, the number of newly accepted majors enrolling in the UA system remained relatively unchanged, with a total of 4,523 newly admitted program majors reflecting an overall enrollment rate of 60.9 percent (Table 2.14).

Undergraduate applicants made up 89.8 percent (9,756) of applicants with 58.8 percent (5,733) of undergrad applicants being first-time applicants. Undergraduate applicants accounted for 90.5 percent (4,095) of newly admitted program majors who enrolled with the proportion of accepted to enrolled majors being 59.3 percent. Prospective first-time applicants are at a five-year high with an increase of 9.3 percent (488 applicants) from 2019 to 2023 and over half of that increase is from 2022 to 2023 (289 applicants). These applicants had an acceptance rate of 69.4 percent (3,978) and the proportion of accepted first-time applicants who became newly enrolled majors was 55.0 percent (2,186) which is also a five-year high (Table 2.14).

The number of prospective graduate applicants is also at a five-year high for 2023 with 1,114 applicants, which is a 17.0 percent increase from 952 applicants in 2019. Fall 2023 prospective graduate applicants made up 10.2 percent of the total applicants with 46.2 percent (515) of these applicants being accepted. Of the graduate applicants who were accepted, 428 enrolled which is 60.9 percent of accepted graduate applicants (Table 2.14).

Table 2.13 Fall Semester Applications Initiated and Accepted, Five Year Trend

	Fall Term	Applications Initiated	Applications Completed and Accepted	Percent of Completed Applications Accepted
Undergraduate				
First Time	2019	5,817	4,523	77.8
	2020	5,343	3,792	71.0
	2021	5,528	3,683	66.6
	2022	6,141	4,003	65.2
	2023	6,633	4,395	66.3
Transfer	2019	1,260	962	76.3
	2020	1,299	888	68.4
	2021	1,282	922	71.9
	2022	2,693	1,823	67.7
	2023	2,796	1,815	64.9
Other Undergraduate	2019	2,770	2,195	79.2
	2020	2,659	2,014	75.7
	2021	2,845	2,018	70.9
	2022	1,358	1,120	82.5
	2023	1,539	1,280	83.2
Total Undergraduate	2019	9,847	7,680	78.0
	2020	9,301	6,694	72.0
	2021	9,655	6,623	68.6
	2022	10,192	6,946	68.2
	2023	10,968	7,490	68.3
Graduate	2019	997	448	44.9
	2020	1,060	498	47.0
	2021	1,137	503	44.2
	2022	1,033	440	42.6
	2023	1,175	526	44.8
UA System Total	2019	10,844	8,128	75.0
	2020	10,361	7,192	69.4
	2021	10,792	7,126	66.0
	2022	11,225	7,386	65.8
	2023	12,143	8,016	66.0

Note: Each applicant may submit multiple program applications for any given semester. Each program application is counted once in these figures.

Table 2.14 Fall Semester Applicants, Admissions and Enrolled Majors, Five Year Trend

	Fall Term	Unique Applicants	Unique Applicants Accepted	Percent of Applicants Accepted	Applicants Accepted and Enrolled	Percent of Accepted Applicants who Enrolled
Undergraduate						
First Time	2019	5,245	4,224	80.5	2,225	52.7
	2020	4,742	3,475	73.3	1,876	54.0
	2021	4,911	3,415	69.5	1,799	52.7
	2022	5,444	3,680	67.6	1,935	52.6
	2023	5,733	3,978	69.4	2,186	55.0
Transfer	2019	1,204	939	78.0	584	62.2
	2020	1,248	870	69.7	570	65.5
	2021	1,221	894	73.2	579	64.8
	2022	2,558	1,751	68.5	1,102	62.9
	2023	2,573	1,706	66.3	1,052	61.7
Other Undergraduate	2019	2,687	2,143	79.8	1,405	65.6
	2020	2,585	1,964	76.0	1,379	70.2
	2021	2,712	1,945	71.7	1,247	64.1
	2022	1,290	1,082	83.9	777	71.8
	2023	1,450	1,227	84.6	857	69.8
Total Undergraduate	2019	9,136	7,306	80.0	4,214	57.7
	2020	8,575	6,309	73.6	3,825	60.6
	2021	8,844	6,254	70.7	3,625	58.0
	2022	9,292	6,513	70.1	3,814	58.6
	2023	9,756	6,911	70.8	4,095	59.3
Graduate	2019	952	431	45.3	323	74.9
	2020	1,007	480	47.7	404	84.2
	2021	1,088	482	44.3	375	77.8
	2022	980	422	43.1	338	80.1
	2023	1,114	515	46.2	428	83.1
UA System Total	2019	10,088	7,737	76.7	4,537	58.6
	2020	9,582	6,789	70.9	4,229	62.3
	2021	9,932	6,736	67.8	4,000	59.4
	2022	10,272	6,935	67.5	4,152	59.9
	2023	10,870	7,426	68.3	4,523	60.9

Note: Each applicant may submit multiple program applications for any given semester. Each person is counted once at the reporting level.

Source: Data Analysis & Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/