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Summary: Applications, Admissions and Enrolled Majors

The total number of Fall semester applications initiated by prospective students increased from 10,309 in 2020 to 14,467 in 2024, reflecting a 40.3 percent (4,158) increase. The acceptance rate for completed applications decreased from 69.8 percent in 2020 to 61.9 percent in 2024 (7,192 and 8,952 applications, respectively). From 2023 to 2024, the total number of initiated applications increased by 19.7 percent (2,376), rising from 12,091 to 14,467. The total number of applications initiated and the total number of applications accepted for Fall 2024 reached a five-year high (Table 1). Fall 2024 marks the first year that UAF participated in the Common Application[1].

Approximately 91.8 percent (13,278) of all Fall 2024 prospective student applications were for undergraduate programs, and 63.5 percent (8,436) of the completed applications were accepted. Among undergraduate applications, 66.9 percent (8,881) were from first-time students, and 59.7 percent (5,305) of completed applications were accepted. Of the total applications for Fall 2023, prospective graduate students accounted for 8.2 percent (1,189). Of these, 43.4 percent (516) of the applications were completed and accepted. (Table 1).

From Fall 2020 to Fall 2024, the total number of unique applicants increased 36.4 percent (3,474) from 9,531 to 13,005 applicants, a five year high. The total number of unique applicants accepted also reached a five year high, increasing 23.0 percent (1,563) over the same period. From Fall 2020 to Fall 2024, newly accepted majors enrolling in the UA system increased by 11.9 percent (505), with a total of 4,735 newly admitted program majors, resulting in an overall enrollment rate of 56.7 percent (Table 2).

Unique undergraduate applicants comprised 91.3 percent (11,869) of the total, with 65.5 percent (7,772) being first-time applicants. Unique undergraduate applicants made up 91.3 percent (4,321) of newly admitted program majors who enrolled, with 55.0 percent of accepted applicants enrolling. Prospective first-time applicants are at a five-year high with an increase of 64.1 percent (3,036) from Fall 2020 to Fall 2024, where two thirds of that increase is from 2023 to 2024 (2,047). These applicants had an acceptance rate of 62.8 percent (4,881), and 49.0 percent (2,391) of accepted first-time applicants enrolled, a five-year high (Table 2).

Unique graduate applicants reached a five-year high of 1,136 in 2024, a 13.0 percent (131) increase from 1,005 in 2020. In Fall 2024, graduate applicants accounted for 8.7 percent of the total, with 44.1 percent (501) being accepted. Among accepted graduate applicants, 414 enrolled, representing 82.6 percent of those accepted (Table 2).

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[1] https://www.commonapp.org/

Table 1. 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	2020	5,324	3,792	71.2
	2021	5,518	3,683	66.7
	2022	6,120	4,003	65.4
	2023	6,612	4,395	66.5
	2024	8,881	5,305	59.7
Transfer	2020	2,420	1,628	67.3
	2021	2,687	1,728	64.3
	2022	2,677	1,823	68.1
	2023	2,780	1,815	65.3
	2024	2,970	1,936	65.2
Other Undergraduate	2020	1,510	1,274	84.4
	2021	1,426	1,212	85.0
	2022	1,345	1,120	83.3
	2023	1,532	1,280	83.6
	2024	1,427	1,195	83.7
Total Undergraduate	2020	9,254	6,694	72.3
	2021	9,631	6,623	68.8
	2022	10,142	6,946	68.5
	2023	10,924	7,490	68.6
	2024	13,278	8,436	63.5
Graduate	2020	1,055	498	47.2
	2021	1,133	503	44.4
	2022	1,031	440	42.7
	2023	1,167	526	45.1
	2024	1,189	516	43.4
UA System Total	2020	10,309	7,192	69.8
	2021	10,764	7,126	66.2
	2022	11,173	7,386	66.1
	2023	12,091	8,016	66.3
	2024	14,467	8,952	61.9

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

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

Table 2. 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	2020	4,736	3,475	73.4	1,876	54.0
	2021	4,907	3,415	69.6	1,799	52.7
	2022	5,430	3,680	67.8	1,935	52.6
	2023	5,725	3,978	69.5	2,186	55.0
	2024	7,772	4,881	62.8	2,391	49.0
Transfer	2020	2,320	1,588	68.4	1,035	65.2
	2021	2,528	1,660	65.7	1,000	60.2
	2022	2,547	1,751	68.7	1,102	62.9
	2023	2,567	1,706	66.5	1,052	61.7
	2024	2,751	1,825	66.3	1,140	62.5
Other Undergraduate	2020	1,470	1,245	84.7	915	73.5
	2021	1,363	1,168	85.7	823	70.5
	2022	1,281	1,082	84.5	777	71.8
	2023	1,446	1,227	84.9	857	69.8
	2024	1,346	1,144	85.0	790	69.1
Total Undergraduate	2020	8,526	6,308	74.0	3,826	60.7
	2021	8,798	6,243	71.0	3,622	58.0
	2022	9,258	6,513	70.3	3,814	58.6
	2023	9,738	6,911	71.0	4,095	59.3
	2024	11,869	7,850	66.1	4,321	55.0
Graduate	2020	1,005	480	47.8	404	84.2
	2021	1,084	482	44.5	375	77.8
	2022	978	422	43.1	338	80.1
	2023	1,109	515	46.4	428	83.1
	2024	1,136	501	44.1	414	82.6
UA System Total	2020	9,531	6,788	71.2	4,230	62.3
	2021	9,882	6,725	68.1	3,997	59.4
	2022	10,236	6,935	67.8	4,152	59.9
	2023	10,847	7,426	68.5	4,523	60.9
	2024	13,005	8,351	64.2	4,735	56.7

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