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Summary: Fall Enrollment - Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipients

The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) is offered to qualifying graduates of Alaska high schools who complete a specific, rigorous high school curriculum and earn a minimum GPA and scores on college/career entrance exams. The program has been in place since FY12. In fall 2023, the proportion of eligible class of 2023 high school graduates who used the scholarship increased to 50 percent, up from 33 percent for the high school class of 2022¹.

In fall 2023, 1,845 APS recipients enrolled at one or more UA campuses, a decrease of 5.1 percent from the fall 2022 level of 1,945 (Table 1.38a). The total aggregate scholarship amount distributed in fall 2023 was \$3.6 million, about 6.1 percent (approximately \$0.2 million) lower than in fall 2022 (Table 1.38b). The amount of the award depends on the level of rigor achieved during high school as well as the number of credits being taken at the postsecondary level. Almost all fall 2023 first-time freshmen (97.3 percent) who received the APS were prepared for college-level courses (Table 1.46b).

In fall 2023, UA Anchorage enrolled 1,092 APS recipients, a 4.3 percent decrease from fall 2022. UA Fairbanks enrolled 721 APS recipients, a 3.5 percent decrease from the previous fall. UA Southeast enrolled 123 APS recipients, a 10.9 percent decrease from fall 2022 (Table 1.38a). About 57 percent of APS recipients were seeking a UA Anchorage degree in fall 2023, 37 percent were program majors at UA Fairbanks and 6 percent were degree-seeking at UA Southeast (Table 1.39).

Most APS recipients were seeking a bachelor's degree (88 percent, 1,630 students) and about 1 in 10 were pursuing a 2-year or shorter credential (10 percent, 192 students) (Table 1.40). Of fall 2023 APS recipients, four program areas accounted for more than half of all majors: Business and Public Administration (304 students, 16 percent); Health (272 students, 15 percent); Engineering (260 students, 14 percent); and Math, Physical and Life Sciences (223 students, 12 percent) (Table 1.41a). The top major for APS recipients was Nursing/Pre-major Nursing (134 students) at UA Anchorage, Biological Sciences (81 students) at UA Fairbanks and Business Administration (21 students) at UA Southeast (Table 1.41b).

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¹ https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/3/APS/Pubs/APS_OutcomesReport_2024.pdf

Table 1.38a Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Headcount by University, 5 Year Trend

		Fall	l Semester	% Change				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023	-	
UA Anchorage								
New Recipients	475	544	477	306	346	-27.2	13.1	
Other Recipients	1,143	1,058	935	835	746	-34.7	-10.7	
Total	1,618	1,602	1,412	1,141	1,092	-32.5	-4.3	
UA Fairbanks								
New Recipients	256	306	333	212	218	-14.8	2.8	
Other Recipients	630	550	559	535	503	-20.2	-6.0	
Total	886	856	892	747	721	-18.6	-3.5	
UA Southeast								
New Recipients	50	61	58	41	38	-24.0	-7.3	
Other Recipients	103	93	77	97	85	-17.5	-12.4	
Total	153	154	135	138	123	-19.6	-10.9	
UA System								
New Recipients	769	860	847	547	589	-23.4	7.7	
Other Recipients	1,808	1,615	1,500	1,398	1,256	-30.5	-10.2	
Total	2,577	2,475	2,347	1,945	1,845	-28.4	-5.1	

Table 1.38b Alaska Performance Scholarship Aggregate Awards (\$) by University, 5 Year Trend

			Fall Semester			% Change	
	2019	9 2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023 2022	-2023
UA Anchorage							
New Recipients	\$815,834	\$ 993,958	\$914,726	\$ 548,401 \$	596,254	-26.9	8.7
Other Recipients	\$ 2,019,091	\$ 1,821,140	\$ 1,650,294	\$ 1,559,257 \$	1,376,228	-31.8	-11.7
Total	\$ 2,834,925	\$ 2,815,098	\$ 2,565,020	\$ 2,107,658 \$	1,972,482	-30.4	-6.4
UA Fairbanks							
New Recipients	\$ 479,727	\$ 619,142	\$ 689,291	\$ 390,387 \$	385,508	-19.6	-1.2
Other Recipients	\$ 1,188,763	\$ 1,020,647	\$ 1,079,266	\$ 1,078,031 \$	1,010,326	-15.0	-6.3
Total	\$ 1,668,490	\$ 1,639,789	\$ 1,768,557	\$ 1,468,418 \$	1,395,834	-16.3	-4.9
UA Southeast							
New Recipients	\$85,006	\$ 114,136	\$ 109,085	\$ 73,117 \$	69,848	-17.8	-4.5
Other Recipients	\$ 151,882	\$ 139,886	\$ 151,587	\$ 169,422 \$	147,134	-3.1	-13.2
Total	\$236,888	\$ 254,022	\$ 260,672	\$ 242,539 \$	216,982	-8.4	-10.5
UA System		UN	IVERS	ΙΤΥ			
New Recipients	\$ 1,380,567	\$ 1,727,236	\$ 1,713,102	\$ 1,011,905 \$	1,051,610	-23.8	3.9
Other Recipients	\$ 3,359,736	\$ 2,981,673	\$ 2,881,147	\$ 2,806,710 \$	2,533,688	-24.6	-9.7
Total	\$ 4,740,303	\$ 4,708,909	y \$ 4,594,249.e	\$ 3,818,615 \$	3,585,298	-24.4	-6.1

Note: The above tables represent awards during the fall semester only. Student counts for awards made over the course of an entire aid year displayed in other tables are higher due to considering a different, longer period of time.

Table 1.39 Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount and Student Credit Hours (SCH) by Class Standing and Academic Organization, Fall 2023

				F	leadcount					
	Freshm	an	_							
	1st Time	Cont.	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Master's	UA DS	NDS	Total	SCH
Anchorage	219	85	221	229	189	10	40		993	11,627
Kenai	9	1	2	3			206		221	1,050
Kodiak	1	3	1				49		54	212
Mat-Su	11	4	9				101		125	798
PWSC	2		1				9		12	61
Troth Yeddha'	171	38	145	152	142	6	39		693	8,496
UAF CTC	8	7	6	3			8		32	827
CRCD							0			
Bristol Bay							8		8	24
Chukchi							4		4	16
Interior Alaska							3		3	11
Kuskokwim Northwest							6		6	19
Rural College							68		68	253
Juneau	23	8	17	32	13	1	7	4	105	1,071
Ketchikan							40	2	42	213
Sitka	1		2	1			36	3	43	202
UA Anchorage	253	104	251	238	189	10	47		1,092	13,748
UA Fairbanks	182	46	153	158	143	7	32		721	9,646
UA Southeast	24	9	21	35	13	1	16	4	123	1,486
UA System	461	159	426	432	345	18		4	1,845	24,880



Note: UA degree seeking (UA DS) students taking courses from an academic organization (AO) other than their program AO are reported at the UA DS level. Reporting level headcount is unduplicated and headcount includes students who audit credit courses. AO headcount for UA DS and NDS totals add up to more than University totals and University headcounts add up to more than the system total. This occurs because it is common for students to be concurrently enrolled at multiple AOs and/or multiple Universities in the same semester. Therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across AOs and Universities. Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 1.40 Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount by Level and Academic Organization (AO), Fall 2023

	o		Associate			.		Non-Degree	
	Certificate	(AAS)	(AA)	Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Seeking	Seeking	Total
Anchorage	6	73	9	854	1	10	40		993
Kenai	1	4	10				206		221
Kodiak		1	4				49		54
Mat-Su		7	17				101		125
PWSC			3				9		12
Troth Yeddha'			1	647		6	39		693
UAF CTC CRCD	5	15	4				158		182
Bristol Bay							8		8
Chukchi							4		4
Interior Alaska							3		3
Kuskokwim							6		6
Northwest									
Rural College							68		68
Juneau	2	4	2	85		1	7	4	105
Ketchikan							40	2	42
Sitka		2	2				36	3	43
UA Anchorage	7	94	48	885	1	10	47		1,092
UA Fairbanks	7	15	7	653		7	32		721
UA Southeast	2	6	4	90		1	16	4	123
UA System	16	117	59	1,630	1	18		4	1,845



Note: Within the UA System every student is admitted into one program uniquely defined by academic organization (AO), degree and major, thus determining the student's status to be UA degree seeking or non-degree seeking. When reporting at the university level, degree-seeking status for students enrolled at multiple AOs within the university is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest degree status. Degree status at the system level for students enrolled at multiple universities is counted only once and is classified by the student's highest university degree status within the system. Students pursuing a degree at an AO or university other than the one at which they are taking courses are reported as UA degree seeking. Students who are not pursuing a degree at any campus within the UA System are reported as non-degree seeking students. Certificate includes OEC, 1-Year and 2-Year degree programs. Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

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Table 1.41a Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipient Headcount by University and Program Area, Fall 2023

	UA Anchorage	UA Fairbanks	UA Southeast	UA System
Program Area				
Business and Public Administration	160	122	22	304
Health	256	11	5	272
Engineering	118	142		260
Math, Physical and Life Sciences	98	116	9	223
Letters, Comm., and Philosophy	103	61	20	184
Social Sciences	100	61	17	178
Computer and Information Science	68	42		110
Vocational Education	75	8	4	87
Visual and Performing Arts	31	36		67
Education	10	28	14	52
Natural Resources		36	8	44
Interdisciplinary Studies	24	6	4	34
Foreign Languages	6	20		26
Undeclared			4	4
Total	1,049	689	107	1,845



Note: Degree programs are classified into areas based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. APS recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university. Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 1.41b Top Majors (All Degree Levels) of Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipients by University Program, Fall 2023

UA Anchorage		UA Fairbanks		UA Southeast	
Pre-Major Nursing	77	Biological Sciences	81	Business Administration	21
Computer Science	65	Business Administration	43	Social Science	14
Psychology	62	Civil Engineering	42	Elementary Education	13
Biological Sciences	61	Psychology	42	Bachelor Intended	9
Mechanical Engineering	57	Computer Science	38	English	8
Nursing	57	Mechanical Engineering	38	Marine Biology	5
General Program	48	Undeclared	30	Biology	4
Accounting	37	Engineering Undeclared	24	Environmental Science	3
Civil Engineering	36	Accounting	23	Environmental Studies	3
Management	36	Art	23	General Program	3



Note: APS recipients are reported at the university they received the award from, even if taking courses from a different university. Majors listed above have been identified by university registrars as open for admission and enrollment and leading to a credential. Source: Data Analysis and Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 1.46a Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester				% Change		
	2019 2020 2021 2022 203				2023	2019-2023	2022-2023
Developmental English		19	30	7	1		-85.7
Developmental Math	16	30	42	39	26	62.5	-33.3
Developmental Math &/or English	16	46	68	43	27	68.8	-37.2

Table 1.46b First-Time Freshman Alaska Performance Scholarship Recipient Developmental Course Enrollment by Subject, 5 Year Trend

	Fall Semester				% Change		
	2019 2020 2021 2022 2023				2019-2023	2022-2023	
Developmental English		18	28	6	1		-83.3
Developmental Math	15	26	31	24	15		-37.5
Developmental Math &/or English	15	41	55	28	16	6.7	-42.9



Note: Developmental courses provide basic or supplemental preparation for introductory college courses and are available in several areas, with math and English making up the vast majority of courses taken. Developmental coursework is not applicable to transcripted certificates or to associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, even by petition. Headcount includes students who audit credit courses. Headcount is unduplicated at the reporting level, so a student taking a developmental math course and a developmental English course is counted only once in the "Developmental math &/or English" category. Developmental English courses are those with the subject code of DEVM or MATH, with a course number between 050 and 099. Developmental English courses are those with the subject code of DEVE, WRTG, and PREP, with a course number between 050 and 099. A first-time freshman is a degree seeking student enrolled in the first semester of an undergraduate degree program. Transfer undergraduate, graduate and non-degree students are not considered first-time freshmen, by definition.

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

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Table 1.47 Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) Recipients by Ethnicity, Race and Academic Organization, Fall 2023

	Ethn	icity		Race					
		Non-	Alaska Native /	Hawaiian Native /					
	Hispanic	Hispanic	American Indian	Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown	Total
Anchorage	90	903	93	18	248	24	552	58	993
Kenai	24	197	19	5	48	10	121	18	221
Kodiak	8	46	4	1	20	1	26	2	54
Mat-Su	12	113	10	2	17	3	81	12	125
PWSC		12	2	2	4	1	3		12
Troth Yeddha'	41	652	80	9	56	24	495	29	693
UAF CTC	9	173	19	1	15	6	133	8	182
CRCD									
Bristol Bay		8	2		1		5		8
Chukchi		4			1		3		4
Interior Alaska		3	2				1		3
Kuskokwim		6	2				4		6
Northwest									
Rural College	2	66	20		6	1	39	2	68
Juneau	11	94	13		14	1	73	4	105
Ketchikan	7	35	7		7		28		42
Sitka	5	38	6		5	1	31		43
UA Anchorage	97	995	100	18	261	26	616	71	1,092
UA Fairbanks	43	678	TT NT T 7787	DCTT10	59	24	510	31	721
UA Southeast	13	110	U I V $_{18}$		15	2	84	4	123
UA System	146	1,699	of A Igi	$A S K A_{25}$	329	52	1,149	99	1,845
Percent of Total	7.9	92.1	Many Traditi 10.4	ons One Alaska 1.4	17.8	2.8	62.3	5.4	100.0

Note: Note: Reporting level headcount is unduplicated, therefore, some students would be double counted if headcounts were summed across academic organizations and/or universities. Each student voluntarily reports demographic information. Figures are unduplicated and count individuals self-reporting at least some indigenous heritage in the Alaska Native/American Indian category.

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