



Did You Know?

This issue’s topic: Fall 2020 Semester Statewide and Regional Enrollment Comparison

Overview: While the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) has previously reported on internal enrollment declines observed between the fall 2019 and fall 2020 semesters, those reports have not provided external reference points. To provide some context about enrollment declines relative to the state and region, this *Did You Know?* shares findings from the Fall 2020 Community College Enrollment Survey and an examination of fall 2019 and fall 2020 enrollment records submitted by contiguous community college districts as part of their Chancellor’s Office Management Information System (MIS) end-of-term reporting.

Findings: In fall 2020, on behalf of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office the California Community College Research & Planning (RP) Group, “conducted a statewide survey to collect point-in-time enrollment comparisons from colleges for summer and fall 2019 and 2020. The purpose of this survey was to assess the impact of COVID-19 on systemwide enrollments by comparing last year’s enrollments to this year’s.” In total, 100 of the 116 community colleges responded to the survey, although not all colleges responded to every survey question.

Eighty-three (83) colleges provided first census data for the fall 2019 and fall 2020 semesters. Table I identifies observed percentage changes on key enrollment metrics, while Figure I plots the percent change reported by each college.

Table I. Percentage Change in Fall Enrollment Between 2019 and 2020 as of First Census Date

Metric	Number of Colleges	Chaffey	Average % Change	Maximum % Increase	Maximum % Decrease
Enrollments	83	-12.6%	-11%	2%	-38%
Unduplicated Student Headcount	74	-13.4%	-8%	23%	-34%
FTES	69	-19.5%	-11%	1%	-28%

Figure I. Distribution of % Change in Fall Enrollments Between 2019 and 2020 as of First Census

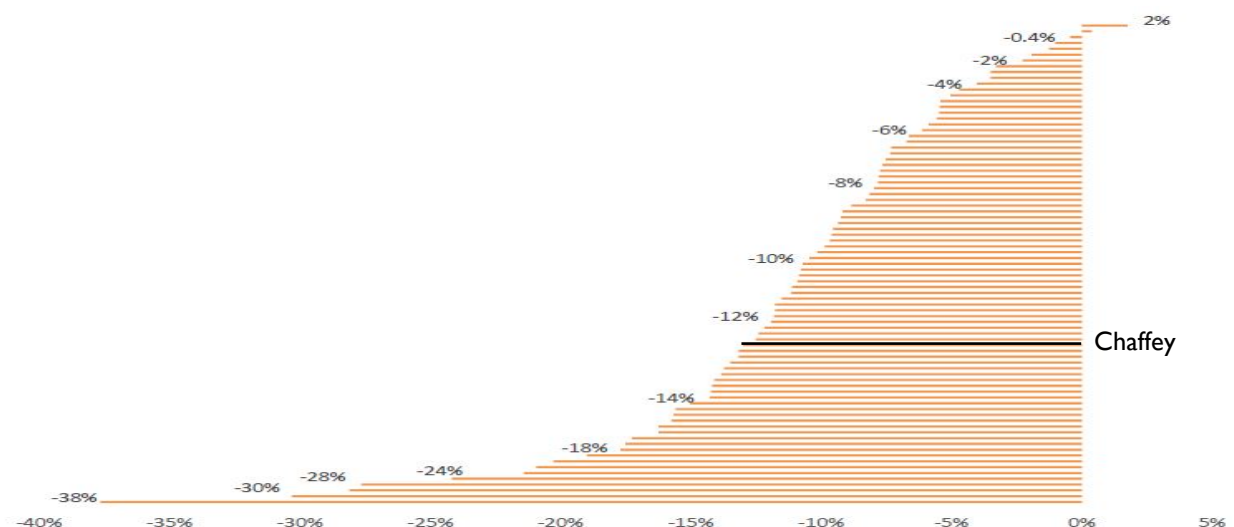
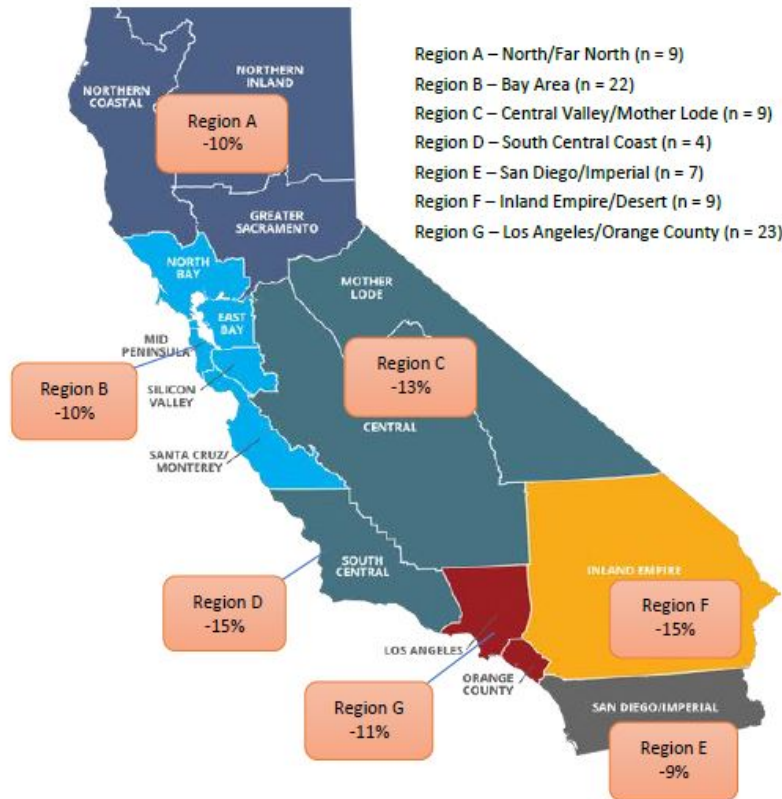


Figure 2: % Change in Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 Enrollments by Region



In examining changes in fall 2019 to fall 2020 enrollment, only one college reported an enrollment increase greater than 1%; four colleges reported “stable” enrollment (fall 2020 within +/- 1% of fall 2019 enrollment); and the remaining 78 colleges reported enrollment declines ranging from 2% to 38%. In participating in the study, Chaffey reported a first census date (September 8th, 2020) enrollment decline of 12.6%. It should be noted that the decline reported at first census date included some but did not capture all subsequent enrollments in 14-week and 2nd Fast Track sections.

While the fall 2020 first census enrollment decline reported by Chaffey College (12.6%) was slightly below the statewide average (-11%), the RP Group engaged in additional analyses and explored enrollment declines by region. Grouping colleges by the seven Strong Workforce Program regions, Figure 2 identifies the geographic

regions that experienced the largest fall 2019 to fall 2020 enrollment declines. As figure 2 illustrates, as a region the Inland Empire experienced the largest enrollment decline (-15%), equaled only by the South Central region.

While Fall 2020 Community College Enrollment Survey data was not available for each reporting institution, end-of-term California Chancellor’s Office Management Information System (MIS) enrollment data is publicly reported and available for each district through [Data Mart](#). Examining MIS data, Table 2 compares fall 2019 to fall 2020 unduplicated student headcount and enrollment changes for contiguous community colleges district.

Table 2. Percentage Change in Fall Unduplicated Student Headcount and Enrollments Between 2019 and 2020 – Chaffey College and Contiguous Districts

District	Unduplicated Student Headcount			Credit Enrollments		
	FA19	FA20	Change	FA19	FA20	Change
Chaffey	22,776	20,613	-9.1%	61,179	53,478	-12.6%
Citrus	12,983	11,612	-10.6%	37,106	30,292	-18.4%
Mt. SAC	38,084	30,498	-19.9%	85,179	63,874	-25.0%
Riverside	42,242	38,218	-9.5%	104,765	91,311	-12.9%
San Bernardino	20,727	15,737	-24.1%	56,186	46,779	-16.7%
Victor Valley	12,833	10,143	-21.0%	34,776	27,300	-21.5%

End-of-term MIS data includes all unduplicated students and credit enrollments generated throughout the entire term. As table 2 indicates, the unduplicated student headcount and enrollment declines experienced by contiguous districts were greater than the declines experienced by Chaffey College.

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