HIGHLIGHTS of KSU’s
ENROLLMENT FOR
FALL SEMESTER 2014

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The Fall 2014 enrollment exceeded 25,000 students, an increase of approximately 4% (up over 1,000 students) from the previous fall.

Over the past ten years, fall enrollment grew by 7,753 students (43%).

Over the past decade, fall enrollment hit a new record high every year.
Credit Hour Growth at About the Same Rate as Headcount

Credit hour growth no longer outpaces enrollment growth. Since 2004, credit hour enrollment increased 65% compared to 43% for headcount enrollment.

Credit hours are influenced by full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE), so this trend may indicate that more of KSU’s students are enrolling in 12 or more undergraduate hours (9 or more for graduate hours) during the Fall term each year.
The advent of on-campus student housing in 2002 coupled with an economic recession and the effects of 9/11 in 2001 resulted in sharp increases in KSU’s enrollment of freshmen in Fall 2002 and Fall 2003. KSU raised freshmen admission standards, and implemented earlier application deadlines to curb runaway growth in the freshmen classification. As a result, freshmen enrollment dropped substantially in Fall 2004, Fall 2005 and again in Fall 2009. However, changes in recruitment of new freshmen have resulted in more, consistent increases since Fall 2010.

Unlike the overall University enrollment, freshmen enrollment has fluctuated up and down. Freshmen enrollment increased 13% (more than 600 students) from Fall 2002 to Fall 2012.

Of the 5,254 total freshmen in Fall 2012, 58% (3,088) were new first-time freshmen. For the first time in KSU history, new traditional freshmen enrollment exceeded 3,000 students.

Fall 2014 experienced a 9% increase in freshmen enrollment.

### Freshmen Enrollment

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<td>Freshmen Enrollment</td>
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The Fall 2014 undergraduate enrollment saw a 4% increase over the previous year.

KSU had a net increase of more than 7,500 additional undergraduate students over the last ten years.

The undergraduate enrollment growth over the past 10 years was 47%, compared to 13% for graduate enrollment.
Graduate student enrollment has fluctuated up and down over the past ten years. Less than half of the annual percentage changes in graduate enrollments have been increases, and the remaining years have had declines.

Graduate enrollment comprised about 8% of the total student headcount at KSU in Fall 2014. This percentage has varied from 11% in Fall 2002 to 8% in Fall 2014.

Despite the continued fluctuation in graduate enrollment, KSU had a net increase of more than 200 graduate students during the past decade.