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Terra Community College Posts Record Summer Enrollment

Two years ago, Terra Community College recorded its largest summer enrollment in five years. This summer, those numbers pale in comparison.

There are 36.7 percent more students attending classes this summer than last year and 57 percent more Full Time Equivalency as compared to 2008.

"We anticipated the numbers would be strong this summer, but even we were surprised by such a large increase," said Heath Martin, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services. "I think it's an indication that area residents are taking positive steps to combat the effects of this economy on their lives."

Many students, returning home for the summer from other colleges and universities, have enrolled in general education courses that they will transfer back to their home schools in the fall.

"We've heard time and again from our students that they couldn't find a summer job so taking classes at Terra was a good financial use of their time," said Mary Mc Cue, Director of Marketing and Auxiliary Services. "Others are just here getting a jumpstart on their studies for next fall. It's just really a cost savings for the entire family."

Headcount this summer is 820 compared to 600 in 2008 and 601 in 2007. FTE is at 165.3 now compared to 105.3 in 2008 and 106.5 in 2007.

The statistics became official Monday, June 29.

Enrollment is measured both in the actual number of students on campus as well as FTE, which is the total number of credit hours for all students registered by the census day divided by 30 credits for campuses on a semester system and 45 credits for those on a quarter system. Ohio public colleges receive funding from the state based on annual FTE.