

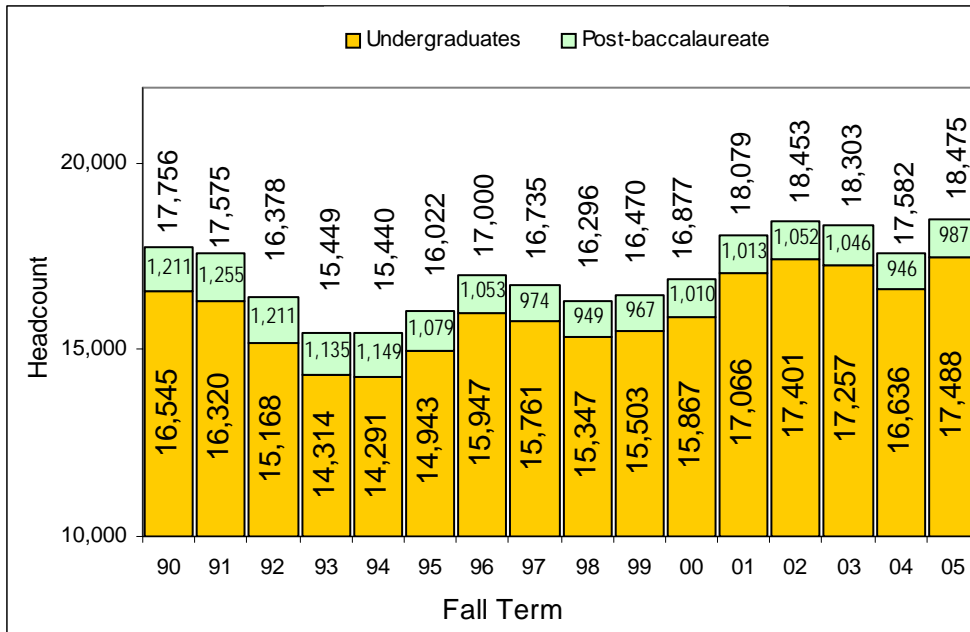
# Fall 2005 Census Enrollment

# INFO BRIEF

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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## UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT



Fall 2005 total headcount enrollment bounced back from last years' dip to the highest total enrollment in Cal Poly's history. 18,475 students breaks the previous record of 18,453 set in Fall 2002.

This record enrollment is driven by an undergraduate enrollment of 17,488 which also is a record.

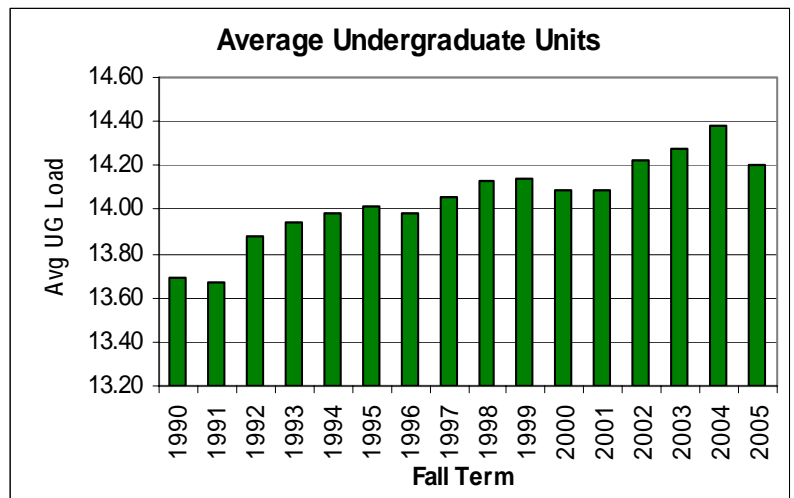
Fall 2005 total enrollment is 1.8% above the target set last March.

Post-baccalaureate enrollment in Fall 2005 is 987 which, except for Fall 2004, is the lowest since Fall 1999.

## AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE LOAD

The undergraduate average unit load dropped in Fall 2005 after steadily increasing since Fall 2001. The Fall 2005 undergraduate average unit load of 14.20 is the lowest in the last 4 years, but is higher than all other years since 1990. In Winter 2005 Cal Poly implemented changes to the registration process including a wait list and an e-permit process. It is unclear if any of these changes were responsible for the decline in average loads in Fall 2005.

The post-baccalaureate average load has risen quite dramatically since Fall 1990 and is currently at 11.04 which matches the 15-year high set in 1996 and 2002.



Fall Term	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Undergrad	13.69	13.67	13.88	13.94	13.98	14.02	13.98	14.06	14.12	14.14	14.09	14.09	14.22	14.28	14.38	14.20
Post-bacc	9.59	9.58	9.72	10.24	10.41	10.73	11.04	10.64	10.66	10.60	10.50	10.51	11.04	11.03	10.95	11.04
Total	13.41	13.38	13.58	13.66	13.71	13.80	13.80	13.86	13.92	13.94	13.87	13.89	14.04	14.09	14.20	14.03

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY GENDER

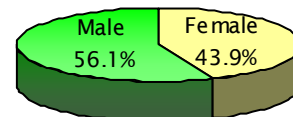
Gender ratios do not change much from year to year. 43.9% of Fall 2005 total students are female. This is higher than last year but below the 15-year high of 45.3% in Fall 2001.

43.5% of Fall 2005 **undergraduates** are female. 51.7% of Fall 2005 **Post-baccalaureate** students are female.

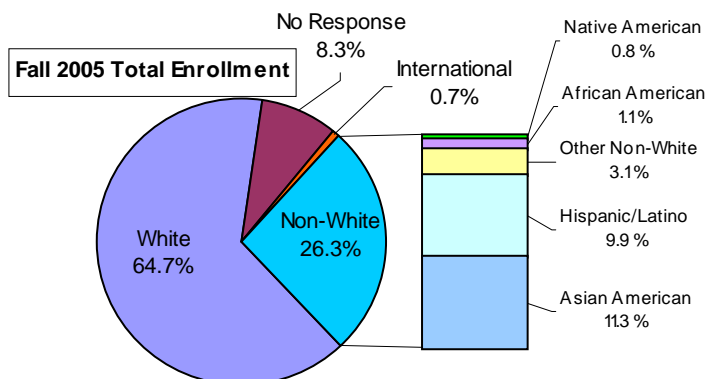
Gender	*High Year Fall 2001	*Low Year Fall 1992	Last Year Fall 2004	Current Year Fall 2005
Female	45.3%	42.1%	43.2%	43.9%
Male	54.7%	57.9%	56.8%	56.1%

\* High and low years are based on the female proportion since 1990

Fall 2005 Total Enrollment



## TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY ETHNIC ORIGIN



26.3% of Fall 2005 students identify themselves as "Non-White". This proportion has been steadily increasing since the 15-year low of 25.2% in Fall 2002. The proportion of self-identified "White" students has also been steadily increasing. This annual increase has been occurring since Fall 1999. The fact that both "White" and Non-White" proportions have been increasing is due to the decrease in the proportion of students that do not provide ethnic information. The Fall 2005 "No Response" proportion of 8.3% is the lowest since Fall 1998 (before the effects of Prop 209 were realized).

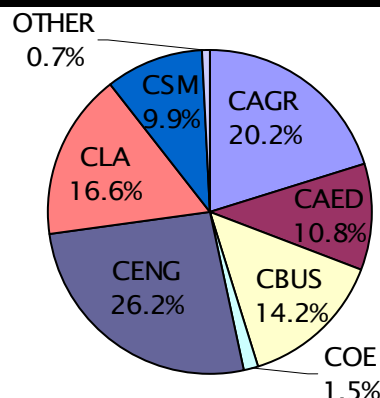
Ethnic Origin	*High Year Fall 1995	*Low Year Fall 2002	Last Year Fall 2004	Current Year Fall 2005
Non-White	32.8%	25.2%	26.0%	26.3%
White	59.1%	61.3%	63.8%	64.7%
International	0.6%	1.2%	0.9%	0.7%
No Response	7.5%	12.3%	9.3%	8.3%

\* High and low years are based on the "Non-White" proportion since 1990

26.4% of Fall 2005 **undergraduates** identify themselves "Non-White". 24.2% of Fall 2005 **post-baccalaureate** students identify themselves "Non-White".

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

College	Undergrad	Post-bacc	Total	Avg UG Unit Load
Agriculture	3,613	125	3,738	14.36
Arch & Env Design	1,932	57	1,989	14.55
Business	2,550	75	2,625	14.23
Education	--	275	275	--
Engineering	4,589	246	4,835	14.23
Liberal Arts	2,953	109	3,062	14.12
Science & Math	1,748	76	1,824	13.75
Other	103	24	127	10.81



The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors with 26.2% of all Fall 2005 students. The College of Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts follow with 20.2% and 16.6% of all Fall 2005 students, respectively. The College of Education has the most post-baccalaureate students followed closely by the College of Engineering. The College of Architecture has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, the College of Science and Math has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.