

# Fall 2004 Preliminary Enrollment



Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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## PRELIMINARY Data vs. Official Census Data

As we approach the start of every Fall quarter, questions arise concerning student enrollment, who is new, who is considered continuing, and what is our new student profile. Realizing the need for this **PRELIMINARY** data, Institutional Planning and Analysis has compiled the following information for your use. This data should be used to answer questions that arise about Cal Poly's Fall population only until the **official census data becomes available after the 28th instructional day of Fall quarter, October 28, 2004.** We cannot compare preliminary

data with previous Fall census data. While this data includes most of the student population for Fall 2004, it does not reflect the complete picture that will be available when Fall census is concluded because students can still enroll through the 11th day of class. As always, you can continue to monitor your individual college or department enrollment on a daily basis using the ODIN Daily Registration Monitoring query. Additional 2004-05 target information is available on the IP&A website at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/targets.html>

**When you share this information please advise your audience that this is PRELIMINARY data and that official data will be available through ODIN queries and/or Institutional Planning and Analysis after October 28, 2004.**

If you have any questions about this **PRELIMINARY** data or official census data for previous quarters, please contact Institutional Planning and Analysis at 756-2204.

## PRELIMINARY Fall 2004 Student Targets and Enrollment

Cal Poly set the Fall headcount target for 2004 at 17,981 — lower than the census enrollments for both Fall 2002 (18,453) and Fall 2003 (18,303) in order to balance enrollments with State budget allocations. Enrollment is currently about 5% below target, but this gap should be reduced significantly as students continue to enroll through the Drop/Add period after classes begin. Student course loads are running higher than in the past, so Fall Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) should be close to the original target. In addition, Cal Poly is increasing Winter admissions to accommodate additional enrollment, because the California State University increased the campus enrollment target after the State budget was passed and Fall admissions were complete.

Each Fall, about 80% of Cal Poly's students continue from the prior Spring. Estimating enrollment for this group presents unique challenges because personal and economic factors affect students' decisions to continue their education. IP&A uses historical retention and graduation rates as well as results from a survey question asked when students register for Winter ("Are you planning to attend Fall Term 2004?")

Post-baccalaureate enrollment is at 84.5% of target. Because graduate students often register later than undergraduates, it is likely that their enrollment will reach the Fall 2004 headcount target.

### College and University PRELIMINARY Total Headcount Enrollment — Fall 2004 (9/1/04)

College	Undergraduates	Post-baccalaureates	Preliminary Headcount Total	Total Student Headcount Target
Agriculture	3,466	106	3,572	3,633
Arch & Environmental Design	1,811	45	1,856	1,919
Business	2,008	77	2,085	2,344
Engineering	4,611	238	4,849	4,786
Liberal Arts	2,629	85	2,714	3,003
Science & Mathematics	1,615	61	1,676	1,841
Education	n/a	202	202	312
Other	87	26	113	143
<b>Preliminary University Total</b>	<b>16,227</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>17,067</b>	<b>17,981</b>

## PRELIMINARY New Undergraduate Student Profile — Fall 2004 Targets and Enrollment

A preliminary count shows 27,042 new undergraduate student applications received for Fall 2004. This represents another record-setting undergraduate application pool. The number of new first-time freshmen selected and enrolled as of September 1, 2004, is higher than last Fall. The number of new transfers selected and enrolled is slightly lower than last year.

New undergraduate student headcount was targeted at 3,728 for Fall 2004. As of September 1, the date this preliminary data was captured, 3,684 new undergraduates had registered for Fall classes.

Of that total, 3,360 new undergraduate students were targeted to be admitted and enrolled through the Multicriteria Admissions (MCA) process. Also as of September 1, 3,351 new undergraduates admitted through MCA had enrolled for Fall classes. To date, an

additional 333 students have registered through a non-MCA category (about 370 students are expected). These academically talented students, while not selected through the MCA, include National Merit Finalists and Valedictorians, as well as athletes and local hardship applicants.

The average GPA and SAT scores for all newly enrolled undergraduates continue to rise over previous years.

Demographically, 26.1% of first-time freshmen and 31.5% of new transfer students who registered as of September 1 identified themselves as "non-white." First-time freshmen and new transfers selecting "white" were 67.7% and 55.7%, respectively; while 6.2% of the first-time freshmen and 12.8% of the new transfers chose not to respond. Females comprise 41.8% and males 58.2% of the new undergraduates.

### PRELIMINARY New First-time Freshman Profile — Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (9/1/04)

College	Applied	Selected	Enrolled	GPA	SAT
Agriculture	2,029	1,149	579	3.60	1135
Arch & Environmental Design	2,040	550	266	3.84	1233
Business	3,870	1,130	363	3.83	1223
Engineering	5,418	2,803	1,076	3.79	1250
Liberal Arts	5,524	1,381	361	3.79	1191
Science & Mathematics	3,664	1,513	283	3.84	1222
Other	4	0	0	n/a	n/a
<b>New Freshman Preliminary Total</b>	<b>22,549</b>	<b>8,526</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>1213</b>

### PRELIMINARY New Transfer Profile — Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (9/1/04)

College	Applied	Selected	Enrolled	GPA
Agriculture	519	306	194	3.14
Arch & Environmental Design	501	150	100	3.24
Business	837	131	84	3.33
Engineering	832	190	113	3.41
Liberal Arts	1,352	429	211	3.32
Science & Mathematics	452	120	54	3.32
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>New Transfer Preliminary Total</b>	<b>4,493</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>3.28</b>

Source: Avenue of Admissions report (Admissions Office) and Registration Monitoring query (ODIN, enrolled headcount only).