



State Council of
Higher Education for Virginia

SCHEV Enrollment Projections, 2008-09 through 2015-16

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is charged with developing enrollment projections for the public institutions of higher education. This task is completed every two years and coincides with the biennial budget cycle.

SCHEV staff and representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Education, Department of Planning and Budget, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee meet with each institution to discuss enrollment targets, degree estimates, and institutional plans.

Institution-specific information is available at <http://research.schev.edu/enrollment/projections/2009/default.asp> or upon request by calling (804) 225-2627.

Systemwide highlights from the 2009 enrollment projections:

The institutions' projections for the 2008-2009 academic year were accurate. Actual enrollment was 100.5% of the 2007 targets and 100.9% of demand.

Institutions are on track to increase degree awards from 50,558 in 2001-02 to 63,367 in 2009-10.

Institutional enrollment targets easily exceed projected demand.

Degree production continues to increase.

Institutions are committed to the production of a cumulative net increase of over 25,000 degrees by 2015-16.

Despite the decreases in general fund support, public institutions have not substantially increased out-of-state enrollment.

Recent Trends:

A number of institutions went to waitlists their freshman classes for fall 2009 earlier than usual.

Private institutions may be at greater risk of declining enrollment because of perceived differences in cost of attendance and a migration to public institutions.

Conclusion:

There appear to be no significant gaps in service or access to higher education in Virginia over the projected period which ends in 2019.