

Distance Education State Almanac

KANSAS



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National setting

Student enrollment in higher education institutions has undergone fundamental changes over the last decade, a condition only exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled at U.S. degree-granting institutions dropped by almost 1.1 million. At the same time, the number of students taking at least one online course grew by 2 million, from 5.4 million to 7.4 million, representing 37.2% of all students in 2019. The net result of these two changes was far fewer students studying on campus, from 18.3 million in 2012 to 16.4 million by 2019.

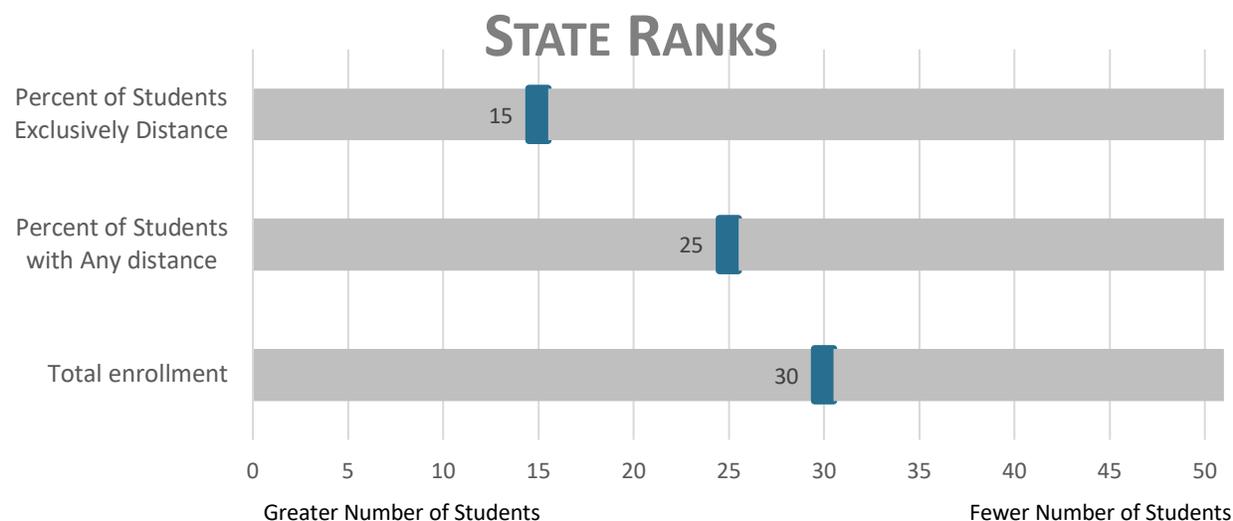
The information presented in the report represent the classifications and enrollments for Fall 2019 and were measured before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. National totals include all 50 states, District of Columbia, America Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas, Palau, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Kansas

Kansas has 63 degree-granting higher education institutions, representing 1.5% of all such institutions in the United States. Of these institutions, 33 are classified as public, 24 as private not-for-profit, and 6 as private for-profit. Of these 63 institutions, 35 offer four-year programs, and 28 offer two-year programs.

The state has 208,552 students enrolled across its institutions and ranks 30th in terms of total higher education student enrollment. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled nationally declined by 5.0%. For Kansas, the enrollment decreased by 17,639 students, or -7.8%. Kansas has 180,261 students studying at the undergraduate level, a loss of 18,235 students from 2012 (-9.2%), compared to a 6.8% national decline. There are 28,291 students studying at the graduate level, which is 596 greater than in 2012; this represents a change of 2.2%, where the national data showed an increase of 5.7%.

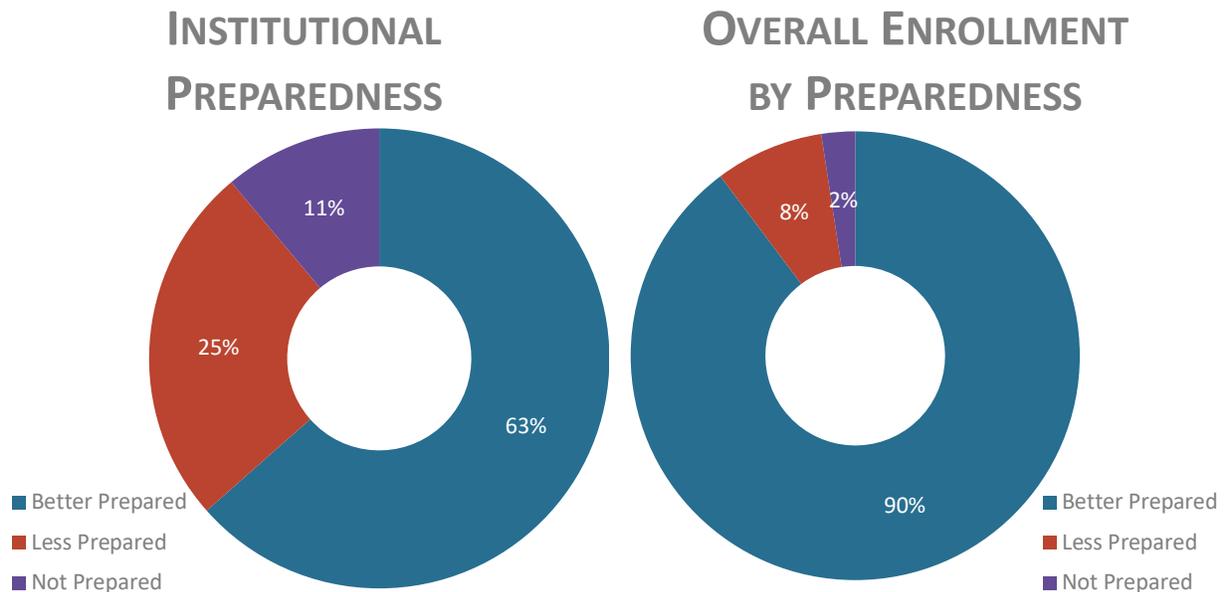
There are 83,625 students in Kansas that take at least one distance course. The state is ranked 25th for the proportion of students taking at least one distance course (40.1%). In 2019, there were 44,312 students taking all of their courses at a distance, a growth of 1,067 students (2.5%) from 2012. Kansas ranks 15th in the proportion of students (21.2%) taking exclusively distance courses in the nation.



COVID-19 Distance Learning Preparedness

Not all higher education institutions were equally prepared to move courses online. Those institutions with a substantial number of students studying at a distance (1,000 or more), or a substantial percentage of their students taking at least one distance course (25% or more), can be expected to have the experience and infrastructure to better support a transition to online learning. Likewise, institutions with no distance students will have the least experience and infrastructure to support such a transition.

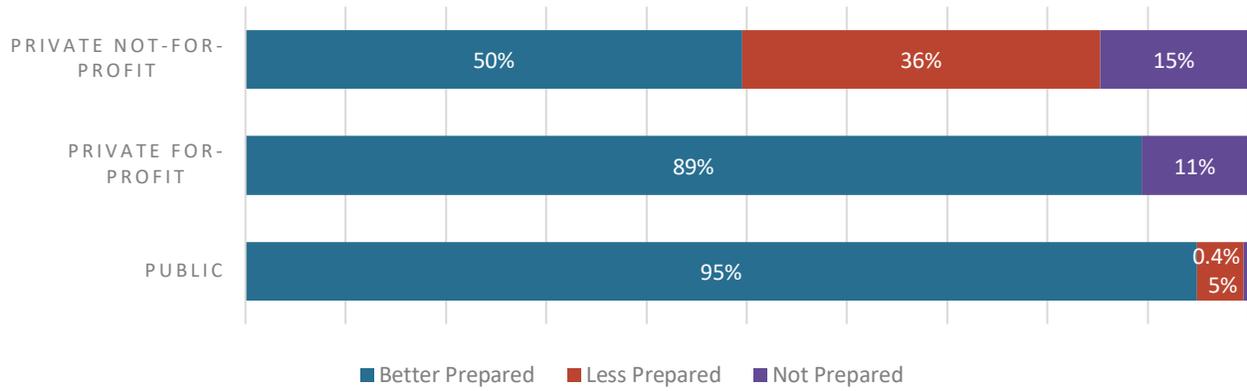
Nationally, 59.3% of all degree-granting institutions meet the criteria of having 25% or more or over 1,000 of their students taking distance courses. In Kansas, 63.5% of institutions are better prepared for moving completely online. These institutions enroll 187,174 students, or 89.7% of all students in the state. There are 7 institutions in Kansas with no distance students (representing 11.1% of the total in state institutions) that were likely not well prepared for a rapid transition to distance learning.



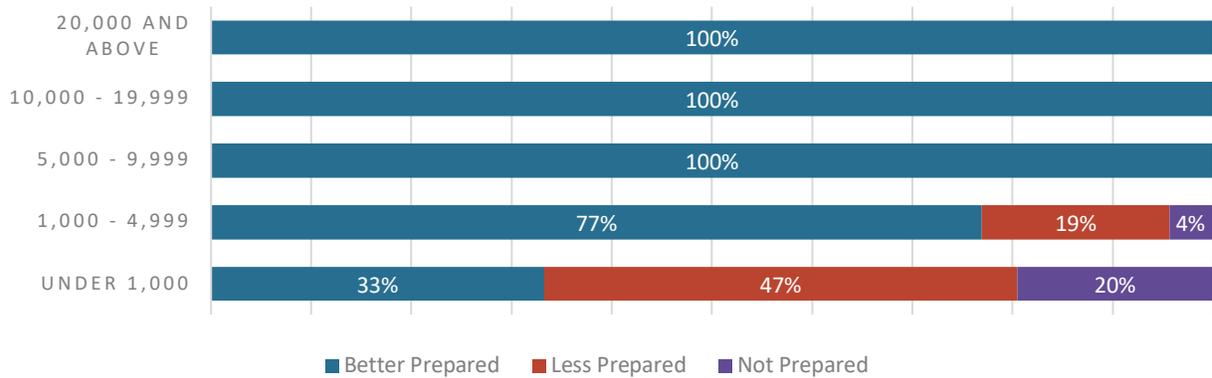
Preparedness Definitions:

- BETTER PREPARED:** Schools with more than 1,000 online students (thus extensive support staff) or having 25 percent or more of their students online
- LESS PREPARED:** Large schools with less than 1,000 online students (thus some support staff) or having less than 25 percent of their students online
- NOT PREPARED:** Schools with no distance enrollment

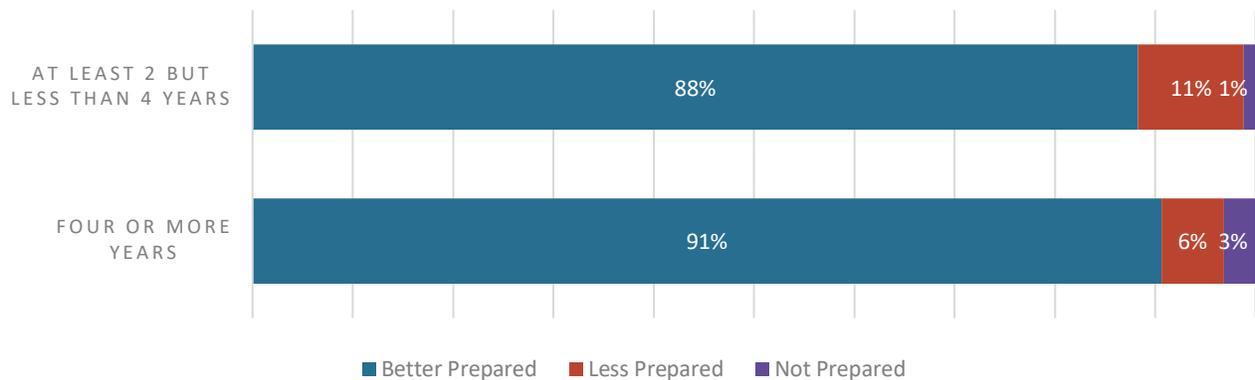
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PREPAREDNESS BY SIZE

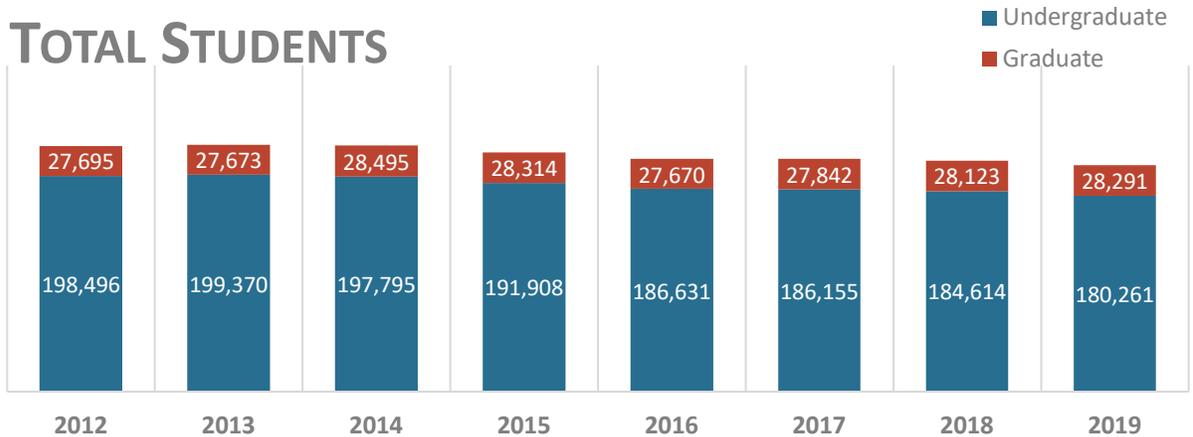


PREPAREDNESS BY TYPE



State Enrollment

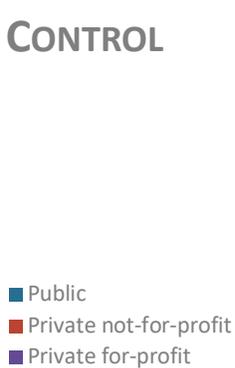
TOTAL STUDENTS



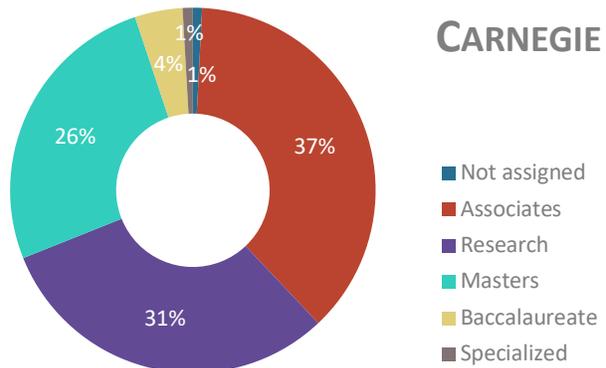
Institutions in Kansas enrolled a total of 208,552 students in the of Fall 2019; 180,261 students were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 28,291 enrolled at the graduate level. The Fall 2019 figure represents a decrease of 17,639 students (-7.8%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012. The number of undergraduate students decreased by 18,235 during this period, from 198,496 in 2012 to 180,261 in 2019 (-9.2%). The number of graduate students increased from 27,695 to 28,291 (2.2%) in the same period.

Enrollments in Fall 2019 totaled 177,220 students at public institutions (85% of all students), 22,707 students at private not-for-profit institutions (10.9%), and 8,625 students at private for-profit institutions (4.1%). Enrollments at public institutions decreased by 9,371 students between 2012 and 2019, while those at private not-for-profit institutions decreased by 3,493 students, and those at private for-profit institutions decreased by 4,775 students.

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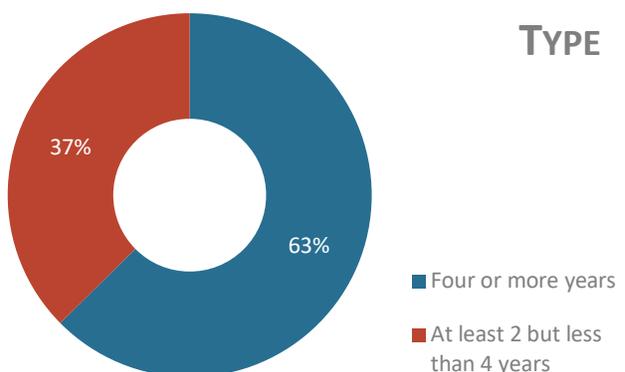
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DISTANCE STUDENTS

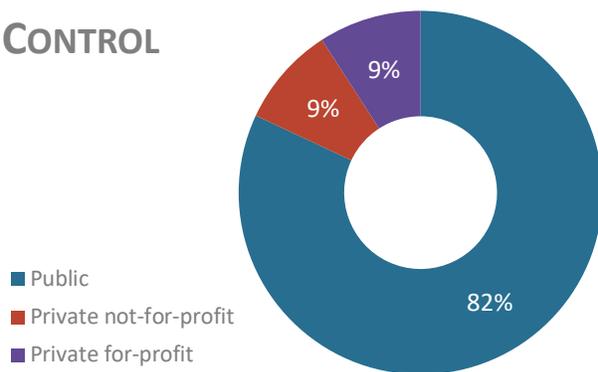


In 2019, a total of 83,625 students took at least one distance course from Kansas institutions; 68,716 (38.1% of all undergraduate students) were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 14,909 (52.7% of all graduate students) were enrolled at the graduate level.

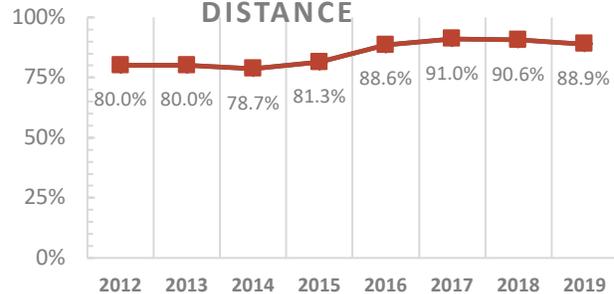
Among undergraduate level distance students, 57,343 were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 4,931 as private not-for-profit, and 6,442 as private for profit. At the graduate-level, 11,199 distance students were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 2,523 as private not-for-profit, and 1,187 as private for profit.

The number of undergraduate distance enrollments at Kansas institutions increased by 3,208 (4.9%) between Fall 2012 and Fall 2019, while the number of graduate distance enrollments grew by 2,804 (23.2%) during this same period.

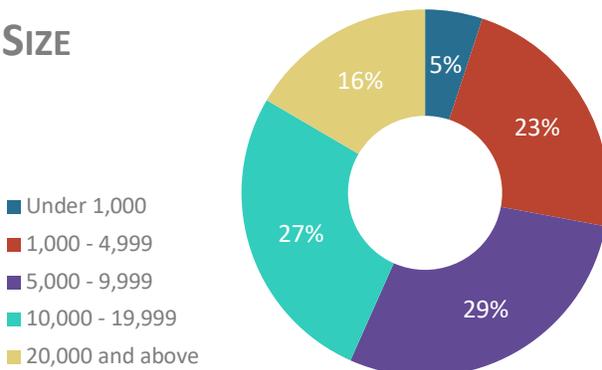
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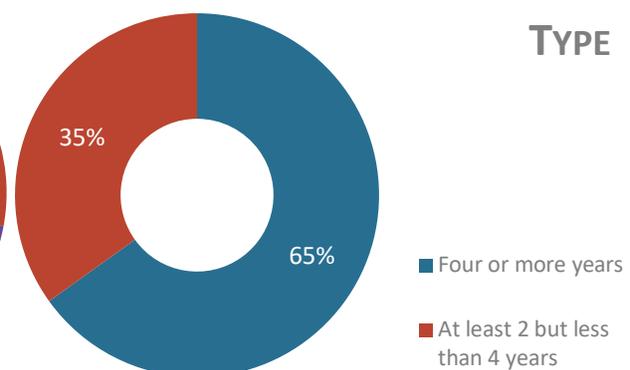
% INSTITUTIONS WITH DISTANCE



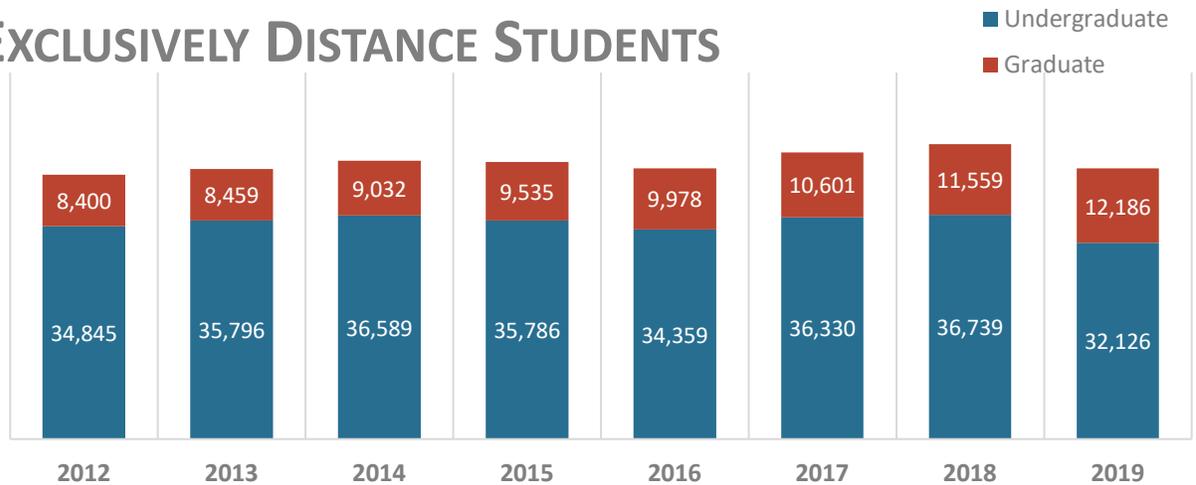
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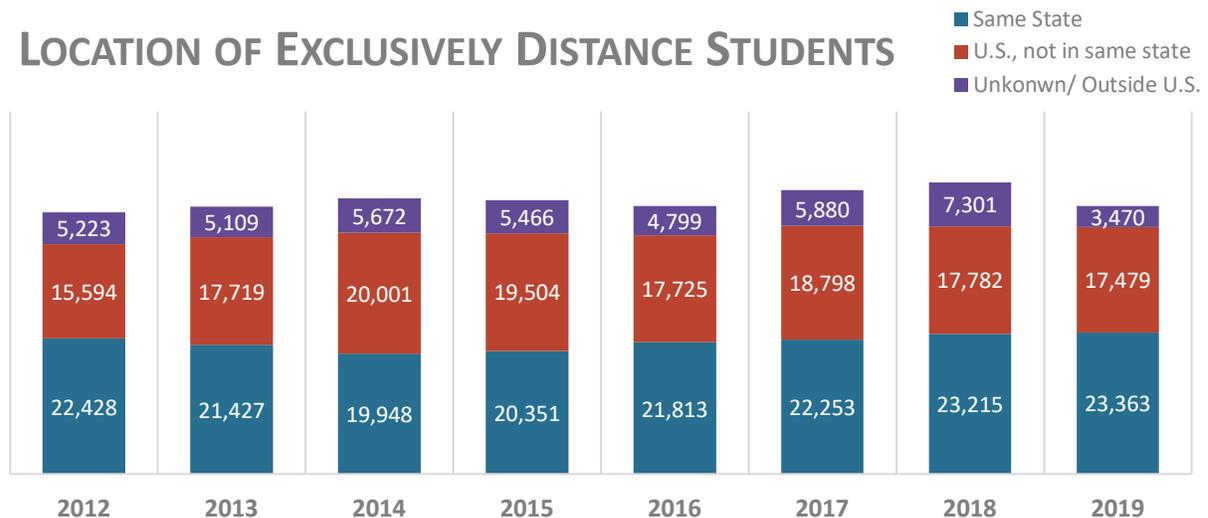


EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS

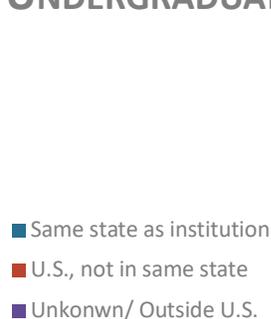


A total of 44,312 students were taking all of their courses at a distance from Kansas institutions in the fall of 2019. This represents 21.2% of the enrolled students in the state, which ranks the state at number 15 in the U.S. The number of exclusively distance students who reside in Kansas while taking courses from an institution in Kansas was 22,428 in 2012 and grew to 23,363 by 2019. There are 20,949 students enrolled as exclusively distance students in Kansas institutions who reside outside Kansas, or whose place of residence is unknown.

LOCATION OF EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS



UNDERGRADUATE

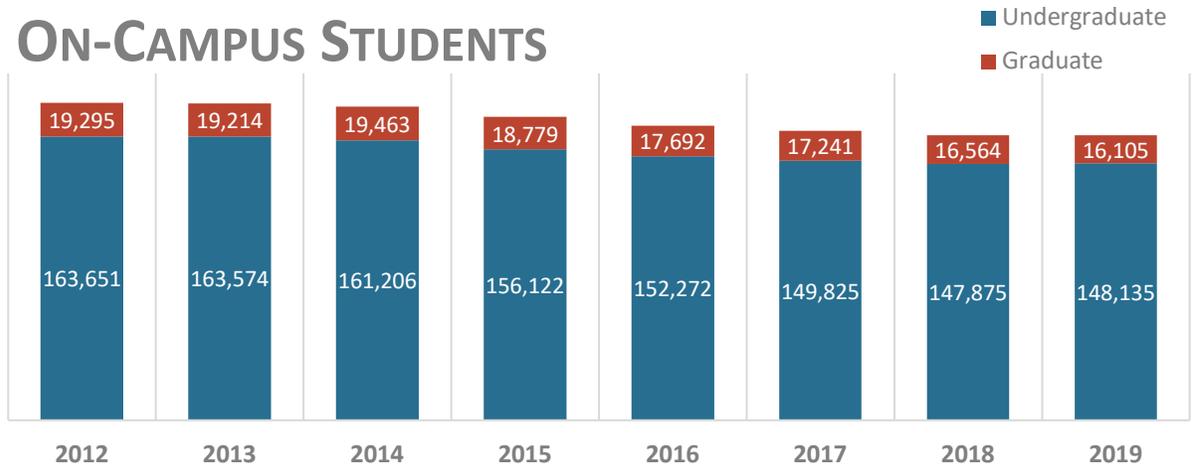


GRADUATE



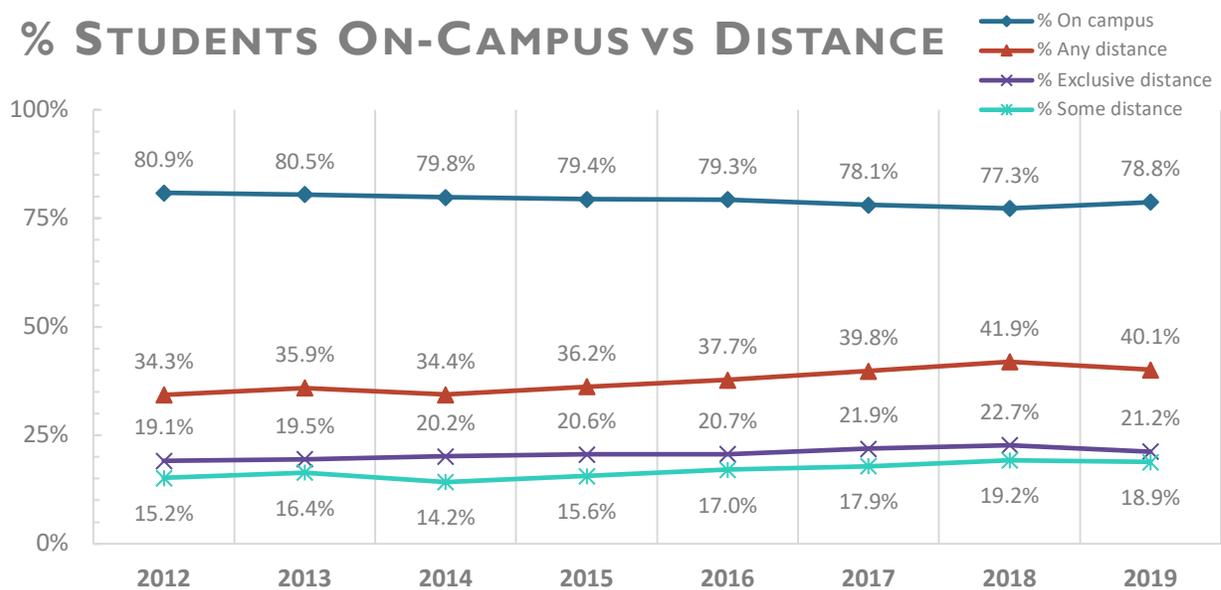
On-Campus Enrollment

ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

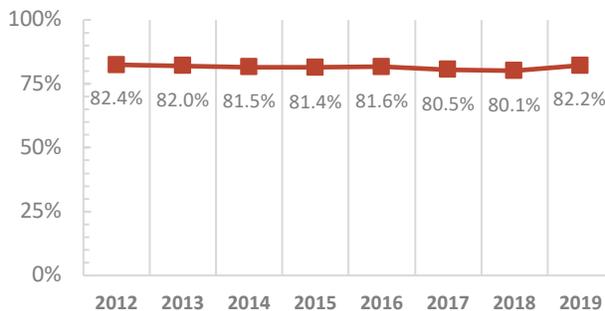


On-campus students are those who take one or more of their courses physically on-campus. The number of students studying on campus declined from 182,946 to 164,240 between 2012 and 2019 in Kansas, representing a reduction of 10.2%. This compares to a national decrease of 10.3% for the same period. In 2019, 82.2% of undergraduate students and 56.9% of graduate students in Kansas were taking at least one on-campus course.

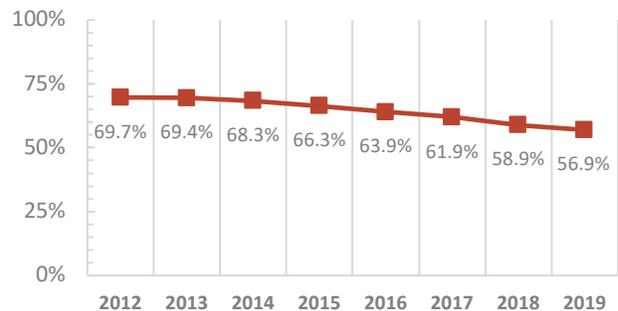
% STUDENTS ON-CAMPUS VS DISTANCE



% ON-CAMPUS: UNDERGRADUATE



% ON-CAMPUS: GRADUATE



INSTITUTIONS

	Kansas	National	State Rank	State as % of National
Total institutions	63	4,089	23	1.5%
Institutions w/ distance	56	3,161	20	1.8%
% Institution w/ distance	88.9%	77.3%	18	

ENROLLMENTS

Kansas		Total	Any Distance	Exclusive Distance	On Campus
	Total	208,552	83,625	44,312	164,240
Size	Under 1,000	14,846	4,225	2,125	12,721
	1,000 - 4,999	49,744	19,124	10,841	38,903
	5,000 - 9,999	45,163	24,033	14,813	30,350
	10,000 - 19,999	49,528	22,388	12,165	37,363
	20,000 and above	49,271	13,855	4,368	44,903
Carnegie	Not assigned	1,691	592	308	1,383
	Associates	77,481	29,188	14,254	63,227
	Research	64,613	21,651	7,272	57,341
	Masters	54,073	29,452	20,943	33,130
	Baccalaureate	8,818	2,473	1,400	7,418
	Specialized	1,876	269	135	1,741
Control	Public	177,220	68,542	32,331	144,889
	Private not-for-profit	22,707	7,454	4,635	18,072
	Private for-profit	8,625	7,629	7,346	1,279
Type	Four or more years	130,532	54,437	30,058	100,474
	At least 2 but less than 4 years	78,020	29,188	14,254	63,766