

Enrollment Forecast Process



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The enrollment forecast informs state and institutional planning

- To advise institutions what their enrollments are projected to be if they do not change their demographic and geographic drawing patterns
- To provide statewide baseline enrollment figures for universities, community and technical colleges, and independent institutions
- To plan for statewide and regional efforts, including THECB planning activities



Timeline for 2019-2030 Enrollment Forecast

- Texas Demographic Center published detailed 2018 population projections for Texas: week of 12/3/2018
- THECB prepared a draft Enrollment Forecast: week of 12/3/2018
- THECB shares the forecast with Texas higher education institutions: week of 12/10/2018 (due back by 12/21/2018)
- THECB adjusts forecast based on institutional feedback: week of 1/7/2019
- THECB presents forecast at THECB January Board meeting in conjunction with Major Policy Discussion on population projections: 1/24/2019

What is included in the forecast?

- Designed to reflect current trends and is intentionally conservative
- 5 years of historical enrollment by age, race/ethnicity, and county
- Updated Texas Demographic Center population projections by age, race/ethnicity, and county
- Non-resident participation factors
- Institutional input on local conditions
- Reflects historical draw patterns

When are adjustments made to the enrollment projections?

Institutional/Local Factors

- Program or facilities expansions
- Increased online programs
- Local economic factors

Results often interact: accelerated enrollment increases at some institutions may result in slower increases or decreases at others.

The forecast attends to historical and emerging trends in the higher education ecosystem

- Historical trends suggest variation by:
 - Sector
 - Region(Reflects historical draw patterns)
- New trends in the economy and population projections
- *60x30TX* is a living plan: careful analysis of enrollment and population projections will inform THECB interim review of the plan

Questions?