



# Public Institution Enrollment: Fall 2020

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# Fall 2020 enrollment fell statewide

## Community college



88,247

Statewide, the number of students fell 23%, from 115,104 in 2019

Enrollment declined at each college

The number of full-time equivalent students (FTE) fell 19%, from 25,523 in 2019 to 20,729 in 2020

## Public university



96,911

The total number of students fell 3.8% from 2019, when the number of students totaled 100,690

Declines are highest among nonadmitted students

Admitted undergraduates declined 2.8%

Admitted graduate students rose 2.9%

Some institutions show enrollment increases

FTE enrollment fell 3.9%, from 81,520 in 2019 to 78,325 in 2020

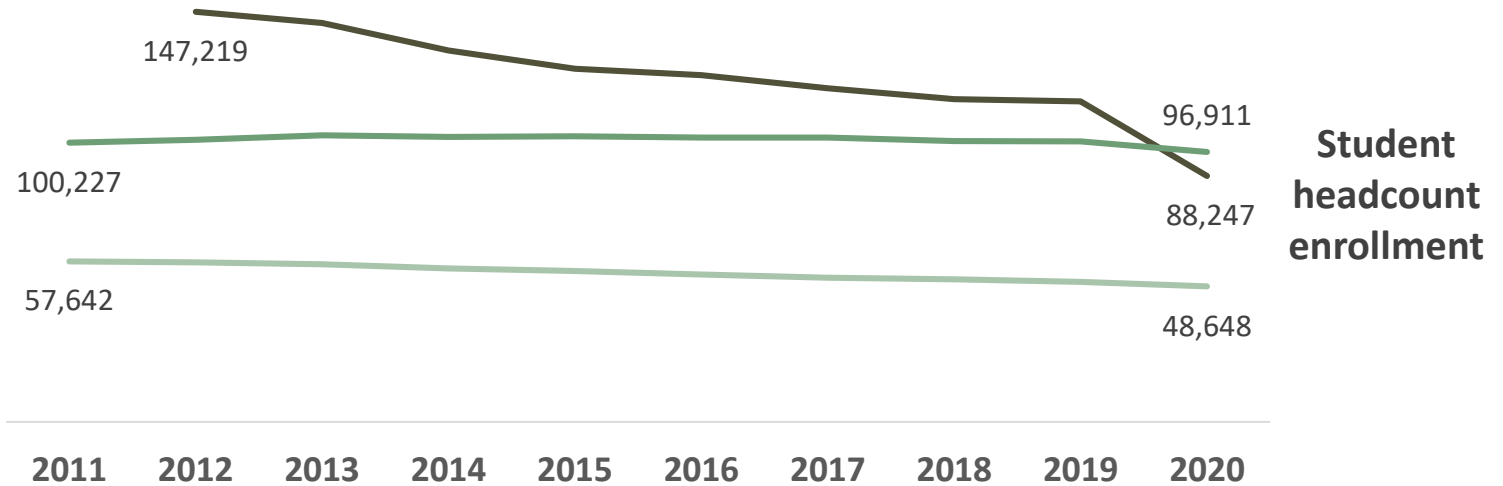
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# The declines are even more striking in the context of a decade

Community college

Public university total

Public university  
resident, admitted  
undergrads



Student  
headcount  
enrollment

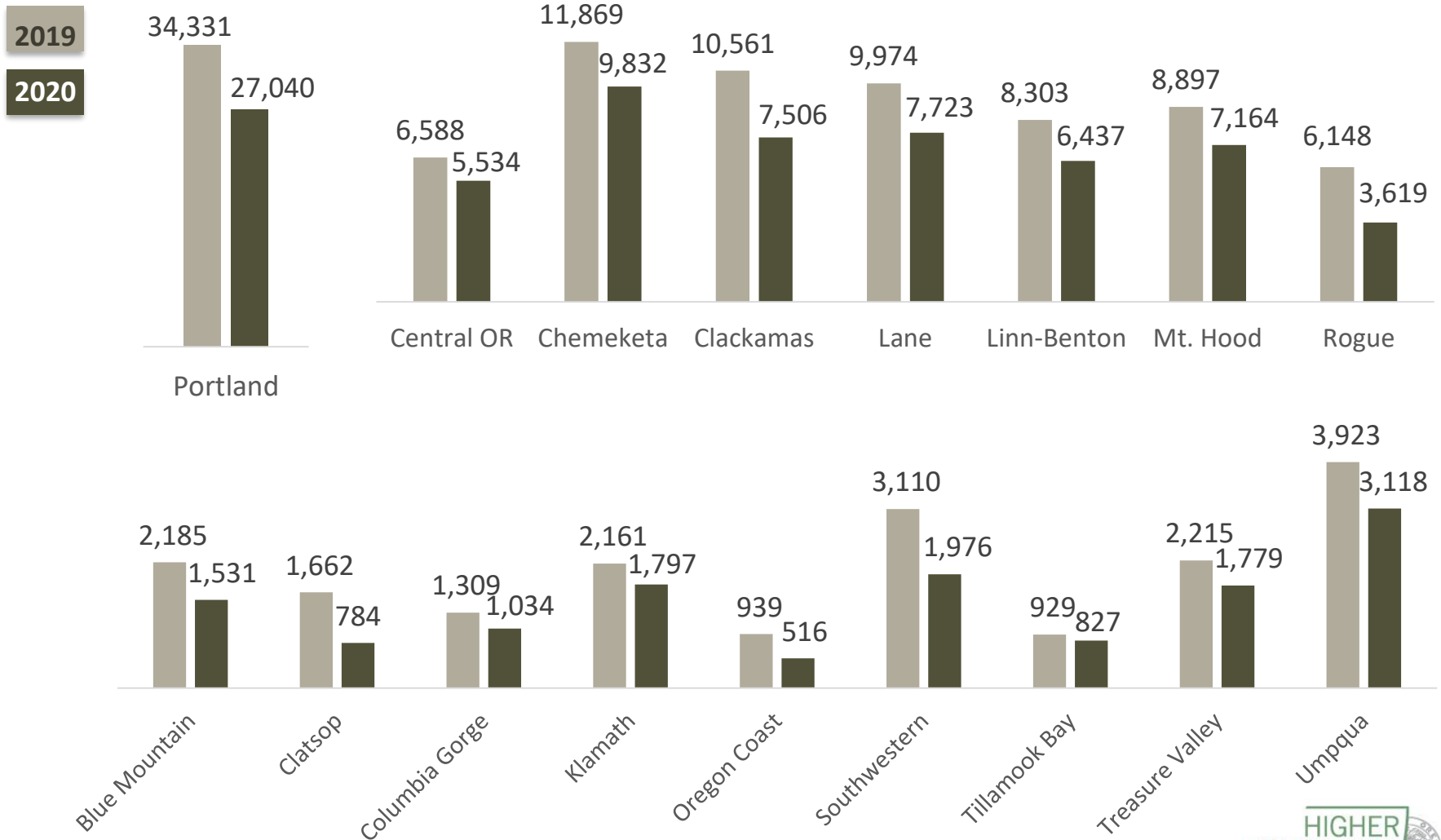


Full-time  
equivalent  
enrollment

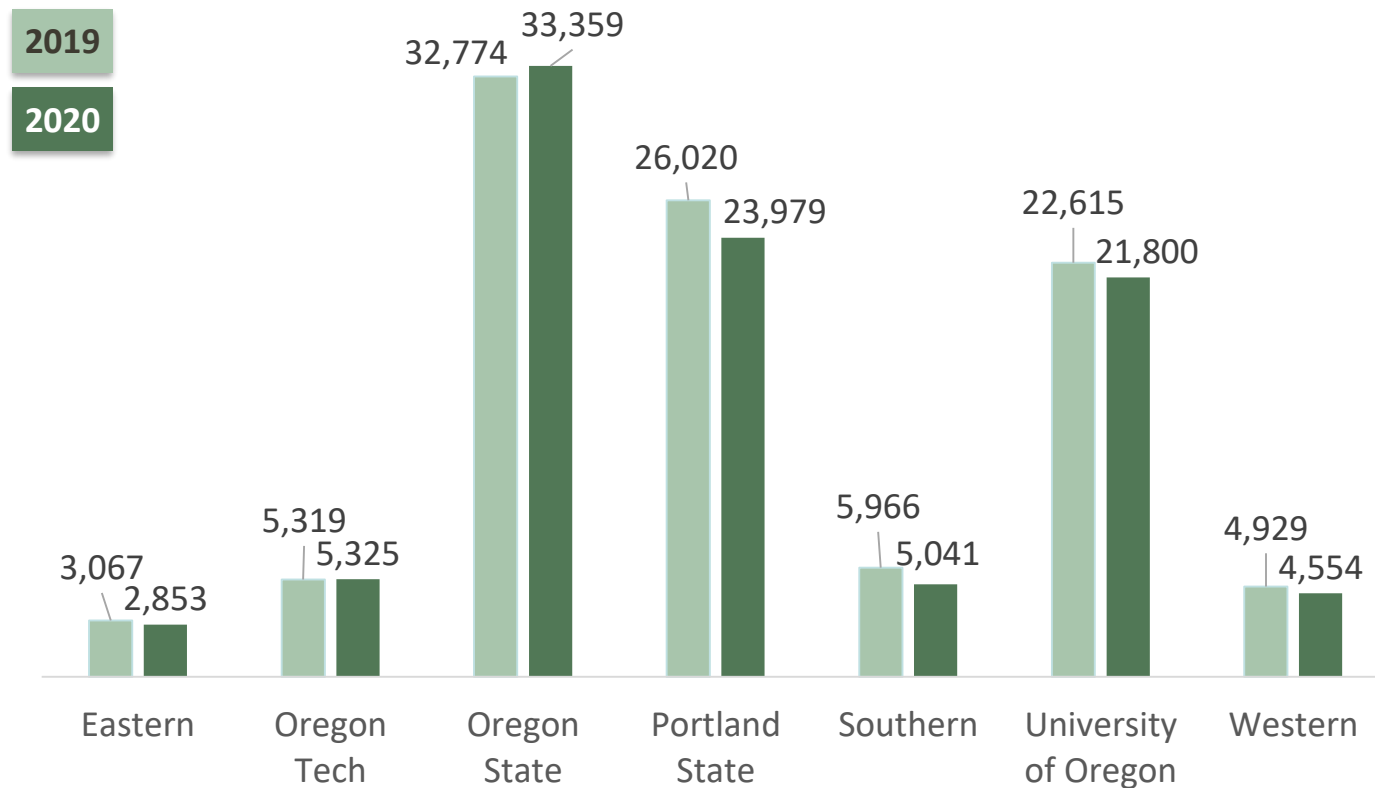
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# Community college fall enrollment: All students



# Public university fall enrollment: All students

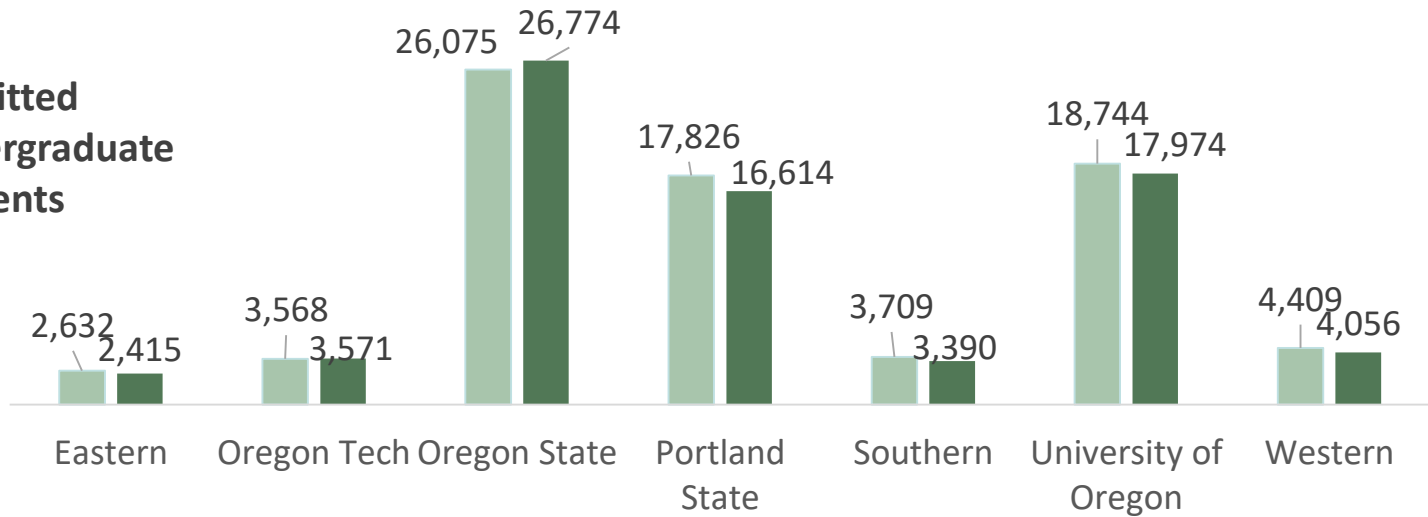


# Public university fall enrollment: Admitted students

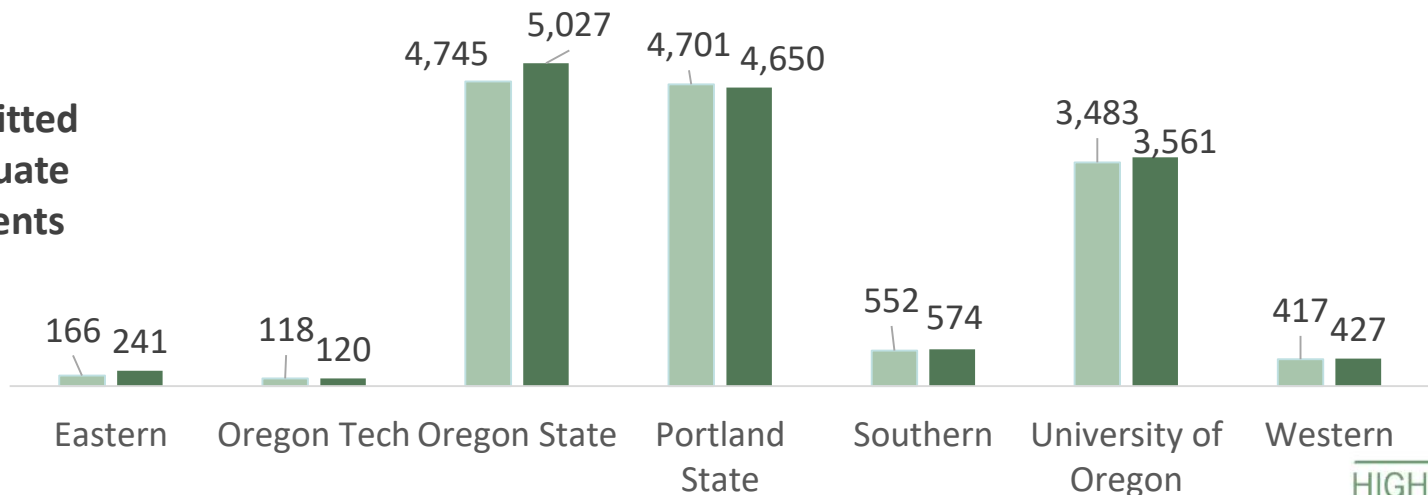
2019

2020

**Admitted undergraduate students**

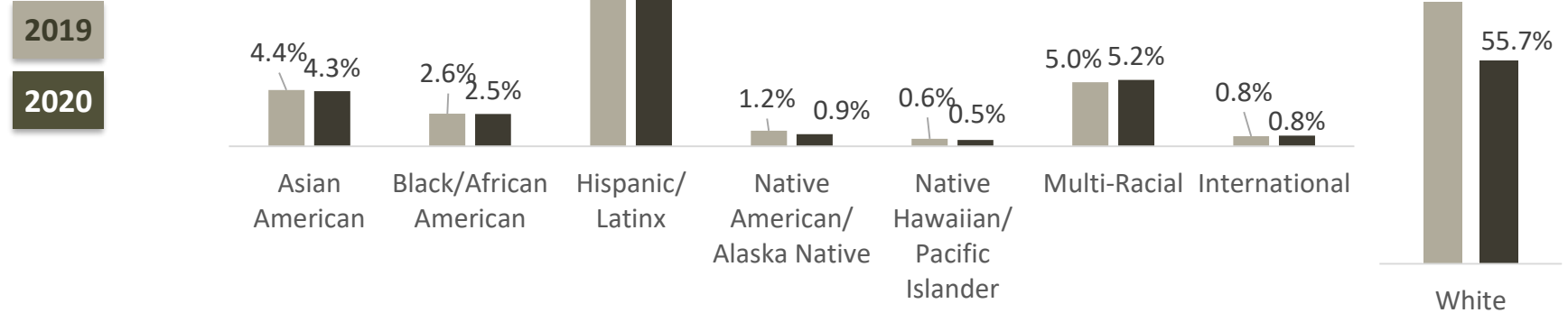


**Admitted graduate students**

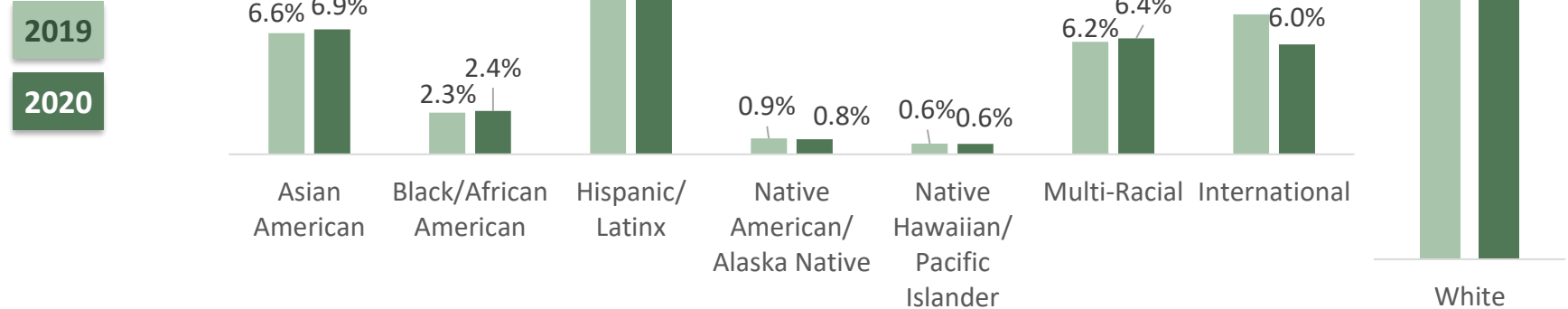


# Enrollment fell more for Hispanic/Latinx and white students (colleges) & international students (universities)

## Community College



## Public University



# Key takeaways: Fewer Oregonians are enrolling in postsecondary during the pandemic

Community college enrollment fell much more steeply than public university enrollment

Institutions near the wildfires show some of the steepest declines in enrollment (Clackamas, Oregon Coast, Rogue, and Southern)

Declines are evident across virtually all racial/ethnic groups and appear steepest among Hispanic/Latinx and white students