



Fall 2026

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Online fact sheet version at <https://northern.edu/about/departments/institutional-research>
Data Source: Fall 2026 student enrollment at census date

ENROLLMENT BY DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

ETHNICITY	N	% of Total	Female N Total	% of Total	% of Gender Total	Male N Total	% of Total	% of Gender Total	Not Reported N	% of Total
American Indian or Alaska Native	71	1.8%	40	1.0%	1.7%	31	0.8%	2.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	58	1.5%	37	1.0%	1.6%	21	0.5%	1.4%	0	0.0%
Black or African American	74	1.9%	31	0.8%	1.3%	43	1.1%	2.8%	0	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	152	3.9%	87	2.2%	3.7%	65	1.7%	4.2%	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	0.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%
White	3,265	83.9%	2,008	51.6%	85.8%	1,257	32.3%	81.3%	0	0.0%
Two or More Races	120	3.1%	60	1.5%	2.6%	60	1.5%	3.9%	0	0.0%
U.S. Nonresident	107	2.8%	56	1.4%	2.4%	51	1.3%	3.3%	0	0.0%
Unknown	36	0.9%	15	0.4%	0.6%	18	0.5%	1.2%	3	0.1%
TOTAL	3,890		2,341	60.2%		1,546	39.7%		3	0.1%

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Age	Undergraduate N	% of Undergrad Total	Graduate N	% of Grad Total
16 and younger	460	13.6%	0	0.0%
17 to 23	2,615	77.1%	63	12.7%
24 to 29	147	4.3%	125	25.2%
30 to 35	65	1.9%	85	17.1%
36 to 65	105	3.1%	219	44.1%
66 and older	1	0.0%	5	1.0%
Average Age	19.9		36.0	

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SIZE

HS Class Size	N	% of Total
1 to 49	823	24.3%
50 to 99	316	9.3%
100 to 199	301	8.9%
200 to 499	1,046	30.8%
500 or more	46	1.4%
GED	26	0.8%
No Info	835	24.6%

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME ENROLLMENTS BY GENDER

	Female	Male	Not Reported	Total
Full-time Undergraduate	715	486	0	1,201
Full-time Graduate	38	35	0	73
Part-time Undergraduate	1,270	919	3	2,192
Part-time Graduate	318	106	0	424
Total Full-time Students	753	521	0	1,274
Total Part-time Students	1,588	1,025	3	2,616

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

Classification	Avg ACT Composite
National 2025 high-school graduates	19.4
NSU full-time freshmen	21.2
NSU full-time undergraduates, excluding freshmen	21.4

ENROLLMENT BY RESIDENCE

	N	% of Total
South Dakota	3,124	80.3%
North Dakota	80	2.1%
Minnesota	215	5.5%
Other States	364	9.4%
Other Countries	107	2.8%
Total Number of Distinct States	40	
Total Number of Distinct Countries	28	
Exchange Students	41	1.1%
Degree-Seeking International Students	45	1.2%

ENROLLMENT BY ACADEMIC CLASS AND LEVEL (FTE based on 12 credits for graduate students, 15 credits for undergraduates and specials)

Class-Level	N	% of Total	FTE	% of FTE	Credit Hours	% of Credit Hours	# Pell Recipients
Freshmen	449	11.5%	408.0	21.1%	6,120.0	21.5%	148
Sophomores	292	7.5%	264.7	13.7%	3,970.0	13.9%	98
Juniors	270	6.9%	245.2	12.7%	3,678.0	12.9%	69
Seniors	334	8.6%	272.6	14.1%	4,089.0	14.3%	97
UG Specials	2,048	52.6%	587.3	30.4%	8,810.0	30.9%	0
Graduate	222	5.7%	125.7	6.5%	1,508.0	5.3%	1
GR Specials	275	7.1%	29.7	1.5%	356.0	1.2%	0
Total	3,890		1,933.1		28,531.0		413