



SPRING 2026

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Online fact sheet version at <https://northern.edu/about/departments/institutional-research>

Data Source: Spring 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 | 73 | 2.1% | 49 | 1.4% | 2.4% | 24 | 0.7% | 1.7% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Asian | 48 | 1.4% | 35 | 1.0% | 1.7% | 13 | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Black or African American | 66 | 1.9% | 24 | 0.7% | 1.2% | 42 | 1.2% | 3.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 161 | 4.7% | 94 | 2.8% | 4.7% | 67 | 2.0% | 4.8% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 5 | 0.1% | 4 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 1 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| White | 2,818 | 82.6% | 1,683 | 49.3% | 83.5% | 1,135 | 33.3% | 81.4% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Two or More Races | 129 | 3.8% | 69 | 2.0% | 3.4% | 60 | 1.8% | 4.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| U.S. Nonresident | 84 | 2.5% | 43 | 1.3% | 2.1% | 41 | 1.2% | 2.9% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Unknown | 29 | 0.8% | 15 | 0.4% | 0.7% | 11 | 0.3% | 0.8% | 3 | 0.1% |
| TOTAL | 3,413 | | 2,016 | 59.1% | | 1,394 | 40.8% | | 3 | 0.1% |

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

| Age | Undergraduate N | % of Undergrad Total | Graduate N | % of Grad Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 16 and younger | 232 | 7.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| 17 to 23 | 2,627 | 83.1% | 49 | 19.4% |
| 24 to 29 | 137 | 4.3% | 100 | 39.5% |
| 30 to 35 | 60 | 1.9% | 40 | 15.8% |
| 36 to 65 | 103 | 3.3% | 64 | 25.3% |
| 66 and older | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Average Age | 20.1 | | 31.2 | |

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SIZE

| HS Class Size | N | % of Total |
|---------------|-----|------------|
| 1 to 49 | 926 | 29.3% |
| 50 to 99 | 288 | 9.1% |
| 100 to 199 | 285 | 9.0% |
| 200 to 499 | 988 | 31.3% |
| 500 or more | 50 | 1.6% |
| GED | 28 | 0.9% |
| No Info | 595 | 18.8% |

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME ENROLLMENTS BY GENDER

| | Female | Male | Not Reported | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Full-time Undergraduate | 570 | 406 | 0 | 976 |
| Full-time Graduate | 30 | 37 | 0 | 67 |
| Part-time Undergraduate | 1,290 | 891 | 3 | 2,184 |
| Part-time Graduate | 126 | 60 | 0 | 186 |
| Total Full-time Students | 600 | 443 | 0 | 1,043 |
| Total Part-time Students | 1,416 | 951 | 3 | 2,370 |

ENROLLMENT BY RESIDENCE

| | N | % of Total |
|---|-----------|------------|
| South Dakota | 2,713 | 79.5% |
| North Dakota | 74 | 2.2% |
| Minnesota | 204 | 6.0% |
| Other States | 343 | 10.0% |
| Other Countries | 79 | 2.3% |
| Total Number of Distinct States | 37 | |
| Total Number of Distinct Countries | 31 | |
| Exchange Students | 27 | 0.8% |
| Degree-Seeking International Students | 37 | 1.1% |

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 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 | 242 | 7.1% | 212.4 | 12.5% | 3,186 | 12.7% | 96 |
| Sophomores | 323 | 9.5% | 294.4 | 17.3% | 4,416 | 17.5% | 99 |
| Juniors | 259 | 7.6% | 228.8 | 13.4% | 3,432 | 13.6% | 81 |
| Seniors | 344 | 10.1% | 283.7 | 16.6% | 4,255 | 16.9% | 112 |
| UG Specials | 1,992 | 58.4% | 553.1 | 32.4% | 8,296 | 33.0% | 0 |
| Graduate | 210 | 6.2% | 121.3 | 7.1% | 1,456 | 5.8% | 1 |
| GR Specials | 43 | 1.3% | 10.8 | 0.6% | 129 | 0.5% | 0 |
| Total | 3,413 | | 1,704.4 | | 25,170 | | 389 |