

Fall 2009

IR “Data Brief” (A look at how a student’s academic major is coded and reported)

Most students apply to the University of Akron with a particular major or possibly even two majors in mind. This major is recorded in PeopleSoft. Students then come to Orientation and they may change their choice of major. This new major is recorded in PeopleSoft. As many of you know (maybe you did this yourself during your own college career) students often change their choice of major-- once, twice, or even more.

The University of Akron admits undergraduate students as one of three types (1) based on their academic qualifications – *Direct Admit* to one of the degree-granting colleges, *Standard Admit* to University College, or as a *General (Provisional) Admit* to Summit College. Any of these students may have selected a particular major that they hope to get a degree in at some point down the road. Students that start in University College or as a General Admit in Summit College may have selected a particular major but they have not yet been “formally” admitted to that particular degree-granting college. In other words, a student who has selected as their major, Business, may not yet have completed all the requirements necessary for admission to the College of Business; however, from the student’s perspective they view themselves as a Business major.

Institutional Research has the ability to report how many majors there are at any given point in time. So what this means is that we can tell you how many students have declared a particular major in a particular college. This report would then identify students by their **College of Major** (see table #1). We can also tell you how many students have been *officially* admitted into their particular college. This report would then identify students by their **College Admitted** (see table #2). You will notice a few differences between the two tables.

1. You will notice that University College does NOT appear in the *Enrollment by Major* table. This is because University College does not offer any actual degrees. However, many students are admitted to University College and therefore show up in the *Enrollment by College Admitted* table. Students admitted to University College remain there until they have satisfied the requirements for admission to a degree-granting college.
2. Undecided or non-degree seeking majors would only appear in the *Enrollment by Major* table.
3. Students reported with a Wayne major would represent those students enrolled in a degree program offered at the Wayne Campus.
4. Enrollment for most colleges is lower in the *Enrollment by College Admitted* table than in the *Enrollment by Major* table. This is because many students have either not selected a major or are not seeking a degree (UNC/NDS); OR, as noted previously, have not met the requirements to be admitted to a particular college.
5. Students in Summit College are a mix of declared Summit College majors and General Admits (who may have declared a major outside of Summit College).

Table #1 – Enrollment by *College of Major*

Fall Term							
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	05 to 09 change	08 to 09 change
BCAS	3550	3761	3961	4296	4686	32.0%	9.1%
CBA	3057	3209	3397	3414	3350	9.6%	-1.9%
CPA	1840	1909	2060	2175	2297	24.8%	5.6%
EDUC	3317	3286	3350	3501	3878	16.9%	10.8%
ENGR	1780	1894	2038	2217	2456	38.0%	10.8%
HSHS	1085	1149	1271	1301	1474	35.9%	13.3%
LAW	534	539	540	497	528	-1.1%	6.2%
NURS	1758	1794	1815	1831	1939	10.3%	5.9%
PSPE	180	174	168	164	179	-0.6%	9.1%
SUMM	2636	2763	2959	3153	3654	38.6%	15.9%
UNC/NDS	2174	2328	2384	2643	2649	21.8%	0.2%
WAYNE	725	733	761	750	821	13.2%	9.5%
Total	22636	23539	24704	25942	27911	23.3%	7.6%

Table #2 – Enrollment by *College Admitted*

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	05 to 09 change	08 to 09 change
BCAS	2471	2497	2654	2963	3179	28.7%	7.3%
CBA	1827	1892	1993	1978	2007	9.9%	1.5%
CPA	1051	1098	1246	1382	1438	36.8%	4.1%
EDUC	2260	2290	2247	2388	2569	13.7%	7.6%
ENGR	1164	1259	1377	1465	1602	37.6%	9.4%
HSHS	773	840	928	1001	1098	42.0%	9.7%
LAW	534	539	542	497	531	-0.6%	6.8%
NURS	1186	1253	1329	1277	1305	10.0%	2.2%
PSPE	182	173	171	165	184	1.1%	11.5%
SUMM	3458	3725	4000	4192	4934	42.7%	17.7%
UNIV	7730	7973	8217	8634	9064	17.3%	5.0%
Total	22636	23539	24704	25942	27911	23.3%	7.6%