Four-Year Institution Overview

Institution Type
Four-Year University

Top 3 Counties Enrolled
Shelby County: 13.3% (2,770)
Davidson County: 6.1% (1,277)
Rutherford County: 5.5% (1,142)

Total Undergraduate Headcount: 113,688

- **Adult**: 14.3%
- **Pell-Eligible**: 39.6%
- **Black**: 18.2%
- **Hispanic**: 5.1%
- **White**: 66.0%

Key Takeaways

1. Compared to Tennessee’s K-12 enrollment demographics, students of color are considerably underrepresented in the four-year sector.

2. Nearly 90 percent of students entering four-year institutions are academically prepared; however, academically underprepared students are disproportionately more likely to be Black, Hispanic, or Pell-eligible.

3. First-to-second year persistence rates are comparable for all student groups though rates have flattened over time.

4. Despite consistent positive completion growth over time, four-year institutions have not yet ensured that at least half of all Black students complete within six years of enrollment.
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#### Preparation Measures

**Average GPA Of Entering Students**

![Average GPA Chart]

- **All Students:** 3.57

**Performance Over Time**

- **Student Groups:**
  - Black: 3.31 (△ +0.09)
  - Hispanic: 3.53 (△ +0.06)
  - White: 3.7 (△ +0.09)
  - Pell-Eligible: 3.51 (△ +0.07)

**ACT Score Distribution Of Entering Students**

- **Student Groups:**
  - Black
  - Hispanic
  - White
  - Pell-Eligible

![ACT Score Distribution Chart]
Persistence Measures

First-To-Second-Year Persistence Rate

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Rate Of Students Earning At Least 24 Credits In Year One

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Top Transfers From Community Colleges

Total Transfers: 1,399

- Middle Tennessee State University: 19.1% (511)
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville: 18.2% (487)
- East Tennessee State University: 15% (401)
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