

Take Five

September 11, 2023

Enrollment numbers are final



Indiana University's enrollment numbers became official as of Fall Census, which was completed after the first week of class. Because of their connection with tuition, a major source of revenue for all IU campuses, enrollment numbers, especially credit hours, are important numbers for us to track. The good news is that IU Kokomo's overall enrollment is up 1.6 percent—an amazing fact, given the various headwinds higher education is facing these days. Much of this growth can be attributed to the increase in the number of high school students enrolled in our classes through Tomorrow's Teachers, Credits to College, etc. Many of these students, once they get a dose of our Kokomo, may elect to continue their college educations with us—another positive development. On the flip side, these students do not take full loads, a key reason that our credit hours are actually down compared with last fall. Credit hours pay the bills, so we need to be cognizant of this decline and thus cautious with spending. Another concerning statistic is the number of first-time freshman: 482, down 6.8 percent from last year. This low number will continue to be a drag on our revenue over the next four years, since most of our students come to college as freshmen. Our transfer numbers are also down, from 190 in fall 2022 to 170 this fall. These declines are not cause for panic, particularly since they reflect a broader trend, but we need to acknowledge them and take steps to keep us strong. Next week, I will share some thoughts about next steps.

DR. LYNSEY BURKE
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Join us to learn about digital storytelling
& research and how the two can
intersect!

October 23, 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm, KC 130AC
October 25, 2023, 5:00-7:00pm, KO 113

Lynsey Burke and our own Christina Cooper will lead two workshops next month: "Listening to Children's Voices through Playful and Creative Research Methods" (October 23) and "The Playful Research Ethics Framework (PREF): Ethical Research with Young Children" (October 25). Topics include supporting the pedagogy and practice of educators while listening to children's voices, amplifying children's voices through play, ethical considerations, and practical methods. Email civanova@iuk.edu for details.

Upcoming Events

- 9/11: Faculty Senate Meeting (2:30 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/12: [Coffee and Careers](#) (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., IQ Wall)
 - 9/12: [Canvas Modules and Pages](#) (4 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/13: [Ally** Making Courses Accessible Demo](#) (10 a.m., Zoom)
 - 9/13: [Black Student Center Pinning Ceremony](#) (6-7:30 p.m., Hunt Hall)
 - 9/13: [September Monthly Mixer](#) (9-11 p.m., Half Moon Restaurant and Brewery)
 - 9/14: [UITS Tech Fair - IU Kokomo](#) (11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kelley Center Commons)
 - 9/14: [Volleyball Match](#) (7 p.m., Student Activities and Event Center)
 - 9/15: [Volleyball Match](#) (7 p.m., Student Activities and Event Center)
 - 9/15: [Canvas: Giving Feedback to Students](#) (10:30 a.m., Zoom)
 - 9/18-9/29: [Universal Design Guidelines](#) (Canvas)
- Some events may require registration. Click on links for details.

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Hats off to Michael Tulley, who organized a successful KEY retreat on Friday—and a huge thanks to the KEY coordinators, faculty, and staff who have made the KEY a fabulous success over the past seven years. You have transformed the lives of countless students.
- Let's hear it for the Advancement team, who planned and executed a terrific golf outing last week.
- Kudos to Student Life for the well-attended Multicultural Mixer last week!