Spring 2013 tenth-day enrollment for degree-seeking students is up slightly when compared to Spring 2012. The headcount is 5,174, which is 67 students above Spring 2012. Total credit hours equal 48,406.5, which are 1,424 more than Spring 2012. FTE (full-time equivalent) enrollments are up by 95. FTE figures reflect the total number of credit hours taken by students divided by 15.

Overall, Spring 2012 to Spring 2013 headcount is up by 1.3% and total credit hours and FTE are up 3%. In Spring 2013, continuing students registered for 86.2% of the credit hours. This is consistent with previous years.

The age of our student population has remained relatively stable when compared to Spring and Fall of 2012. Students age 20 to 25 are still the largest age group. The average age is 27.6 and the median age is 23, which is the same as the median age last Spring. The mode (most frequent age) continues to be 19.

Overall, the ratio of female to male students has remained fairly constant, with women comprising 59.4% to 62% of the population over the past ten years. However, the number of male students has risen slightly in the last several Spring terms. This Spring, men comprise 40.6% of our students.

At Prairie State, the proportion of full-time students has been relatively consistent. In 2013, 2,070 (40%) of students are full-time (enrolled in 12 or more credit hours).

Continuing students comprise 86.1% of the Spring headcount; and 720 (13.9%) new students make up the balance. This ratio has been consistent over the past three years.

The African American student population continues to grow from 57.6% in Spring 2012, to 60.26% in Spring 2013. The White student population has decreased by 3% over this same period. The Hispanic population has remained relatively constant.

The percentage of out-of-district students increased from 10.5% in Spring 2012 to 12.7% in Spring 2013.

*Based on Spring 2013 tenth-day figures, Office of Institutional Research and Planning, reported in the Spring Enrollment Survey to the ICCB. Degree-seeking students are those students who declared a degree curriculum or degree-granting program, as recorded in Datatel.*