

A Report on Four Denver Colleges

Introduction

This document functions to report information regarding higher educational institutions in Denver, Colorado. Following are the statistics to be reported:

1. A comparison of the Fall 2017 enrollment of four Denver higher educational institutions
2. A comparison of the 2017-18 tuition of four Denver higher educational institutions
3. A breakdown of the age demographics of students attending Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2011
4. The trends of full and part-time students enrolled at Metropolitan State University of Denver over a five-year period (2007-2011)

The four Denver higher educational institutions that will be compared in this report are Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSUD), Regis University (RU), University of Denver (UD), and Community College of Denver (CCD).

Comparing the Fall Enrollment of Four Denver Higher Educational Institutions

Considering Denver's large population, it's not surprising to find that the city's universities reflect sizable enrollment numbers. MSUD, RU, UD, and CCD are all institutions of higher education located in Denver, and all have enrollment numbers well above 5,000. The Fall 2017 enrollment numbers are presented in Figure 1 below, displaying the range in enrollment across the four institutions.

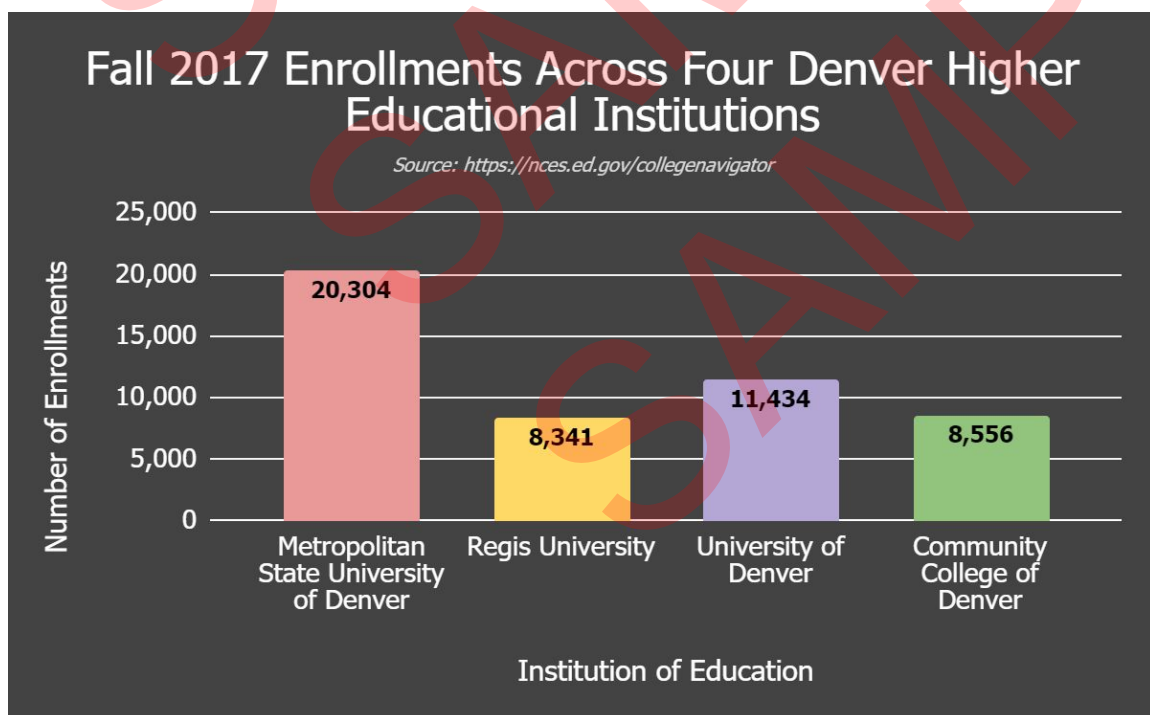


Figure 1 - Enrollment of MSU, RU, UD, and CCD in Fall 2017

Comparing the Tuition of Four Denver Higher Educational Institutions

Another major factor that potential students must consider is the cost of attending an institution of higher education. Tuition varies from institution to institution depending upon location, whether the college is private or public, whether it is a community college or university, and what programs the institution offers to its students. The tuition and fees from the 2017-18 academic year are presented below in Figure 2, across the sample of MSUD, RU, UD, and CCD.

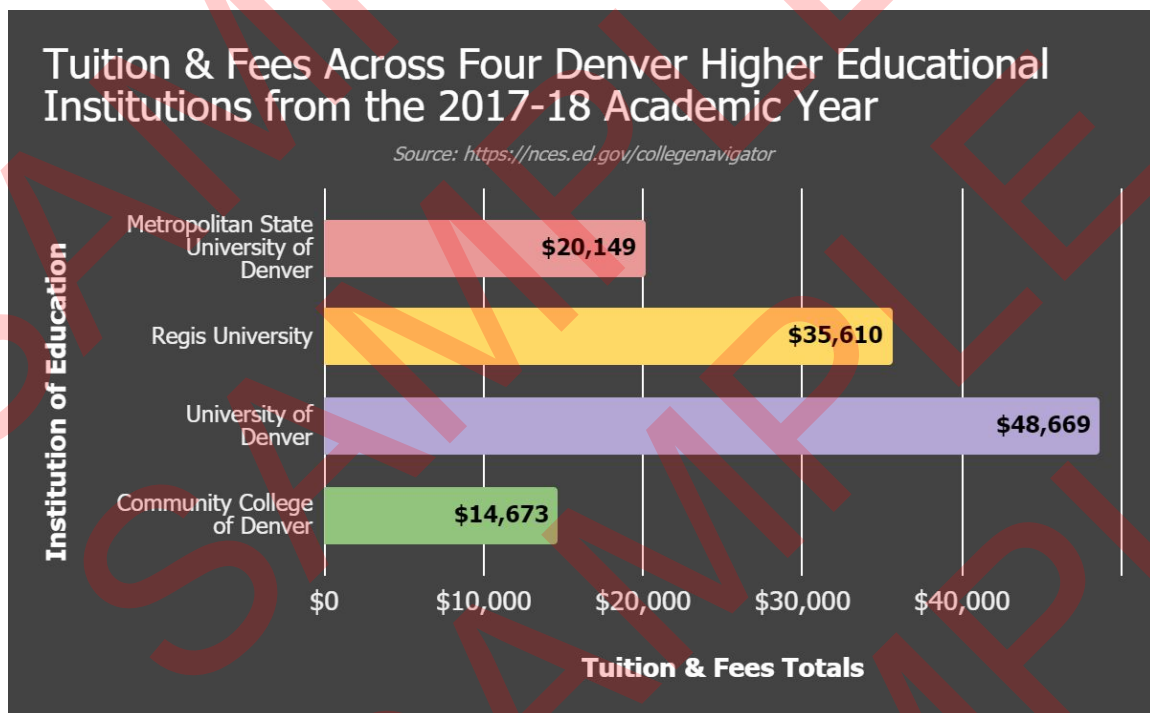


Figure 2 - Tuition for MSU, RU, UD, and CCD from the 2017-18 academic year

Age Demographic of Students Attending Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2011

An important factor to many prospective college students is the distribution of age within the institution they are applying for enrollment in. The age range varies from institution to institution depending upon the programs offered, cost, flexibility in class schedules, and so on. In Figure 3 below, the age demographic of MSUD is broken down by age range and details what percent each range represents of the entire student body.

Age Demographic of Students Enrolled at Metropolitan State University of Denver from Spring 2011 Census

Source: MSU Denver Census Spring 2011

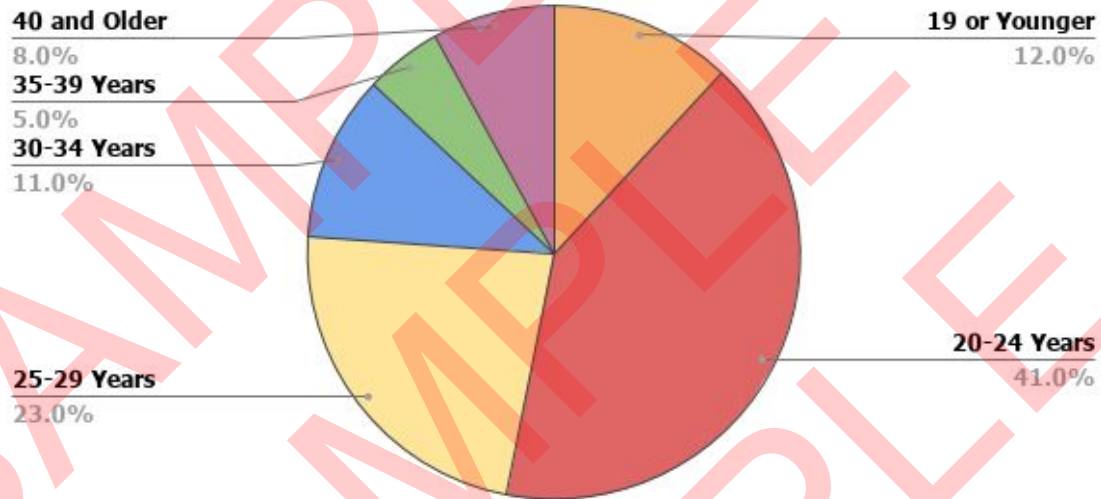


Figure 3 - Age demographic of MSU Denver students in Spring 2011

Trends of Full and Part-Time Students Enrolled at Metropolitan State University of Denver from 2007-2011

Another important decision students must make when enrolling for classes at any institution of higher education is whether they want to enroll as full-time or part-time students. A student is classified as full-time when they are enrolled in 12 credit hours or more, while a part-time student is enrolled in 11 credit hours or less. The trends of full and part-time enrollments at MSU Denver over a five-year period are represented in Figure 4 below.

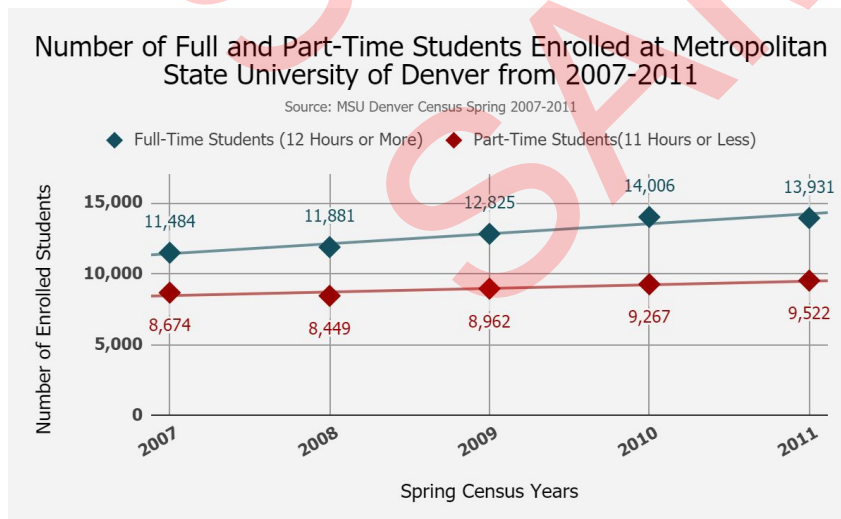


Figure 4 - Full and part-time students enrolled at MSU Denver from 2007-2011

Conclusion

There are multiple factors to study and consider when deciding on which institution of higher education to attend. This report presented information regarding schools in the same city to uncover the differences in enrollment and tuition costs. Despite their close proximities, MSUD, RU, UD, and CCD all varied across those different features, emphasizing the diversity across higher educational institutions and the variety that these institutions have to offer for prospective (or current) students. This report took a deeper look into just one of the universities from the aforementioned sample of Denver institutions, presenting the age demographics and full and part-time enrollment rates of MSU Denver.