



**Tennessee Higher
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**Off-Campus
Location Report**

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ANALYSIS OF OFF-CAMPUS LOCATION AND UTILIZATION

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Introduction

- The off-campus report is prepared pursuant to Article 49-7-202 section 9 of the *Tennessee Code*. This section requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to prepare an analysis of off-campus activity during the prior academic year.
- Off-campus locations play a significant role within Tennessee's higher education system. They meet the needs of many citizens who are unable to take advantage of our main campuses and, in turn, serve the needs of the main campuses. It is the responsibility of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, under the purview of the state, to review and approve any new locations. The specific charge in Article 49-7-202 section 8 states that the commission must:
 - Review and approve or disapprove any proposals by an existing higher education institution to establish a physical presence at any location other than its main campus, or to expand an existing location, which will be utilized for existing administrative purposes or to offer courses for which academic credit is offered. The commission shall develop policies and procedures governing this process. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to state technology centers.
- In reading this report, it is important to note the differentiation between an off-campus *center* and an off-campus *site*. An off-campus center must meet the following criteria:
 1. There is a continuing administrative presence, as evidenced by at least one full-time or part-time administrator housed on-site, but with the institution's executive personnel housed on another campus;
 2. Courses are offered every academic term and there is at least one academic program fully available on-site;
 3. The physical facility is owned by the institution, owned by another public institution of higher education, or is provided at no cost to the institution.
- An off-campus site does not have to meet any of the above criteria and is a physical space that is generally being used for one of the following purposes:
 1. Dual enrollment course offerings;
 2. Workforce development opportunities;
 3. Short-term, specific instructional needs.
- In short, an off-campus center is a larger presence in a community. The continuing administrative staffing and degree-granting components allow centers to serve a more comprehensive purpose and fulfill an array of educational needs in a county.

FINDINGS

- Off-campus centers and sites represent 35,628 (14.8 percent) of 241,204 total duplicated headcount enrollment in fall 2007.
- Centers and sites represent approximately 9.6 percent of total FTE indicating that students who attend off-campus are more likely to enroll part-time.
- The Tennessee Board of Regents (which includes TBR universities, the community colleges, and the Tennessee Technology Centers) operates 781 of the 918 off-campus locations.

System	Number of Sites	Number of Centers	FTE	Duplicated Headcount Enrollment
TBR	747	32	14,374	33,609
UT	126	11	817	2,019
Total	873	43	15,191	35,628

TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- The 13 two-year institutions have 465 active off-campus locations.
- These locations represent a duplicated headcount enrollment of 25,732 or 28.2 percent of the enrollment within two-year institutions.
- Several two-year institutions enroll more than 45 percent of their students at off-campus locations:
 1. Roane State Community College: 59%
 2. Dyersburg State Community College: 48%
 3. Walters State Community College: 48%
 4. Columbia State Community College: 46%

When one closely examines these four campuses with significant off-campus activity, 70.2 percent of their off-campus enrollment is within centers. This fact demonstrates the important role that these centers serve in meeting the educational needs of Tennesseans and in allowing these two-year colleges to better serve their community.

- Volunteer State Community College has the most off-campus locations (63) and Southwest Tennessee Community College has the fewest (14).
- Roane State Community College has the highest off-campus headcount percentage with 58.5 percent and Nashville State Technical Community College has the lowest with 14.3 percent.

FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- The four-year institutions offer instruction at 405 off-campus centers and sites. The majority (387) of these locations are sites. These sites serve many purposes. One common purpose is to provide an off-campus location to offer physical education classes such as bowling or golf. Each of these sites must be approved by THEC.
- These locations represent a duplicated headcount enrollment of 9,896 or 7 percent of the fall 2007 total duplicated headcount enrollment for four-year institutions.
- Tennessee Technological University has the most off-campus locations (71) and UT Chattanooga has the fewest (12).
- Austin Peay State University has the highest off-campus headcount percentage with 17.0 percent and Middle Tennessee State University has the lowest with 1.1 percent.

SUMMARY

- Off-campus locations continue to serve an integral role in Tennessee's higher education structure. The combination of sites and centers provides a forum for dual enrollment classes, courses which cannot be pragmatically offered on a traditional campus, and convenient locations of study for students who find it difficult to attend a main campus.
- Off-campus locations serve a larger function within the two-year college sector. In the community college sector, off-campus locations account for 29 percent of total duplicated headcount while only 7 percent of the total duplicated headcount in the university sector is at an off-campus location.
- In every sector, off-campus *sites* generate more headcount, but off-campus *centers* generate more FTE.

**Fall 2007 Headcount and FTE Enrollment
in Public Higher Education Institutions**

Institution	DUPLICATED HEADCOUNT							FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)						
	Total Headcount	Main Campus		Centers		Other Sites		Total FTE	Main Campus		Centers		Other Sites	
		HC	% of Total	HC	% of Total	HC	% of Total		FTE	% of Total	FTE	% of Total	FTE	% of Total
APSU	10,209	8,471	83.0%	1,725	16.9%	13	0.1%	7,094	6,167	86.9%	923	13.0%	3	0.0%
ETSU	15,837	14,422	91.1%	770	4.9%	645	4.1%	10,519	10,000	95.1%	296	2.8%	223	2.1%
ETSU-Medicine	500	500	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	400	400	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ETSU- Pharm	143	143	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	172	172	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MTSU	25,260	24,979	98.9%	108	0.4%	173	0.7%	19,297	19,176	99.4%	62	0.3%	59	0.3%
TSU	11,346	11,048	97.4%	159	1.4%	139	1.2%	7,240	7,085	97.9%	99	1.4%	56	0.8%
TTU	12,476	10,472	83.9%	0	0.0%	2,004	16.1%	8,115	7,583	93.4%	0	0.0%	532	6.6%
UM	23,498	21,357	90.9%	282	1.2%	1,859	7.9%	15,199	14,655	96.4%	127	0.8%	417	2.7%
TBR Univ	99,269	91,392	92.1%	3,044	3.1%	4,833	4.9%	68,036	65,238	95.9%	1,507	2.2%	1,290	1.9%
UTC	10,463	10,210	97.6%	0	0.0%	253	2.4%	8,023	7,941	99.0%	0	0.0%	82	1.0%
UTK	29,316	28,725	98.0%	328	1.1%	263	0.9%	23,286	22,962	98.6%	217	0.9%	108	0.5%
UT-Med	2,707	2,707	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3,096	3,096	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UT-Space	231	231	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	84	84	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UT-Vet	278	278	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	326	326	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UTM	7,850	6,675	85.0%	380	4.8%	795	10.1%	6,073	5,662	93.2%	196	3.2%	214	3.5%
UT Univ.	50,845	48,826	96.0%	708	1.4%	1,311	2.6%	40,888	40,071	98.0%	413	1.0%	404	1.0%
Univ Total	150,114	140,218	93.4%	3,752	2.5%	6,144	4.1%	108,924	105,309	96.7%	1,920	1.8%	1,694	1.6%
CSTCC	9,163	7,224	78.8%	466	5.1%	1,473	16.1%	5,064	4,344	85.8%	146	2.9%	574	11.3%
CLSCC	3,587	2,808	78.3%	0	0.0%	779	21.7%	2,025	1,747	86.3%	0	0.0%	278	13.7%
COSCC	5,583	3,018	54.1%	2,002	35.9%	563	10.1%	3,006	1,768	58.8%	1,029	34.2%	209	7.0%
DSCC	3,240	1,692	52.2%	1,316	40.6%	232	7.2%	1,669	946	56.7%	659	39.5%	63	3.8%
JSCC	5,030	4,040	80.3%	759	15.1%	231	4.6%	2,955	2,530	85.6%	371	12.6%	54	1.8%
MSCC	4,834	3,187	65.9%	1,190	24.6%	457	9.5%	2,743	2,000	72.9%	631	23.0%	112	4.1%
NSCC	7,591	6,509	85.7%	546	7.2%	536	7.1%	4,073	3,484	85.5%	319	7.8%	270	6.6%
NSTCC	5,751	4,737	82.4%	0	0.0%	1,014	17.6%	3,389	2,998	88.5%	0	0.0%	391	11.5%
PSTCC	10,039	8,405	83.7%	0	0.0%	1,634	16.3%	5,464	4,743	86.8%	0	0.0%	720	13.2%
RSCC	6,995	2,902	41.5%	2,568	36.7%	1,525	21.8%	3,780	1,537	40.7%	1,414	37.4%	829	21.9%
STCC	14,006	11,134	79.5%	0	0.0%	2,872	20.5%	6,796	5,711	84.0%	0	0.0%	1,085	16.0%
VSCC	8,179	5,976	73.1%	891	10.9%	1,312	16.0%	4,428	3,584	80.9%	390	8.8%	454	10.3%
WSCC	7,092	3,726	52.5%	2,234	31.5%	1,132	16.0%	3,888	2,310	59.4%	1,212	31.2%	366	9.4%
TBR Comm. Colleges	91,090	65,358	71.8%	11,972	13.1%	13,760	15.1%	49,280	37,702	76.5%	6,171	12.5%	5,405	11.0%
Grand Total	241,204	205,576	85.2%	15,724	6.5%	19,904	8.3%	158,204	143,011	90.4%	8,091	5.1%	7,099	4.5%