



**Tennessee Higher  
Education Commission**

**Off-Campus  
Location Report**

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## **Analysis of Off-Campus Location and Utilization**

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 main campuses and, in turn, serve the needs of the institution by making education available to more students. 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 difference 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; and
3. The physical facility is owned by the institution, 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 used for dual enrollment course offerings, workforce development opportunities, or short-term, specific instructional needs.

## Findings

### *Locations*

There were 33 centers and 380 sites enrolling for-credit students in fall 2008 (**Table 1**). Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) community colleges had the most off-campus locations enrolling students this fall with 216, which represented 51 percent of all off-campus locations. TBR universities had 113 locations and 28 percent of the total locations, TBR Tennessee Technology Centers (TTC) had 35 locations and 8 percent of the total, and the University of Tennessee system (UT) had 49 locations representing 12 percent of all off-campus locations.

**Table 1. Off-Campus Locations Enrolling Students in Fall 2008**

System	Number of Sites	Number of Centers	Total Off-Campus Locations	Percent of Off-Campus
TBR Univ.	106	7	113	27%
TBR CC	197	19	216	52%
TBR TTC	35	0	35	8%
UT	42	7	49	12%
Total	380	33	413	100%

### *Headcount Enrollment*

These off-campus locations housed 45,749 students, which represented 17 percent of the total duplicated headcount in public higher education for the semester (**Table 2**). Thirty-two percent of the duplicated headcount in community colleges took courses at an off-campus location in fall 2008. The TBR universities, TBR TTCs, and UT universities enrolled a smaller portion of their students at off-campus locations, 11 percent, 9 percent, and 4 percent respectively.

**Table 2. Headcount Enrollment in Fall 2008 by Location**

System	Total Headcount	Main Campus HC	Off-Campus Headcount	Off-Campus Percent of Total
TBR Univ.	99,402	88,699	10,703	11%
TBR CC	95,720	65,304	30,416	32%
TBR TTC	28,357	25,926	2,431	9%
UT	52,400	50,201	2,199	4%
Total	275,879	230,130	45,749	17%

### *Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment*

The off-campus locations comprised 12 percent of overall for-credit FTE at 20,138 (**Table 3**). The proportion of total FTE in off-campus locations was less than the off-campus share of total headcount, indicating that off-campus enrollment is more likely to be part-time than main campus enrollment. This follows from the definition of off-campus locations as offering a minimal number of courses or degree programs. TBR community colleges generated 27 percent

of their FTE at an off-campus location in fall 2008. TBR universities housed 6 percent of FTE off-campus, 14 percent for TBR TTCs, and 2 percent for UT.

**Table 3. Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment in Fall 2008 by Location**

System	Total FTE	Main Campus FTE	Off-Campus FTE	Off-Campus Percent of Total
TBR Univ.	69,245	65,294	3,952	6%
TBR CC	51,411	37,590	13,821	27%
TBR TTC	9,902	8,485	1,417	14%
UT	41,959	41,011	948	2%
Total	172,517	152,380	20,138	12%

### *Notable Institutions*

Every public university and community college, with the exception of medical and specialty schools, used off-campus locations during fall 2008 (**Table 4**). Seventeen of the 26 TTCs enrolled students at off-campus locations during fall 2008. Tennessee Technological University had the most locations at 52 and Austin Peay State University (APSU) the least at one. However, that one center accounted for 17.3 percent of APSU’s total headcount, ranking APSU third among universities in the percentage of headcount generated off-campus.

The percent of institutions’ total duplicated headcount enrolled at off-campus locations ranged from a low of 1.0 percent at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga to a high of 60.8 percent at Roane State Community College (RSCC). Four institutions, all community colleges, enrolled more than 45 percent of their total duplicated headcount at off-campus locations in fall 2008: RSCC 60.8 percent, Motlow State Community College 56.7 percent, Walters State Community College 47.0 percent, and Columbia State Community College 45.5 percent. For these four colleges, however, 62 percent of their off-campus headcount was at centers where a continuing college presence has been established.

### **Summary**

Off-campus locations continue to serve an integral purpose in Tennessee’s higher education system. The combination of sites and centers provide educational opportunities for dual enrollment classes, offers courses that cannot be pragmatically delivered on a traditional campus, and broadens the geographic presence of higher education to make it more convenient for students who find it difficult to attend a main campus.

Off-campus locations serve a larger function in the two-year college sector. In the community college sector, off-campus locations account for 32 percent of total duplicated headcount while only 9 percent of the headcount in the university sector and 9 percent at the TTCs are at an off-campus location.

Table 4

Fall 2008 Headcount and FTE Enrollment																				
Institution	Locations		Duplicated Headcount									Full-Time Equivalent								
	Sites	Centers	Total HC	Main Campus HC	Percent of Total	Centers HC	Percent of Total	Other Sites HC	Percent of Total	Off-Campus Total HC	Percent of Total	Total FTE	Main Campus FTE	Percent of Total	Centers FTE	Percent of Total	Other Sites FTE	Percent of Total	Off-Campus Total FTE	Percent of Total
APSU	0	1	10,726	8,868	82.7%	1,858	17.3%	0	0.0%	1,858	17.3%	7,412	6,397	86.3%	1,015	13.7%	0	0.0%	1,015	13.7%
ETSU	14	2	15,945	14,557	91.3%	848	5.3%	540	3.4%	1,388	8.7%	10,851	10,340	95.3%	358	3.3%	153	1.4%	511	4.7%
ETSU-Med.	0	0	245	245	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	508	508	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ETSU-Pharm	0	0	251	251	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	267	267	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MTSU	14	0	26,120	25,786	98.7%	0	0.0%	334	1.3%	334	1.3%	19,793	19,663	99.3%	0	0.0%	130	0.7%	130	0.7%
TSU	7	2	9,683	7,322	75.6%	2,235	23.1%	126	1.3%	2,361	24.4%	6,694	5,636	84.2%	1,009	15.1%	49	0.7%	1,059	15.8%
TTU	52	0	12,769	10,498	82.2%	0	0.0%	2,271	17.8%	2,271	17.8%	8,367	7,769	92.9%	0	0.0%	598	7.1%	598	7.1%
UM	19	2	23,663	21,172	89.5%	262	1.1%	2,229	9.4%	2,491	10.5%	15,353	14,714	95.8%	105	0.7%	534	3.5%	639	4.2%
<b>TBR Univ.</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>99,402</b>	<b>88,699</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>69,245</b>	<b>65,294</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
UTC	7	0	10,876	10,767	99.0%	0	0.0%	109	1.0%	109	1.0%	8,292	8,236	99.3%	0	0.0%	56	0.7%	56	0.7%
UTK	8	2	29,938	29,407	98.2%	320	1.1%	211	0.7%	531	1.8%	23,802	23,516	98.8%	209	0.9%	77	0.3%	286	1.2%
UT-Med.	0	0	2,893	2,893	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3,168	3,168	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UT-Space	0	0	227	227	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	83	83	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UT-Vet.	0	0	296	296	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	343	343	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UTM	27	5	8,170	6,611	80.9%	719	8.8%	840	10.3%	1,559	19.1%	6,271	5,665	90.3%	404	6.4%	202	3.2%	606	9.7%
<b>UT Univ.</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>50,201</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>41,959</b>	<b>41,011</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Univ. Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>151,802</b>	<b>138,900</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>12,902</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>111,204</b>	<b>106,305</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
CSTCC	23	1	9,606	7,540	78.5%	483	5.0%	1,583	16.5%	2,066	21.5%	5,333	4,592	86.1%	137	2.6%	604	11.3%	741	13.9%
CLSCC	14	0	4,001	3,011	75.3%	0	0.0%	990	24.7%	990	24.7%	2,197	1,876	85.4%	0	0.0%	321	14.6%	321	14.6%
COSCC	8	2	5,807	3,167	54.5%	2,076	35.7%	564	9.7%	2,640	45.5%	3,132	1,861	59.4%	1,059	33.8%	212	6.8%	1,271	40.6%
DSCC	6	2	3,208	1,759	54.8%	1,100	34.3%	349	10.9%	1,449	45.2%	1,743	1,031	59.2%	602	34.5%	110	6.3%	712	40.8%
JSCC	12	2	5,024	3,850	76.6%	704	14.0%	470	9.4%	1,174	23.4%	2,804	2,321	82.8%	366	13.1%	117	4.2%	483	17.2%
MSCC	14	2	5,220	2,258	43.3%	1,133	21.7%	1,829	35.0%	2,962	56.7%	2,894	1,318	45.5%	655	22.6%	921	31.8%	1,576	54.5%
NSCC	6	2	8,326	6,684	80.3%	1,012	12.2%	630	7.6%	1,642	19.7%	4,327	3,535	81.7%	576	13.3%	216	5.0%	792	18.3%
NSTCC	18	0	6,407	4,420	69.0%	0	0.0%	1,987	31.0%	1,987	31.0%	3,606	2,796	77.5%	0	0.0%	810	22.5%	810	22.5%
PSTCC	13	0	10,203	8,256	80.9%	0	0.0%	1,947	19.1%	1,947	19.1%	5,704	4,830	84.7%	0	0.0%	874	15.3%	874	15.3%
RSCC	20	4	7,152	2,803	39.2%	2,590	36.2%	1,759	24.6%	4,349	60.8%	3,779	1,488	39.4%	1,411	37.3%	880	23.3%	2,291	60.6%
STCC	8	0	15,059	11,877	78.9%	0	0.0%	3,182	21.1%	3,182	21.1%	7,223	5,989	82.9%	0	0.0%	1,234	17.1%	1,234	17.1%
VSCC	39	2	8,489	5,853	68.9%	940	11.1%	1,696	20.0%	2,636	31.1%	4,583	3,584	78.2%	399	8.7%	600	13.1%	999	21.8%
WSCC	16	2	7,218	3,826	53.0%	2,503	34.7%	889	12.3%	3,392	47.0%	4,086	2,369	58.0%	1,372	33.6%	345	8.4%	1,717	42.0%
<b>TBR CC</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>95,720</b>	<b>65,304</b>	<b>68.2%</b>	<b>12,541</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>17,875</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>30,416</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>51,411</b>	<b>37,590</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>6,577</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>7,244</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>13,821</b>	<b>26.9%</b>

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Athens	0	0	554	554	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	280	280	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Covington	1	0	350	333	95.1%	0	0%	17	4.9%	17	4.9%	163	148	90.8%	0	0.0%	15	9.2%	15	9.2%
Crossville	0	0	1,000	1,000	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	353	353	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crump	0	0	446	446	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	254	254	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dickson	3	0	1,084	647	59.7%	0	0%	437	40.3%	437	40.3%	493	303	61.5%	0	0.0%	190	38.5%	190	38.5%
Elizabethton	4	0	884	708	80.1%	0	0%	176	19.9%	176	19.9%	519	378	72.8%	0	0.0%	141	27.2%	141	27.2%
Harriman	0	0	451	451	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	221	221	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hartsville	0	0	754	754	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	249	249	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hohenwald	1	0	1,142	1,090	95.4%	0	0%	52	4.6%	52	4.6%	431	393	91.2%	0	0.0%	38	8.8%	38	8.8%
Jacksboro	0	0	320	320	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	165	165	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jackson	3	0	1,618	1,288	79.6%	0	0%	330	20.4%	330	20.4%	578	345	59.7%	0	0.0%	233	40.3%	233	40.3%
Knoxville	0	0	1,457	1,457	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	630	630	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Livingston	1	0	2,140	2,108	98.5%	0	0%	32	1.5%	32	1.5%	485	463	95.5%	0	0.0%	22	4.5%	22	4.5%
McKenzie	1	0	524	394	75.2%	0	0%	130	24.8%	130	24.8%	276	219	79.3%	0	0.0%	57	20.7%	57	20.7%
McMinnville	0	0	615	615	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	242	242	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Memphis	1	0	1,446	1,200	83.0%	0	0%	246	17.0%	246	17.0%	840	675	80.4%	0	0.0%	165	19.6%	165	19.6%
Morristown	5	0	1,516	1,166	76.9%	0	0%	350	23.1%	350	23.1%	602	437	72.6%	0	0.0%	165	27.4%	165	27.4%
Murfreesboro	0	0	5,822	5,822	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	441	441	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Nashville	1	0	1,378	1,334	96.8%	0	0%	44	3.2%	44	3.2%	690	656	95.1%	0	0.0%	34	4.9%	34	4.9%
Newbern	1	0	425	388	91.3%	0	0%	37	8.7%	37	8.7%	216	196	90.7%	0	0.0%	20	9.3%	20	9.3%
Oneida	2	0	645	602	93.3%	0	0%	43	6.7%	43	6.7%	267	234	87.6%	0	0.0%	33	12.4%	33	12.4%
Paris	2	0	674	613	90.9%	0	0%	61	9.1%	61	9.1%	367	327	89.1%	0	0.0%	40	10.9%	40	10.9%
Pulaski	5	0	960	705	73.4%	0	0%	255	26.6%	255	26.6%	286	167	58.4%	0	0.0%	119	41.6%	119	41.6%
Ripley	1	0	756	648	85.7%	0	0%	108	14.3%	108	14.3%	158	100	63.3%	0	0.0%	58	36.7%	58	36.7%
Shelbyville	2	0	1,042	975	93.6%	0	0%	67	6.4%	67	6.4%	513	461	89.9%	0	0.0%	52	10.1%	52	10.1%
Whiteville	1	0	354	308	87.0%	0	0%	46	13.0%	46	13.0%	183	148	80.9%	0	0.0%	35	19.1%	35	19.1%
<b>TTC Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,357</b>	<b>25,926</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>9,902</b>	<b>8,485</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>275,879</b>	<b>230,130</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>18,783</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>26,966</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>45,749</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>172,517</b>	<b>152,380</b>	<b>88.3%</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>10,460</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>20,138</b>	<b>11.7%</b>