

Tracking Numbers of Students, Faculty and Administrators 2003-2009

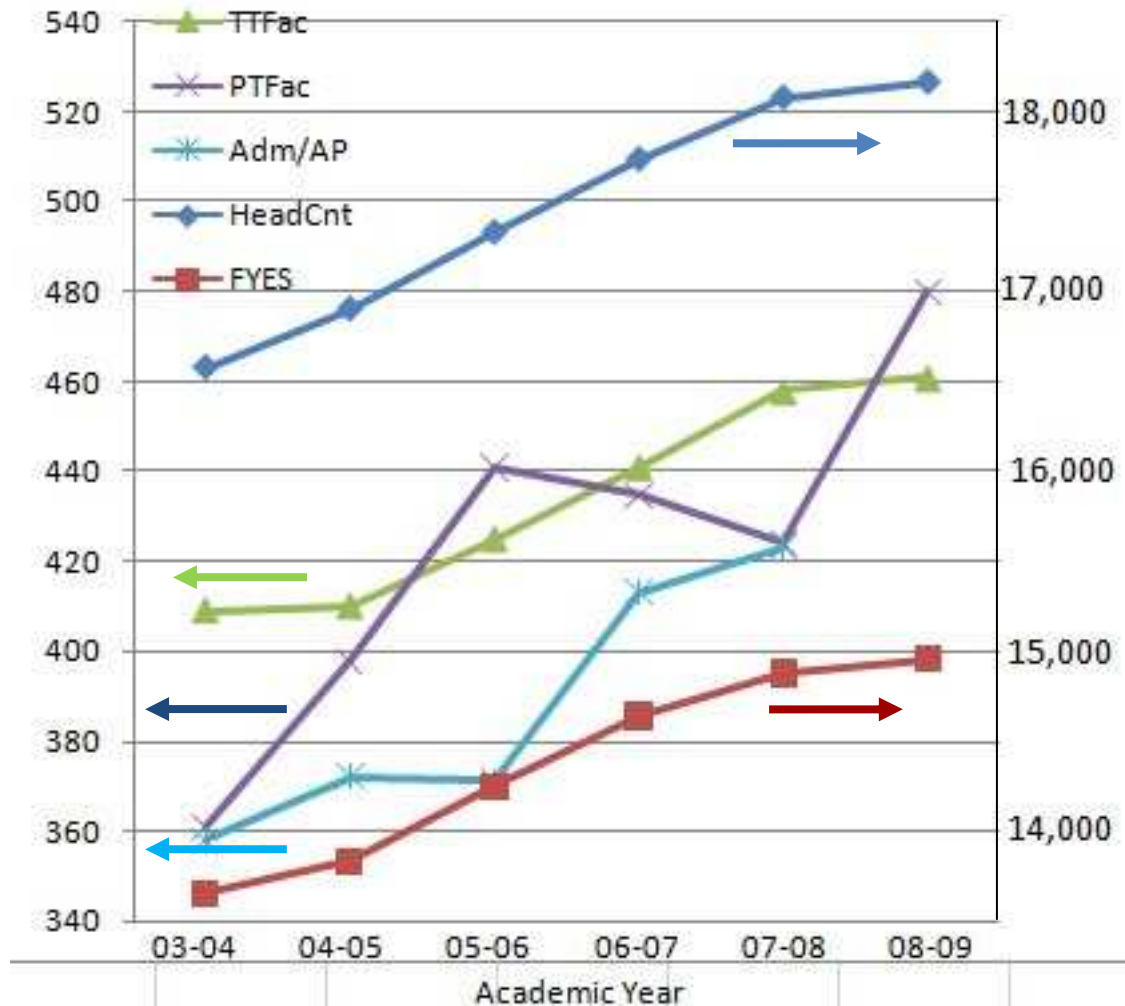


Figure 2. Numbers of Students, Faculty and Administrative Professionals 2003-2009. Left axis shows numbers for tenure-track teaching faculty (green line), part-time faculty (purple line) and administrative-professionals (light blue line). Right axis shows student numbers as fall semester headcount (dark blue line) and FYES (red line).

The six year trend for numbers of full-time tenure-track teaching faculty (TTT) follows closely the trend in student numbers as expressed by fall semester headcount (HC) or full year equated students (FYES). The ratio FYES:TTT varied between 33.7:1 and 32.4:1 and the ratio HC:TTT varied between 41.2:1 and 39.4:1. The student faculty ratio reported by the university is FYES:(full-time + part-time faculty). This ratio varied from 21:5 to 19.3 over this period. This student faculty ratio does not reflect the availability of

faculty who work full-time for OU to service our students but includes part-time faculty many of whom have other employers and thus limited time to serve OU students.

The growth in numbers of part-time faculty compared to full-time faculty increased with similar slopes from 2003 to 2005 and 2007 to 2008. In both 2005 and 2008 part-time faculty outnumbered full-time faculty. The effort in 2006 and 2007 to increase the percentage of full-time faculty was abandoned in 2008. Most part-time faculty are not active scholars/researchers nor do they participate in the internal and public service activities of faculty.

Data for numbers of administrative professional employees was only available for 2003-04 to 2007-08. Over this five year period the number of full-time tenure-track teaching faculty increased 12.0%; the number of full-time administrative professionals increased 14.7% and the number of part-time faculty increased 17.5%. All data used for Figure 2 were from the annual Oakland financial reports or the state HEIDI database.