

SOWELA Enrollment Trend - Growth and Decline

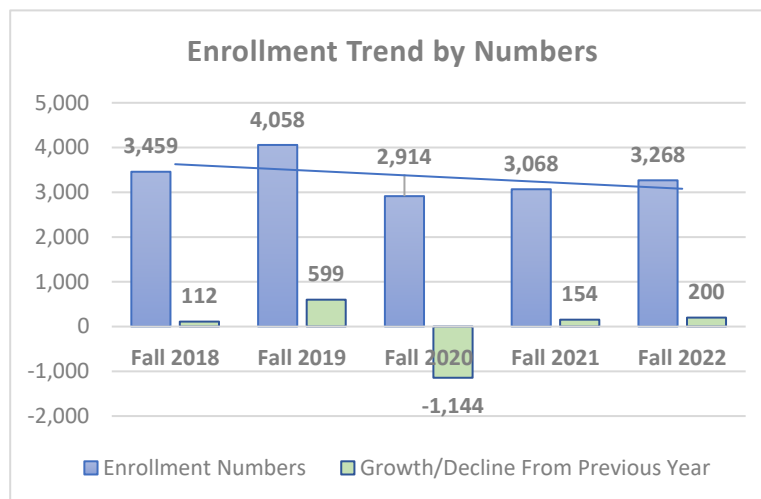
The charts below reflect the historic growth in the Fall of 2019, with 4,058 students enrolled and then the catastrophic decline of students enrolled in the Fall of 2020.

The Covid Pandemic struck in Spring 2020 with many of the college campus's classes being moved to totally online; there were limited in person classes, with a limited number of students held during this time. SOWELA followed what was recommended by the health officials and by the number of people in a group setting that the state allowed during this time of uncertainty. SOWELA's enrollment dropped by 12.54% for Spring 2020; with 3,549 students enrolled.

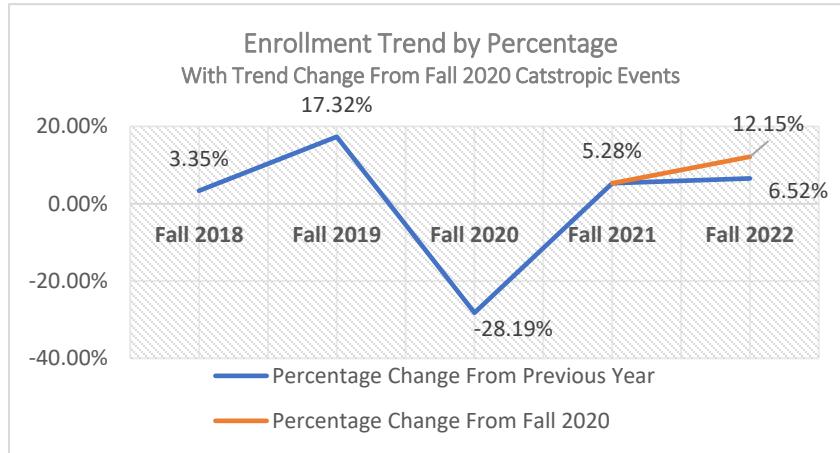
Fall 2020 semester enrollment was beginning to show promise of overcoming the Covid Pandemic dip in the enrollment numbers when Hurricane Laura hit; much of SOWELA's Main Campus was either damaged or destroyed. Then Hurricane Delta hit doing even more damage to SOWELA's main Campus. The entire Lake Charles area was affected, with many families and individuals displaced to other areas as their homes/apartments were destroyed and there was limited housing available to return to the Lake Charles area. SOWELA's enrollment numbers reflected the destruction not only to the college campus, but to the displacement of the population of Lake Charles; the enrollment numbers dropped from the historic high of 4,058 to 2,914.

Five-Year Fall to Fall Enrollment Trend

Term	Enrollment Numbers	Growth/Decline from Previous Year	Growth/Decline from Fall 2020
Fall 2018	3,459	112	
Fall 2019	4,058	599	
Fall 2020	2,914	-1,144	
Fall 2021	3,068	154	154
Fall 2022	3,268	200	354

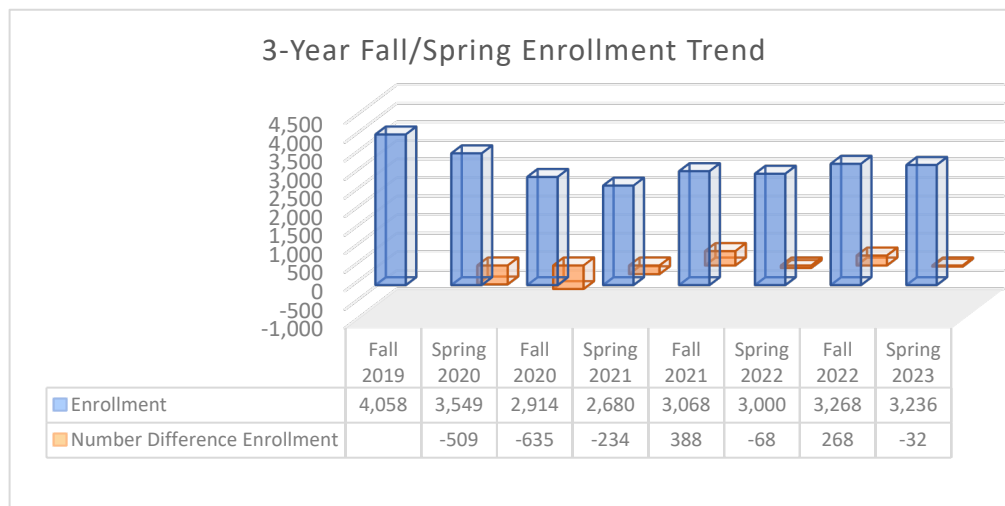


Term	Percentage Change from Previous Year	Percentage Change from Fall 2020
Fall 2018	3.35%	
Fall 2019	17.32%	
Fall 2020	-28.19%	
Fall 2021	5.28%	5.28%
Fall 2022	6.52%	12.15%



Three -Year Fall/Spring Terms - Enrollment Trend

Term	Enrollment	Number Difference Enrollment	Percent Difference Enrollment
Fall 2019	4,058		
Spring 2020	3,549	-509	-12.54%
Fall 2020	2,914	-635	-17.89%
Spring 2021	2,680	-234	-8.03%
Fall 2021	3,068	388	14.48%
Spring 2022	3,000	-68	-2.22%
Fall 2022	3,268	268	8.93%
Spring 2023	3,236	-32	-0.98%



Reference: Statewide Student Profile System (SSPS) for Fall 2022 as Reported to Board of Regents (BoR)