Fall Enrollment Jumps More Than 5 Percent at Madison College

It’s the start of a new school year at Madison Area Technical College and once again classrooms and hallways are crowded.

The number of degree credit full-time equivalent students (FTE) is up 5.2 percent—that’s on top of last fall’s 12 percent increase. Madison College administrators say the economy is not the only factor pushing enrollment.

“The historic growth rates we’ve experienced in the last two years will inevitably decline, but the number of individuals likely to access community and technical colleges will continue to rise nationally as the workplace changes and the university system experiences enrollment pressures,” says Terry Webb, Madison College’s vice president for learner success. “The major factors limiting our enrollment right now are resource based—not student demand based or economic need based.

Madison College programs with the largest enrollment increases include Human and Protective Services (police, fire and emergency medical services), Health and Safety Education, and Arts and Sciences.

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*Madison Area Technical College serves approximately 40,000 individuals annually, providing “real world smart” education through a comprehensive curriculum of technical, liberal arts and sciences, adult basic education and continuing education, as well as customized training for employers.*