# El Camino College Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan Update

## November 2024

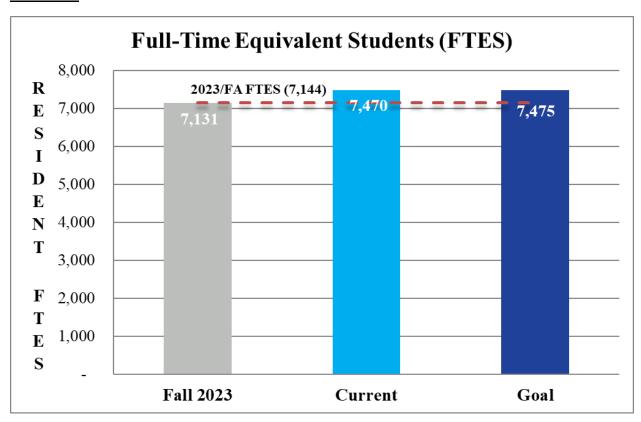
This report represents a monthly update related to enrollment management data and initiatives included on the El Camino College Strategic Enrollment Management Plan (SEM). Information and data in this update include:

- Fall 2024 Enrollment
- Year to Date Enrollment
- Current Applicant Tracking Dashboard Data
- Updates from Student Services, Academic Affairs, and Marketing and Communications

# El Camino College Fall 2024, and Year to Date Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) Projections

## As of November 13, 2024

## Fall 2024



As of November 13, 2024, El Camino College Fall 2024 enrollment continues to outpace Fall 2023 enrollment by 359 FTES (+5.1%) generating 7470 FTES in date-to-date comparison. The FTES projected has fallen off due to a significant number of students who were dropped as fraudulent enrollments or "no-show" for the second 8-week short term classes that started the week of October 21, 2024. Projected enrollment for late start and positive attendance FTES will improve our credit resident FTES for the term and remain ahead of our target of 7,475 FTES.

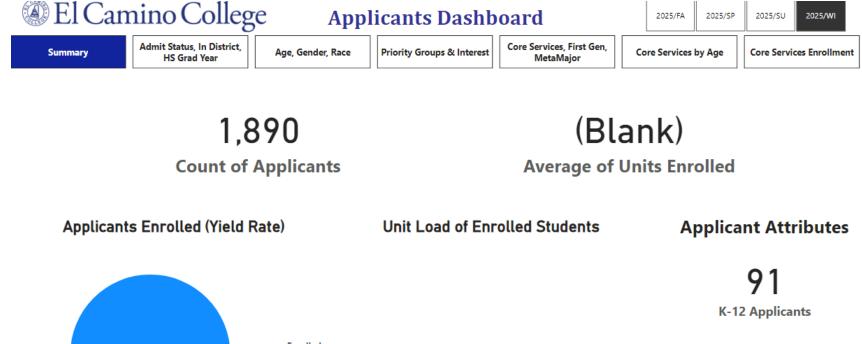
## Year to Date Enrollment Data: Summer and Fall 2024 (Estimated FTES)

Term	2023-2024 FTES Reported	2024 - 2025 FTES Goal	2024-2025 FTES Projection	2024-2025 FTES vs 2023-2024 Reported (Δ)	2023 –2024 FTES vs FTES Goal (Δ)
Summer 24	1771	1790	1892	6.83%	5.67%
Fall 24	7110	7475	7470	5.05%	-0.06%
YTD	8880	9265	9362	5.79%	1.05%

Based on current Summer and Fall 2024 enrollment projections, the College is projecting to earn 9,362 FTES for these two terms. Compared to Summer and Fall 2023, the College is projecting increased enrollment generating an additional 512 FTES (+5.70%). Enrollment growth during Summer and Fall this year is projected to place the College ahead of our FTES target by 97 FTES (+1.05%). Overall, enrollment for 2024-2025 is strong and the College is projecting to meet or exceed our annual FTES target once enrollment is completed for the Winter and Spring terms.

## El Camino College Applicant Tracking Dashboard

Application yields are in the early process for Winter and Spring 2025 sessions. Enrollment for both terms will begin in late November and early December. Students can start submitting applications on October 1, 2024, for the 2025-2026 academic year.





## **Applicants Dashboard**

2025/FA **2025/SP** 2025/SU 2025/WI

Summary

Admit Status, In District, HS Grad Year

Age, Gender, Race

**Priority Groups & Interest** 

Core Services, First Gen, MetaMajor

Core Services by Age

Core Services Enrollment

2,436

**Count of Applicants** 

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**Average of Units Enrolled** 

Applicants Enrolled (Yield Rate)

Unit Load of Enrolled Students

**Applicant Attributes** 

57

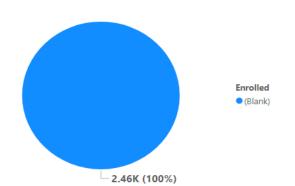
K-12 Applicants

18

**Apps with Fees Hold** 

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**Apps with Verification Hold** 



## El Camino College Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan Initiative Updates

## **Marketing and Communications SEM Updates:**

tivity	Status			
Media Buy	Second Eight-Week Class Promotion concluded October 22.			
	<ul> <li>Ongoing Apply &amp; Register for Winter and Spring awareness and</li> </ul>			
	program specific ads running concurrently.			
	- GED Prep Course			
	<ul> <li>A Place for Student Success – Black Student Success Center</li> </ul>			
	- A Top 25 Community College for Hispanics			
	<ul> <li>Career-focused, short-term certificate = get to work faster</li> </ul>			
	- Bigger Salaries. Better Careers – Get the Skills You Need to			
	Succeed			
Secret Shopper	Results of Secret Shopper presented to Cabinet.			
8-Week Classes Email	The results of the wait list email campaign delivered just after the start of			
	the fall semester received from IRP. As a reminder, 5,068 emails sent, 565			
	emails opened, and 223 students clicked to our site to learn more about			
	registering for a different under enrolled course, or a second, eight-week.			
	<ul> <li>235 students enrolled in section they waitlisted for.</li> </ul>			
	20 students didn't enroll in the waitlisted class and instead			
	enrolled in a different section of the same course.			
Short-term Class	The short-term certificate courses catalogue list under review by			
Marketing Cataloging	Deans.			
Underway/Areas of	<ul> <li>Non-credit courses verified and approved by M. Kline.</li> </ul>			
Study	Dedicated landing page will be ready when campaign launches.			
Development of Non-	Top ten non-credit courses also confirmed by M. Kline and as a			
credit Collateral	result campaign under development for launch in December to			
	market the package of short-term courses.			
	Create collateral (emails, social, flyers)			
Bilingual Media Habits	Bilingual media habits survey questions completed.			
Survey	Student list has been requested from IRP.			
	Survey launch planned for first week of November.			
Disproportionately	Two focus groups planned. Timing TBD.			
impacted students	Using MyECC to extract Black/AA and Hispanic students list not			
marketing plan	belonging to a support cohort to learn of viewpoints and needs that			
	we may not be aware of.			
	Focus group format under development.			

**Digital Advertising and Search Engine Marketing (SEM) continued in the channels below.** Results represent data available in September (the most recent month available.)

#### Performance Review & Recommendations:

### **Search Engine Marketing (SEM)**

Search Engine Marketing continues to optimize and Sept did very well, with a lower cost per click/cost per lead and a higher click thru rate (CTR). Our average cost for Pay Per Click went from .15 cents to .09 cents from August to September. Obtained a CTR for text ads of 48 percent, far beating the industry average of 6 percent. In addition, 808 calls were received and 622 people clicked to start an application.

### Facebook/IG Benchmarks

While it was reported last month that we received 138 interest form submissions from the leads campaign, this month the interest remains high at 135 leads. The average cost per lead is \$19, compared to the industry average benchmark of \$62. To further enhance the results, separate FB/IG campaign solely targeting the CRM lists and phone lists will be implemented. The Applied Not Registered impressions are excellent. Highly engaged audiences continue to be Spanish, career-centered adult males and those interested in online learning.

#### YouTube

Results on this platform remain the same month over month with the completed video view rate remaining high for English and Spanish campaigns at 60% compared to the industry benchmark of 35%. The cost remains low as well at .03 cents per completed video view.

### **Display**

Display Cost Per Thousand (CPM) impressions continues to be low at \$9. Views for over-the-top (OTT) display adverting on connected TV video viewers with streaming at over 9,500 completed views, a slight dip from the previous month's report. This is attributed to the time of year.

Engagement is above average in this campaign and visits from both paid/view through visits are high despite a reduced budget. To ensure the budget goes further, the number of audiences has been reduced from 24 to 10.

#### Snapchat

While Snapchat has a higher Cost Per Thousand (CPM) impressions, engagement is higher. Spanish audience ads have been removed from this platform because they are very expensive and Spanish-language ads are running in YouTube, Display and Facebook/IG, where it is much more affordable.

## **Student Services SEM Updates:**

- College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the Student Services Plaza.
- A small Student Services team met to begin discussion on Annualized Enrollment. This would allow a student the ability to register for an entire year of classes at a time. We are in contact with one California college that currently registers students year around.
- Student Services is currently working through its organizational structure to better serve students. Listening Sessions were held for the Student Services Division on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Academic Affairs SEM Updates:**

- The Academic Affairs finalized the Winter and Spring 2025 schedules. The schedules were
  available to students in electronic form on October 15, 2024. The production and availability of
  the schedule has been improved by nearly a month over the last two years in order to remain
  competitive with the community college districts in the Los Angeles region.
- The Strategic Enrollment Management Academy team within Academic Affairs is implementing
  an updated schedule development timeline in order to have the complete 2025-2026 schedule
  of classes available to students by mid-June. The summer-fall schedule will be available by midApril and the winter-spring schedule will be available by mid-June. The goal is to improve
  student planning of their schedules for the entire academic year, increase enrollment, and
  improve student retention from term to term.