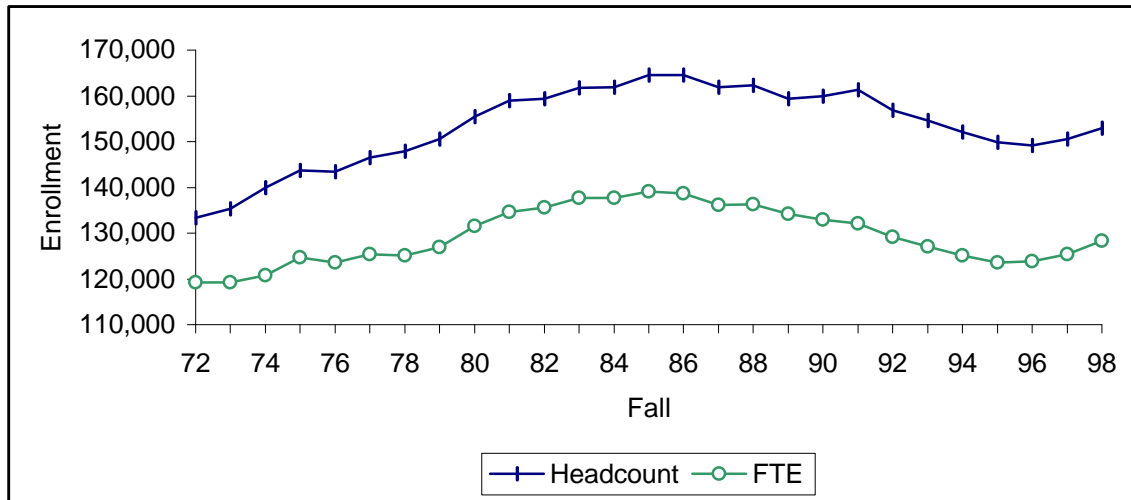




Informational Memorandum

Trends in Enrollment: Fall 1998 Update

**UW System Headcount and FTE Enrollments
Fall 1972 to Fall 1998**



Highlights

- Fall 1998 full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment128,371**
 Up 2,978 (2.4%) from Fall 1997.
 Detail shown in Table 1.
- Fall 1998 headcount enrollment152,926**
 Up (1.6%) from Fall 1997.
 Detail shown in Table 2.
- UW System achieves its Fall 1998 full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment target.**
 Five institutions met (within +/- 1.0%) their FTE enrollment targets.
 Six institutions exceeded (more than +1.0%) their FTE enrollment targets.
 Three institutions fell below (more than -1.0%) their FTE enrollment targets.
 Detail shown in Table 8.

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Table 1
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of FTE Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN	37,869	37,686	37,489	37,040	36,214	35,156	34,552	34,250	34,399	34,763	34,923
MIL	17,277	16,845	17,227	17,306	16,436	16,069	15,455	15,038	14,983	15,555	15,976
Sub.	55,146	54,531	54,716	54,346	52,650	51,225	50,007	49,288	49,382	50,318	50,899
EAU	10,067	9,852	9,587	9,307	9,181	9,175	9,241	9,238	9,343	9,370	9,556
GBY	4,176	4,003	4,006	4,342	4,123	4,189	4,307	4,183	4,319	4,333	4,475
LAC	8,681	8,564	8,177	8,103	7,740	7,957	7,902	8,121	8,379	8,427	8,591
OSH	9,478	9,332	9,583	9,264	9,259	9,094	9,034	8,964	8,817	8,791	9,023
PKS	3,592	3,554	3,646	3,508	3,465	3,404	3,376	3,262	3,122	3,216	3,311
PLT	4,996	5,107	4,859	4,930	4,761	4,620	4,663	4,640	4,610	4,561	4,691
RVF	5,051	4,872	4,614	4,827	4,803	4,683	4,814	4,691	4,821	4,926	5,189
STP	8,537	8,208	7,992	7,889	7,825	7,794	7,658	7,630	7,611	7,690	7,696
STO	7,310	6,993	6,964	7,055	6,805	6,648	6,675	6,559	6,625	6,697	6,865
SUP	1,965	2,078	2,091	2,356	2,273	2,072	2,041	1,988	2,028	2,043	2,113
WTW	9,319	9,120	8,780	8,684	8,756	8,727	8,651	8,631	8,766	8,891	9,026
Sub.	73,172	71,683	70,299	70,265	68,991	68,363	68,362	67,907	68,441	68,945	70,536
UWC	8,012	7,921	7,986	7,495	7,565	7,468	6,728	6,389	6,029	6,130	6,935
UWS	136,330	134,135	133,001	132,106	129,206	127,056	125,097	123,584	123,852	125,393	128,371

- Fall FTE enrollment declined from 1988 to 1995 and has continued to rise steadily since 1995.
- In Fall 1998, the UW System enrolled 128,371 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. This represents an increase of 2,978 FTE students, or 2.4%, from Fall 1997.

Table 2
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Headcount Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN	43,364	43,282	43,092	42,997	41,752	40,412	39,785	39,535	39,306	39,700	39,517
MIL	25,212	24,856	25,380	25,456	24,341	23,794	22,984	22,342	21,877	22,251	22,600
Sub.	68,576	68,138	68,472	68,453	66,093	64,206	62,769	61,877	61,183	61,951	62,117
EAU	11,038	10,773	10,643	10,495	10,431	10,342	10,342	10,315	10,512	10,480	10,682
GBY	5,221	4,776	4,801	5,551	4,933	5,525	5,633	5,438	5,533	5,436	5,603
LAC	9,242	8,977	8,746	8,787	8,354	8,657	8,585	8,787	9,041	9,076	9,290
OSH	11,209	10,828	11,098	11,116	10,973	10,742	10,534	10,481	10,393	10,620	10,769
PKS	5,172	5,221	5,113	5,088	5,031	5,009	5,027	4,851	4,532	4,696	4,655
PLT	5,334	5,442	5,230	5,445	5,265	5,134	5,149	5,056	5,105	5,035	5,016
RVF	5,544	5,236	5,196	5,564	5,438	5,243	5,406	5,233	5,327	5,396	5,570
STP	9,318	8,878	8,806	8,752	8,618	8,615	8,430	8,412	8,361	8,455	8,517
STO	7,597	7,320	7,442	7,598	7,343	7,175	7,412	7,072	7,322	7,411	7,604
SUP	2,437	2,563	2,615	3,107	2,938	2,578	2,589	2,584	2,640	2,573	2,632
WTW	10,458	10,270	10,184	10,482	10,544	10,549	10,432	10,432	10,398	10,564	10,628
Sub.	82,570	80,284	79,874	81,985	79,868	79,569	79,539	78,661	79,164	79,742	80,966
UWC	11,184	10,998	11,633	10,908	10,912	10,845	9,821	9,267	8,795	8,881	9,843
UWS	162,330	159,420	159,979	161,346	156,873	154,620	152,129	149,805	149,142	150,574	152,926

- Fall headcount enrollment declined from 1991 to 1996 and has continued to rise since 1996.
- In Fall 1998, the UW System headcount enrollment was 152,926 students. This represents an increase of 2,352 students, or 1.6%, from Fall 1997.

Table 3
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Undergraduate FTE Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN	28,326	28,089	27,709	27,125	25,965	24,859	24,502	24,601	25,203	25,789	25,883
MIL	15,024	14,609	14,868	14,854	14,059	13,686	13,042	12,653	12,674	13,192	13,664
Sub.	43,350	42,698	42,577	41,979	40,024	38,545	37,544	37,254	37,877	38,981	39,547
EAU	9,872	9,626	9,315	9,077	8,943	8,919	8,994	8,992	9,122	9,135	9,322
GBY	4,094	3,919	3,922	4,256	4,066	4,099	4,212	4,098	4,240	4,284	4,429
LAC	8,318	8,227	7,814	7,728	7,429	7,586	7,554	7,770	7,992	8,000	8,118
OSH	8,876	8,755	9,001	8,658	8,698	8,529	8,454	8,339	8,178	8,145	8,416
PKS	3,513	3,473	3,594	3,467	3,429	3,355	3,314	3,184	3,065	3,148	3,247
PLT	4,890	5,002	4,741	4,819	4,642	4,503	4,536	4,517	4,499	4,465	4,596
RVF	4,756	4,596	4,337	4,546	4,581	4,457	4,577	4,455	4,592	4,698	4,978
STP	8,308	7,973	7,746	7,652	7,570	7,507	7,424	7,417	7,420	7,504	7,513
STO	6,938	6,585	6,568	6,623	6,412	6,257	6,282	6,187	6,197	6,283	6,458
SUP	1,754	1,860	1,852	2,087	2,057	1,866	1,818	1,771	1,806	1,850	1,940
WTW	8,800	8,569	8,240	8,093	8,182	8,170	8,084	8,096	8,282	8,419	8,576
Sub.	70,119	68,585	67,130	67,006	66,009	65,248	65,249	64,826	65,393	65,931	67,593
UWC	8,012	7,921	7,986	7,495	7,565	7,468	6,728	6,389	6,026	6,130	6,935
UWS	121,481	119,204	117,693	116,480	113,598	111,261	109,521	108,469	109,296	111,042	114,075

- As with total FTE enrollment, undergraduate FTE enrollment has continued to rise since 1995.
- Undergraduate FTE enrollment increased in Fall 1998 to 114,075. This represents a 3,033 or 2.7% increase from Fall 1997.

Table 4
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN	32,142	31,846	31,485	31,093	29,553	28,232	27,907	28,058	28,392	29,037	29,016
MIL	20,686	20,315	20,585	20,557	19,715	19,116	18,244	17,667	17,428	17,685	18,203
Sub.	52,828	52,161	52,070	51,650	49,268	47,348	46,151	45,725	45,820	46,722	47,219
EAU	10,573	10,251	10,002	9,977	9,891	9,777	9,812	9,774	10,032	9,986	10,166
GBY	4,991	4,546	4,590	5,316	4,811	5,296	5,394	5,220	5,322	5,299	5,462
LAC	8,653	8,405	8,108	8,168	7,802	8,016	8,004	8,207	8,465	8,463	8,612
OSH	9,510	9,295	9,530	9,463	9,492	9,274	9,104	8,882	8,734	8,858	9,137
PKS	4,898	4,930	4,956	4,963	4,920	4,856	4,826	4,616	4,361	4,486	4,483
PLT	5,124	5,222	5,004	5,232	5,029	4,909	4,916	4,844	4,875	4,837	4,835
RVF	4,970	4,738	4,687	5,063	5,019	4,801	4,928	4,794	4,943	4,992	5,226
STP	8,863	8,430	8,315	8,268	8,154	8,059	7,989	8,016	8,023	8,123	8,165
STO	7,090	6,777	6,886	6,983	6,803	6,617	6,755	6,563	6,701	6,743	6,965
SUP	1,934	2,055	2,075	2,511	2,424	2,129	2,112	2,071	2,110	2,194	2,267
WTW	9,284	9,097	8,998	9,092	9,254	9,306	9,222	9,225	9,337	9,523	9,599
Sub.	75,890	73,746	73,151	75,036	73,599	73,040	73,062	72,212	72,903	73,504	74,917
UWC	11,184	10,998	11,633	10,908	10,912	10,845	9,821	9,267	8,795	8,881	9,843
UWS	139,902	136,905	136,854	137,594	133,779	131,233	129,034	127,204	127,518	129,107	131,979

- After declining for several years, undergraduate headcount enrollment has been increasing for the past 3 years.
- Undergraduate headcount enrollment increased 2,872 from Fall 1997. This represents a 2.2% increase from Fall 1997 and is the highest headcount enrollment since 1992.

Table 5
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Graduate/Professional FTE Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN											
Masters	3,308	3,485	3,604	3,728	3,674	3,427	3,113	2,879	2,727	2,681	2,612
Ph.D.	4,432	4,307	4,360	4,415	4,759	5,035	5,081	4,944	4,647	4,405	4,376
Prof.	1,803	1,805	1,816	1,772	1,816	1,835	1,856	1,827	1,821	1,888	2,052
Total	9,543	9,597	9,780	9,915	10,249	10,297	10,050	9,650	9,195	8,974	9,040
MIL											
Masters	1,692	1,660	1,788	1,870	1,790	1,784	1,823	1,806	1,727	1,809	1,766
Ph.D.	561	575	571	582	587	599	590	578	582	554	547
Total	2,253	2,235	2,359	2,452	2,377	2,383	2,413	2,384	2,309	2,363	2,313
Sub.	11,796	11,832	12,139	12,367	12,626	12,680	12,463	12,034	11,504	11,337	11,353
EAU	195	226	272	230	238	256	247	245	221	235	234
GBY	82	84	84	86	57	90	95	85	79	49	46
LAC	363	337	363	375	311	371	348	351	387	427	473
OSH	602	577	582	606	561	565	581	626	640	646	608
PKS	79	81	52	41	36	49	62	78	57	68	64
PLT	106	105	118	111	119	117	127	122	111	96	95
RVF	295	276	277	281	222	226	237	236	229	228	211
STP	229	235	246	237	255	287	234	214	191	186	183
STO	372	408	396	432	393	392	393	372	429	414	407
SUP	211	218	239	269	216	206	223	217	223	193	173
WTW	519	551	540	591	574	558	566	535	484	472	451
Sub.	3,053	3,098	3,169	3,259	2,982	3,117	3,113	3,081	3,051	3,014	2,945
UWS	14,849	14,930	15,308	15,626	15,608	15,797	15,576	15,115	14,555	14,351	14,296

- Graduate/Professional FTE enrollment has continued to decline since Fall 1993 and remains lower than 1988's enrollment.
- In Fall 1998, graduate/professional FTE enrollment declined by 55, or 0.4%, from Fall 1997.
- The increase in UW-Madison's graduate/professional FTE enrollment and headcount enrollment (Table 6) is mainly due to UW-Madison's changes to its Pharmacy program offerings. These changes have shifted enrollments from undergraduate to graduate/professional programs.

Table 6
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Graduate/Professional Headcount Enrollment, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MSN											
Masters	4,629	4,894	5,035	5,246	5,132	4,830	4,417	4,080	3,762	3,652	3,521
Ph.D.	4,772	4,720	4,763	4,869	5,231	5,505	5,600	5,564	5,313	5,108	4,939
Prof.	1,821	1,822	1,809	1,789	1,836	1,845	1,861	1,833	1,839	1,903	2,041
Total	11,222	11,436	11,607	11,904	12,199	12,180	11,878	11,477	10,914	10,663	10,501
MIL											
Masters	3,808	3,798	4,034	4,140	3,866	3,896	3,942	3,883	3,671	3,787	3,678
Ph.D.	718	743	761	759	760	782	798	792	778	779	719
Total	4,526	4,541	4,795	4,899	4,626	4,678	4,740	4,675	4,449	4,566	4,397
Sub.	15,748	15,977	16,402	16,803	16,825	16,858	16,618	16,152	15,363	15,229	14,898
EAU	465	522	641	518	540	565	530	541	480	494	516
GBY	230	230	211	235	122	229	239	218	211	137	141
LAC	589	572	638	619	552	641	581	580	576	613	678
OSH	1,699	1,533	1,568	1,653	1,481	1,468	1,430	1,599	1,659	1,762	1,632
PKS	274	291	157	125	111	153	201	235	171	210	172
PLT	210	220	226	213	236	225	233	212	230	198	181
RVF	574	498	509	501	419	442	478	439	384	404	344
STP	455	448	491	484	464	556	441	396	338	332	352
STO	507	543	556	615	540	558	657	509	621	668	639
SUP	503	508	540	596	514	449	477	513	530	379	365
WTW	1,174	1,173	1,186	1,390	1,290	1,243	1,210	1,207	1,061	1,041	1,029
Sub.	6,680	6,538	6,723	6,949	6,269	6,529	6,477	6,449	6,261	6,238	6,049
UWS	22,428	22,515	23,125	23,752	23,094	23,387	23,095	22,601	21,624	21,467	20,947

- Graduate/Professional headcount enrollment has decreased since Fall 1993 and remains lower than 1988's enrollment.
- Graduate/Professional headcount enrollment in Fall 1998 declined by 520, or 2.4%, from Fall 1997.

Table 7
The University of Wisconsin System
Historical Profile of Percent Deviation from FTE Targets, Fall 1988 to Fall 1998

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Madison	0.1	1.9	3.7	1.2	1.7	1.0	0.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2
Milwaukee	-0.6	-4.6	-0.5	4.3	0.6	-0.9	-3.9	-5.1	-5.3	-2.4	0.1
Eau Claire	2.0	1.8	1.1	-1.1	-1.7	-1.0	0.5	-1.8	1.1	1.1	2.8
Green Bay	8.3	3.8	3.9	6.9	0.3	0.7	2.3	-1.0	2.2	2.3	3.5
La Crosse	-0.2	1.8	0.5	1.3	-3.2	0.0	0.2	0.9	3.4	2.2	2.9
Oshkosh	-0.2	-0.1	4.3	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.6	-2.6	-4.5	-1.6
Parkside	-0.4	-5.3	-5.3	0.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-4.3	-9.8	-7.6	-2.6
Platteville	-0.5	3.9	1.0	4.2	1.8	-0.1	0.7	-0.4	-1.1	-2.8	-0.2
River Falls	0.7	-0.8	-4.0	0.7	1.0	-0.7	3.0	-0.6	0.6	1.8	6.3
Stevens Point	1.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	0.2
Stout	2.1	-0.6	0.7	2.7	-0.1	-1.7	-0.5	-2.2	-1.3	-0.2	2.2
Superior	-1.0	3.7	3.3	15.1	12.0	3.0	2.1	-4.6	-2.6	-2.6	0.1
Whitewater	0.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.9	0.7	1.1	1.0	-0.3	1.3	2.7	4.3
UW Colleges	4.9	-0.3	-4.3	0.4	0.2	-1.1	-10.7	-14.7	-20.0	-18.7	-8.0
UW System	0.8	0.3	1.0	1.6	0.6	0.1	-0.7	-2.3	-2.2	-1.6	0.5
	Enrollment Management I			Enrollment Management II			Enrollment Management III				

- UW System met its Fall 1998 FTE enrollment target after falling below FTE targets for the last 4 years.

Table 8
UW System Actual and Target FTE Enrollment
Fall 1998

	Fall 1998 Enrollment Target (EM III)				
	1998 Actual	1998 Target	% Difference	# Difference	Within 1.0% of Target
Madison	34,923	35,000	-0.2%	(77)	Yes
Milwaukee	15,976	15,959	0.1%	17	Yes
Eau Claire	9,556	9,294	2.8%	262	No
Green Bay	4,475	4,322	3.5%	153	No
La Crosse	8,591	8,345	2.9%	246	No
Oshkosh	9,023	9,168	-1.6%	(145)	No
Parkside	3,311	3,399	-2.6%	(88)	No
Platteville	4,691	4,700	-0.2%	(9)	Yes
River Falls	5,189	4,883	6.3%	306	No
Stevens Point	7,696	7,677	0.2%	19	Yes
Stout	6,865	6,718	2.2%	147	No
Superior	2,113	2,111	0.1%	2	Yes
Whitewater	9,026	8,654	4.3%	372	No
UW Colleges	6,935	7,538	-8.0%	(603)	No
UW System	128,371	127,768	0.5%	603	Yes

- Five institutions met (within +/- 1.0%) their FTE targets. These institutions are UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens-Point, and UW-Superior.
- Six institutions exceeded their FTE targets by more than 1.0%. These institutions are UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and UW-Whitewater.

- Three institutions fell below their FTE targets by more than 1.0%. These institutions are UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, and UW Colleges.