

IR ABSTRACT

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Number of Students Taking Online Classes Steadily Increases

The number of students taking online classes continues to grow, increasing 64 percent from 3,384 students in 2010 to 5,560 in 2015. Twenty-four percent of students took online classes this fall, compared to 13 percent in 2010.

The proportion of students taking online classes is growing faster at the undergraduate level than the graduate level during the time period studied. Undergraduate online enrollment increased 13 percentage points, from 11 to 24 percent, compared with a 5 percentage point increase in graduate enrollment, from 17 to 22 percent. SNL has the highest proportion of undergraduates taking online classes (58 percent) while CDM has the highest proportion of graduate students (49 percent) taking online classes.

CDM has the most students taking online classes, 1,740. SNL has the largest proportion of students taking online classes at 54 percent. CMN and CSH, however, have the largest proportional increases of students taking online classes. Thirty-two percent of CMN students took a class online in 2015, compared with 7 percent in 2010. Twenty-two percent of CSH students took a class online in 2015, compared to 6 percent in 2010.

This growth corresponds with the rise of online class offerings and online only degree programs in several disciplines, including communication, computer science, and psychology.

Number and Percent of Students Taking Online Classes, Fall 2010 - Fall 2015

% of students taking online classes

< 10% 10 - 20% 20 - 30% 30 - 40% 40 - 50% 50 - 60%



Source: IRMA enrollment and roster files. Report is based on students enrolled at census and course enrollment in online classes in the same quarter.

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