ATS offers early look at 2019–2020 enrollment

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ATS member schools have been asked to report their headcount enrollment numbers early for the second year in a row as part of the Annual Report Form process.

The full annual data set is not required to be completed until December 6, but schools have been asked to complete their enrollment numbers by the end of October.

As of October 28, nearly two-thirds of ATS schools have reported enrollment. It is certainly still too early to project what the final overall enrollment numbers will be, but here are some data points from the initial reporting.

Of the schools that have completed the enrollment forms so far, about 45% have shown enrollment increases and about 55% have shown enrollment declines.

ATS Schools Reporting	Headcount Increase	Headcount Decrease	Median Headcount Change
Total	45%	55%	-2%
MDiv	45%	55%	-2%
Professional MA	60%	40%	1%
Academic MA	45%	55%	-6%
Advanced Professional	55%	45%	0%
Advanced Academic	50%	50%	0%



The median total headcount change to-date is down 2%. If the 45%/55% split and median change decline of two percent hold, it would continue a trend that has been in place for more than a decade.

In terms of degree categories, more schools reflect increases than declines in the Professional MA and Advanced Professional degrees. In contrast, more schools reflect declines than increases in the MDiv and Academic MA degrees. Changes in enrollment in the Advanced Academic degrees are evenly split.

Updates will be provided as more member schools report their enrollments. Look for these updates in next month's *Colloquy Online* as well as in the ATS Open Forum in our new online community, <u>Engage ATS</u>.



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