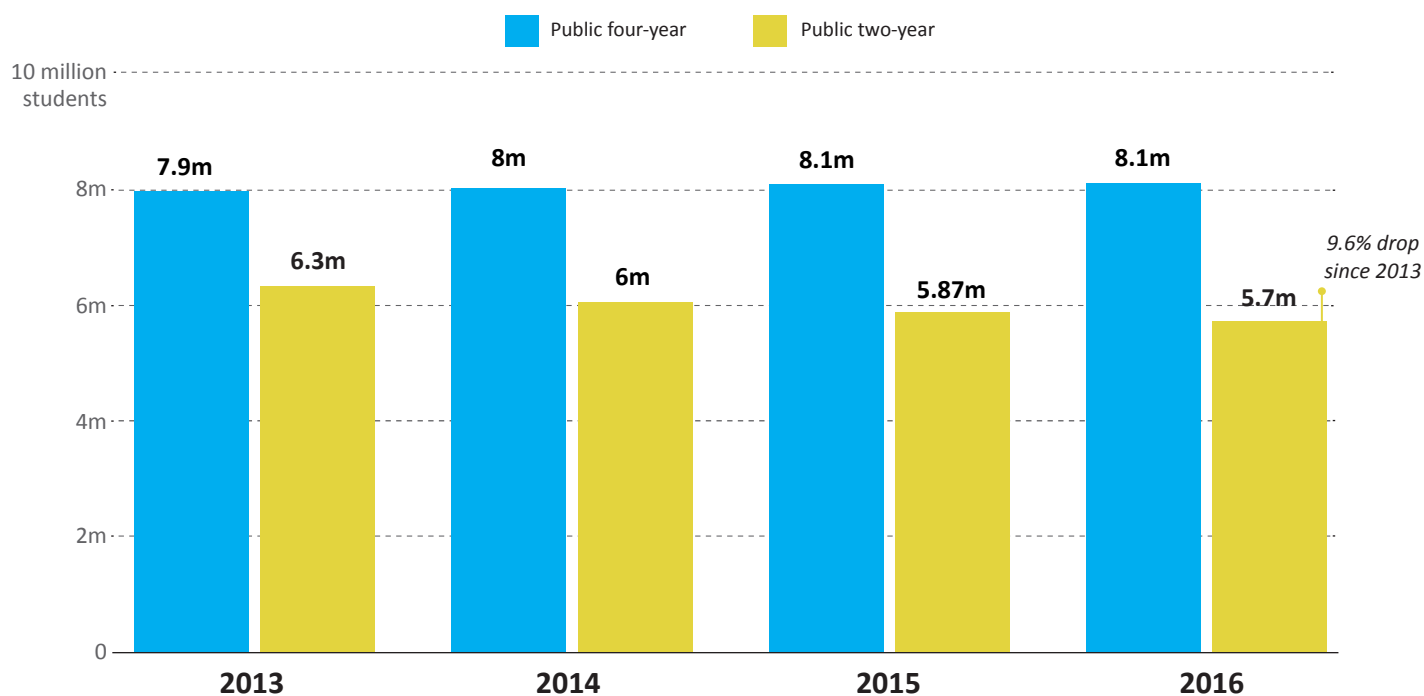


## Enrollment trend

Enrollment continues to decline at public two-year colleges and increase at public four-year colleges.

### Enrollment estimates by sector



Source: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, "Current Term Enrollment Estimates – Fall 2015," December 2015.

National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, "Current Term Enrollment Estimates – Fall 2016," December 2016.



For the last four years, enrollment declined across most sectors of higher education, though there was a slight increase among public four-year institutions, according to National Student Clearinghouse Research Center data. These data indicate that in 2013 public two-year institutions enrolled approximately 6.3 million students. By fall 2016, enrollment at public two-year colleges dropped to around 5.7 million students — a 2.6 percent decrease from the previous year and at 9.6 percent decrease since 2013. The declining enrollment will affect community college efforts to meet their completion agenda, which aims to increase the number of awarded college credentials by 2020. Community colleges must innovate to supply the enrollment pipeline with students from various backgrounds in order to progress toward the completion goal, and re-double efforts to keep students enrolled on their path to credentials. Community colleges will also face challenges maintaining revenues as enrollment rates decline.

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