

**President's Report to the Board of Governors**  
**Via Teleconference**  
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**Preliminary Enrollment Report**

Fall classes are now well underway on most of our campuses. The latest preliminary data (absent the School of the Arts, where classes have yet to begin) reveal that enrollment is up by approximately 6,100 students (3.2%), roughly in line with the ambitious target set by the campuses. With this influx of new students, UNC headcount enrollment now is now approaching 196,000. To put this University-wide growth in perspective, consider that we have absorbed nearly 33,000 additional students over the past five years. That's akin to adding the entire student body of NC State University, with another UNC Asheville thrown in for good measure. I am extremely proud of our chancellors, their faculties, and staffs for serving these additional students during a period of very constrained budgets.

As was noted earlier during the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, these numbers may rise even higher—at least temporarily—as our campuses do their part in the national effort to accommodate students displaced by the closure of other universities as a result of Hurricane Katrina. I deeply appreciate your support of those efforts and urge your support of the related resolution before you today.

A few other points worth noting:

- Our focused-growth campuses are extending their track record of phenomenal growth. More than half of all new students (about 3,400) are enrolled at focused-growth institutions.

- Seven UNC campuses grew by more than 500 students this fall. UNC Charlotte is up by more than 900.
- The vast majority of these new students (85%) are undergraduates.