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## Clark College winter enrollment holds at steady high

Enrollment numbers at Clark College remained at a steady high this winter quarter with a total 16,052 students, including 10,024 full-time equivalent (FTE) students, signed up for classes. The FTE number represents a 41.5 percent increase since winter quarter 2008, a period that coincides with the December 2007 beginning of economic recession, declared officially over in June 2009. The 2011 winter enrollment was just slightly lower than in the same quarter 2010 when 16,149 students were enrolled, including 10,175 FTEs. College spokeswoman Barbara Kerr said enrollment numbers typically increase through the quarter, as more students are added. "So, based on our history, they'll be a bit higher by the end of winter quarter," she said. In Washington's system of 34 state community colleges, Clark College is one of the largest providing two-year transfer degrees, technical training and basic skills classes. Clark's main campus is located on 101 acres in Vancouver's historic Central Park east of the Interstate 5 freeway and north of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.