





## Chapter 1 Overview of the University

The University, founded in 1817 as the Catholepistemiad or University of Michigania. In 1821, it was officially renamed the University of Michigan. Originally located in Detroit, the institution’s home moved to Ann Arbor in 1837. One of the original buildings on the Ann Arbor campus still stands and is used today as the President’s house.

The first Ann Arbor classes were taught in 1841, at which point the U-M had two professors and six students. The first commencement was held in 1845 to recognize the graduation of 11 men. Women were first admitted in 1870.

The University has grown to include 19 schools and colleges (table at right), covering the liberal arts and sciences as well as most professions. Student enrollment surpassed 1,000 by 1865, 10,000 in 1936, and 40,000 in 2006. The fall 2017 enrollment of undergraduate, graduate and professional students was 46,002. The U-M provides campus housing to nearly 9,700 undergraduate students in 18 residence halls and apartment buildings.

Based on the Fall 2017 count, the faculty consists of 3,172 individuals who are tenured or on a tenure-track. Lecturers, clinical faculty, research professors, librarians, and archivists add 4,157 to the Ann Arbor campus academic staff, for a total of 7,329. The campus regular staff count is 15,090. Another 5,176 serve as supplemental staff (including 3,896 graduate student instructors and research assistants who are counted with students in chart 1.3). The FY2017 operating revenues from the state appropriation, tuition, research grants and contracts, gifts and other sources reached \$3.89 billion for the Ann Arbor campus. The U-M Health System revenues added \$4.2 billion for a grand total of nearly \$8.2 billion. According to the latest national data, in FY2016 the U-M spent \$1.45 billion on research – more than any other U.S. public university.

This chapter presents an overview of the University. The chapters that follow will provide further detail on many aspects of the institution.

### 1.1 School/College Origins

University of Michigan	Est. 1817
School/College	First Dean Appointed
Medical School	1850
Law School	1859
College of Literature, Science & the Arts	1875
School of Dentistry	1875
College of Pharmacy	1876
College of Engineering	1895
Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies	1912
School of Education	1921
Stephen M. Ross School of Business	1924
School of Music, Theatre & Dance	1927
School of Environment & Sustainability <sup>1</sup>	1927
Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning	1931
School of Nursing	1941
School of Public Health	1941
School of Social Work	1951
School of Information	1969
Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design	1974
School of Kinesiology	1984
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy	1995

#### For More Information

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✦ *Chart updated since the September 2017 edition.*

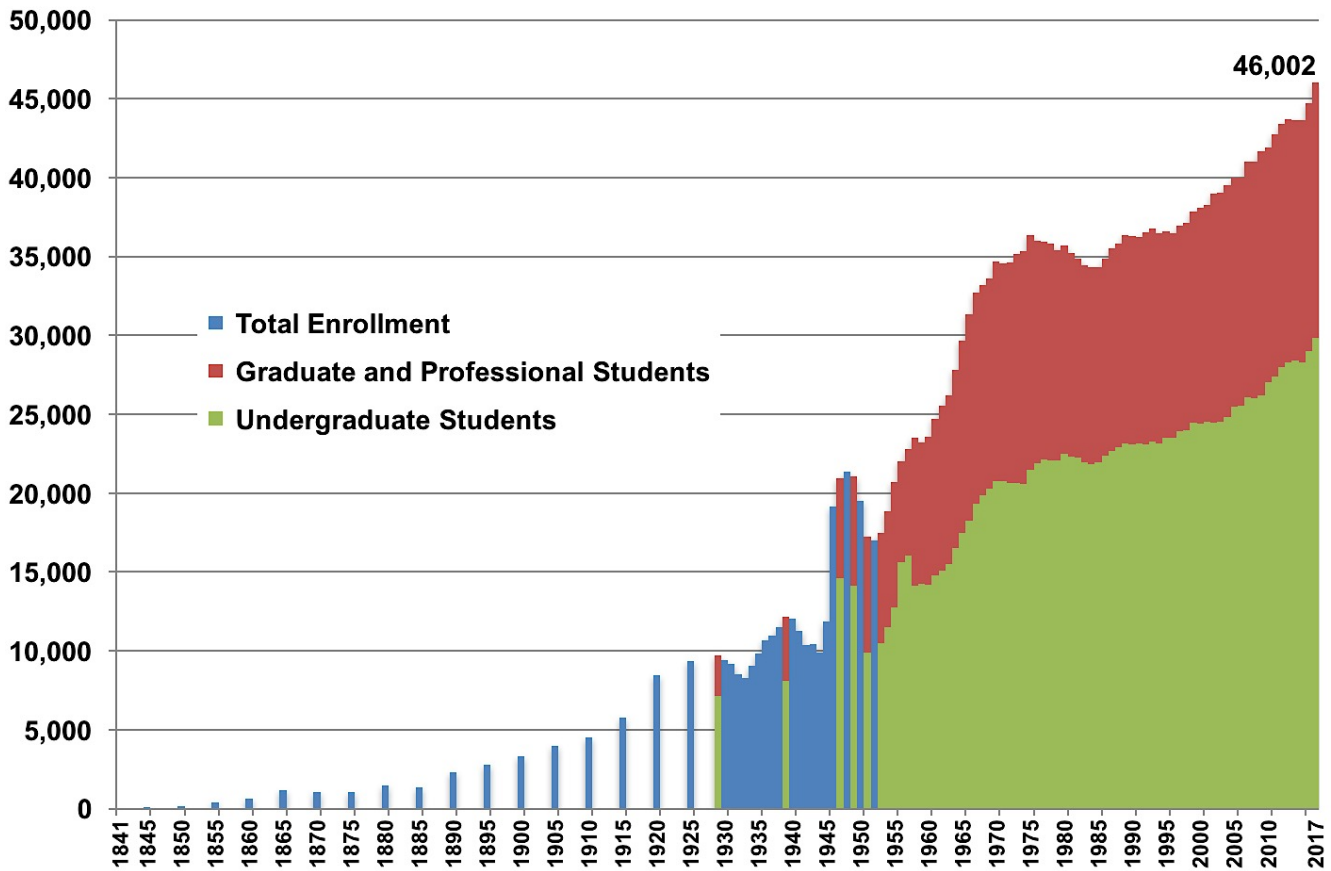
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<sup>1</sup> New school name as of July 1, 2017. Previously called the School of Natural Resources & Environment.

Since World War II ended, enrollment has more than doubled, from 19,176 in 1946 to 46,002 in 2017.

✦ 1.2.1 Student Enrollment, Fall 1841-2017.



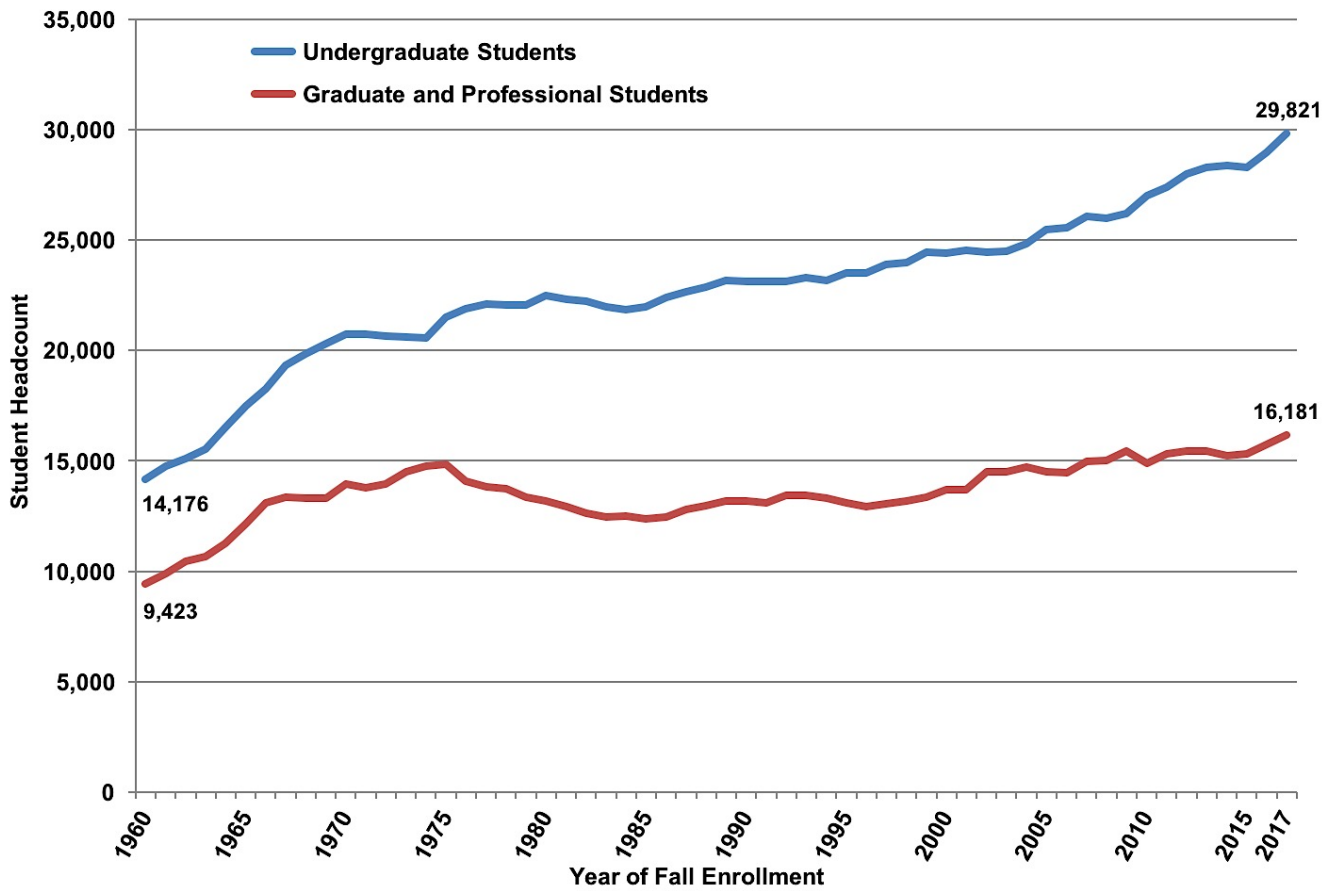
SOURCE: U-M Statistical Reference Book (1966); U-M Office of the Registrar.

The fall enrollment headcount is available starting in 1841 and continuing about every five years to 1929. The first class in 1841 consisted of six undergraduates. Graduate student enrollment began sometime in the 1840s, since the first graduate degree (a Master of Arts) was conferred in 1849, followed by the first M.D. degree in 1851. Total enrollment is reported unless records provide an accurate accounting of the separate undergraduate and graduate student population.

The enrollment valley in the early 1940s followed by a rapid rise and peak in the late 1940s parallels the U.S. involvement in World War II followed by the war's end and the passage of the GI Bill. The subsequent enrollment valley – reaching its low point in 1985 – synchronizes fairly closely with the end of the post-World War II baby boom's prime college years.

Undergraduate enrollment has risen fairly steadily since 1960, with a few periods of decline. Graduate and professional enrollment reached an initial peak in 1975, underwent a period of decline through about 2000, and only returned to the 1975 level again in 2007.

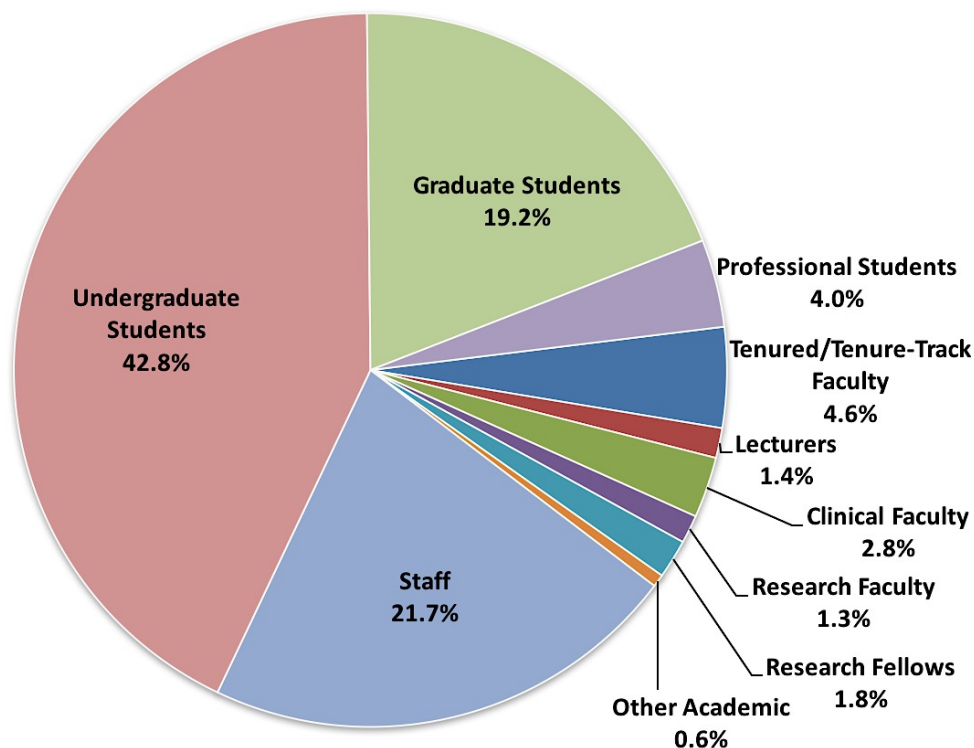
★ 1.2.2 Student Enrollment by Level, Fall 1960-2017.



SOURCE: U-M Office of the Registrar.

The University community includes 46,002 students and 6,934 faculty members.

1.3 Composition of U-M Ann Arbor Campus Community<sup>1</sup>, Fall 2017.



SOURCE: U-M Office of the Registrar; U-M Human Resources Data Sets.

Undergraduate Students .....	29,821
Graduate Students .....	13,415
Professional Students .....	2,766
Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty .....	3,172
Lecturers .....	945
Clinical Faculty .....	1,925
Research Faculty .....	891
Other Academic .....	398
Research Fellows/Post-Doctoral Fellows .....	1,231
Staff.....	15,139

Ann Arbor Campus Total<sup>1</sup> ..... 69,703

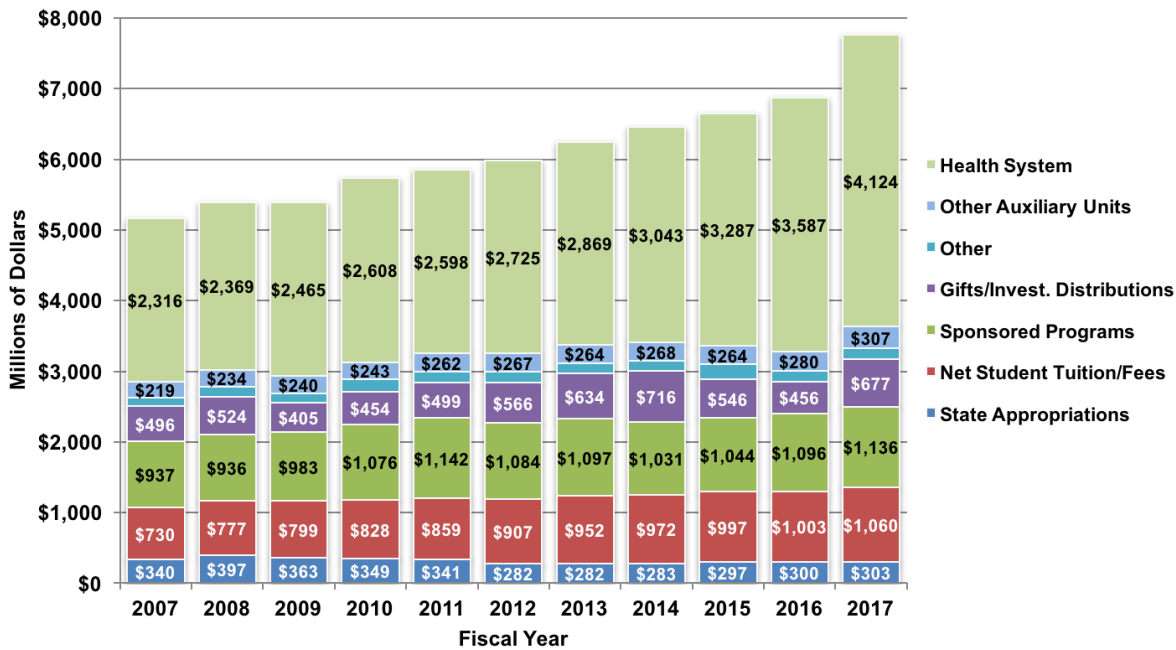
The total faculty count includes tenured & tenure-track faculty, lecturers, clinical faculty, research faculty and other academic (not-on-track faculty, adjunct and visiting faculty adjunct and visiting research faculty, and emeritus faculty). In this chart, the staff count includes regular staff, clinical interns and professional specialist, while excluding supplemental staff appointed as graduate student instructors, graduate student research assistants, and graduate student staff assistants, who are included in student counts.

The professional student count includes student enrolled in the MD, DDS, JD, PharmD and DNP programs. The graduate student count includes all other graduate students. See Appendix D for details.

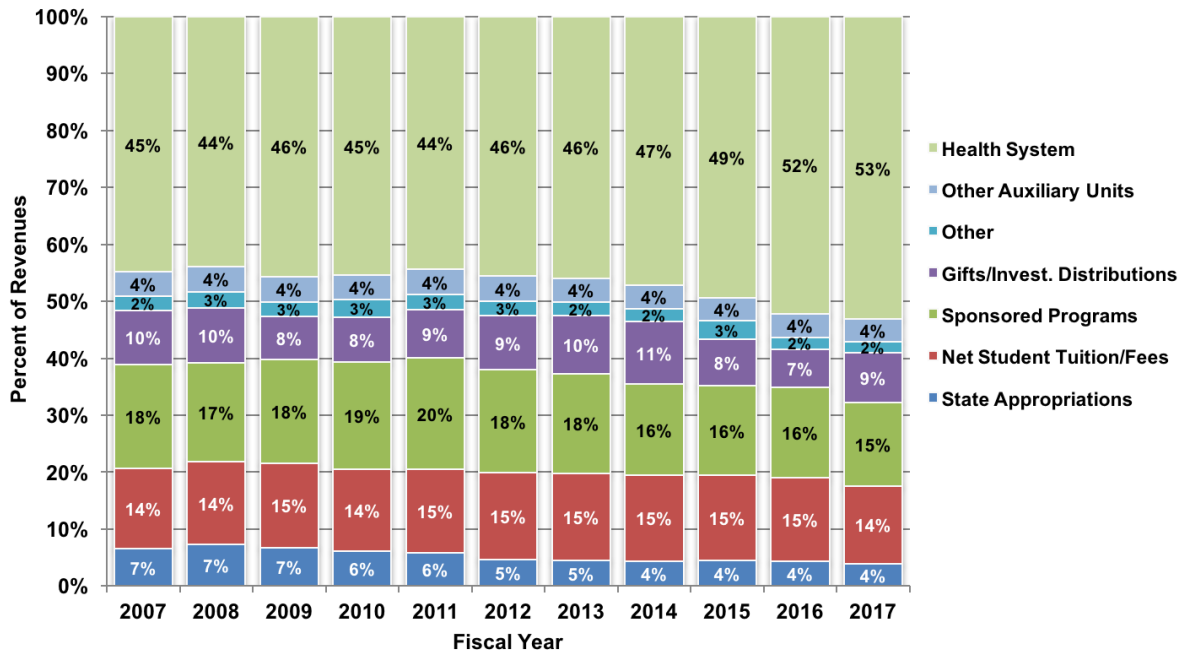
<sup>1</sup> Excludes the U-M Health System (see Appendix E for definition).

Revenues (adjusted for inflation<sup>2</sup>) for the Ann Arbor campus and U-M Health System combined increased from \$5.17 billion in FY2007 to \$7.76 billion in FY2017. The state appropriation in inflation-adjusted dollars declined from \$340 million in FY2007 to \$303 million in FY2017.

1.4.1 Operating Revenues for the Ann Arbor Campus (including the U-M Health System), Adjusted for Inflation<sup>2</sup>, FY 2007-2017.



1.4.2 Operating Revenues for the Ann Arbor Campus (including the U-M Health System), by Percent, FY 2007-2017.



SOURCE: University of Michigan Financial Reports.

Data based on the annual audited financial reports. "Net student tuition/fees" is calculated by subtracting student

scholarships from total tuition and fees for the fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Based on FY 2017 U.S. Consumer Price Index.