



Chapter 1 Overview of the University

The University of Michigan is guided by “a larger sense of purpose,” to borrow a phrase used by former U-M president, Harold Shapiro. His words referred to the University’s commitment to provide the educational programs that society demands, generate new knowledge for the benefit of all, and serve as a thoughtful critic of society so that it may continually better itself.

The U-M mission statement reinforces these ideals, which are to “serve the people of Michigan and the world through preeminence in creating, communicating, preserving and applying knowledge, art, and academic values, and in developing leaders and citizens who will challenge the present and enrich the future.”

Founded in 1817 as the Catholepistemiad or University of Michigania, it was officially renamed in 1821 as 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 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 took place in 1845 to recognize the graduation of eleven men. Women were first admitted in 1870.

The University has grown to include nineteen schools and colleges (see 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 2023 enrollment of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students was 52,065. U-M provides campus housing to 9,101 undergraduate students across sixteen residence halls.

Based on the November 2023 count, the U-M has 3,195 tenured and tenure-track faculty. Lecturers, clinical faculty, research professors, librarians, and archivists add 4,994 to the total academic staff. All other staff total 18,422. (Another 4,595 students have paid appointments as graduate student instructors and research assistants, individuals counted as students in chart 1.3).

The FY2023 operating revenues from the state appropriation,

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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
Marsal Family School of Education ¹	1921
Stephen M. Ross School of Business	1924
School of Music, Theatre & Dance	1927
School of Environment & Sustainability ²	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

¹ School of Education renamed in February 2023.

² New name as of July 1, 2017. Previously called the School of Natural Resources & Environment.

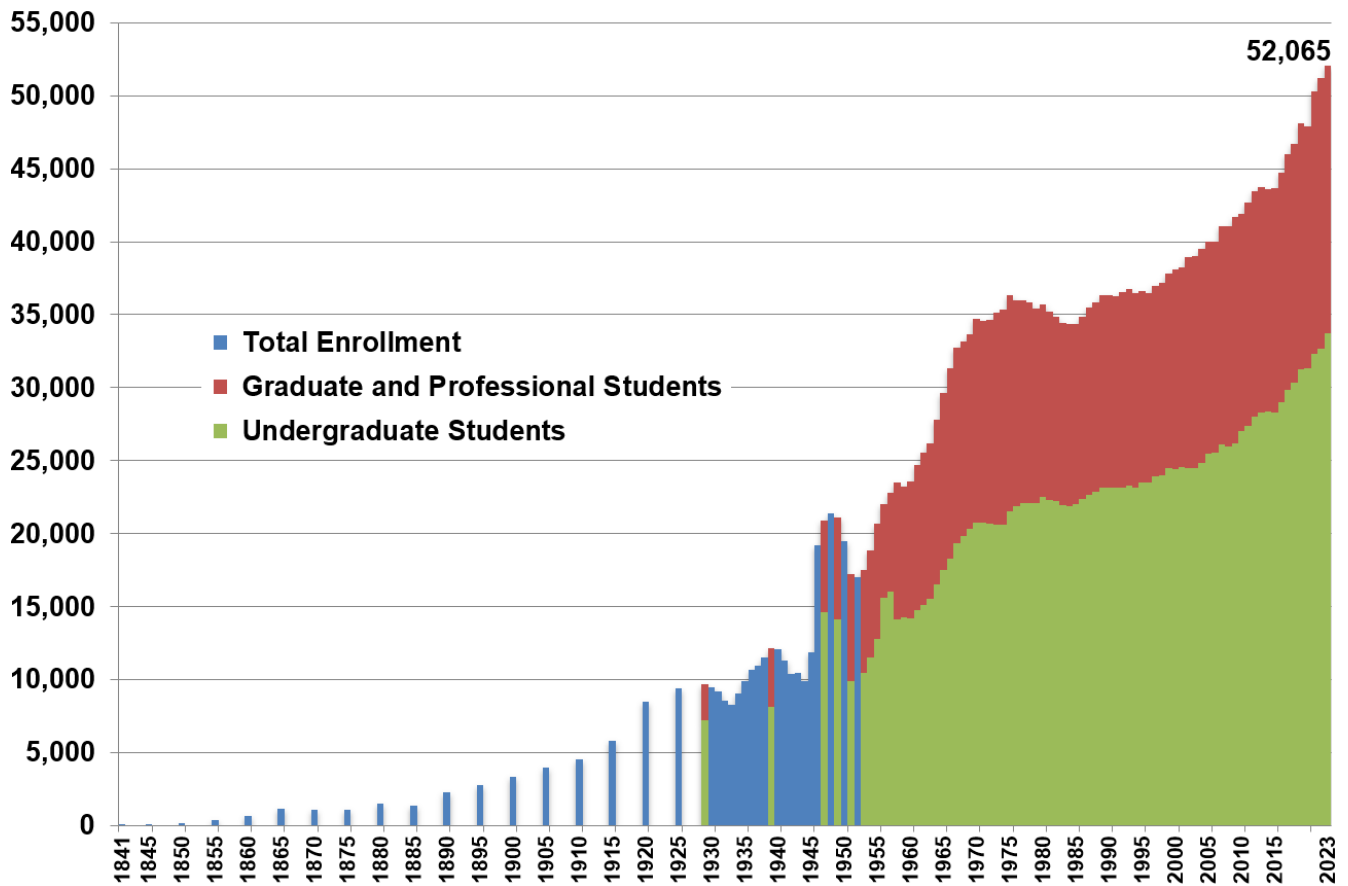
tuition, research grants and contracts, gifts and other sources reached \$4.73 billion. The U-M Health System revenues added \$7.25 billion for a combined total of \$12 billion. According to the latest national data, in FY2023 the U-M spent \$1.86 billion on research – second highest of any U.S. public university.

For More Information

History of U-M (historyofum.umich.edu)
 Bentley Historical Library (bentley.umich.edu)
 Office of Budget and Planning – Campus Statistics (obp.umich.edu/campus-statistics/)

Since World War II ended, official enrollment has more than doubled, from 19,176 in 1946 to 52,065 in 2023.

1.2.1 Student Enrollment, Fall 1841-2023.



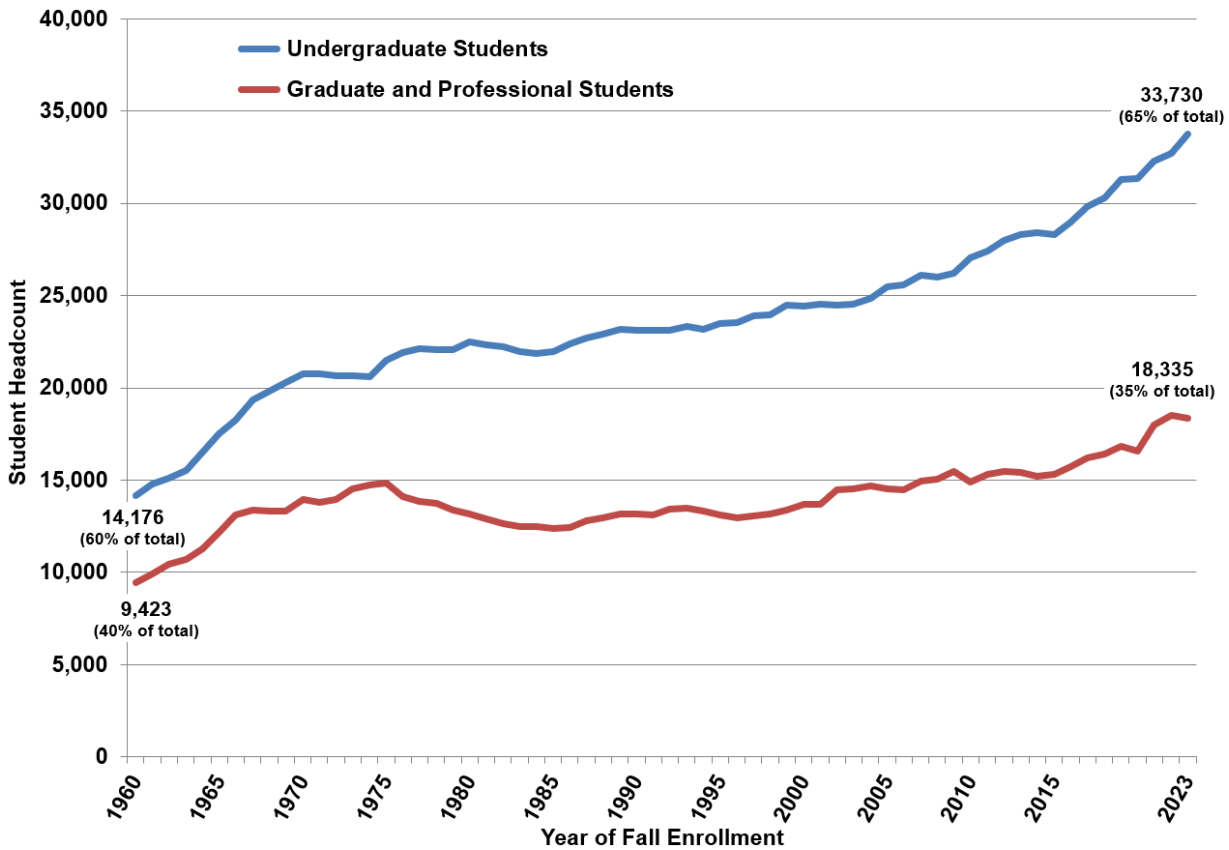
SOURCE: U-M Statistical Reference Book (1966); U-M Office of the Registrar

An enrollment headcount based on a fall census 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 during the 1840s, and 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 1960-2023.



SOURCE: U-M Office of the Registrar

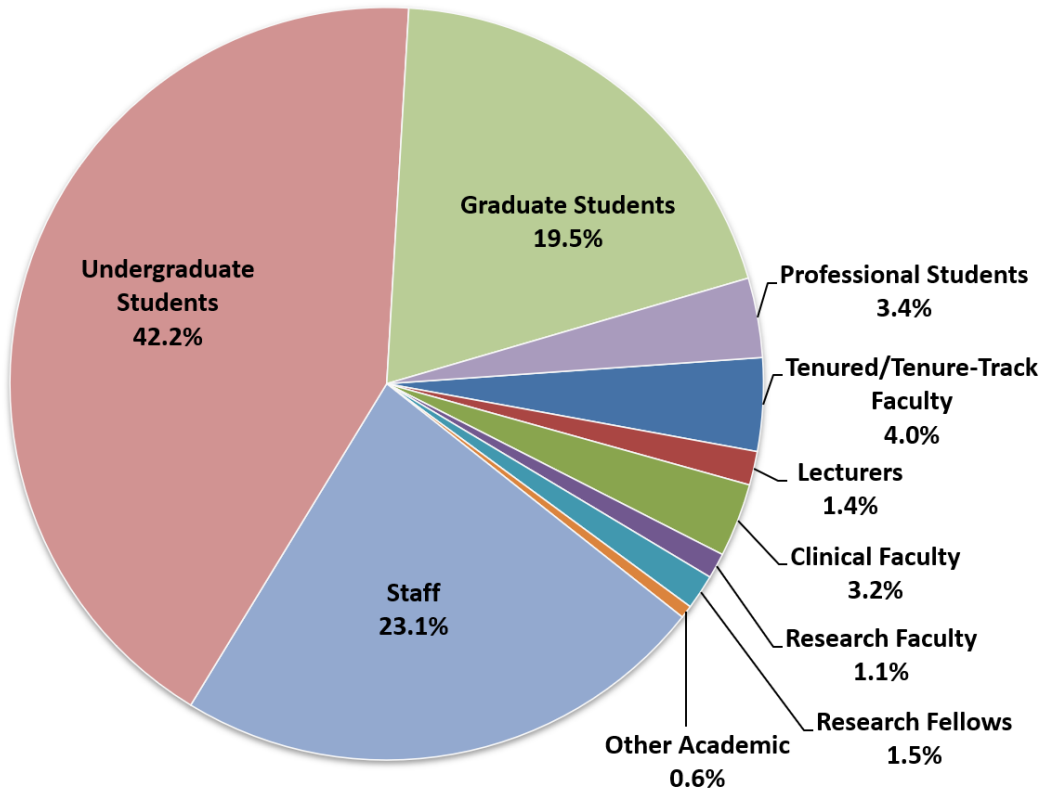
After the small increase in enrollment between Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 – overlapping the start of the COVID-19 pandemic – Fall 2021 saw a significant enrollment increase.

University of Michigan undergraduate student enrollment has risen nearly every year since 1960. The Fall 2023 enrollment is 2.4 times larger than the Fall 1960 enrollment. The undergraduate increase from Fall 2022 is 1,035 students (+3.2%).

Graduate student enrollment has not grown with the same consistency as that for undergraduates, although the current Fall enrollment is 1.9 times larger than for Fall 1960. Fall 2023 graduate enrollment decreased by 195 students compared to a year ago (-1%).

The University community includes 52,065 students and 8,189 faculty members.

1.3 Composition of U-M Campus Community, Fall 2023.



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

Undergraduate Students	33,730
Graduate Students	15,606
Professional Students	2,729
Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty.....	3,195
Lecturers.....	1,157
Clinical Faculty	2,525
Research Faculty	871
Other Academic	441
Research Fellows/Post-Doctoral Fellows.....	1,202
Staff.....	18,422
Campus Total ¹	79,878

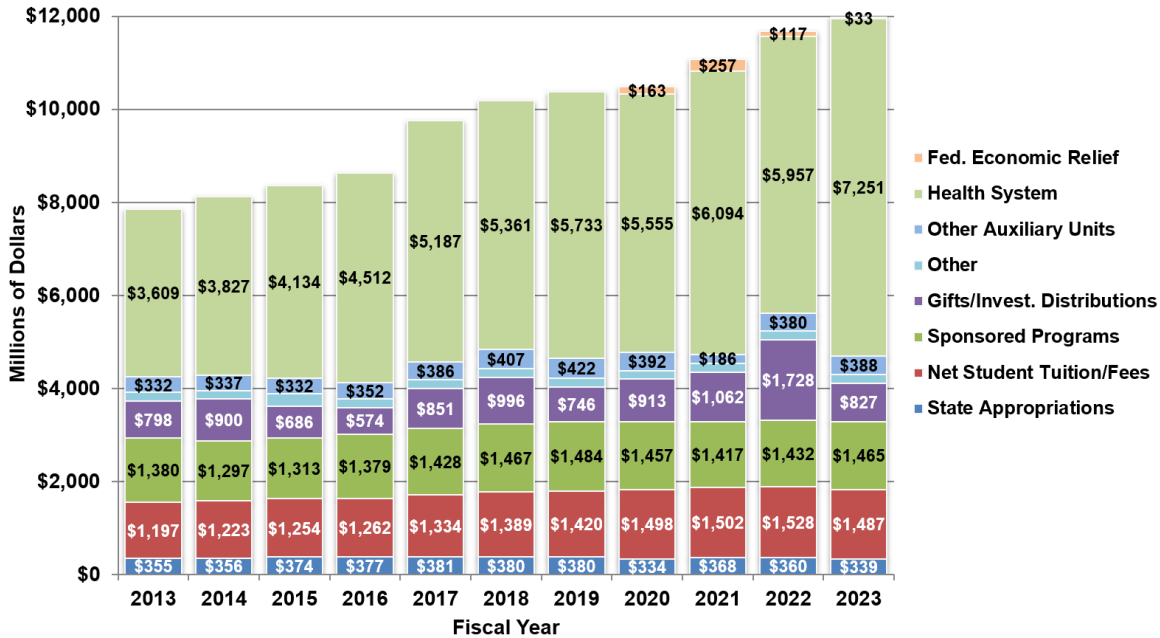
The total faculty count includes tenured & tenure-track faculty, lecturers, clinical faculty, research faculty and other academic appointments (not-on-track faculty, librarian, curator, archivist, adjunct and visiting faculty, adjunct and visiting research faculty, and emeritus faculty). In this chart, the staff count includes regular staff, clinical interns and professional specialists. Students who also have supplemental staff appointments as graduate student instructors, graduate student research assistants, and graduate student staff assistants are included in student counts.

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

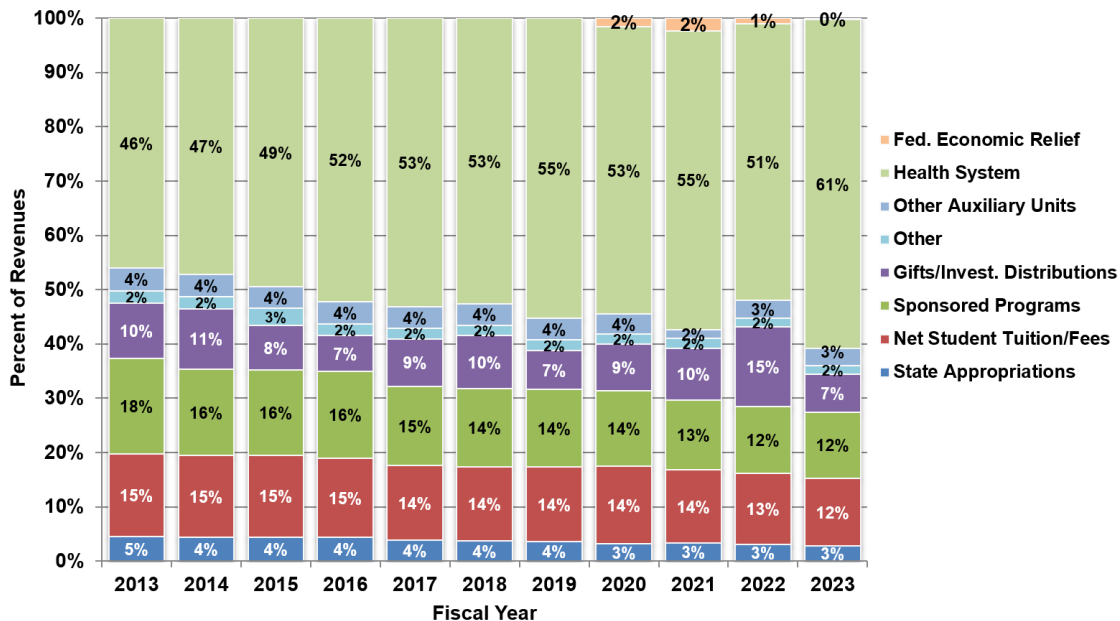
¹ Excludes the U-M Health System (see Appendix E for definition).

Revenues (adjusted for inflation²) for the U-M campus and U-M Health System combined increased from \$7.86 billion in FY2013 to \$11.98 billion in FY2023. The state appropriation in inflation-adjusted dollars decreased by 4.5% during the last decade, from \$355 million in FY2013 to \$339 million in FY2023.

1.4.1 Operating Revenues for the U-M Campus (including the U-M Health System), Adjusted for Inflation², FY2013-2023.



1.4.2 Operating Revenues for the U-M Campus (including the U-M Health System), by Percent, FY2013-2023.



SOURCE: University of Michigan Office of Financial Operations
 “Net student tuition/fees” equals total tuition and fees minus student scholarships from the U-M for the fiscal year.

² Based on 2023 U.S. Consumer Price Index.