



Eastern Connecticut State University's fall freshman class is 5 percent larger than the freshman class of fall 2017. Contributed photo

A big freshman class at ECSU

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WILLIMANTIC — The fall's freshman class at Eastern Connecticut State University is larger than last year's class and has strong academic credentials.

The freshman class of 967 full-time students is 5 percent larger than the freshman class of fall 2017.

The academic standing of entering freshmen also increased, with average SAT scores up 15 points.

In addition, the average grade-point average has gone up for the third consecutive year.

The percentage of Eastern freshmen this year who were in the top 10 percent and top 25 percent of their high school class went up 3 and 4 percent-

age points, respectively.

"The size of high school graduating classes in Connecticut and across New England has been declining the past few years due to changing demographics," said Chris Dorsey, director of admissions.

"With colleges and universities challenged to maintain enrollments, having an increase in our freshman class is gratifying. It tells us that students continue to see Eastern as an excellent educational opportunity."

While more than 85 percent of Eastern students come from Connecticut, the university's incoming class also includes students from 20 other states, as well as many countries, such as Norway, Ghana, Venezuela and Uzbekistan.