

**TOPIC: POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS (2011-2020)
FOR COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION**

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I. SUMMARY

Noel Levitz will present the findings from its comprehensive enrollment projection analysis for Colorado's public institutions of postsecondary education. The primary research question posed was: "how will demographic trends impact student enrollment levels at Colorado's public colleges and universities?" The results of the Noel-Levitz enrollment projection analysis indicate that demographic trends are expected to impact student enrollment levels at the majority of Colorado's public colleges and universities, in particular two-year schools in the Front Range and all four-year institutions. Additionally, the Hispanic/Latino population is expected to have significant growth. Based on population change alone, Colorado's public institutions could enroll more than 40,000 (+20%) additional new Colorado students by 2021. Noel Levitz prepared statewide projections as well as two and four year institutional enrollment projection models.

II. BACKGROUND

In 2011, the Colorado Department of Higher Education contracted with Noel-Levitz, a national higher education consulting firm specializing in enrollment management, to conduct a comprehensive enrollment projection analysis for Colorado's public institutions of postsecondary education. The purpose of this study was to inform the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's master planning and performance contract processes.

III. CONTRACTED RESEARCH ANALYSIS

Summary report provided.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is an information item only; no formal action is required by the Commission.