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## First Time College Student Enrollment

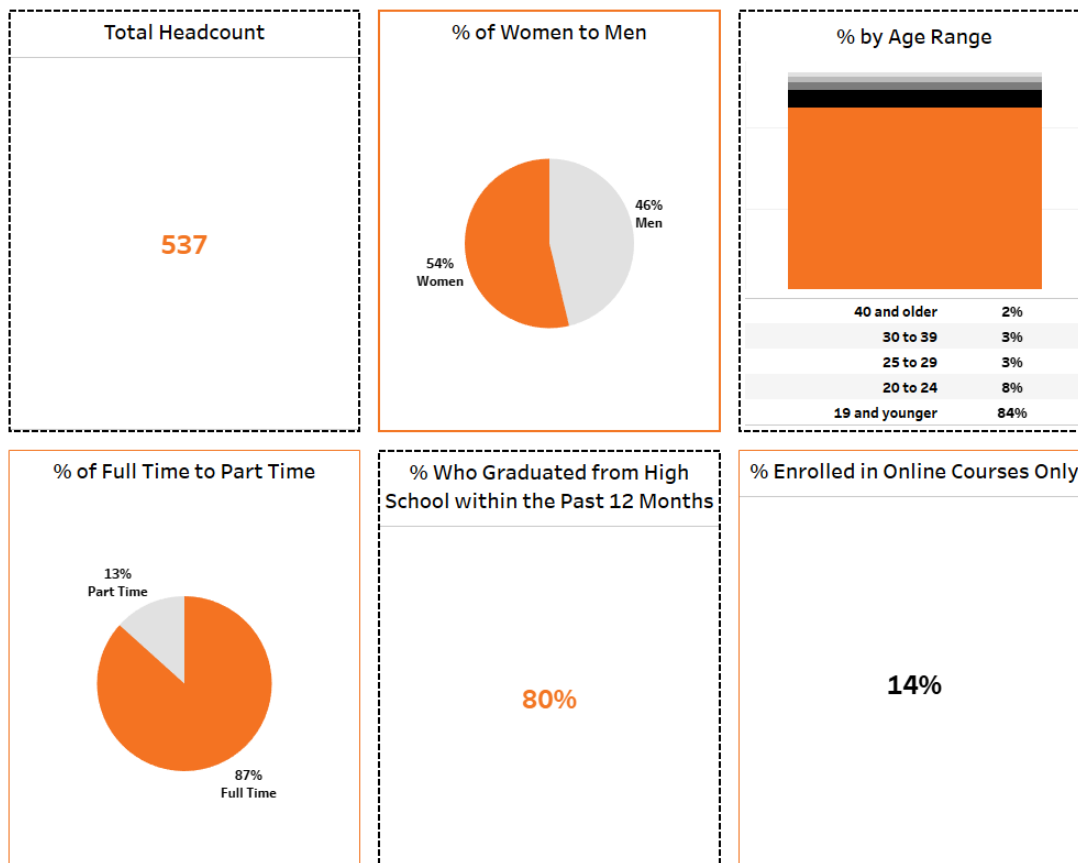
The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) predicts that over 2.6 million first time college students will embark on their college journey in the fall of 2023-2024. Who is a “first time college student,” and how many began their journey at Cowley College?

A first-time college student is one with no prior postsecondary experience *after* high school graduation and/or GED attainment and enrolled with the intent to earn a degree or certificate. This definition includes those who did not enroll in college coursework during high school and those who did.

537 first time college students entered Cowley College at the beginning of the 2023 fall semester; this group of new students is called the fall census day cohort.

Cowley College will follow the educational career of this student group, both full- and part-time, into the fall of the 2024-2025 academic year, reporting their first to second fall retention to the federal government. Cowley College will collect information about completion and transfer-out status for the full-time, first-time, degree and/or certificate-seeking college students for the next eight (8) years, providing important information for statistical analysis by NCES.

### The Big Facts about the 2023-2024 First Time College Student Fall Cohort



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