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College Enrollment Fell by 1.8 Percent This Fall, Report Says

College enrollment in the fall-2012 term dropped by 1.8 percent from a year earlier, according to a **report** released on Tuesday by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Four-year, for-profit institutions saw the sharpest decline, 7.2 percent, among the sectors tracked by the study. Enrollment at four-year, private, nonprofit institutions increased by a half a percentage point.

The report is the first in a series of current-term enrollment estimates that the research center plans to publish every December and May. The new estimates follow the U.S. Department of Education's **release** in October of preliminary data for the fall-2011 term, which also showed slight enrollment declines.