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University of Missouri Enrollment Up

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - Enrollment at the four-campus University of Missouri system is on the rise.

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports that a record 35,441 students are taking on-campus or online classes this fall at the flagship campus in Columbia, an increase of about 2 percent. MU Chancellor R. Bowen says freshman enrollment was up 5 percent to 6,518 students.

The Missouri University of Science and Technology had about 8,650 students enrolled for the largest increase at 6.3 percent. The Kansas City campus had about 16,000 students enrolled, a 2.6 percent increase.

The St. Louis campus had slower enrollment growth than the other system schools. Officials there blamed it on tensions in Ferguson after the shooting death of a black 18-year-old by a white officer.

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