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Fall Enrollment Up Slightly at Public Universities

PIERRE, S.D. – Enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities remained stable this fall, the South Dakota Board of Regents reported today. Headcount enrollment was up by 167, while the number of full-time equivalent students being served was down only slightly.

Total headcount at the six public universities was 36,532, an increase of 0.46 percent over last year. The number of full-time equivalent students for the Fall 2014 term—based on total credit hours generated by all students within the regents’ system—decreased by 45.2 students to a total of 26,736.5, or -0.17 percent.

“We are pleased to see an increase in our headcount enrollment,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “The associated decline in FTE students is consistent with public-sector higher education institutions as they emerge from a recession. As more employment opportunities become available to students, they will tend to lighten their course loads to accommodate the workplace.”

South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2014 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount				Full-time Equivalent			
	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference
BHSU	4,464	4,489	25	0.56%	3,061.9	2,919.7	-142.2	-4.64%
DSU	3,129	3,047	-82	-2.62%	1,740.6	1,739.6	-1.0	-0.06%
NSU	3,343	3,580	237	7.09%	2,128.5	2,143.8	15.3	0.72%
SDSMT	2,640	2,798	158	5.98%	2,234.7	2,391.2	156.5	7.00%
SDSU	12,554	12,557	3	0.02%	10,220.2	10,179.9	-40.3	-0.39%
USD	10,235	10,061	-174	-1.70%	7,395.8	7,362.3	-33.5	-0.45%
TOTAL	36,365	36,532	167	0.46%	26,781.7	26,736.5	-45.2	-0.17%

The historical trend of headcount and FTE enrollment in South Dakota’s public university system, dating back to 1996, is shown in the following charts:

**South Dakota Public University System
Headcount Enrollment 1996-2014**

Fall Term	System	% Change
1996	26,508	
1997	25,719	-2.98%
1998	26,560	3.27%
1999	26,616	0.21%
2000	27,134	1.95%
2001	28,446	4.84%
2002	29,533	3.82%
2003	29,716	0.62%
2004	29,844	0.43%
2005	30,720	2.94%
2006	30,901	0.59%
2007	32,148	4.04%
2008	32,943	2.47%
2009	33,779	2.54%
2010	36,440	7.88%
2011	36,103	-0.92%
2012	36,430	0.91%
2013	36,365	-0.18%
2014	36,532	0.46%

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Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment 1996-2014**

Fall Term	System	% Change
1996	22,347	
1997	21,714	-2.83%
1998	21,917	0.93%
1999	21,606	-1.42%
2000	21,616	0.04%
2001	22,339	3.35%
2002	23,008	3.00%
2003	23,605	2.59%
2004	23,534	-0.30%
2005	24,089	2.36%
2006	24,144	0.23%
2007	24,512	1.52%
2008	24,926	1.69%
2009	25,468	2.17%
2010	26,625	4.54%
2011	26,720	0.35%
2012	26,468	-0.94%
2013	26,782	1.18%
2014	26,737	-0.17%