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Fall Enrollment Stable at Public Universities; FTE Numbers Up

PIERRE, S.D. – Enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities remained stable again this fall, the South Dakota Board of Regents reported today. The number of full-time equivalent students being served was up by 313, while headcount enrollment was down only slightly.

Total headcount at the six public universities was 36,365, down just 65 students from last year. The number of full-time equivalent students for the Fall 2013 term—based on total credit hours generated by all students within the regents’ system—increased by 313.3 students to a total of 26,781.7, or 1.18 percent.

“Full-time equivalent students are an important indicator of growth for us,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “It tells us that we serve more students who take a heavier course load toward completion of their degree programs. Along with last week’s news that we have seen stronger, double-digit growth in the number of students graduating from South Dakota public universities, we certainly consider this a positive trend,” Warner said.

Last Thursday, the Board of Regents announced that the total number of students graduating with an associate or bachelor degree at the six public universities increased by 33 percent since 2005.

South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2013 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount				Full-time Equivalent			
	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference
BHSU	4,407	4,464	57	1.29%	3,036.1	3,061.9	25.8	0.85%
DSU	3,110	3,129	19	0.61%	1,727.7	1,740.6	12.9	0.75%
NSU	3,622	3,343	-279	-7.70%	2,156.6	2,128.5	-28.1	-1.30%
SDSMT	2,424	2,640	216	8.91%	2,070.3	2,234.7	164.4	7.94%
SDSU	12,583	12,554	-29	-0.23%	10,152.8	10,220.2	67.4	0.66%
USD	10,284	10,235	-49	-0.48%	7,324.9	7,395.8	70.9	0.97%
TOTAL	36,430	36,365	-65	-0.18%	26,468.4	26,781.7	313.3	1.18%

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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 1996-2013

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%

South Dakota Public University System Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment 1996-2013

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%