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Public University System Gains 327 Students

PIERRE, S.D. – Fall enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities remains stable, according to data released today. After a slight dip last year, headcount enrollment is up by 327 students, nearly a one percent increase, the South Dakota Board of Regents announced Tuesday. Full-time equivalent enrollment, however, was down less than one percent following a modest increase the previous year.

The total headcount for the six public universities was 36,430. The number of full-time equivalent students for the Fall 2012 term—based on total credit hours generated by all students within the system—decreased by 251.3 students to a total of 26,468.4, or 0.94 percent.

“I am pleased that the headcount enrollment has increased and we are serving even more students. The modest decrease in FTE can be attributed partly to adult learners enrolling in the university system to finish or start degrees while still working fulltime. These students do not carry a large credit load,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “Our universities, through distance learning and the university centers, are doing a great job of fulfilling the needs of the part-time student,” Warner said.

South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2012 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount Enrollment				Full-Time Equivalent			
	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Enrollment Difference	Percent Difference	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Enrollment Difference	Percent Difference
BHSU	4,415	4,407	-8	-0.18%	3,134.7	3,036.1	-98.6	-3.15%
DSU	3,102	3,110	8	0.26%	1,746.1	1,727.7	-18.4	-1.05%
NSU	3,580	3,622	42	1.17%	2,202.0	2,156.6	-45.4	-2.06%
SDSM&T	2,311	2,424	113	4.89%	1,982.4	2,070.3	87.9	4.43%
SDSU	12,725	12,583	-142	-1.12%	10,420.9	10,152.8	-268.1	-2.57%
USD	9,970	10,284	314	3.15%	7,233.6	7,324.9	91.3	1.26%
Total Public	36,103	36,430	327	0.91%	26,719.7	26,468.4	-251.3	-0.94%

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 1996-2012**

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%

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Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment 1996-2012**

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%