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## Board of Regents Release Fall Enrollment for 2018

PIERRE, S.D. – Fall enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities is down about 2 percent in full-time equivalent students, the South Dakota Board of Regents reported today.

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the Fall 2018 term—based on total credit hours generated by all students within the regents’ system—was down by 540.8 students to a total of 26,092.9. Total headcount at the six public universities was 35,737, a decline of 2.5 percent or 925 students over last year.

In contrast to these system enrollment trends, Dakota State University at Madison reported growth in both its headcount (2.27 percent) and FTE (2.42 percent). The University of South Dakota at Vermillion also grew its FTE count by 23 students.

“In a strong economy, potential students often choose work over education, particularly if they simply do not have the sources of money and support they need,” said Paul B. Beran, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “Many of our students struggle with the costs of a college education. That’s why we are developing plans to present to the Governor and legislature for scholarship and need-based financial aid support that will make higher education a reality for more students.”

### South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2018 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount				Full-time Equivalent			
	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference
BHSU	4,178	4,035	-143	-3.42%	2,806.0	2,646.1	-159.9	-5.70%
DSU	3,307	3,382	75	2.27%	1,989.1	2,037.3	48.2	2.42%
NSU	3,611	3,493	-118	-3.27%	1,930.5	1,913.2	-17.3	-0.90%
SDSMT	2,778	2,654	-124	-4.46%	2,326.7	2,197.4	-129.3	-5.56%
SDSU	12,527	12,107	-420	-3.35%	10,108.0	9,802.4	-305.6	-3.02%
USD	10,261	10,066	-195	-1.90%	7,473.4	7,496.5	23.1	0.31%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,662</b>	<b>35,737</b>	<b>-925</b>	<b>-2.52%</b>	<b>26,633.7</b>	<b>26,092.9</b>	<b>-540.8</b>	<b>-2.03%</b>

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The historical trend of headcount and FTE enrollment in South Dakota's public university system, dating back to 1997, is shown in the following charts:

### South Dakota Public University System Headcount Enrollment 1997-2018

Fall Term	System	% Change
1997	25,719	
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%
2015	36,439	-0.25%
2016	36,531	0.25%
2017	36,662	0.36%
2018	<b>35,737</b>	<b>-2.52%</b>

### South Dakota Public University System Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment 1997-2018

Fall Term	System	% Change
1997	21,714	
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%
2015	26,684	-0.20%
2016	26,600	-0.32%
2017	26,634	0.13%
2018	<b>26,093</b>	<b>-2.03%</b>