

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

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DATE: October 6-7, 2021

SUBJECT

Report of the Executive Director – SDBOR Enrollment Update

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

N/A

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Fall 2021 headcount enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities is largely unchanged from last year. System headcount was down 121 students, a decline of 0.35 percent. Total headcount at the six public universities was 33,445.

Another measure of enrollment is full-time equivalent (FTE) students. FTE for the Fall 2021 term, based on total credit hours generated by all students within the regents’ system, was 23,964, a decline of 2.53 percent or 621 students over last year.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Enrollments are substantially flat, which was to be expected considering the ongoing pandemic.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Board of Regents Fall 2021 Enrollment Announcement

INFORMATIONAL ITEM



News Release

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Board of Regents Releases Fall Enrollment for 2021

PIERRE, S.D. – Fall headcount enrollment at South Dakota’s six public universities is largely unchanged from last year, the South Dakota Board of Regents reported today. System headcount was down 121 students, a decline of 0.35 percent. Total headcount at the six public universities was 33,445.

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“Enrollments are substantially flat and that is about what we expected, since we still see impacts from the ongoing pandemic,” said Brian L. Maher, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “While we dedicated ourselves to offering a more normal higher education experience this fall, these are challenging times. Our public university system is prepared to meet that challenge head on, delivering South Dakota a well-educated workforce and engaged citizens.”

South Dakota Public University System: Fall 2021 Enrollments

Institution	Headcount				Full-time Equivalent			
	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Enrollment Difference	Percentage Difference
BHSU	3,608	3,539	-69	-1.91%	2,357.02	2,228.95	-128.07	-5.43%
DSU	3,186	3,219	33	1.04%	2,045.83	1,978.17	-67.67	-3.31%
NSU	3,431	3,340	-91	-2.65%	1,769.78	1,750.12	-19.67	-1.11%
SDSMT	2,477	2,418	-59	-2.38%	2,039.92	2,012.88	-27.03	-1.33%
SDSU	11,405	11,465	60	0.53%	9,248.53	9,058.91	-189.62	-2.05%
USD	9,459	9,464	5	0.05%	7,125.03	6,935.42	-189.61	-2.66%
TOTAL	34,566	33,445	-121	-0.35%	24,586.1 1	23,964.4 5	-621.65	-2.53%

The historical trend of headcount and FTE enrollment in South Dakota’s public university system, dating back to 1999, is shown in the following charts:

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**South Dakota Public University System
Headcount Enrollment 1999-2021**

Fall Term	System	% Change
1999	26,616	
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	35,737	-2.52%
2019	34,520	-3.41%
2020	33,566	-2.76%
2021	33,455	-0.35%

**South Dakota Public University System
Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment 1999-2021**

Fall Term	System	% Change
1999	21,606	
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	26,093	-2.03%
2019	25,304	-3.02%
2020	24,586	-2.84%
2021	23,964	-2.53%