

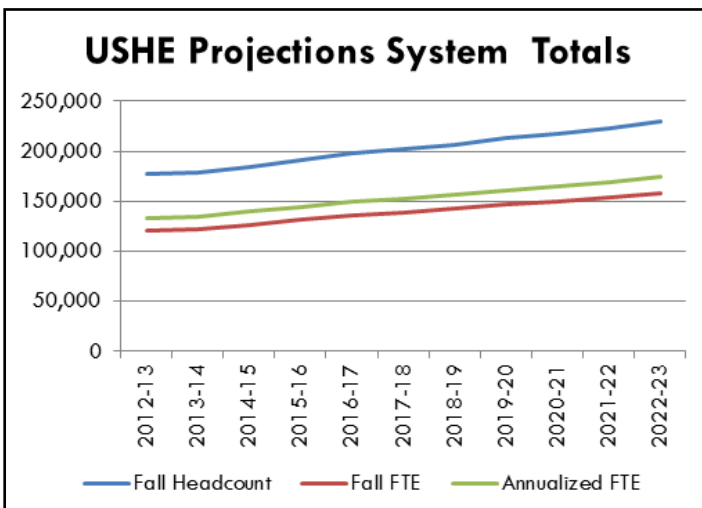
HIGHER ED MATTERS

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Higher Ed in Utah to Add 230,000 Students

Projections estimate that USHE will grow by 29% over the next decade

Utah's public institutions of higher education are projected to add approximately 230,000 students (158,000 Full-Time Equivalent) by the fall semester of 2022. This represents a system-wide total growth rate of 29% over the next 10 years. The chart below shows projected growth across Utah's higher education system in terms of Fall Headcount, Fall FTE, and Annualized FTE, which is the average of fall, spring, and summer enrollments.



Each USHE institution has developed unique models to estimate future enrollments, which are based on their distinct missions and goals. The projections incorporate institutional and state data, and consider such variables as: Utah population by age, high school graduations, and unemployment estimates.

There are also a number of unknown factors that could impact the estimates, including: changes to institutional missions and policies, changes in the economy, and college-going rates of high school graduates

These growth estimates also do not account for increased college participation and completion as a result of USHE's efforts to achieve the state's 66by2020 goal.

Looking at the projections by institution, it is clear that some of Utah's colleges and universities will feel a much greater impact of this growth than others, but all USHE institutions will see growth.

Fall Semester End-of-Term Headcount			
Institution	2012 Actual	2022 Projected	10-Year Growth Rate
UU	33,196	39,952	11%
USU	29,116	36,814	26%
WSU	26,868	38,352	43%
SUU	8,706	10,124	16%
Snow	4,598	5,979	30%
DSU	8,587	11,800	37%
UVU	31,666	46,843	48%
SLCC	34,882	42,719	22%
USHE Total	177,619	229,583	29%

At many institutions, buildings and other facilities are already at or near capacity, and this growth will require additional investment and innovation. Innovations that are already being implemented to stretch capacity, such as summer and Saturday classes, and hybrid and online courses, will need to be expanded. The state will also need to increase its investment in higher education to help keep up with growth, add capacity, and maintain affordability for Utah's students, and to meet the additional capital development demands.

This continued growth in higher education is a positive indication for Utah's economy, given that each year more and more jobs demand a postsecondary credential. In addition, Utah is expected to see a 23% growth in high school graduations by 2020* and it is imperative that Utah's students have the access to high quality, affordable postsecondary education throughout the state.

*Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates. Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, December 2012

Former Commissioner Richard Kendell Named as Interim President of SUU

At its May meeting, the State Board of Regents appointed Dr. Richard E. Kendell as the Interim President of Southern Utah University, effective July 8, 2013. Dr. Kendell will take the place of outgoing SUU president Michael Benson, who has taken a job at Eastern Kentucky University. The Board of Regents is launching a thorough presidential search this month. Dr. Kendell, who is a well-respected and distinguished educator with a lengthy career in both public and higher education in Utah, will serve until a new president of SUU is selected.



“The Board and the SUU community are fortunate that former Commissioner Kendell is available to serve as interim president,” said Board of Regents Chair, Bonnie Jean Beesley. “Dr. Kendell’s experience, integrity, academic expertise, and management capabilities will provide a steady hand during the transition on campus that inevitably occurs during a university presidential search.”

Dr. Kendell served as Commissioner of Higher Education for over four years. Prior to that he was Deputy of Public Education for Governor Michael Leavitt. He also spent 10 years as the superintendent of the Davis County school district, during which time he was named Utah Superintendent of the Year. Earlier in his career, he served as Associate Dean of two separate schools at the University of Utah, the School of Education and the Graduate School. His remarkable career also includes being an English teacher at Ogden High School, research analyst for the Utah System of Higher Education, and acting chair for the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Utah. Dr. Kendell was awarded the G. Homer Durham Regents Professorship by the Utah State Board of Regents. In recognition of his accomplishments, the Davis County school district named its administration building in his honor and Southern Utah University endowed the Richard E. Kendell Chair in Education in 2007.

Dr. Kendell earned his bachelor’s degree in English from Weber State University, and both a master’s and PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah. His entire career has been in service to education. Richard Kendell and his wife, Joan, have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Utah Valley University Breaks Ground on New Classroom Building

Thanks to a \$54 million appropriation approved by the Utah Legislature during the 2013 session, Utah Valley University broke ground for the construction of a new classroom building on June 14th. The Classroom Building will provide 244,00 additional square feet of study and learning spaces. It will feature 34 classrooms and a 1,000-seat auditorium. It will also provide group study areas and faculty offices.

“This state-of-the-art structure will provide students with the requisite learning environment that will lead to their lifelong success outside of the classroom,” said UVU president Matthew Holland. “We applaud Governor Herbert and Utah House Speaker Becky Lockhart, the Utah Legislature, and the UVU community for their continued support and resolve in helping make this facility a reality.” Legislators approved design and planning funding in 2012 and construction funds in 2013. Completion of the Classroom Building is anticipated for December 2014.

Student headcount at UVU has increased by 7,000 students over the past five years and is projected to increase by an additional 15,000 over the next 10 years. The addition of the Classroom Building will allow UVU to continue to deliver high quality education to its students.

