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**Student Enrollment Remains Relatively Consistent
at Utah's Public Colleges and Universities in Spring Semester**
Students appear to be taking additional courses

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah System of Higher Education announced Friday that its enrollment numbers for spring 2008 were relatively consistent, compared to spring 2007. According to the third-week enrollment numbers for spring semester, budget-related student headcount decreased 0.19 percent, while budget-related, full-time equivalent (FTE) students increased by 0.19 percent. Budget-related headcount includes all students enrolled in a course at an institution, whereas FTE approximates the number of students enrolled full time (15 semester hours for undergraduate students and 10 semester hours for graduate students) per semester. In addition to the budget-related numbers, the system serves several thousand students in non-traditional programs.

Southern Utah University, Dixie State College, Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College saw increases in both headcount and FTEs. (See *charts for details.*)

“We are seeing a slight increase in the number of students enrolled full time at our institutions, which tells us students who are going to college are taking more courses,” said Interim Commissioner of Higher Education David L. Buhler. “We encourage students to take as close to a full schedule as possible in order to graduate.”

Later this month, the State Board of Regents will address student retention and completion at its annual planning meeting. Regents will discuss the current trends in student completion rates and the potential challenges facing students as they work to complete a certificate or degree. This month's discussion will augment the Utah System of Higher Education's overall focus on student preparation, participation and completion.

“While we are working diligently to help students prepare for and participate in postsecondary training and education, we also need to ensure they are receiving the services and support they need to stay in college and complete their goals,” said Buhler. “Our main objective is to produce self-sustaining adults – adults with a certificate or degree to compete in today's global economy.”

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The Utah System of Higher Education includes nine of its 10 public colleges and universities in its enrollment summary: The University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Snow College, Dixie State College, College of Eastern Utah, Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College. Numbers for the Utah College of Applied Technology are not included.

**Utah System of Higher Education Enrollment Numbers
Spring 3rd Week 2008**

	Spring 3rd Week Headcount	Change over Spring 2007	Spring 3rd Week FTE	Change over Spring 2007
University of Utah	26,852	(371)	22,148	(297)
Utah State University	19,050	(457)	14,054	(93)
Weber State University	15,548	(327)	10,599	(233)
Southern Utah University	5,898	327	5,137	309
Snow College	2,989	(164)	2,129	(211)
Dixie State College	4,908	96	3,562	112
College of Eastern Utah	1,665	38	1,223	(35)
Utah Valley State College	19,689	416	13,564	522
Salt Lake Community College	22,654	220	12,821	91
USHE Total	119,253	(222)	85,235	165

See other attachments for additional data.

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Spring 2007-2008 3rd Week Headcount Enrollment Report

BUDGET RELATED HEADCOUNT				
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
UU	27,223	26,852	(371)	-1.36%
USU	19,507	19,050	(457)	-2.34%
WSU	15,875	15,548	(327)	-2.06%
SUU	5,571	5,898	327	5.87%
SNOW	3,153	2,989	(164)	-5.20%
DSC	4,812	4,908	96	2.00%
CEU	1,627	1,665	38	2.34%
UVSC	19,273	19,689	416	2.16%
SLCC	22,434	22,654	220	0.98%
USHE	119,475	119,253	(222)	-0.19%

BUDGET RELATED & SELF SUPPORT HEADCOUNT				
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
UU	29,510	29,122	(388)	-1.31%
USU	21,519	21,186	(333)	-1.55%
WSU	17,013	16,848	(165)	-0.97%
SUU	7,509	6,639	(870)	-11.59%
SNOW	3,365	3,187	(178)	-5.29%
DSC	5,247	5,338	91	1.73%
CEU	1,763	1,737	(26)	-1.47%
UVSC	20,976	21,431	455	2.17%
SLCC	23,262	23,252	(10)	-0.04%
USHE	130,164	128,740	(1,424)	-1.09%

Notes:

Source: USHE Database

Prior = 2006-2007 Spring 3rd-Week

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Spring 2007-2008 3rd Week FTE Enrollment Report

BUDGET RELATED FTE				
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
UU	22,445	22,148	(297)	-1.32%
USU	14,146	14,054	(92)	-0.65%
WSU	10,832	10,599	(233)	-2.15%
SUU	4,828	5,137	309	6.40%
SNOW	2,340	2,129	(211)	-9.02%
DSC	3,451	3,562	111	3.22%
CEU	1,257	1,223	(34)	-2.70%
UVSC	13,042	13,564	522	4.00%
SLCC	12,731	12,821	90	0.71%
USHE	85,072	85,235	163	0.19%

BUDGET RELATED & SELF SUPPORT FTE				
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
UU	22,703	22,366	(337)	-1.48%
USU	15,039	14,919	(119)	-0.79%
WSU	11,665	11,406	(259)	-2.22%
SUU	5,309	5,336	27	0.51%
SNOW	2,418	2,212	(206)	-8.52%
DSC	3,520	3,599	79	2.25%
CEU	1,291	1,244	(47)	-3.65%
UVSC	14,127	14,720	594	4.20%
SLCC	13,058	13,055	(3)	-0.02%
USHE	89,130	88,857	(273)	-0.31%

Notes:

Rounding Error - FTEs are calculated then rounded to the nearest one

Source: USHE Database

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	BUDGET RELATED GENDER			
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
FEMALE	56,538	56,764	226	0.40%
MALE	62,423	62,455	32	0.05%
Unknown	514	34	(480)	-93.39%
USHE Total	119,475	119,253	(222)	-0.19%

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BUDGET RELATED ETHNICITY				
	PRIOR	CURRENT	CHANGE	CHANGE
American Indian Alaskan	1,362	1,319	(43)	-3.2%
Asian	2,997	2,764	(233)	-7.8%
Black or African American	1,064	1,184	120	11.3%
Hispanic or Latino	5,282	5,689	407	7.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	603	838	235	39.0%
Non Resident Alien	3,126	3,487	361	11.5%
Unspecified	8,947	8,873	(74)	-0.8%
White	96,094	95,099	(995)	-1.0%
Total	119,475	119,253	(222)	-0.2%