

## Fiscal Highlights

### Higher Education Enrollment Dips - Spencer C. Pratt

Enrollment in the Utah System of Higher Education dropped for the spring semester. The Spring 2013 Third-Week FTE Enrollment data show that the number of budget-related students decreased by 3.08 percent to 102,229 from 105,551 during the same time period of 2012. The institutions with the largest decreases include Utah Valley University (1,306 FTE students or 6.98%), Salt Lake Community College (750 FTE students or 4.74%), and Utah State University (776 FTE students or 4.26%). The University of Utah was the only institution to show an increase with 95 additional FTE students (0.37%).

The following report details the FTE Student change, by institution:

<b>Budget-Related FTE Students</b>				
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Spring 2012</b>	<b>Spring 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change %</b>
University of Utah	25,364	25,458	95	0.37%
Utah State University	18,216	17,440	-776	-4.26%
Weber State University	12,932	12,768	-164	-1.27%
Southern Utah University	5,698	5,630	-68	-1.20%
Utah Valley University	18,714	17,408	-1,306	-6.98%
Dixie State University	5,849	5,659	-190	-3.25%
Snow College	2,963	2,871	-92	-3.08%
Salt Lake Community College	<u>15,815</u>	<u>15,065</u>	<u>-750</u>	<u>-4.74%</u>
<b>Total USHE</b>	<b>105,551</b>	<b>102,299</b>	<b>-3,251</b>	<b>-3.08%</b>

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The Board of Regents attributes the decline to two factors. First, the effects of the recently-announced change by the L.D.S. Church to lower the age of eligibility for missionary service; and second, students leave college for employment opportunities, reflecting the improving economy in the State.