



USHE Overview

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Utah System of Higher Education





Research Universities

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH (Flagship), UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (Land Grant, Regional Campuses)





Regional Universities

WEBER STATE, SOUTHERN UTAH (Arts & Sciences), DIXIE STATE, UTAH VALLEY





Community Colleges

SNOW COLLEGE, SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Students

8 out of 10

Utah high school graduates who enroll in college, attend a USHE institution.

50,000

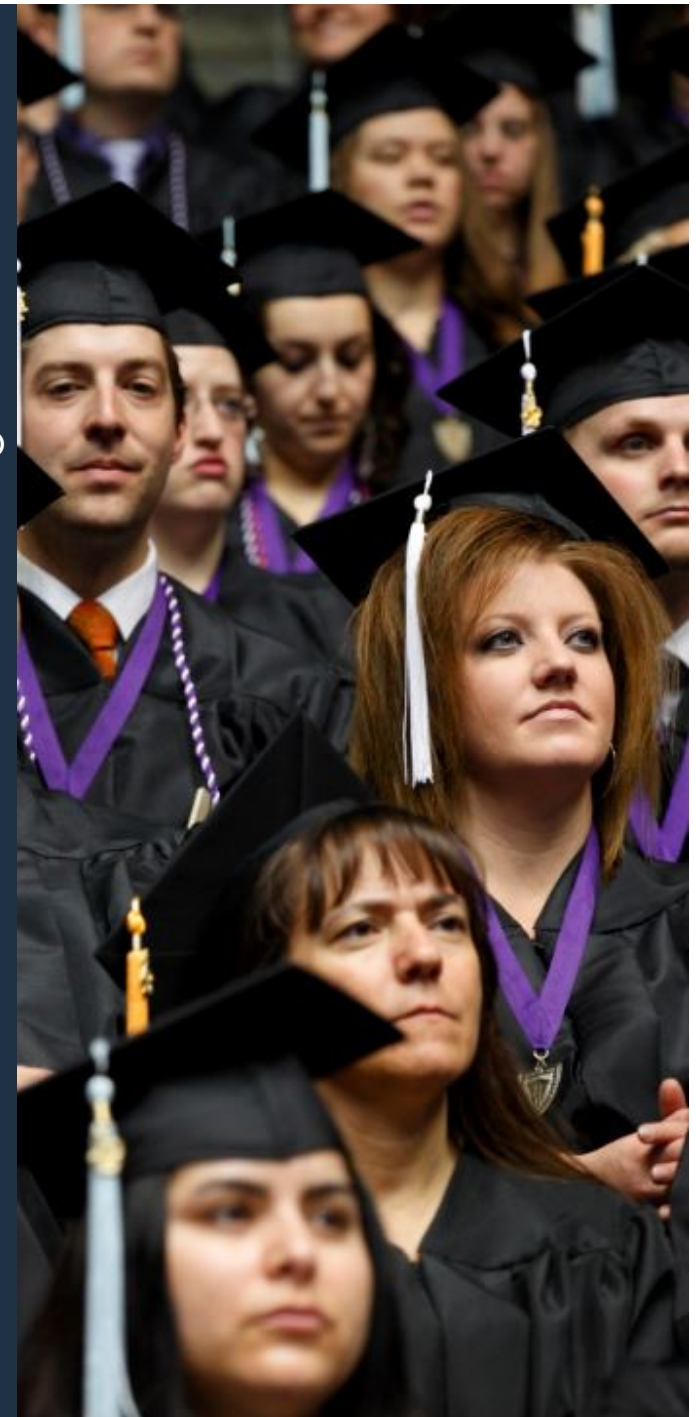
Projected enrollment growth at USHE institutions by 2025.

170,770

Students in Fall 2015

32,797

Degrees and certificates USHE awarded in 2014-15 academic year.



Higher education in Utah is one of the best deals in the country.



Third-lowest tuition for 4-yr public universities

\$6,630/yr

\$9,410/yr

Lowest average student debt

\$18,921

\$28,950

Among the 10 lowest states of graduates with student debt

54%

69%

Sources: College Board (<http://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing>), The Institute for College Access and Success (<http://ticas.org/posd/map-state-data-2015#>)

USHE Salaries

% Above/Below Median

Administration:	-7.3%
Professional:	-4.7%
Faculty:	-6.9%

College Success Starts Early

USHE Partnership Initiatives

STEP UP
TO HIGHER EDUCATION

College = Opportunity.

What's your next step?

Search Step Up Utah

Search

Before High School: Utah Scholars Initiative

- **32,000** **eighth graders** received Utah Scholars prep message in their classrooms via volunteers.
- **939** Utah Scholars presentations were given by **221 volunteers**.
- **2,896** high school students **graduated** with the Utah Scholars medallion.
- **79%** **Regents' Scholarship** applicants were Utah Scholars.



High School: Concurrent Enrollment

- **1 in 3** High school juniors and seniors take at least **1 concurrent enrollment** course.
- **Math 1050** Most popular course
- **\$32.5 million** Estimated **tuition savings** for college courses.
- **198,163** Credits awarded
- **2/3** Of credit earned fulfills general ed requirement, **transferable** to any USHE institution.

High School: College Application Week

- **20,000+** high school seniors in **84 high schools** completed a college application during the school day.
- Emphasis on low-income, first generation students.



High School to College: College Ready Grants

\$600,000 for mini-grants for partnerships between institutions & K-12

Requires attainment of specific goals, including:

- Increase number of students receiving 8th grade college prep introduction
- Increase number of students achieving ACT college readiness benchmarks
- Increase number of students taking Math 1030/1040/1050 and/or 4-years of math in high school
- Increase number of students applying for Regents' Scholarship



Statewide college preparation scholarship

26% increase in awards from 2014

Scholarship benefits: Higher GPA, fuller course load, more timely completion rates.

K-12 Counselors & Administrators

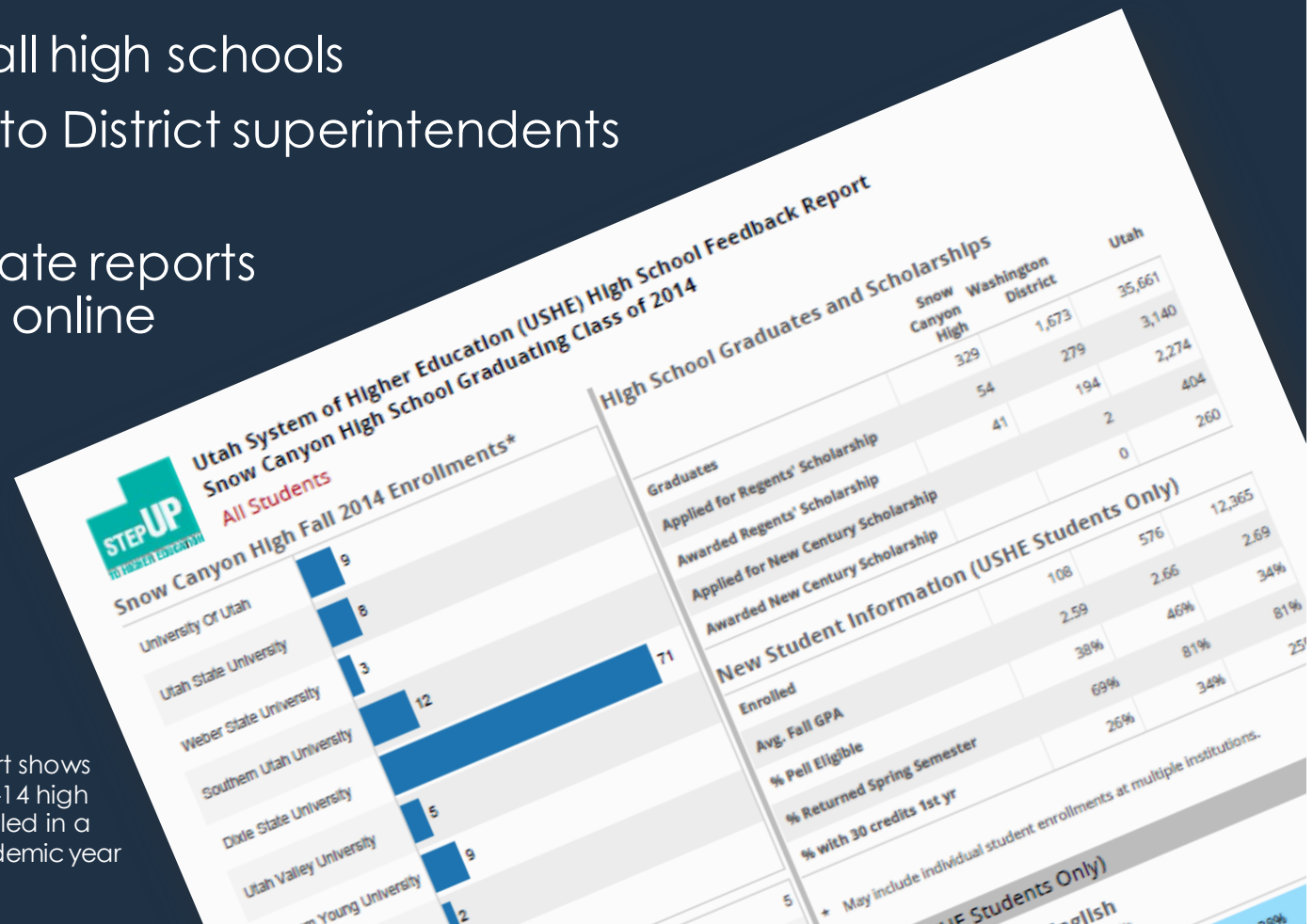


Annual Counselor Conference

- 700+ K-12 counselors attended in 2015
- Theme: “Engaging Parents to Empower Students”
- 27 workshops from higher ed experts
- Included elementary, junior high, and high school counselors

USHE High School Feedback Report

- 1st year college performance of 2014 Utah high school graduate
- Includes all high schools
- Provided to District superintendents USOE
- District/State reports available online



*The High School Feedback Report shows college performance of the 2013-14 high school graduating class who enrolled in a USHE institution the following academic year 2014-15.

Online courses and degrees

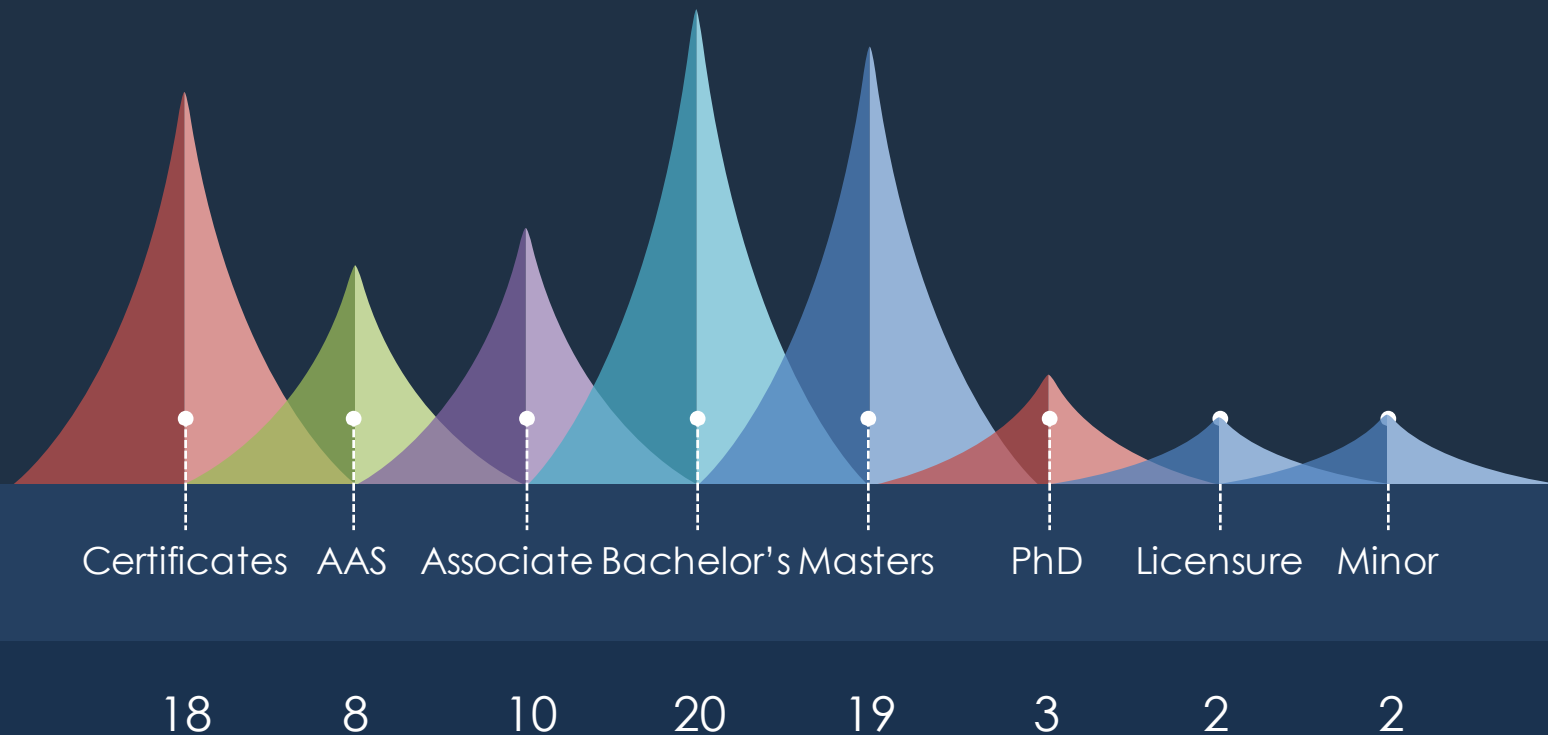
- 81 degrees available **entirely online**.
- 1 in 4 students take an online-only course.
- Utilization of online courses has grown more than **5-fold** since 2011.

But...

- More than 85% of students who enroll in online courses **take a majority of their courses** on-campus.
- Less than 3% of full-time students are **enrolled totally online**
- Most “100%” online students are **part-time, over 25 yrs old**.

Despite availability of online courses/degrees, students prefer using online courses to supplement a traditional on-campus schedule.

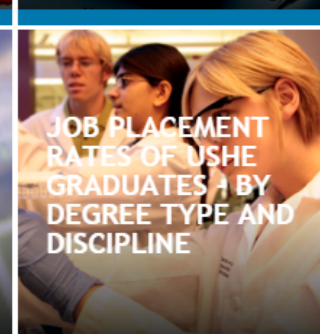
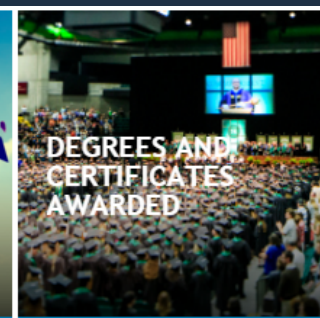
81 Certificates and Degrees available entirely online



USHE Data Online

HigherEdUtah.org/data

- Industries where college grads are employed
- Wage information by area of study
- High School Feedback Reports
- Degrees/certificates awarded
- Graduation rates
- National comparisons
- Tuition and fees
- Student enrollment



10 Year Strategic Plan

Adopted by Board of Regents January 2016

Strategic Objectives

- Affordable Participation
- Timely Completion
- Innovative Discovery



Efficiencies and Re-Prioritizing

USHE institutions added **79** new certificate and degree programs in 2015:

- **4** Doctorate programs
- **4** Master's degrees
- **8** Graduate certificates
- **25** Baccalaureate degrees
- **13** Minors
- **4** Associate in Applied Science degrees
- **4** Certificates of completion
- **13** Certificates of proficiency

26 programs that no longer met the needs of today's students were discontinued.

USHE Presidents: CEOs of large enterprises

- \$51 million - \$4 billion budgets
- 619 - 17,806 employees
- 5,000 – 33,211 students



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Building a Stronger State of Minds