



# USHE MISSION, ENROLLMENT, AND FUNDING

HIGHER EDUCATION  
STAFF: SPENCER PRATT

ISSUE BRIEF

## **SUMMARY**

Funding of institutions of higher education is determined in large part by two factors: the institution's mission and the number of students attending. Over time, both of these factors can change, resulting in changes in the funding levels.

## **OBJECTIVE**

To provide information regarding the individual institutions, the enrollments, changes, and the impacts these changes have on the funding levels of the institutions.

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### ***Institution Mission***

The University of Utah and Utah State University are major teaching and research universities. They both provide undergraduate and graduate instruction and specialized academic and professional degree programs.

Weber State University, Southern Utah University, and Utah Valley University provide career and technology, baccalaureate, and select graduate education programs. Utah Valley University was created in the 2007 General Session with the passage of S.B. 70, "Utah Valley University Institutional Name Change". Prior to that change, Utah Valley State College was approved as a four-year college by the Legislature in 1994 through H.B. 11, "Utah Valley Community College Name Change".

Dixie State College was approved to become a four-year institution in the 1999 Legislative session with H.B. 32, "Dixie College Name Change". During the 2011 General Session, the Legislature approved S.C.R. 11, "Dixie State College Concurrent Resolution" which expressed support for Dixie State College for achieving university status. In the 2013 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 61, "Dixie State College – University Status," which authorized the change to Dixie State University.

Utah has two comprehensive community colleges, Snow College and Salt Lake Community College. These colleges provide educational programs to both traditional and non-traditional students.

### ***Mission Changes***

As mentioned above, both Utah Valley University and Dixie State College have had mission changes over the past 20 years. Following the change from UVCC to UVSC, state appropriations increased by nearly 14 percent in FY 1995, 11.75 percent in FY 1996, 11.1 percent in FY 1997, 9.2 percent in FY 1998, 11 percent in FY 1999, and 10.6 percent in FY 2000. These percentage increases were or were among the highest percentages statewide in each of these years. Most of the increased funding was to handle increasing enrollments at the institution, which averaged over 8 percent annually over that same time period. During the 2007 General Session, Utah Valley State College received an \$8 million appropriation followed by an additional \$2 million in the 2008 General Session as steps toward moving to university status. The appropriation increase was over 24 percent for UVSC for FY 2008.

Following the change at Dixie State College, state appropriations increased 6.5 percent in FY 2000, 10.6 percent in FY 2001, and 6.1 percent in FY 2002. Dixie State University received an appropriation of \$1.5 million in conjunction with its move to university status, making a total increase for FY 2014 of 13 percent. These percentage increases were also among the higher percentages in those years.



**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Education and General

**FY 2015 Appropriation**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	212,782,600	238,150,060	0	450,932,660	47.2%	52.8%	0.0%
USU-L	121,358,600	90,266,600	274,700	211,899,900	57.3%	42.6%	0.1%
USU-RC	29,354,800	36,485,000	(167,800)	65,672,000	44.7%	55.6%	-0.3%
WSU	73,018,100	67,279,052	0	140,297,152	52.0%	48.0%	0.0%
SUU	32,560,100	34,424,000	0	66,984,100	48.6%	51.4%	0.0%
Snow	20,018,000	9,723,700	143,400	29,885,100	67.0%	32.5%	0.5%
DSU	30,945,700	24,375,000	175,000	55,495,700	55.8%	43.9%	0.3%
UVU	92,907,800	99,698,200	0	192,606,000	48.2%	51.8%	0.0%
SLCC	81,192,500	58,875,500	0	140,068,000	58.0%	42.0%	0.0%

**FY 2014**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	206,943,700	240,403,000	23,360,200	470,706,900	44.0%	51.1%	5.0%
USU-L	117,278,500	82,393,600	(742,200)	198,929,900	59.0%	41.4%	-0.4%
USU-RC	23,287,400	37,547,300	(1,647,700)	59,187,000	39.3%	63.4%	-2.8%
WSU	66,588,300	66,169,600	1,979,400	134,737,300	49.4%	49.1%	1.5%
SUU	31,449,100	35,043,400	(1,331,400)	65,161,100	48.3%	53.8%	-2.0%
Snow	18,209,000	9,094,100	172,100	27,475,200	66.3%	33.1%	0.6%
DSU	24,899,200	23,442,100	1,341,500	49,682,800	50.1%	47.2%	2.7%
UVU	67,694,800	95,807,500	(786,300)	162,716,000	41.6%	58.9%	-0.5%
SLCC	63,239,100	59,040,200	2,217,000	124,496,300	50.8%	47.4%	1.8%

**FY 2013**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	197,837,900	221,833,900	3,359,400	423,031,200	46.8%	52.4%	0.8%
USU-L	109,296,100	79,318,800	1,897,700	190,512,600	57.4%	41.6%	1.0%
USU-RC	23,366,100	36,586,800	1,418,900	61,371,800	38.1%	59.6%	2.3%
WSU	62,605,900	65,943,600	627,800	129,177,300	48.5%	51.0%	0.5%
SUU	29,982,400	35,787,900	(1,059,600)	64,710,700	46.3%	55.3%	-1.6%
Snow	17,743,900	8,842,500	831,600	27,418,000	64.7%	32.3%	3.0%
DSU	21,923,800	23,096,900	1,015,800	46,036,500	47.6%	50.2%	2.2%
UVU	62,082,300	95,714,700	(1,403,600)	156,393,400	39.7%	61.2%	-0.9%
SLCC	58,462,900	57,055,200	(5,600)	115,512,500	50.6%	49.4%	0.0%

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Education and General

**FY 2012**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	193,598,400	210,320,600	(1,746,000)	402,173,000	48.1%	52.3%	-0.4%
USU-L	107,714,300	75,906,300	226,600	183,847,200	58.6%	41.3%	0.1%
USU-RC	22,874,900	37,383,600	(651,700)	59,606,800	38.4%	62.7%	-1.1%
WSU	61,101,300	63,825,300	(1,904,600)	123,022,000	49.7%	51.9%	-1.5%
SUU	29,219,900	33,033,600	192,000	62,445,500	46.8%	52.9%	0.3%
Snow	17,521,000	8,344,200	(110,700)	25,754,500	68.0%	32.4%	-0.4%
DSC	20,110,800	23,213,100	(757,100)	42,566,800	47.2%	54.5%	-1.8%
UVU	58,546,800	95,490,500	(70,200)	153,967,100	38.0%	62.0%	0.0%
SLCC	56,100,400	55,634,100	3,614,500	115,349,000	48.6%	48.2%	3.1%

**FY 2011**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	193,764,400	186,633,400	13,839,800	394,237,600	49.1%	47.3%	3.5%
USU-L	86,584,600	66,788,400	22,018,100	175,391,100	49.4%	38.1%	12.6%
USU-RC	23,138,000	34,138,600	(261,600)	57,015,000	40.6%	59.9%	-0.5%
WSU	60,853,800	60,161,000	1,861,500	122,876,300	49.5%	49.0%	1.5%
SUU	28,833,600	30,324,300	1,366,600	60,524,500	47.6%	50.1%	2.3%
Snow	17,575,000	7,866,600	419,200	25,860,800	68.0%	30.4%	1.6%
DSC	20,136,100	20,870,500	836,900	41,843,500	48.1%	49.9%	2.0%
UVU	57,818,700	86,991,100	2,657,000	147,466,800	39.2%	59.0%	1.8%
SLCC	55,953,600	55,804,400	4,694,100	116,452,100	48.0%	47.9%	4.0%

**FY 2010**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	185,814,500	156,254,700	36,619,100	378,688,300	49.1%	41.3%	9.7%
USU-L	97,634,900	59,970,500	15,115,600	172,721,000	56.5%	34.7%	8.8%
USU-RC	10,062,100	21,393,800	(226,100)	31,229,800	32.2%	68.5%	-0.7%
WSU	59,489,000	48,099,100	5,031,200	112,619,300	52.8%	42.7%	4.5%
SUU	28,210,200	25,938,900	1,958,500	56,107,600	50.3%	46.2%	3.5%
Snow	17,204,500	6,853,200	1,770,800	25,828,500	66.6%	26.5%	6.9%
DSC	19,686,300	16,420,100	2,457,900	38,564,300	51.0%	42.6%	6.4%
CEU	13,511,600	3,800,100	1,448,400	18,760,100	72.0%	20.3%	7.7%
UVU	46,177,100	78,142,200	12,403,700	136,723,000	33.8%	57.2%	9.1%
SLCC	53,721,300	52,642,200	3,217,700	109,581,200	49.0%	48.0%	2.9%

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Education and General

**FY 2009**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	198,485,600	130,342,300	27,573,300	356,401,200	55.7%	36.6%	7.7%
USU-L	103,838,700	54,433,500	20,563,400	178,835,600	58.1%	30.4%	11.5%
USU-RC	10,952,000	17,745,400	2,063,700	30,761,100	35.6%	57.7%	6.7%
WSU	63,777,900	45,314,000	7,031,200	116,123,100	54.9%	39.0%	6.1%
SUU	30,251,900	22,094,300	4,302,900	56,649,100	53.4%	39.0%	7.6%
Snow	18,456,200	6,046,400	1,144,600	25,647,200	72.0%	23.6%	4.5%
DSC	21,005,600	11,961,100	2,599,600	35,566,300	59.1%	33.6%	7.3%
CEU	14,589,400	2,919,700	1,192,000	18,701,100	78.0%	15.6%	6.4%
UVU	60,680,700	63,935,500	6,901,600	131,517,800	46.1%	48.6%	5.2%
SLCC	57,737,000	43,438,600	5,561,600	106,737,200	54.1%	40.7%	5.2%

**FY 2008**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	218,614,200	124,677,600	23,870,400	367,162,200	59.5%	34.0%	6.5%
USU-L	118,455,300	52,485,900	6,393,300	177,334,500	66.8%	29.6%	3.6%
USU-RC	10,344,800	14,968,900	998,700	26,312,400	39.3%	56.9%	3.8%
WSU	68,004,900	42,155,800	3,492,300	113,653,000	59.8%	37.1%	3.1%
SUU	32,723,800	20,545,700	925,600	54,195,100	60.4%	37.9%	1.7%
Snow	20,298,700	6,112,100	(724,900)	25,685,900	79.0%	23.8%	-2.8%
DSC	21,488,200	9,987,200	3,439,500	34,914,900	61.5%	28.6%	9.9%
CEU	16,124,300	2,600,700	(814,300)	17,910,700	90.0%	14.5%	-4.5%
UVU	62,965,300	57,726,100	4,080,300	124,771,700	50.5%	46.3%	3.3%
SLCC	63,370,800	39,215,000	(532,100)	102,053,700	62.1%	38.4%	-0.5%

**FY 2007**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	200,538,600	108,181,732	17,458,131	326,178,463	61.5%	33.2%	5.4%
USU-L	107,470,400	45,756,100	(118,594)	153,107,906	70.2%	29.9%	-0.1%
USU-RC	7,855,100	13,668,789	3,356,871	24,880,760	31.6%	54.9%	13.5%
WSU	62,561,500	40,551,619	3,770,611	106,883,730	58.5%	37.9%	3.5%
SUU	29,845,700	18,732,678	(863,039)	47,715,339	62.5%	39.3%	-1.8%
Snow	17,961,500	4,777,042	736,517	23,475,059	76.5%	20.3%	3.1%
DSC	18,436,100	8,573,442	(42,639)	26,966,903	68.4%	31.8%	-0.2%
CEU	13,793,300	2,500,934	(117,497)	16,176,737	85.3%	15.5%	-0.7%
UVSC	50,051,300	51,205,619	(2,607,409)	98,649,510	50.7%	51.9%	-2.6%
SLCC	56,769,500	36,914,508	1,124,636	94,808,644	59.9%	38.9%	1.2%

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Education and General

**FY 2006**

	<u>Dedicated</u>				<u>Dedicated</u>		
	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	191,609,400	108,855,400	4,370,092	304,834,892	62.9%	35.7%	1.4%
USU-L	107,888,000	43,430,937	2,134,584	153,453,521	70.3%	28.3%	1.4%
USU-RC	6,491,100	12,237,793	(2,433,235)	16,295,658	39.8%	75.1%	-14.9%
WSU	59,996,600	37,675,790	(644,482)	97,027,908	61.8%	38.8%	-0.7%
SUU	28,008,900	16,334,947	(1,832,861)	42,510,986	65.9%	38.4%	-4.3%
Snow	16,718,400	6,103,469	(705,763)	22,116,106	75.6%	27.6%	-3.2%
DSC	17,764,600	7,655,330	(46,119)	25,373,811	70.0%	30.2%	-0.2%
CEU	13,073,000	2,691,311	49,959	15,814,270	82.7%	17.0%	0.3%
UVSC	47,831,800	45,835,032	(49,057)	93,617,775	51.1%	49.0%	-0.1%
SLCC	53,591,400	35,744,237	668,985	90,004,622	59.5%	39.7%	0.7%

**FY 2005**

	<u>Dedicated</u>				<u>Dedicated</u>		
	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	186,491,200	100,498,823	2,590,319	289,580,342	64.4%	34.7%	0.9%
USU-L	99,549,300	44,547,439	6,362,099	150,458,838	66.2%	29.6%	4.2%
USU-RC	5,083,400	7,883,356	193,268	13,160,024	38.6%	59.9%	1.5%
WSU	56,785,700	35,905,319	(1,000,736)	91,690,283	61.9%	39.2%	-1.1%
SUU	26,716,100	14,126,575	(157,072)	40,685,603	65.7%	34.7%	-0.4%
Snow	16,094,000	4,927,575	(4,075,239)	16,946,336	95.0%	29.1%	-24.0%
DSC	16,825,400	7,261,706	(602,261)	23,484,845	71.6%	30.9%	-2.6%
CEU	12,251,200	2,887,379	(426,911)	14,711,668	83.3%	19.6%	-2.9%
UVSC	42,414,300	46,682,893	(1,644,698)	87,452,495	48.5%	53.4%	-1.9%
SLCC	50,915,900	35,516,063	1,772,722	88,204,685	57.7%	40.3%	2.0%

**FY 2004**

	<u>Dedicated</u>				<u>Dedicated</u>		
	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	174,908,500	88,691,300	5,522,700	269,122,500	65.0%	33.0%	2.1%
USU-L	95,262,500	43,347,500	4,480,100	143,090,100	66.6%	30.3%	3.1%
USU-RC	4,813,300	7,541,000	(1,622,200)	10,732,100	44.8%	70.3%	-15.1%
WSU	54,785,900	34,216,900	877,800	89,880,600	61.0%	38.1%	1.0%
SUU	25,725,100	11,975,800	191,500	37,892,400	67.9%	31.6%	0.5%
Snow	15,800,200	4,856,900	(3,304,000)	17,353,100	91.1%	28.0%	-19.0%
DSC	16,145,700	6,720,400	222,200	23,088,300	69.9%	29.1%	1.0%
CEU	11,901,700	2,772,500	(227,400)	14,446,800	82.4%	19.2%	-1.6%
UVSC	40,217,200	44,868,200	(951,100)	84,134,300	47.8%	53.3%	-1.1%
SLCC	49,180,400	35,123,500	(2,103,300)	82,200,600	59.8%	42.7%	-2.6%

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Education and General

**FY 2003**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	175,276,800	79,332,400	4,602,500	259,211,700	67.6%	30.6%	1.8%
USU-L	94,520,600	39,539,500	637,600	134,697,700	70.2%	29.4%	0.5%
USU-RC	4,788,300	6,091,200	(1,244,300)	9,635,200	49.7%	63.2%	-12.9%
WSU	54,636,000	31,758,400	62,800	86,457,200	63.2%	36.7%	0.1%
SUU	25,740,100	10,960,400	2,351,100	39,051,600	65.9%	28.1%	6.0%
Snow	11,996,800	3,302,100	1,515,200	16,814,100	71.3%	19.6%	9.0%
DSC	16,004,400	6,187,300	(1,293,800)	20,897,900	76.6%	29.6%	-6.2%
CEU	11,569,600	2,520,500	(218,900)	13,871,200	83.4%	18.2%	-1.6%
UVSC	39,783,500	33,666,100	(1,668,600)	71,781,000	55.4%	46.9%	-2.3%
SLCC	49,451,100	29,115,000	(1,802,700)	76,763,400	64.4%	37.9%	-2.3%

**FY 2002**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	177,000,500	66,062,800	(1,733,300)	241,330,000	73.3%	27.4%	-0.7%
USU-L	94,576,200	38,396,800	(2,483,600)	130,489,400	72.5%	29.4%	-1.9%
USU-RC	4,337,200	4,939,100	498,900	9,775,200	44.4%	50.5%	5.1%
WSU	56,231,500	26,649,800	(143,500)	82,737,800	68.0%	32.2%	-0.2%
SUU	26,439,500	9,723,400	89,400	36,252,300	72.9%	26.8%	0.2%
Snow	11,969,100	4,317,000	(151,200)	16,134,900	74.2%	26.8%	-0.9%
DSC	16,405,000	6,083,500	(455,100)	22,033,400	74.5%	27.6%	-2.1%
CEU	11,468,200	2,755,400	(57,500)	14,166,100	81.0%	19.5%	-0.4%
UVSC	41,090,500	31,073,200	(534,300)	71,629,400	57.4%	43.4%	-0.7%
SLCC	50,304,700	25,520,000	3,432,400	79,257,100	63.5%	32.2%	4.3%

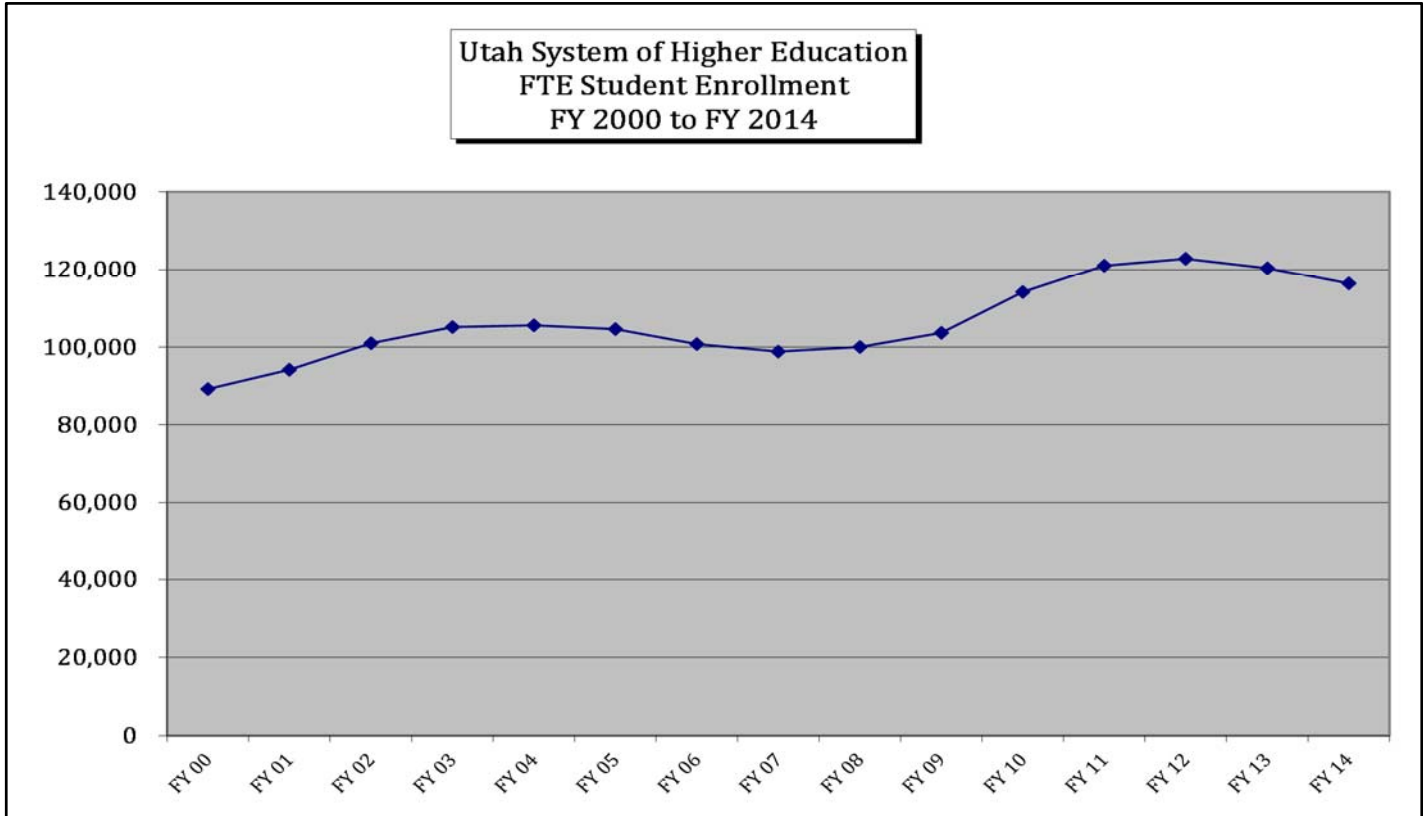
**FY 2001**

	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Dedicated Credits</u>	<u>Other</u>
UU	167,396,800	57,483,500	134,000	225,014,300	74.4%	25.5%	0.1%
USU-L	90,627,800	36,396,600	(1,435,400)	125,589,000	72.2%	29.0%	-1.1%
USU-RC	3,076,900	1,745,600	(97,400)	4,725,100	65.1%	36.9%	-2.1%
WSU	53,445,000	23,480,200	62,400	76,987,600	69.4%	30.5%	0.1%
SUU	24,482,700	9,099,600	305,000	33,887,300	72.2%	26.9%	0.9%
Snow	11,495,400	3,835,900	(125,800)	15,205,500	75.6%	25.2%	-0.8%
DSC	15,465,200	4,990,400	265,500	20,721,100	74.6%	24.1%	1.3%
CEU	11,084,200	2,388,900	36,500	13,509,600	82.0%	17.7%	0.3%
UVSC	36,419,100	25,913,600	(2,545,600)	59,787,100	60.9%	43.3%	-4.3%
SLCC	46,209,000	22,074,200	(594,900)	67,688,300	68.3%	32.6%	-0.9%

\* Other includes nonlapsing balances.

**DEMOGRAPHICS AND ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment in the Utah System of Higher Education decreased for the three years following a high in FY 2004. Enrollment decreases turned in the fall of 2007 and rose for the next five years. The enrollment changes vary from institution to institution, with the College of Eastern Utah actually losing 23 percent of its enrollment since FY 2000 to 63 percent growth at Dixie State University and 56 percent growth at Utah Valley University. The total USHE enrollment growth since FY 2000 is 27,200 students, or 31 percent. The trend is shown in the following graph.



Growth in the general population is one of the factors that contributes to enrollment growth. The State’s population has grown 29 percent since 2000. Six of the eight USHE institutions are located in the 15 fastest growing counties in the state, with growth rates from 20.7 percent to 62.2 percent. Salt Lake County, home to the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College, was the 17<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county since 2000, with a growth rate of 19.6 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**FUTURE ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS**

In its “HigherEdUtah 2020 Plan,” the State Board of Regents states that the “Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions, along with other Utah public and private partners in higher education, will need to enroll approximately 109,000 more students. Of these, about 33,000 are expected growth over this period. This means that Utah will need to enroll over an additional 76,000 students beyond the current enrollment and projected natural growth.

<sup>1</sup> <http://factfinder2.census.gov>, January 14, 2014.