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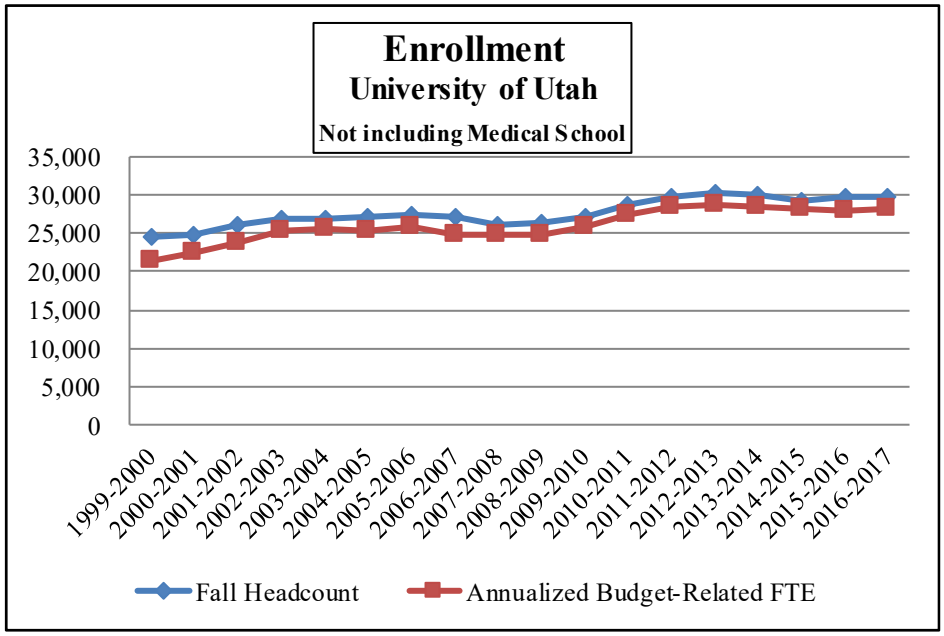
SUMMARY

An input measure of higher education is the number of students who enroll at an institution. This Issue Brief provides information showing enrollment growth by USHE institution since the year 2000.

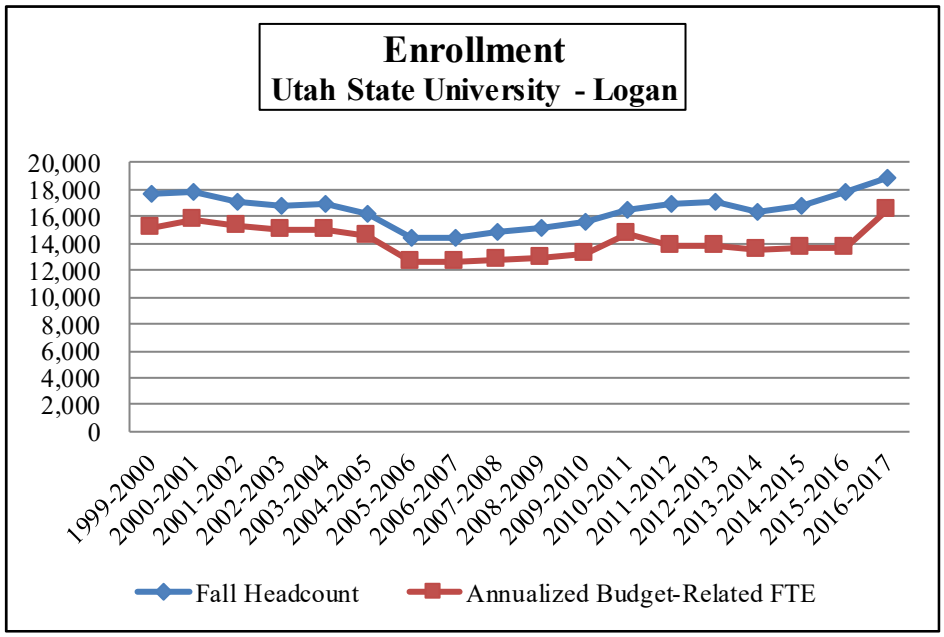
DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following tables provide a historical perspective of the two ways students are counted at USHE institutions. Through the 2012-2013 year, the blue line in each figure measures the headcount of students on campus the third week of fall semester. Beginning with 2013-2014, however, this measure is changed to "end of term." The third week measurement was used as a predictor of the number of students who will continue through that semester. The new count is an actual measure of the number of students at the end of the semester. Both of these measurements count each student as one, whether that student is talking one credit hour or 15. The red line depicts the Annualized Budget-Related FTEs. The "annualized" accounts for variations between Fall and Spring semesters. The "budget-related" counts only those students who are funded using state tax resources. It does not count self-supported students, such as those in continuing education or those in remedial education at the universities. The FTE number is determined by dividing the total number of student credit hours by 30 for undergraduate and by 20 for graduate students.

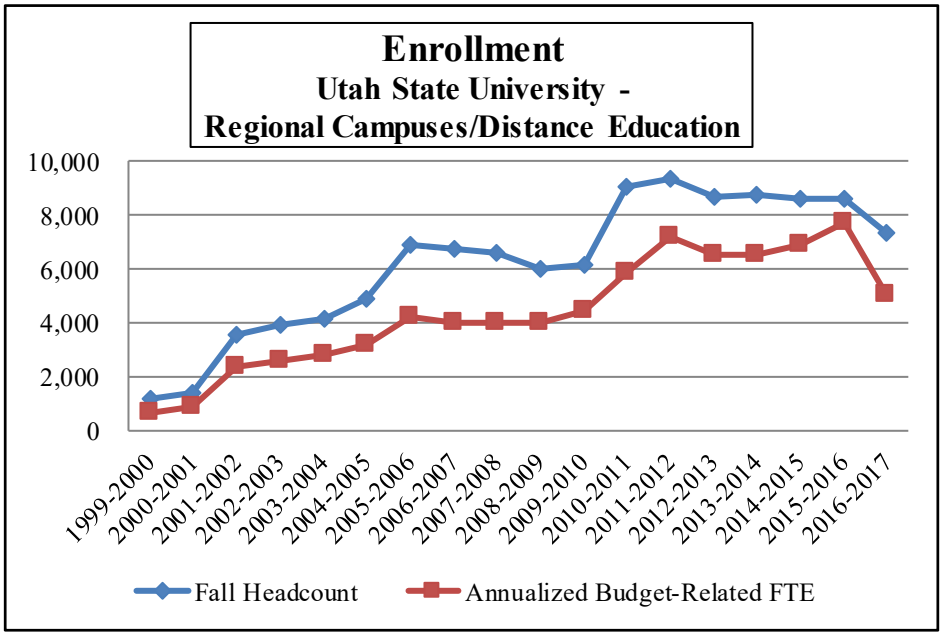
Enrollment in USHE has grown from 88,393 annualized budget-related FTEs in FY 2000 to 118,813 in FY 2017. From 2000 to 2004, enrollments grew fairly steady, but then dropped for three years. Due in part to the economy, enrollments grew by 1,088 FTEs in 2008, by 3,656 in 2009, by 10,475 in FY 2010, and by 6,910 in FY 2011. Enrollment increased, but at a slower rate in FY 2012, growing by 1,778, but then dropped by 2,454 in FY 2013, and an additional 4,016 in FY 2014. These declines are due, at least in part, to the improving economy and the change the LDS Church made in missionary ages. The enrollment loss due to the missionary age change has now run its course and the bubble of missionaries has returned. In FY 2015, enrollment numbers were up overall by 232 and in FY 2016, increased by 2,048. In FY 2017, enrollments grew by 1,339. During the 2017 General Session, the legislature provided $3.5 million to address enrollment growth at the following institutions: University of Utah, Southern Utah University, Utah Valley University, Snow College, and Dixie State University.



UU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	24,473	24,747	26,110	26,924	26,765	27,113	27,420	26,988	26,177	26,226	27,217	28,701	29,667	30,290	29,978	29,240	29,561	29,629
Annualized Budget-Relatec	21,438	22,432	23,818	25,230	25,399	25,396	25,765	24,873	24,662	24,789	25,718	27,347	28,258	28,682	28,341	28,048	27,993	28,244

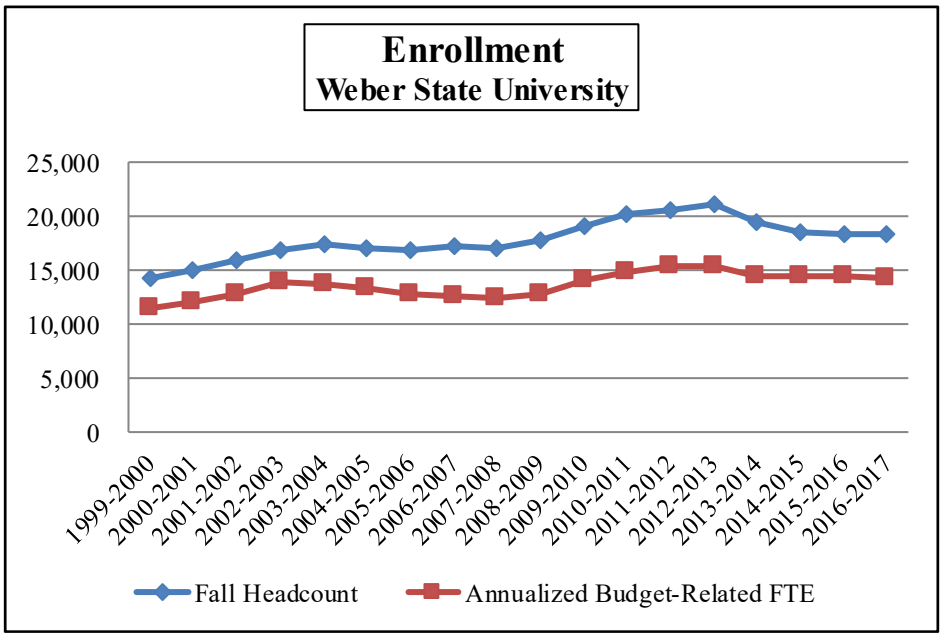


USU - Logan	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	17,630	17,851	17,052	16,743	16,879	16,169	14,450	14,436	14,882	15,091	15,604	16,447	16,850	16,998	16,380	16,746	17,847	18,830
Annualized Budget-Relatec	15,067	15,724	15,273	15,010	15,022	14,477	12,599	12,618	12,702	12,840	13,160	14,703	13,767	13,841	13,518	13,580	13,669	16,435

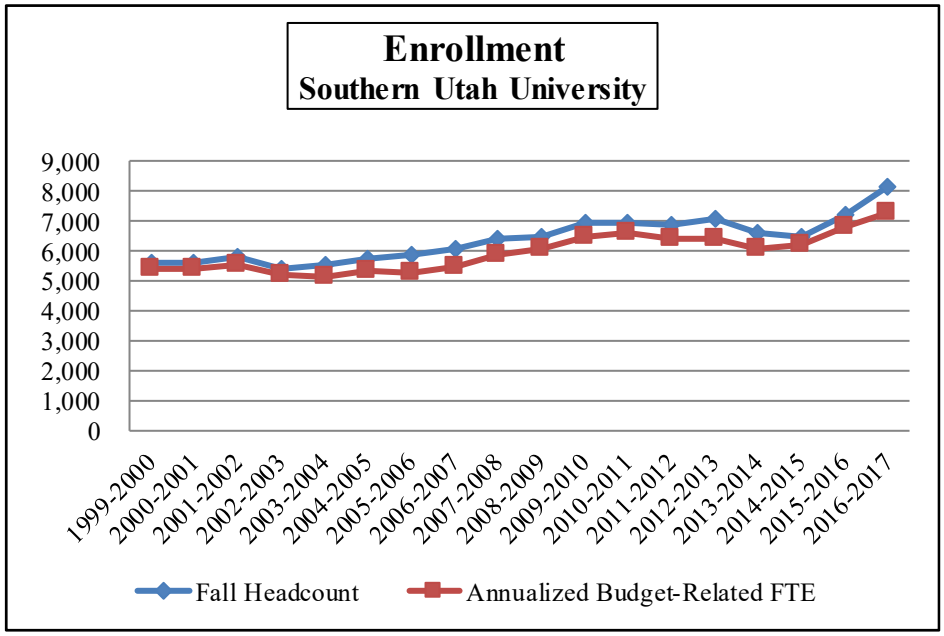


USU - Regional Campuses	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	1,218	1,430	3,589	3,915	4,149	4,912	6,894	6,786	6,573	5,995	6,134	9,084	9,341	8,666	8,780	8,583	8,612	7,354
Annualized Budget-Relatec	689	897	2,390	2,572	2,808	3,160	4,198	3,996	3,997	4,008	4,434	5,869	7,161	6,544	6,492	6,883	7,730	5,007

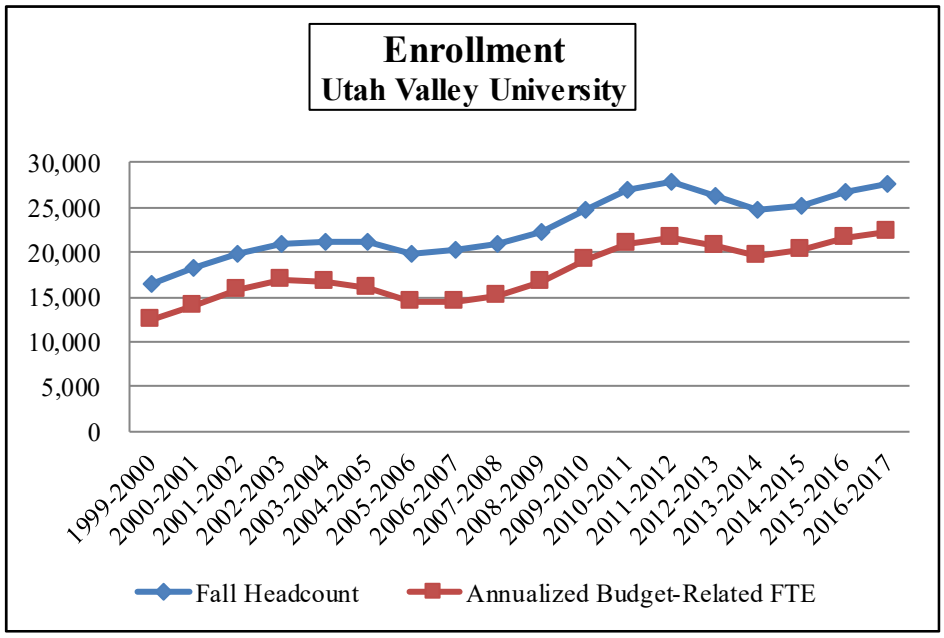
(Note: Beginning in 2010-2011, USU Regional Campus Enrollment Data include counts previously included at the College of Eastern Utah.)



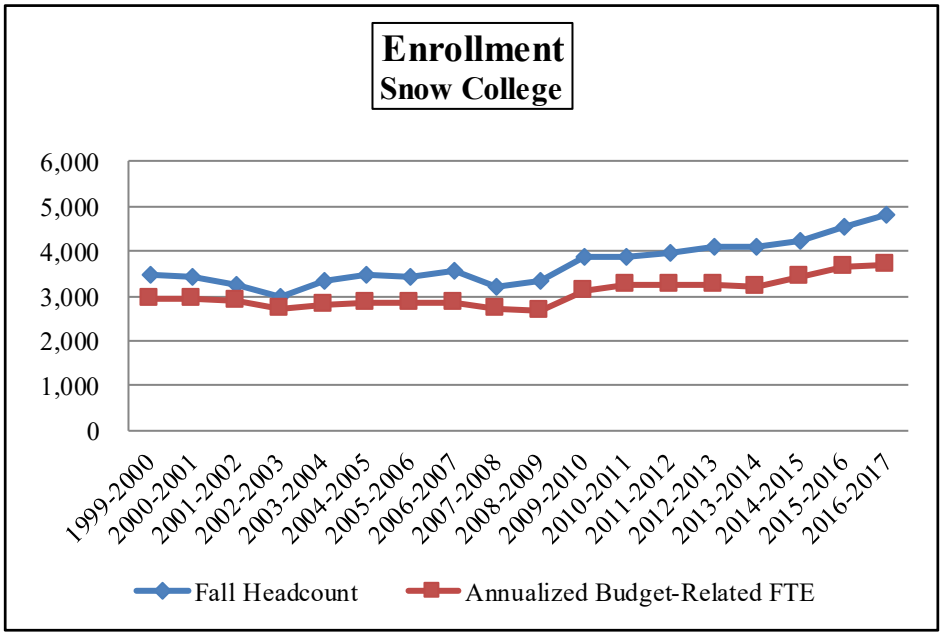
WSU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	14,345	15,107	15,906	16,812	17,483	16,980	16,957	17,290	17,089	17,713	19,128	20,155	20,515	21,090	19,515	18,496	18,271	18,375
Annualized Budget-Relatec	11,458	12,096	12,833	13,965	13,788	13,339	12,866	12,578	12,403	12,819	14,070	14,914	15,384	15,299	14,448	14,458	14,396	14,191



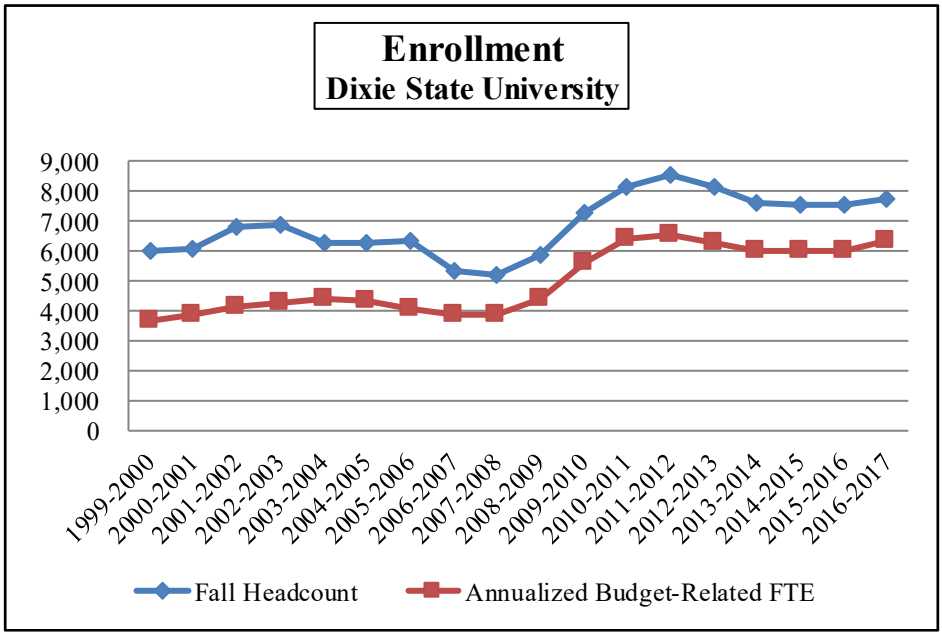
SUU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	5,606	5,603	5,779	5,438	5,511	5,757	5,906	6,108	6,410	6,473	6,964	6,963	6,880	7,084	6,641	6,507	7,185	8,162
Annualized Budget-Relatec	5,427	5,415	5,518	5,219	5,135	5,322	5,289	5,507	5,844	6,051	6,476	6,580	6,427	6,380	6,087	6,176	6,829	7,254



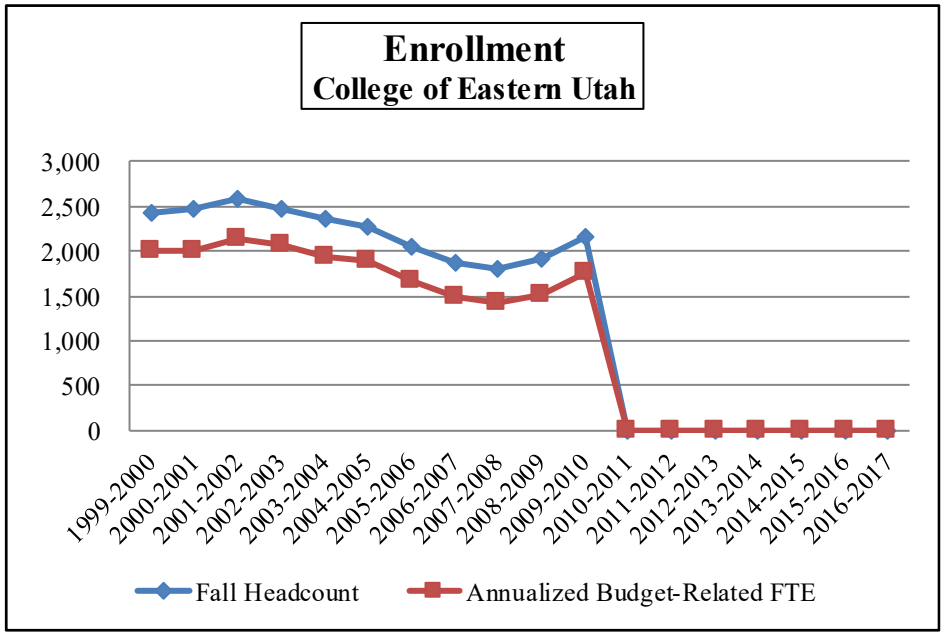
UVU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	16,480	18,150	19,913	20,957	21,182	21,050	19,836	20,262	20,959	22,292	24,592	26,844	27,823	26,175	24,633	25,080	26,649	27,560
Annualized Budget-Relatec	12,559	13,904	15,750	16,890	16,679	16,113	14,496	14,509	15,216	16,747	19,033	20,850	21,594	20,712	19,642	20,266	21,535	22,273



Snow	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	3,491	3,407	3,242	2,994	3,342	3,458	3,408	3,544	3,202	3,353	3,879	3,868	3,961	4,108	4,095	4,212	4,525	4,815
Annualized Budget-Relatec	2,946	2,929	2,911	2,694	2,808	2,856	2,865	2,840	2,707	2,657	3,134	3,237	3,260	3,239	3,210	3,433	3,636	3,688

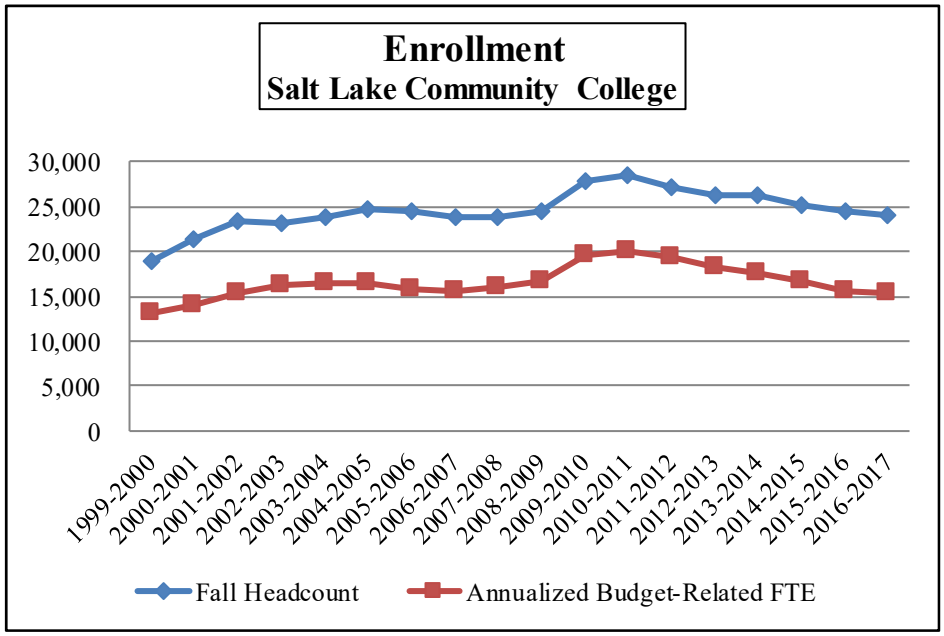


DSU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	6,041	6,071	6,828	6,908	6,271	6,287	6,359	5,339	5,209	5,889	7,255	8,138	8,538	8,150	7,598	7,569	7,511	7,729
Annualized Budget-Relatec	3,668	3,889	4,106	4,251	4,411	4,367	4,078	3,860	3,875	4,414	5,626	6,404	6,554	6,257	5,977	5,993	6,012	6,338

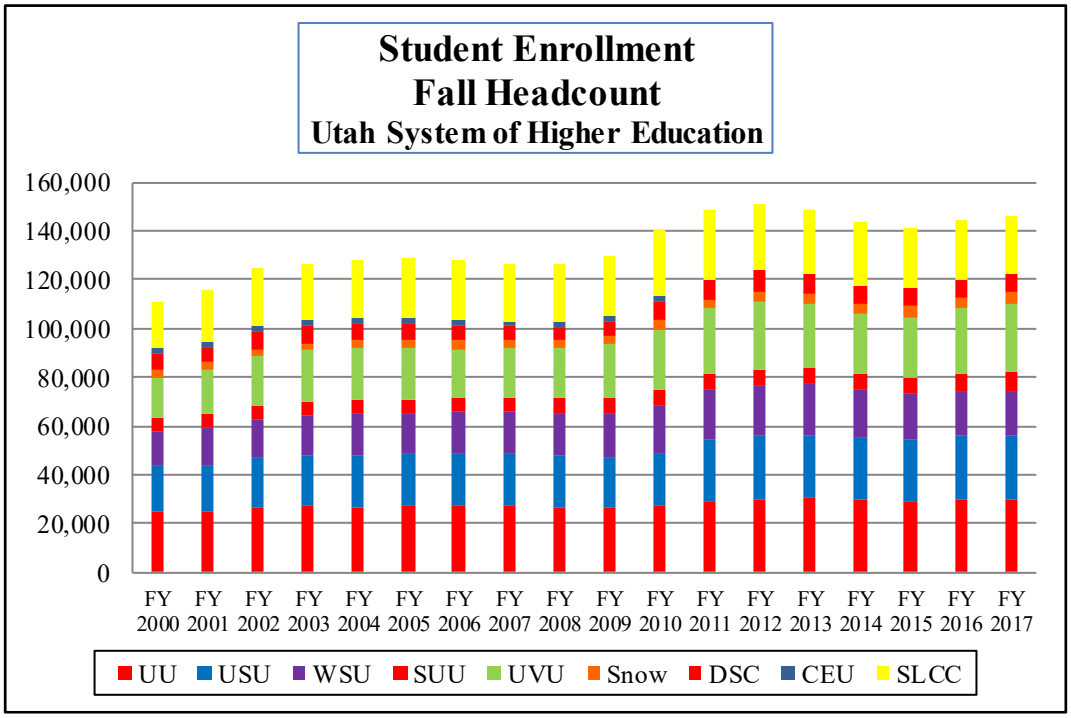


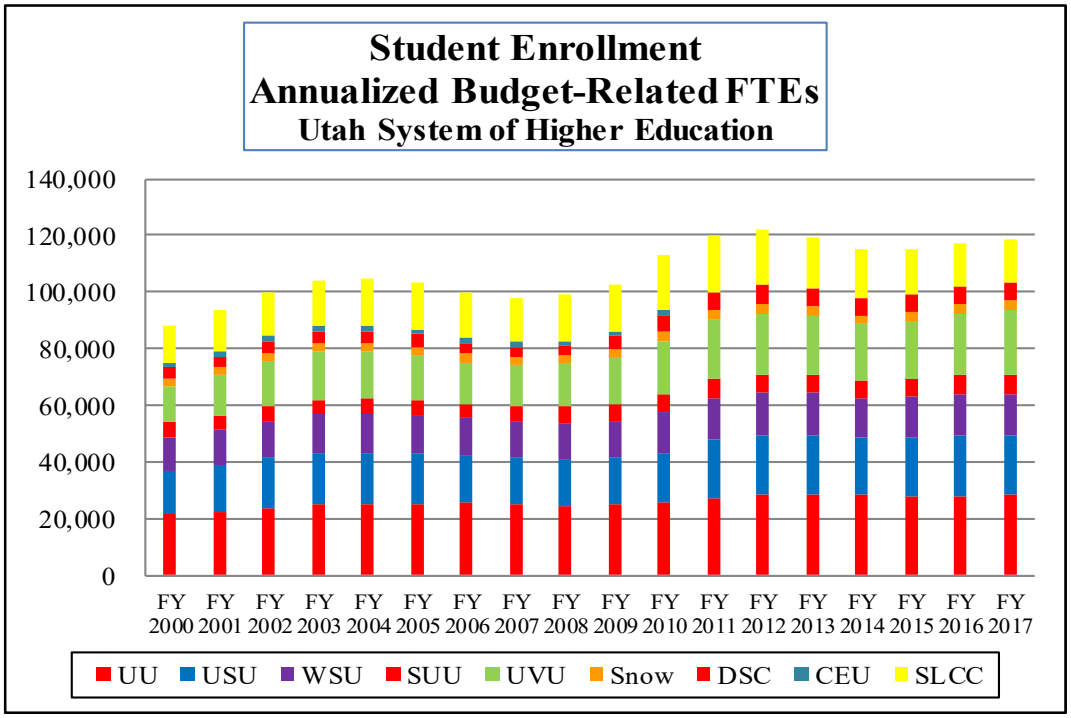
CEU	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	2,432	2,466	2,578	2,466	2,367	2,260	2,045	1,873	1,799	1,906	2,165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annualized Budget-Relatec	2,010	2,009	2,140	2,058	1,926	1,889	1,674	1,479	1,416	1,524	1,758	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Note: Beginning in 2010-2011, College of Eastern Utah Enrollment Data included with Utah State University.)



SLCC	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	18,860	21,294	23,414	23,201	23,778	24,740	24,567	23,822	23,824	24,467	27,723	28,443	27,041	26,161	26,343	25,064	24,499	24,005
Annualized Budget-Relatec	13,131	14,004	15,350	16,223	16,571	16,519	15,801	15,496	16,023	16,653	19,567	19,983	19,259	18,256	17,479	16,589	15,673	15,381





USHE	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Headcount	110,576	116,126	124,411	126,358	127,727	128,726	127,842	126,448	126,124	129,405	140,661	148,643	150,616	148,722	143,963	141,497	144,660	146,459
Annualized Budget-Relatec	88,393	93,298	100,089	104,112	104,548	103,439	99,632	97,757	98,845	102,501	112,976	119,886	121,664	119,210	115,194	115,426	117,474	118,813