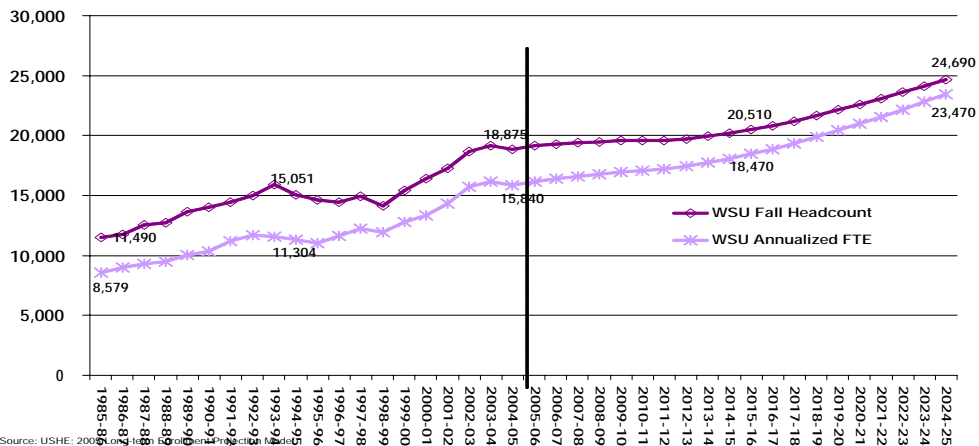


WSU Enrollment Issues

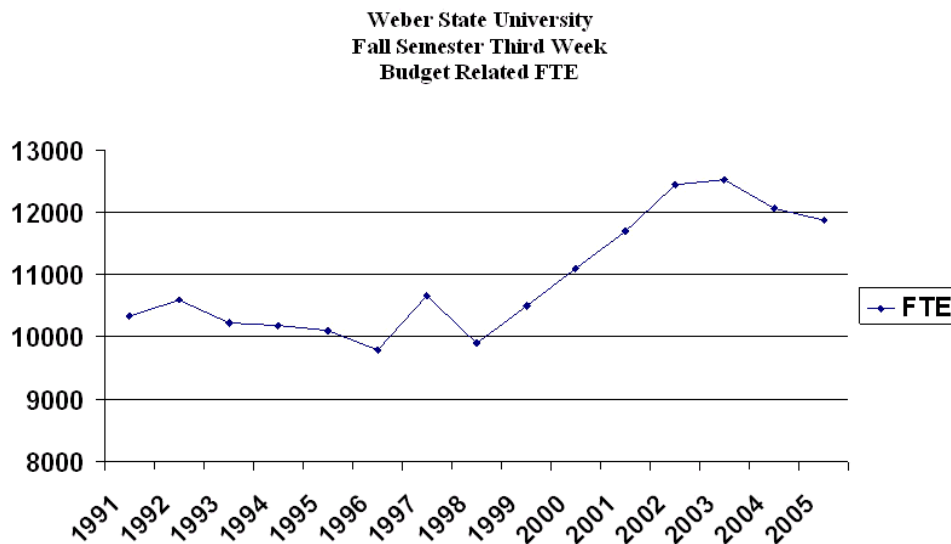
- Enrollment in the Utah System of Higher Education is projected to increase by 54% over the next 20 years; this represents an annual average rate of growth of 2.2 percent.
- From 1985 to 2005, WSU’s fall headcount grew by 63 percent; this represents an annual compound rate of growth of 2.5 percent. From 1995 to 2005, WSU’s fall headcount enrollment grew by 29.6 percent; this represents an annual average rate of growth of 2.6 percent.
- From 2000 to 2005, WSU’s annual budget-related enrollment grew by 16.1 percent; this represents an annual average rate of growth of 3.0 percent.
- Starting from an FTE enrollment base of 13,250 students,
 - 10 years of 1.0 percent growth would produce 14,636 FTE student headcount.
 - 10 years of 2.5 percent growth would produce 16,961 FTE students;
 - 10 years of 3.0 percent growth would produce 17,807 FTE students.
- Starting from a headcount base of 18,000 students,
 - 10 years of 1.0 percent growth would produce 19,883 student headcount.
 - 10 years of 2.5 percent growth would produce 23,041 student headcount;
 - 10 years of 3.0 percent growth would produce 24,190 student headcount.
- Based upon USHE projections, WSU’s enrollment growth is projected to slow for at least five years as a result of a decline in the number of high school graduates in WSU’s primary service areas. The decline in high school graduates will be followed by a period of little or no increase in the number of high school graduates. Over a longer period, the production of high school graduates will increase, and WSU’s rate of enrollment growth is expected to increase.



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Source: USHE: 2008 Enrollment Projections

While WSU's long-term enrollment trend reflects sustained growth, WSU's year-to-year enrollments fluctuate widely. Over the 1985 to 2005 period, WSU's annual rate of growth ranged from an annual increase of 7.0 percent to a decline of 4.8 percent. Over the 20-year period, there were 13 years of increasing headcount enrollment and 7 years of declining headcount enrollment.

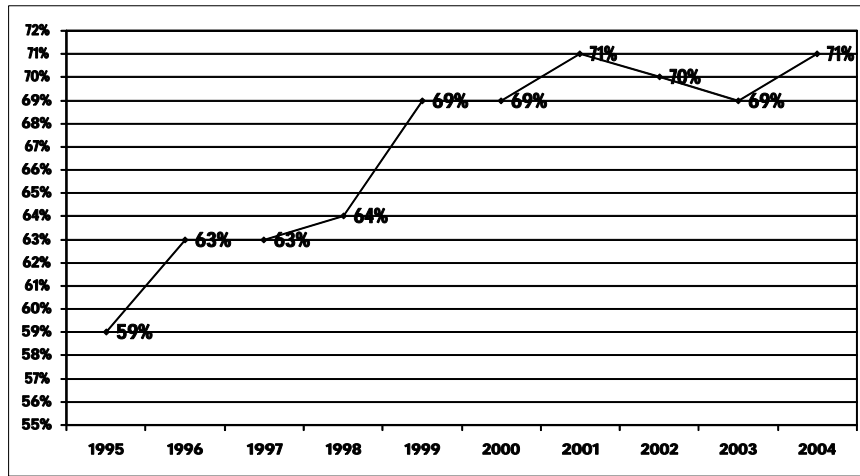


- WSU's Ogden campus is expected to grow at a slower rate than the Davis campus. Other methods of instructional delivery (e.g., technology-enhanced) are expected to grow more rapidly than traditional enrollments.
- Given changing demographics, WSU will not grow at historic rates unless the proportion of Hispanic students increases, the proportion of out-of-state students increases, or the proportion of both Hispanic and out-of-state students increases.
- International students presently represent less than 1 percent of WSU's headcount enrollment. The number of international students has declined over the past five years. A greater number of international students are desired. However, given the small number of international students, very significant increases in the number of international students will be needed to have a meaningful impact upon WSU's total enrollment.
- Non-resident students presently account for 7.2 percent of WSU's headcount enrollment. From Fall 1998 to Fall 2005, there was a 66 percent increase in the number of non-resident students. Over this same period, the number of international students declined. If domestic non-residents are defined as non-residents minus international students, domestic non-residents increased by 110 percent over the 1998 to 2005 period. The number of California residents enrolled at WSU increased by 193 percent. The number of Idaho residents enrolled at WSU increased by 105 percent. The number of Wyoming residents enrolled at WSU increased by 78 percent. There are presently more California residents

enrolled as WSU students than students from all foreign countries combined. In Fall 2005, there were 1,314 non-resident students enrolled at WSU, 524 more than were enrolled in Fall 1998.

- Out-of-state online registrations accounted for 201 FTE students in 2005. In 1998, out-of-state online registrations accounted for 5 FTE students.
- From 1995 to 2004 WSU’s retention of first-year students increased from 59 percent to 71 percent. The average for 4-year, USHE schools is 66 percent.

WSU Retention of First-Year Students



• In 1998, 67

percent of WSU students were under the age of 25; in 2005, 58 percent of WSU students were under the age of 25.

- From Fall 1998 to Fall 2005, there was a 56 percent increase in the number of Hispanic students enrolled at WSU.
- From Fall 1998 to Fall 2005, the number of Northridge, Fremont, Weber, and Davis High school students enrolled at WSU grew at an average annual rate of 0.5 percent. This is largely a reflection of the decline in high school graduates and the decline in college participation.
- Population growth in selected Utah counties 2000 to 2004:

County	Population Growth
Weber/Davis	34,314
Washington/Iron	22,013

- WSU 2004 headcount enrollment in selected programs:

	Headcount	Graduates
AS, AAS & BA Computer Science	579	141
BS Technical Sales	322	230
BS & BFA Visual Art	249	34
BS & BA English	373	105
All Bachelor Business Administration	972	139
Masters of Business Administration	106	56
All Bachelor Teacher Education	447	82
All Associate & Bachelor Nursing	1,264	403
All Radiologic Sciences	832	94
All Math	70	13
All Sociology & Anthropology	113	33
All Undergraduate CJ	732	149
Masters CJ	56	32

These programs are a small sample of WSU's associate, bachelor and master programs. Program enrollments suggest that new programs will be responsible for some but not all of WSU's enrollment growth. For example, 10 years of 2.5 percent growth would add approximately 5,000 new students to WSU's enrollment. These 5,000 students would be equivalent to: approximately 4 programs as large as Nursing, more than 8 programs as large as Computer Science, or almost 90 programs as large as the Master's of Criminal Justice. It is unlikely that WSU will add enough new programs to account for the majority of enrollment growth. Nonetheless, new programs will be an important component of enrollment growth.