University of South Dakota
Enrollment History, 1882-2022

"Designated as South Dakota's Liberal Arts University, the University of South Dakota, established and located at Vermillion, in Clay County, shall be under the control of the Board of Regents and shall provide undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education in business, education, fine arts, law and medicine, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine." (SDCL 13-57-1)

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1882-1928: Annual Enrollment
1929-Present: Fall Enrollment

Note: Data not available for 1882 or 1884
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- 1883: 96 Students (first year with data)
- 2012: 10,284 Students (all-time high)
- 2022: 9,856 Students (today)
- Baby Boomers Arrive
- Gen X Arrives
- Millennials Arrive
- WWII and Aftermath
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