

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – O
DATE: April 3-4, 2024

SUBJECT

Residence Hall Occupancy Report for Fall 2023 / Spring 2024

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Each year the Board office collects information on the fall utilization numbers for each of the campuses’ residence halls. This information is summarized by the campus and put in the SDBOR Fact Book. The capacity, types of housing available, and number of students boarded can be found in Attachment I for Fall 2023, and in Attachment II for Spring 2024.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Table 1 shows the total number of beds considered to be part of the housing system for each campus. The revenue generated from these beds is pledged to the auxiliary system, except for 72 beds in the East and West 8-Plex Apartments at DSU as well as 249 beds in Rocker 1 and 2 at SDSMT.

Table 1			
<i>South Dakota Board of Regents</i>			
<i>Available Beds per Semester</i>			
	2021	2022	2023
	2022	2023	2024
BHSU	854	864	869
DSU	859	936	897
NSU	788	855	767
SDSMT	1,048	1,091	1,091
SDSU	4,461	4,571	4,499
USD	2,154	2,128	2,128
System	10,164	10,445	10,251

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Major changes in the numbers between years represent new housing coming online or housing being taken out of the system. It could also represent beds taken offline for isolation and de-densification in the 2021-2022 academic year due to COVID-19. Minor changes represent a design adjustment in how the room is classified or rooms taken offline for repairs. For example, taking a room that has been sold as a double and deciding that it will be sold as a single in the future represents a reclassification. Only permanent changes can be made to the capacity.

All campuses saw major adjustments to their available beds in 2021 due to the number of beds that were required for isolation and de-densification per CDC guidelines for COVID-19. DSU took Van Eps Place offline to house students who were in COVID testing protocol. SDSU brought beds in Waneta online for COVID isolation and over-flow only in 2021-2022.

Table 2 shows the differences between the fall and spring occupancy rates for the last three years. Occupancy rates for Fall 2023/Spring 2024 are based upon rooms available for the general student population. The changes from fall to spring represent students who did not return to school for assorted reasons or graduated after the fall semester.

Most costs associated with running a residence hall system are fixed. While some costs will vary, nearly every additional bed that can be filled represents revenue that would go directly to the bottom line of the operation. It should be noted that when campuses prepare financial information for new residence halls, 90% occupancy is used to develop the financial pro forma for the new hall, with current halls remaining at their current occupancy. As a rule of thumb, the system needs to remain above 90% to maintain financial stability. As campuses dip below that figure for an extended period, they begin to put pressure on other areas to maintain their 1.2 coverage ratio. The average occupancy rates range from 94.78% at SDSMT to 62.84% at NSU.

	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Avg	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Avg	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Avg		
BHSU	87.24%	76.00%	81.62%	BHSU	91.66%	85.88%	88.77%	BHSU	91.71%	83.08%	87.39%
DSU	89.85%	81.49%	85.67%	DSU	86.65%	84.37%	85.51%	DSU	96.32%	87.85%	92.08%
NSU	69.42%	68.02%	68.72%	NSU	61.40%	57.08%	59.24%	NSU	64.67%	61.02%	62.84%
SDSMT	95.61%	92.37%	93.99%	SDSMT	99.27%	92.48%	95.88%	SDSMT	96.43%	93.13%	94.78%
SDSU	88.35%	83.41%	85.88%	SDSU	87.60%	82.89%	85.25%	SDSU	95.55%	90.26%	92.91%
USD	93.18%	83.94%	88.56%	USD	93.14%	86.47%	89.81%	USD	93.89%	87.22%	90.55%
System	87.28%	80.87%	84.07%	System	88.04%	83.03%	85.54%	System	92.73%	86.93%	89.83%

Table 3 isolates the last four spring semesters:

Table 3				
<i>South Dakota Board of Regents</i>				
<i>Campus Housing Utilization</i>				
<i>Spring Semester Only</i>				
	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	Spring 2024
BHSU	73.93%	76.00%	85.88%	83.08%
DSU	82.38%	81.49%	84.37%	87.85%
NSU	61.29%	68.02%	57.08%	61.02%
SDSMT	83.02%	92.37%	92.48%	93.13%
SDSU	83.93%	83.41%	82.89%	90.26%
USD	85.32%	83.94%	86.47%	87.22%
System	78.31%	80.87%	83.03%	86.93%

Table 4 shows the numbers of beds that are empty based on the occupancy rates. A negative number would indicate that a campus was over 100% for that semester.

Table 4												
<i>South Dakota Board of Regents</i>												
<i>Open Beds</i>												
<i>Change from Fall to Spring Prior and Current Years</i>												
	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Change		Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Change		Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Change	
BHSU	109	205	96	BHSU	72	122	50	BHSU	72	147	75	
DSU	89	159	70	DSU	125	132	7	DSU	33	109	76	
NSU	241	252	11	NSU	330	367	37	NSU	271	299	28	
SDSMT	47	80	33	SDSMT	8	82	74	SDSMT	39	75	36	
SDSU	519	740	221	SDSU	567	782	215	SDSU	200	438	238	
USD	142	346	204	USD	146	288	142	USD	130	272	142	
System	1,147	1,782	635	System	1,248	1,773	525	System	745	1,340	595	

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Fall 2023 Residence Hall Occupancy Report

Attachment II – Spring 2024 Residence Hall Occupancy Report

Campus Housing Utilization

Fall 2023

Black Hills State University - Current Capacity 869								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	78	205	0	0	0	0	453	92.83%
Suite-Style	4	96	0	0	0	0	184	93.88%
Apartments	62	61	0	0	0	0	159	86.41%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	144	362	0	0	0	0	796	91.71%
Dakota State University - Current Capacity 897‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	92	294	1	0	0	0	651	95.31%
Suite-Style	0	0	0	19	0	0	76	100.00%
Apartments	0	0	0	8	8	11	137	99.28%
Leased Property*								0.00%
Overflow †								
Total	92	294	1	27	8	11	864	96.32%
Northern State University - Current Capacity 767								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	97	108	2	0	0	0	131	41.07%
Suite-Style	7	33	9	86	0	0	365	82.21%
Apartments	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	108	141	11	86	0	0	496	64.67%
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - Current Capacity 1091								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	35	198	15	0	0	0	457	96.01%
Suite-Style	94	56	0	40	0	0	348	95.08%
Apartments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Leased Property*	249	0	0	0	0	0	247	99.20%
Overflow †							0	
Total	378	254	15	40	0	0	1,052	96.43%
South Dakota State University - Current Capacity 4499‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	273	1,572	3	0	0	0	3,291	96.06%
Suite-Style	0	233	0	0	0	0	444	95.28%
Apartments	26	17	10	128	1	0	564	92.92%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	299	1,822	13	128	1	0	4,299	95.55%
University of South Dakota - Current Capacity 2128‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	56	687	16	0	0	0	1,378	93.23%
Suite-Style	0	53	0	77	0	0	398	96.14%
Apartments	0	22	0	48	0	0	222	94.07%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	56	762	16	125	0	0	1,998	93.89%

Current Capacity - Designed capacity adjusted for permanent changes, including changing rooms to alternate uses and offering doubles as singles.

‡ DSU, SDSU, and USD's current capacity calculation includes unused rooms temporarily taken offline

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† Overflow - Refers to students assigned to spaces not designed or planned as sleeping rooms to deal with

Campus Housing Utilization

Spring 2024

Black Hills State University - Current Capacity 869								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	77	206	0	0	0	0	419	85.69%
Suite-Style	4	96	0	0	0	0	164	83.67%
Apartments	62	61	0	0	0	0	139	75.54%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	143	363	0	0	0	0	722	83.08%
Dakota State University - Current Capacity 897‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	92	294	1	0	0	0	589	85.65%
Suite-Style	0	0	0	19	0	0	71	93.42%
Apartments	0	0	0	8	8	11	128	92.75%
Leased Property*								0.00%
Overflow †								
Total	92	294	1	27	8	11	788	87.85%
Northern State University - Current Capacity 767								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	97	108	2	0	0	0	118	36.99%
Suite-Style	7	33	9	86	0	0	350	78.83%
Apartments	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	108	141	11	86	0	0	468	61.02%
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - Current Capacity 1091								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	35	198	15	0	0	0	440	92.44%
Suite-Style	94	56	0	40	0	0	331	90.44%
Apartments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Leased Property*	249	0	0	0	0	0	245	98.39%
Overflow †							0	
Total	378	254	15	40	0	0	1,016	93.13%
South Dakota State University - Current Capacity 4499‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	273	1,572	3	0	0	0	3,134	91.48%
Suite-Style	0	233	0	0	0	0	400	85.84%
Apartments	26	17	10	128	1	0	527	86.82%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	299	1,822	13	128	1	0	4,061	90.26%
University of South Dakota - Current Capacity 2128‡								
Room Type	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Quints	Other	Students	Utilization %
Traditional	56	687	16	0	0	0	1,261	85.32%
Suite-Style	0	53	0	77	0	0	379	91.55%
Apartments	0	22	0	48	0	0	216	91.53%
Leased Property*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Overflow †							0	
Total	56	762	16	125	0	0	1,856	87.22%

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