

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GROUP DATA EXCHANGE  
INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY FORM  
FALL 2003**

INSTITUTION: University of Arkansas

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Instructions: In Parts I and II, provide the numbers and percents as appropriate. In Part III, summarize highlights of significant events/situations at your institution during the past year and, when available, as anticipated in the following year. Use telegraphic words/phrases. Add additional lines as necessary.

**Part I: Preliminary Enrollments (Headcount/FTE - gains/losses) for Fall 2003**

<b>Fall 2003</b>	Number	Percent	Increase/Decrease from previous fall	
			Number	Percent
<b>a) Undergraduate Headcount</b>	13,125	79.8%	196	1.5%
(Included in (a) above):				
Entering Freshman Headcount (fall entrants)				
Entering Freshman Headcount (summer + fall entrants)	2,357	18.0%	106	4.7%
Total Out-of-State Headcount	1,733	13.2%	108	6.6%
<b>b) Undergraduate FTE</b>	11,662	84.2%	188	1.6%
<b>c) Graduate/First Prof. Headcount</b>	3,324	20.2%	218	7.0%
(Included in (c) above):				
Total Out-of-State Headcount	1,191	35.8%	88	8.0%
<b>d) Graduate/First Prof. FTE</b>	2,193	15.8%	151	7.4%
Total Headcount (a+c)	16,449		414	2.6%
Total FTE (b+d)	13,855		339	2.5%
<b>Enrollment Headcount by Ethnicity</b>				
White	13,223	80.4%	345	2.7%
Black	1,005	6.1%	-17	(1.7%)
Hispanic	287	1.7%	29	11.2%
Asian	429	2.6%	9	2.1%
Amer Indian/Alaskan Native	300	1.8%	-28	(8.5%)
Non-resident alien	886	5.4%	-6	(0.7%)
Unknown	319	1.9%	82	34.6%
Other: _____	0	0	0	---
	16,449			

**Part II: Faculty/Staff Salary Increases for 2003-04**

	% Change	Effective Date	Comments
Faculty	0.0%	7/1/2003	at the dept.'s discretion if \$ is available - per HR 10/07/03
Staff	2.7%*	7/1/2003	see note below re: staff

\* Staff with an annual salary of less than \$35,000 received a 2.7% increase

Part III: Significant Events/Situations(i.e., funding changes, financial outlook, and other) - insert additional rows as needed

The federal courts have ruled the public school system in Arkansas both inadequate and unequal. Governor Huckabee proposed an extremely controversial plan to consolidate any school district with fewer than 1500 students, a measure which would have consolidated over 200 school districts in the state. The cost of not changing the structure of the existing system was close to \$900 million. The most recent proposal that has been discussed would consolidate only high schools with fewer than 425 students, and the price tag for the revised system is set at \$368 million, with a proposed increase of one cent in the state sales tax to cover the cost. The issues of course offerings and teacher salaries have largely driven the cost projections. A special session is planned for December is a consensus can be reached on how to address the court ruling.

The University of Arkansas is preparing the second report of the 2010 Commission, whose first report came out shortly before September 11, 2001. According to projections developed for meeting the University's 2010 goals, the institution is roughly \$22.5 million dollars behind where it needs to be on state appropriations to close the gap that exists with the resources available to the 53 institutions against whom we benchmark. Higher education has shared in the tax increases passed for education in the past twenty years, but the complexity of the school case has many in higher education wondering if any additional funding for higher ed will be considered. The 2010 Commission also will call for reviewing new revenue streams to support higher education and dedicated funds to support scholarships.

The University is also in the midst of a \$900 million development campaign and has raised almost one half of the funding needed to match the \$300 million "challenge" grant from the Walton Family Charitable Trust. The funding from the Walton family was transferred to the University this spring. The University has its second class of Honors Fellows and Scholars supported through this funding and has recruited graduate students with more nationally competitive stipend amounts in the sciences and engineering. Enrollment in the Honors College, in its second year of operation, now totals more than 1700 students. The process of recruiting the endowed professorships and chairs is well underway across the institution.

Arizona State University	Texas A&M University	University of Michigan
Auburn University	Texas Tech University	University of Minnesota
Clemson University	University of Alabama	University of Mississippi
Colorado State University	University of Arizona	University of Missouri
Florida State University	University of Arkansas	University of Nebraska
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of California-Berkeley	University of North Carolina
Indiana University	University of California-Los Angeles	University of Oklahoma
Iowa State University	University of Colorado	University of Oregon
Kansas State University	University of Connecticut	University of Rhode Island
Louisiana State University	University of Delaware	University of South Carolina
Michigan State University	University of Florida	University of Tennessee
Mississippi State University	University of Georgia	University of Texas
North Carolina State University	University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign	University of Virginia
Ohio State University	University of Iowa	University of Washington
Oklahoma State University	University of Kansas	University of Wisconsin
Oregon State University	University of Kentucky	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State U.
Pennsylvania State University	University of Maryland-College Park	Washington State University
Purdue University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	West Virginia University