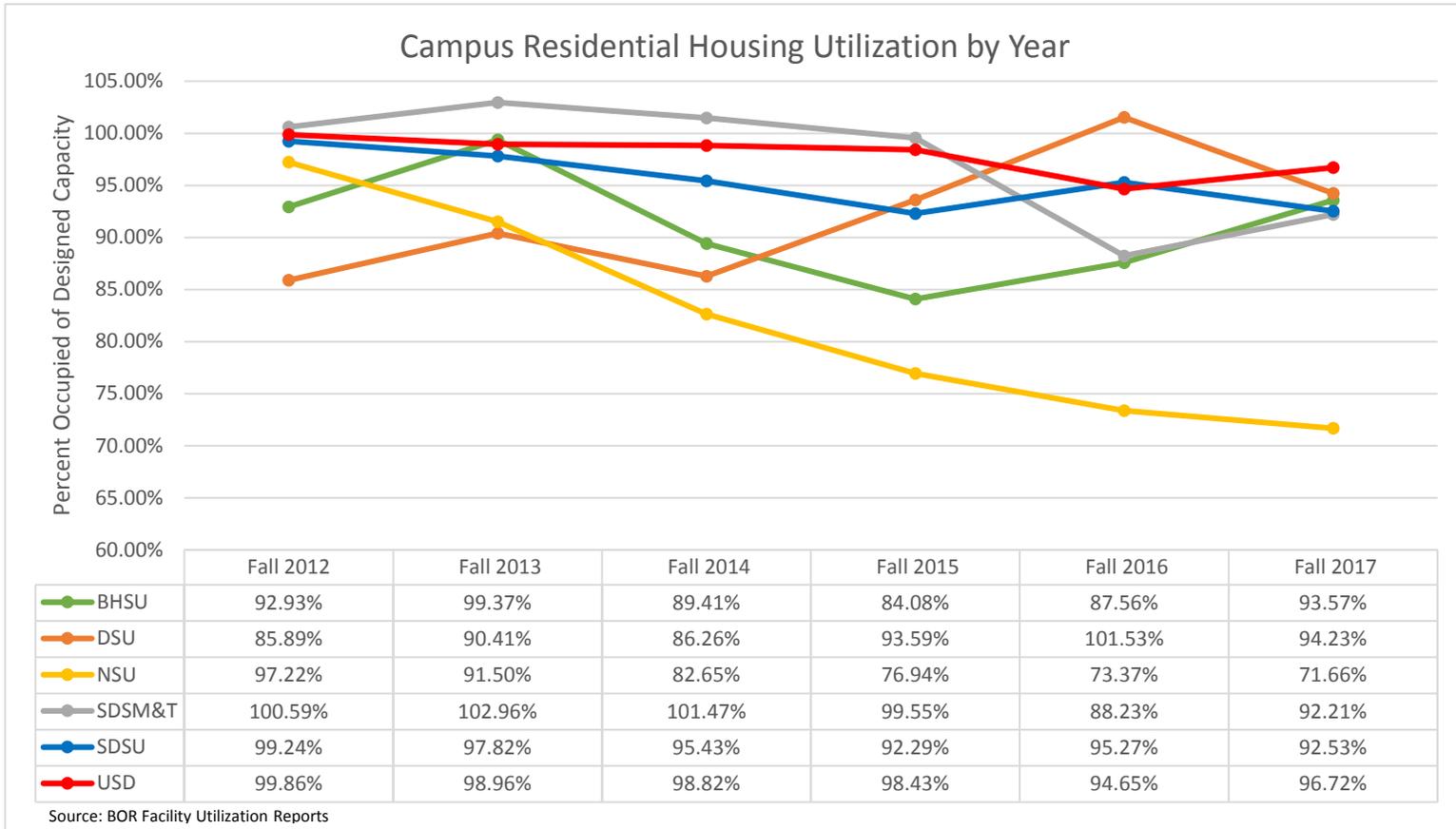


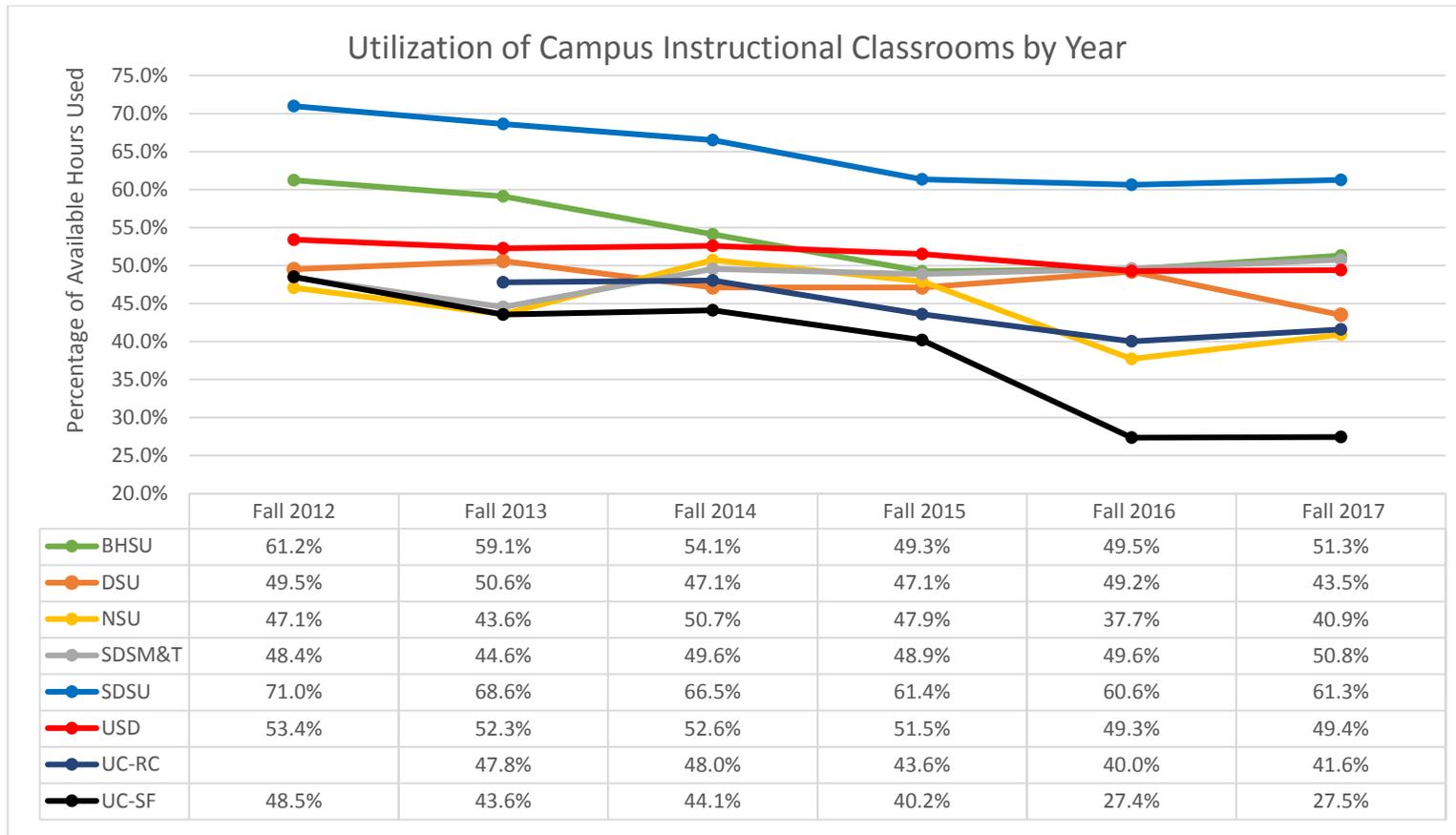
# Campus Facility Utilization Report Highlights

The graph below provides the campus residential housing utilization for each university by year. The percent occupied of designed capacity is calculated based on the designed housing capacity at each campus divided by the current occupancy. A 100% percent or higher number indicates the dorms and other housing options at each university are at or exceeding capacity, while a low percentage indicates many rooms are empty.



For fall 2017 all but one of the universities achieved a 90% or greater utilization of the available residential housing on campus. Northern State University (NSU) utilized 71.66% of the available residential housing on campus for fall 2017. More than 25% of the rooms were empty at NSU in the fall of 2017. NSU has seen a steady decline year after year in the percent of housing utilized on campus. NSU has been below 85% for four consecutive years. Further explanation and analysis may be needed to explain why there is the declining trend. On the other hand, South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the University of South Dakota (USD) consistently used 90% or more of the available housing on campus each year since fall 2012. The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSM&T) regularly utilized greater than 100% for fall 2012 through fall 2014, but since then averaged 90% or more utilization. Dakota State University (DSU) grew from a utilization of 85.89% in fall 2012 to a current utilization of 94.23%. Black Hills State University (BHSU) recently achieved 93.57% utilization, which would be the third consecutive year of greater utilization of residential housing on campus.

The graph below provides the utilization of campus instructional classrooms for each university by year. The percent of available hours used assumes every classroom is available for use 40 hours per week. The percentage is calculated for each university by taking the total room hours divided by the number of total classrooms divided by 40. A 100% utilization rate indicates the instructional classrooms were used 100% of the time available, while a low percentage indicates the instructional classrooms were empty most of the time and were not utilized even though they were available.



A university cannot be expected to utilize instructional classrooms 100% of the time available. It is unknown if the Board of Regents has a set goal for the percentage of instructional classroom utilization for each university. The Board does have a 35 hour goal for the average weekly room hours. A concerning note from the data is recent drop in instructional classroom utilization at the University Center in Sioux Falls (UC-SF). UC-SF went from a 40.2% utilization in fall 2015 to a 27.4% in 2016, and 27.5% in 2017. This means for fall 2017 instructional classrooms at UC-SF were only utilized 27.5% of the time, thereby the classrooms sat empty 72.5% of the time. Further explanation or analysis may be needed to explain why the sudden drop in classroom utilization occurred at UC-SF. Of note, only three universities (BHSU, SDSM&T, SDSU) maintained classroom utilization rates above 50% for fall 2017, while USD achieved a 49.4% utilization rate. DSU, NSU, and UC-RC were all below 45% classroom utilization for fall 2017.

The full 2017 Facilities Utilization Report can be found [here](#). The full report covers the following topics and provides details on each.

- Overall Space Analysis
- Classroom Utilization
- Class Lab Utilization