

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is a system of survey components that collects data from nearly 7,000 institutions that provide postsecondary education across the United States. IPEDS collects institution-level data on students (enrollment and graduation rates), student charges, program completions, faculty, staff, and finances.

These data are used at the federal and state level for policy analysis and development, at the institutional level for benchmarking and peer analysis, and by students and parents, through the College Navigator (<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>), to aid in the college search process. For more information about IPEDS, see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>.

The Data Feedback Report is intended to provide institutions a context for examining the data they submitted to IPEDS. Our goal is to produce a report that is useful to institutional executives and that may help improve the quality and comparability of IPEDS data.

The figures provided in this report are based on data collected during the 2010-11 IPEDS collection cycle and are the most recent data available. Additional information about these indicators is provided in the Methodological Notes at the end of the report. On the next page is a list of the institutions in your comparison group and the criteria used for their selection. Please refer to "Comparison Group" in the Methodological Notes for more information.

The Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) is designed to provide campus executives easy access to institutional and comparison group data. Using the ExPT, you can produce reports using different comparison groups and access a wider range of IPEDS variables. The ExPT is available through the IPEDS Data Center (<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter>).



Comparison group data are included to provide a context for interpreting your institution's statistics. If your institution did not define a Custom Comparison Group for this report by July 15, NCES selected a comparison group for you. (In this case, the characteristics used to define the comparison group appears below.) The Executive Peer Tool (ExPT)(<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/>) can be used to reproduce the figures in this report using different peer groups.

The custom comparison group chosen by Great Basin College includes the following 20 institutions:

- ▶ Big Bend Community College (Moses Lake, WA)
- ▶ Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton, OR)
- ▶ Clatsop Community College (Astoria, OR)
- ▶ Colorado Mountain College (Glenwood Springs, CO)
- ▶ Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely, CO)
- ▶ Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell, MT)
- ▶ Klamath Community College (Klamath Falls, OR)
- ▶ Lake Tahoe Community College (South Lake Tahoe, CA)
- ▶ Luna Community College (Las Vegas, NM)
- ▶ Mid-Plains Community College (North Platte, NE)
- ▶ New Mexico Junior College (Hobbs, NM)
- ▶ Northern New Mexico College (Espanola, NM)
- ▶ Otero Junior College (La Junta, CO)
- ▶ Prince William Sound Community College (Valdez, AK)
- ▶ Trinidad State Junior College (Trinidad, CO)
- ▶ West Hills College Coalinga (Coalinga, CA)
- ▶ Western Nebraska Community College (Scottsbluff, NE)
- ▶ Western Nevada College (Carson City, NV)
- ▶ Western Wyoming Community College (Rock Springs, WY)
- ▶ Yakima Valley Community College (Yakima, WA)

This report is based on data supplied by institutions to IPEDS during the 2010-11 survey year. Response rates exceeded 99 percent for most surveys. Detailed response tables are included in IPEDS First Look reports, which can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/getpubcats.asp?sid=010>.

The value for the comparison institution is compared to the median value for the comparison group for each statistic included in the figure. If more than one statistic is presented in a figure, the median values are determined separately for each indicator or statistic. Medians are not reported for comparison groups with less than three values. Where percentage distributions are presented, median values may not add to 100 percent. Through the ExPT, users have access to all of the data used to create the figures included in this report.

If a statistic is not reported for your institution, the omission indicates that the statistic is not relevant to your institution and the data were not collected. As such, not all notes listed below may be applicable to your report.

All IPEDS data are subject to imputation for total (institutional) and partial (item) nonresponse. If necessary, imputed values were used to prepare your report.

IPEDS data are not collected under a pledge of confidentiality.

When applicable, some statistics are disaggregated by race/ethnicity. Data disaggregated by race/ethnicity have been reported using the 1997 (new) Office of Management and Budget categories. Detailed information about the recent race/ethnicity changes can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/reic/resource.asp>.

The use of new postbaccalaureate degree categories was mandatory in the 2010-11 collection year. These categories are: doctor's degree-research/scholarship, doctor's degree-professional practice, and doctor's

The following table shows the mapping of the old categories to the new categories. The old categories are listed in the first column, and the new categories are listed in the second column. The mapping is as follows:

Old Category	New Category
Doctor's degree-research/scholarship	Doctor's degree-research/scholarship
Doctor's degree-professional practice	Doctor's degree-professional practice
Doctor's degree	Doctor's degree



Equated Instructional Staff Salaries

Total salary outlays for full-time instructional staff on 11/12-month contracts were equated to 9-month outlays by multiplying the outlay for 11/12-month contracted instructional staff by 0.8182. The equated outlays were then added to the outlays for 9/10-month instructional staff to determine an average salary for each rank. Salaries are not included for medical school staff or staff on less-than-9-month contracts.

FTE for Enrollment

The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment used in this report is the sum of the institution's FTE undergraduate enrollment and FTE graduate enrollment (as calculated from or reported on the 12-month Enrollment component). Undergraduate and graduate FTE are estimated using 12-month instructional activity (credit and/or contact hours). See "Calculation of FTE Students (using instructional activity)" in the IPEDS Glossary at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary/>.

FTE for Staff

The full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff is calculated by summing the total number of full-time staff from the Employees by Assigned Position (EAP) section of the Human Resources component and adding one-third of the total number of part-time staff.

Graduation Rates and Transfer-out Rate

Graduation rates are those developed to satisfy the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know and Higher Education Opportunity Acts and are defined as the total number of individuals from a given cohort of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates who completed a degree or certificate within a given percent of normal time (for the degree or certificate) before the ending status date of August 31, 2010, divided by the entire cohort of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates minus any allowable exclusions. Institutions are permitted to exclude from the initial cohort students who died or were totally and permanently disabled; those who left school to serve in the armed forces or were called to active duty; those who left to serve with a foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; and those who left to serve on an official church mission. Transfer-out rate is the total number of students from the cohort who are known to have transferred out of the reporting institution within the same time period, divided by the same adjusted cohort. Only institutions with a mission that includes preparing students to transfer are required to report transfers out.

Retention Rates

Full-time retention rates are defined as the number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who enter the institution for the first time in the fall and who return to the same institution the following fall (as either full- or part-time), divided by the total number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates in the fall of first entrance. Part-time retention rates are similarly defined. For 4-year institutions offering a bachelor's degree, this rate is defined as follows:

Retention Rate = $\frac{\text{Number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who return to the institution the following fall}}{\text{Total number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students in the fall of first entrance}}$