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Graduation Rates 2023-24

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Overview

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Welcome to the IPEDS Graduation Rates (GR) survey component. The GR component collects data on the cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students and tracks their completion status at 150% of the normal time to complete all requirements of their program of study. This information is collected to assist institutions in complying with the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know Act.

Data Reporting Reminders

- Report data to accurately reflect the time period corresponding with the IPEDS survey component, even if such reporting is seemingly inconsistent with prior-year reporting.
- Once a student is in the cohort, they remain in the cohort, even if their status changes to part-time or they drop out or transfer out of the institution. However, adjustments can be made to the cohort for allowable exclusions, which include the death of a student, total and permanent disability, military deployment, or service on an official church mission or with a foreign aid service of the Federal government.



• When reporting award levels for sub-baccalaureate certificates, determine program length by the number of credit or clock hours.

Changes to reporting for 2023-24:

The following changes were implemented for the 2023-24 data collection period:

- Rephrased "remedial education" terminology in survey materials to "developmental education," including Glossary terms
- · Revised survey materials related to Gender Unknown or Another Gender reporting, including non-reporting for small cell size
- · Revised FAQ with an additional note about verification of F-1 visa status for undocumented and DACA students
- · Added FAQ regarding consistent reporting of awards in GR with those reported in the IPEDS Completions survey
- Added FAQ regarding including incarcerated students in reporting
- · Revised FAQ regarding experimental site participants

Resources:

- The survey materials package for this component can be downloaded using the following link: Survey Materials
- To access your prior year data submission for this component: Reported Data

If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at 1-877-225-2568.

Section I - Establishing cohorts

Establishing cohorts

Based on your institution's response to the predominant calendar system question (B3) on the Institutional Characteristics Header survey component from the IPEDS Fall 2023 data collection, your institution must report graduation rates data using a :

Fall Cohort

A <u>fall cohort</u> is used by institutions with standard academic terms (semester, trimester, quarter, 4-1-4). A <u>full-year cohort</u> is used by institutions offering primarily occupational/vocational programs and operating on a continuous basis.

Reporting Reminder:

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- · Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

NOTE: Reporting using the new race/ethnicity categories is now mandatory. On this screen you will need to revise your preloaded 2017 cohort of <u>full-time</u>, <u>first-time</u> <u>degree/certificate-seeking</u> <u>undergraduate</u> students to the new race/ethnicity categories (if applicable). For information and assistance with this, please visit the <u>IPEDS Race/Ethnicity Information Center</u>.

Men

Screen 1 of 2	<u>Cohort</u> year 2017			
	Initial cohort	Revised cohort		
		(Column 01)		
U.S. Nonresident	2	2		
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	84	84		
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	7		
Asian	14	14		
Black or African American	55	55		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1		
White	684	684		
Two or more races	40	40		
Race and ethnicity unknown	11	11		
Total men	898	898		

women		
Screen 1 of 2	<u>Cohort</u> year 2017	
	<u>Initial cohort</u>	Revised cohort
		(Column 01)
<u>U.S. Nonresident</u>	4	4
Hispanic/Latino	99	99
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	7
<u>Asian</u>	10	10
Black or African American	46	46
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
<u>White</u>	853	853
Two or more races	58	58
Race and ethnicity unknown	5	5
Total women	1,082	1,082
Total men + women	1,980	1,980

Section I - Establishing cohorts

- Incoming students seeking a <u>bachelor's degree</u> should be reported in Column 02. Column 03 will then be generated for you. Column 03 is meant to include any <u>full-time</u>, <u>first-time</u> entering students who were seeking a degree or certificate other than a bachelor's degree, such as an <u>associate's degree</u> or undergraduate certificate.
- If you have no changes to the preloaded data on this screen, click the "Save and Next" button to generate additional screens for reporting completers and transfers/exclusions.

Establishing cohorts

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

Men

Screen 2 of 2		Cohort year 2017					
	Cohort	Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort	Other degree/certificate-seeking subcohort (Cohort minus Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort)				
	(Column 01)	(Column 02)	(Column 03)				
U.S. Nonresident	2	2	0				
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	84	84	0				
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	7	0				
Asian	14	14	0				
Black or African American	55	55	0				
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1	0				
<u>White</u>	684	684	0				
Two or more races	40	40	0				
Race and ethnicity unknown	11	11	0				
Total men	898	898	0				

women			
Screen 2 of 2			Cohort year 2017
	Cohort	Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort	Other degree/certificate-seeking subcohort (Cohort minus Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort)
	(Column 01)	(Column 02)	(Column 03)
U.S. Nonresident	4	4	0
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	99	99	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	7	0
Asian	10	10	0
Black or African American	46	46	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
White	853	853	0
Two or more races	58	58	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	5	5	0
Total women	1,082	1,082	0
Total men + women	1,980	1,980	☑ 0

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Section I - Establishing cohorts - Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided Categories

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- The 'gender unknown' category is to report students for whom the institution does not know a gender.
- Institutions should not ask students that do not select a binary gender to allocate themselves to a binary gender category; it is up to the institution to allocate unknown students and students that indicate another gender into the binary categories throughout the forms where required. One method commonly used by institutions is to allocate these students to the binary categories required in other parts of the form using the proportion of men to women reported.

Is your institution able to report another gender for the 2023-24 data collection?

No, some cells will have a value of less than 5 students (do not report)

No, my institution does not collect data on another gender

lf you indicate 'No, my institution does not collect data on another gender,' leave the cells in the rows for 'Another gender' blank (i.e., do not report 0). If you indicate 'No, some cells will
have a value of less than 5 students, your institution collects data on another gender, but some cells have a value of less than 5 students, do not report the data and leave the cells in
the rows for 'Another gender' blank. If you indicate 'Yes', but no students identified as another gender, please enter '0'.

	tal students in the <u>revised cohort</u> , how many students did you allocate to a binary gender category (Men/Women) because their gender dedicategories?	er was unknown or anot	her gender than
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Under	graduate Students	Current Year	Prior year
Grand	total	1,980	1,913
	Gender unknown (i.e., gender information is not known or not collected).	0	0
	Another gender (i.e., gender information is known but does not fall into either of the mutually exclusive binary categories provided [Men/Women]).		
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	Total of Gerider unknown + Another gerider	U	(
	Total of Students for whom gender is known and falls into one of the mutually exclusive binary categories provided [Men/Women]	1,980	1,91
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Section II - Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort - Completers within 150%

- In the columns below, report the status of the <u>bachelor's degree-seeking subcohort</u> of students listed in Column 10.
- Of the students in Column 10, those who attained a degree or certificate OTHER THAN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE within 150% of the normal time to complete the program as of August 31, 2023 should be reported in either Column 11 or 12, depending on the length of the program completed.
- Of the students in Column 10, those who attained a <u>bachelor's degree</u> or equivalent within 150% of normal time should be reported in Column 18.

Subcohort of $\underline{\text{full-time}}, \underline{\text{first-time}}$ students seeking a bachelor's or equivalent degree

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

Men

Screen 1 of 4			Cohort year 2017			
	Bachelor's or equivalent	Subcohort students who comp	pleted their program within 150% of norm	al time to completion		
	degree-seeking subcohort	Completers of programs of less than 2 academic yrs (or equivalent)	1 Completers of programs of at least 2 but less than 4 academic yrs (or equivalent)	Completers of bachelor's or equivalent degrees	Total <u>completers</u> s <u>within 150%</u>	
	(Column 10)	(Column 11)	(Column 12)	(Column 18)	(Column 29)	
U.S. Nonresident	2	0	0	2		
Hispanic/Latino	84	0	0	45	4	
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	0	0	3		
<u>Asian</u>	14	0	0	10		
<u>Black or African</u> <u>American</u>	55	0	0	25		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0	1		
White	684	0	0	387	3	
Two or more races	40	0	0	19		
Race and ethnicity unknown	11	0	0	4		
Total men	898	0	0	496	4	

			Cohort year 2017						
Subcohort students who completed their program within 150% of <u>normal time to completion</u> Bachelor's or equivalent									
degree-seeking subcohort	1 Completers of programs of less than 2 academic yrs (or equivalent)	① Completers of programs of at least 2 but less than 4 academic yrs (or equivalent)	Completers of bachelor's or equivalent degrees	Total <u>completers</u> <u>within 150%</u>					
(Column 10)	(Column 11)	(Column 12)	(Column 18)	(Column 29)					
4	0	0	2	2					
99	0	0	60	60					
7	0	0	4	4					
10	0	0	8	8					
46	0	0	22	22					
0	0	0	0	C					
853	0	0	535	535					
58	0	0	38	38					
5	0	0	3	3					
1,082	0	0	672	672					
				1,168					
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Section II - Bachelor's completers by length of time to degree

Those students in the <u>bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort</u> who attained a <u>bachelor's degree</u> or equivalent within 150% of <u>normal time to completion</u>, as reported on the previous screen, are listed in Column 18. In Column 19, report the number of these students who earned a bachelor's degree in 4 years. In Column 20, report the number of these students who earned a bachelor's degree in 5 years. Column 21 will be calculated for you.

Subcohort of $\underline{\text{full-time}}$, $\underline{\text{first-time}}$ students seeking a bachelor's or equivalent degree

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

Men

Screen 2 of 4	<u>Cohort</u> year 2017							
		Completed bachelor's	Subcohort students who attained a <u>bachelor's degree</u> or equivalent					
	<u>Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking</u> <u>subcohort</u>	degree or equivalent within 150%	Completed the program in 4 yrs or less	Completed the program in 5 yrs	Completed the program in 6 yrs			
	(Column 10)	(Column 18)	(Column 19)	(Column 20)	(Column 21)			
U.S. Nonresident	2	2	1	1	0			
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	84	45	22	19	4			
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	3	1	2	0			
<u>Asian</u>	14	10	9	1	0			
Black or African American	55	25	15	9	1			
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1	0	1	0			
White	684	387	246	111	30			
Two or more races	40	19	8	10	1			
Race and ethnicity unknown	11	4	2	2	0			
Total men	898	496	304	156	36			

Screen 2 of 4	Cohort year 2017								
		Completed bachelor's	Subcohort students who attained a <u>bachelor's degree</u> or equivalent						
	<u>Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking</u> <u>subcohort</u>	degree or equivalent within 150%	Completed the program in 4 yrs or less	Completed the program in 5 yrs	Completed the program in 6 yrs				
	(Column 10)	(Column 18)	(Column 19)	(Column 20)	(Column 21)				
U.S. Nonresident	4	2	2	0	(
Hispanic/Latino	99	60	42	13	;				
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	4	3	1	(
<u>Asian</u>	10	8	5	3	(
Black or African American	46	22	16	6	(
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0					
<u>White</u>	853	535	417	111	7				
Two or more races	58	38	27	8	;				
Race and ethnicity unknown	5	3	2	1					
Total women	1,082	672	514	143	15				

Section II - Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort - Transfers/exclusions

- In the columns below, report the status of those students in the <u>BACHELOR'S OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE-SEEKING SUBCOHORT</u> listed in Column 10 who did not complete a program within 150% of <u>normal time to completion</u>.
- Report <u>transfers-out</u> who did not complete a program in Column 30. If the mission of your institution includes providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in another eligible institution WITHOUT having completed a program, you must report transfer-out data in Column 30. A school is required to report only on those students that the school knows have transferred to another eligible institution. A school must document that the student actually transferred. If it is not part of your mission, you may report transfer-out data if you wish
- Report eligible <u>exclusions</u> from the subcohort in Column 45. The ONLY allowable categories for this column are:
 - Students who died or became totaly and permanently disabled
 - Students who left school to serve in the armed forces (or have been called up to active duty)
 - Students who left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government
 - Students who left school to serve on an official church mission
- Column 52 [No longer enrolled] will be calculated for you. This includes students who have dropped out as well as those who completed in greater than 150% of normal time.
- If you do not have any values to report in either Column 30, 45, or 51, you must enter at least one zero in a field on this screen to continue.

Subcohort of full-time, first-time students seeking a bachelor's or equivalent degree

- · Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- · Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

Men

Screen 3 of 4	Cohort year 2017						
	Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort	Total <u>completers</u> <u>within 150%</u>	Total <u>transfer-out</u> <u>students</u>	Total <u>exclusions</u>	Still enrolled	No longer enrolled	
	(Column 10)	(Column 29)	(Column 30)	(Column 45)	(Column 51)	(Column 52)	
U.S. Nonresident	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Hispanic/Latino	84	45	25	0	3	11	
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	3	2	0	0	2	
Asian	14	10	1	0	1	2	
Black or African American	55	25	19	0	1	10	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1	0	0	0	0	
White	684	387	185	2	8	102	
Two or more races	40	19	14	0	0	7	
Race and ethnicity unknown	11	4	5	0	0	2	
Total men	898	496	251	2	13	136	

Screen 3 of 4		Cohort year 2017						
	Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort	Total <u>completers</u> <u>within 150%</u>	Total <u>transfer-out</u> <u>students</u>	Total <u>exclusions</u>	Still enrolled	No longer enrolled		
	(Column 10)	(Column 29)	(Column 30)	(Column 45)	(Column 51)	(Column 52)		
U.S. Nonresident	4	2	1	0	0	1		
Hispanic/Latino	99	60	30	0	1	8		
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	4	2	0	0	1		
Asian	10	8	2	0	0	0		
Black or African American	46	22	19	0	0	5		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0		
White	853	535	237	0	6	75		
Two or more races	58	38	14	1	0	5		
Race and ethnicity unknown	5	3	1	0	1	0		
Total women	1,082	672	306	1	8	95		

Total men + women 1,980 1,168 557 3 21 231

Section II - Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking cohort - Pell recipients and a recipients of a subsidized Direct Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant

For each subcohort, report the number of students in the cohort, total exclusions for the cohort, the number of students that completed a bachelor's or equivalent degree within 150% of normal time to completion, and the total completers within 150%.

- Recipients of a Pell Grant and Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan that did not receive a Pell Grant are *mutually exclusive*, that is, if a student is in one cohort, they cannot be in the other cohort.
 - The total of these 2 subcohorts must be less than the Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking cohort

Subcohort of full-time, first-time students seeking a bachelor's or equivalent degree

Screen 4 of 4	<u>Cohort</u> year 2017					
	Number of students in cohort	Total <u>exclusions</u>	Completed bachelor's degree or equivalent within 150%	Total <u>completers within</u> 150%		
	(Column 10)	(Column 45)	(Column 18)	(Column 29)		
Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking cohort	1,980	3	1,168	1,16		
Recipients of a Pell Grant (within entering year)	839	0	442	442		
Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan (within entering year) that did not receive a Pell Grant	405	1	248	248		
Did not receive either a Pell Grant or Direct Subsidized Loan (within entering year)	736	2	478	47		

Calculation of graduation and transfer-out rates

Screen 1 of 2	Cohort year 2017		
	Graduation rate Transfer-out rate		
Overall Rates (will be displayed on College Navigator)	59	28	
Men	55	28	
Women	62	28	

Graduation rates displayed below in bold italics will be displayed on College Navigator

Graduation rates for students pursuing bachelor's or equivalent degrees						
	4 year graduation rate	5 year graduation rate	6 year graduation rate			
Men	34	51	55			
Women	48	61	62			
Total (men and women)	41	56	59			
U.S. Nonresident	50	67	67			
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	35	52	57			
American Indian or Alaska Native	29	50	50			
Asian	58	75	75			
Black or African American	31	46	47			
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	100	100			
<u>White</u>	43	58	60			
Two or more races	36	55	59			
Race and ethnicity unknown	25	44	44			

Do you wish to provide additional context notes	?			
0	No	0	Yes	
You may use the box below to provide addition	onal context for the data you have repo	rted above. Context notes will be po	sted on the College Navigator website	e. Therefore, you should
write all context notes using proper grammar (e.	g., complete sentences with punctuati	on) and common language that can	be easily understood by students and	d parents (e.g., spell out
acronyms).				

4-year average rates

Screen 2 of 2

Men

	2014	2015	2016	2017	4-year Total
Adjusted cohort	802	730	860	896	3,288
Total completers within 150%	471	423	495	496	1,885
Total transfer-out students	227	192	242	251	912

Women

	2014	2015	2016	2017	4-year Total
Adjusted cohort	941	890	1,043	1,081	3,955
Total completers within 150%	638	571	658	672	2,539
Total transfer-out students	217	253	293	306	1,069

Total (men and women)

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	4-year Total
Adjusted cohort	1,743	1,620	1,903	1,977	7,24
Total completers within 150%	1,109	994	1,153	1,168	4,42
Total <u>transfer-out students</u>	444	445	535	557	1,98
4-year average Student Right-to-Know completion or graduation rate ca	lculation				6
(Total Completers within 150% / Adjusted Cohort)					
4-year average Student Right-to-Know transfer-out rate calculation					27
(Total Transfer-out Students / Adjusted Cohort)					

Prepared by

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Reporting Reminders:

- The name of the preparer is being collected so that we can follow up with the appropriate person in the event that there are questions concerning the data.
- The Keyholder will be copied on all email correspondence to other preparers.
- The time it took to prepare this component is being collected so that we can continue to improve our estimate of the reporting burden associated with IPEDS.
- Please include in your estimate the time it took for you to review instructions, query and search data sources, complete and review the component, and submit the data through the Data Collection System.
- Thank you for your assistance.

This survey component w	This survey component was prepared by:						
0	Keyholder	0	SFA Contact	0	HR Contact		
0	Finance Contact	0	Academic Library Contact	0	Other		
Name:							
Email:							
How many staff from you	r institution only were involved in the data c	ollection and reporting pro	cess of this survey component?				
	Number of Staff (including yourself)						
	and others from your institution only spend collecting data for state and other reporting		when responding to this survey compo	nent?			
Staff member	Collecting Data Needed	Revising Data to IPEDS Require	Entering I):	nta	Revising and Locking Data		
Your office	hours		hours	hours	hours		
Other offices	hours		hours	hours	hours		

Summary

Graduation Rate Component Summary

The purpose of this summary is to provide you an opportunity to view some of the data that, when accepted through the IPEDS quality control process, will appear on the College Navigator website and/or your institution's Data Feedback Report (DFR). In addition, all data reported in IPEDS survey components become publicly available through the IPEDS Use the Data and appear as aggregated statistics in various Department of Education reports. College Navigator is updated approximately three months after the data collection period closes and DFRs will be available through the IPEDS Use the Data and sent to your institution's CEO at the end of 2024.

Please review your data for accuracy. If you have questions about the data displayed below or after reviewing the data reported on the survey screens, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at: 1-877-225-2568 or ipedshelp@rti.org.

Overall Graduation Rate	
Graduation Rate (%)	59
Total number of students in the Adjusted Cohort	1,977
Total number of completers within 150% of normal time	1,168

Overall Transfer-out Rate	
Transfer-out Rate (%)	28
Total number of students in the Adjusted Cohort	1,977
Total number of transfers-out within 150% of normal time	557

Graduation Rate for students pursuing Bachelor's Degrees	
Graduation Rate for Bachelor's Cohort (%)	59
Total number of students in the Adjusted Cohort	1,977
Total number of bachelor's degree completers within 150% of normal time	1,168

Edit Report

Graduation Rates

Source	Description	Severity	Resolved	Options
Screen: Cohort, part 2				
Perform Edits	Your institution indicated that it offered other undergraduate degrees or certificates besides a bachelor's or equivalent degree in the IC Header survey, but you did not report an Other degree/certificate-seeking subcohort in Section I of this survey. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #4210)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason	I checked all degrees conferred types for the FTFTF 2017 cohort and did not find any with a below-bachelors certificate award. All degree types where bachelor or above.			
Related Screens	Cohort, part 2			