

IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

Fall Cohort: Meeting either one of the criteria will get a student included in the cohort.

All credit students with a valid gender reported.

- a. Headcount Status (STD7) = A, B, C, D, or E and
- b. Gender (SB04) = M or F and
- c. No prior AA/AS or Bachelor degree (SB11 not equal to 7yyyy or 8yyyy)
- d. Not a special admin student (SB11 not equal to 10000)

Full-time / Part-time Status:

Usually a student's unit load is determined by the total units attempted in all their coursework. Since there are a number of variable unit courses offered throughout the system, the methodology used is to first sum the units earned (SX03) where the reported value is > 0.00 and < 50.00 and then sum the units attempted (SXD3) where units earned (SX03) = 0.00 and total hours (SXD4) < 5000 . Total hours (SXD4) is also checked to make sure it is > 0.0 to ensure that in the case of positive attendance courses, the student attended at least one class session.

Full-time students are those attempting 12+ units.

Degree Seeking: Meeting either one of the criteria will flag a student as "degree seeking".

1. All credit students in the cohort who had an enrollment record where:
 - a. Enrollment Credit Status = D or T and
 - b. Units Earned (SX03) > 0.00 and
 - c. Total Hours (SXD4) > 0.0 and
2. All credit students in the cohort who had an enrollment record where:
 - a. Credit Status (CB04) = C and
 - b. SAM Code = A, B, or C and
 - c. Units Earned (SX03) > 0.00 and
 - d. Total Hours (SXD4) > 0.0

First time at a community college:

We check the MIS database and find the first time a student was reported at a particular college as being a non-special admit student with a Student Headcount Status (STD7) not equal to X.

First time college student:

1. For students without an SSN the first time status is determined by the "First time at a community college" methodology.
2. For students with an SSN the "First time at a community college" methodology is enhanced by applying the criteria to all the colleges in the system to find the first term a student was reported at **any** of the community colleges.
3. Once the first term is established, Education Status (SB11) is checked for that term to ensure it does not begin with 7 or 8, indicating a degree has been earned from prior college work. Any students found with one of those values reported in their first term is deleted from the cohort.

4. The remaining students are then matched with data supplied by the NSC and any students reported with a date of attendance indicating the student attended a postsecondary institution prior to their first term at a community college are deleted from the cohort.

GRS Cohort: All Students who are:

1. First time college student **and**
2. Full-time **and**
3. Degree seeking.