

FLORIDA

Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

- Governing board
- Data collected from 4-year public institutions in the system
- The Florida Department of Education has received 3 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY06, FY09, FY09 [ARRA]), totaling over \$14 million. The agency included its postsecondary and labor partners in the FY2009 Request for Application made possible through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
- 1 of 2 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile): [Florida Department of Education](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **State University Data Systems (SUDS)**

Year SUR Established **1972**

Last period of upgrade/modification **Since 2000**

Start up funds received **yes**

Recurring funds received **no**

Reasons SUR was Established

- institutional resource allocation/funding formula
- increasing student achievement
- tracking student retention/graduation
- tracking students across institutions
- other reason (*management/decision making tool for the system*)

Legal Authority to Collect Data

- state law creating coordinating or governing board
- state law requiring the collection of SUR data
- other legal authority (*rules created by our Board as a Constitutional Body Corporate*)

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

- 4-year public

IPEDS Roles

Verification

- coordinator

Reporting

- coordinator

Participation in IPEDS Surveys

- Completions (C)
- Fall Enrollment (EF)
- Graduation Rate (GRS)

Types of Data Collected

- K-12 academic history (*high school, admissions test scores*)
- postsecondary academic history (*placement test scores, transfer*)
- demographic
- postsecondary enrollment
- course-level information
- finance (*tuition, fees, fiscal management*)
- financial aid
- completions
- non-credit instructional activity (*pre-college courses [remedial, developmental]*)
- academic program inventory
- faculty/staff
- facilities/capital projects

Authority to Change Data Elements/Definitions

- agency/entity staff
- legislature

Internal Primary Key(s) to Build Longitudinal Records

- Social Security Number (*plans to discontinue use as internal primary key*)
- internally generated student identifier

Metadata

business procedures

- data element dictionary
- data submission/reporting procedure
- data certification forms

technical procedures

- data validation/data checking procedure
- data audit procedure
- statistical mechanisms used to alert institutional user of successful or unsuccessful data validation
- statistical mechanisms used to alert institutional user of successful or unsuccessful data audit

USES OF SUR DATA

Current Uses and Purposes

- decision-/policymaking
- generating reports and statistics (internal and external)
- consumer information for prospective students
- research
- cross-sector collaboration (K-12, labor, etc.)
- other purpose (*federal and regional reporting [Southern Regional Education Board]*)

Types of Reports

- articulation
- completions
- course cost analysis
- distance education
- enrollment
- facilities utilization
- financial aid ([sample 1](#)) ([sample 2](#))
- institutional finance
- institutional profile, public
- non-credit instructional activity
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- transfer ([sample](#))
- workforce attainment gain ([sample](#))



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Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports

governor's office, legislature, coordinating or governing board, K-12 (agency, districts, and/or schools), other state agencies, federal agencies, general public

LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

State P-20 Data Warehouse yes

Managing Agency Florida Department of Education

Host Agency Florida Department of Education

Contributors

Florida Community Colleges, Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, Florida Department of Education, State of Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP)

Links to State Agencies/Entities

-state education agency (K-12)

Links to Other States no

Links to External Organizations

-Southern Regional Education Board

Primary IDs Used in Matching

-Social Security Number

-K-12 ID

-State ID

Demographic Elements Used in Matching

-name

-date of birth

-gender

-race/ethnicity

Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking

-legislative mandate

Barriers to Linking not applicable

MECHANISMS TO ENSURE DATA QUALITY

Responsibility for Entering Data

-appropriate institutional/campus personnel

Responsibility for Checking/Verifying Data

-appropriate institutional/campus personnel

Method of Informing IR Personnel of Data Submission Inconsistencies

-manual notification (e.g., email, phone call from agency/entity)

-automated notification (e.g., web-based, program-based method)

On-site Institutional Data Audits no

Professional Development for IR Professionals yes

Mandatory? no

Frequency as needed

DATA ELEMENTS COLLECTED

Postsecondary Elements (36)

- demographic*
- ✓ - student name
- ✓ - date of birth
- ✓ - gender
- ✓ - race/ethnicity
- ✓ - Social Security Number
- K-12 identification number
- Institutional identification number
- ✓ - student identification number
- ✓ - citizenship
- ✓ - state residency status
- postsecondary academic history*
- ✓ - admissions scores
- ✓ - placement scores
- ✓ - prior college(s) attended
- ✓ - transfer credits
- enrollment status*
- ✓ - degree seeking status
- ✓ - attendance status (full-/part-time)
- ✓ - 1st term of academic history
- ✓ - program/major
- financial aid*
- ✓ - dependency status
- ✓ - family income
- ✓ - federal financial aid
- ✓ - state financial aid
- ✓ - institutional financial aid
- ✓ - other financial aid
- ✓ - merit-based financial aid
- ✓ - need-based financial aid
- FAFSA fields
- academic activity*
- ✓ - course title
- ✓ - course mode of instruction
- ✓ - course grade
- ✓ - term student credit hours (SCH) attempted
- ✓ - term SCH earned
- academic attainment*
- ✓ - degree awarded
- ✓ - degree date
- ✓ - cumulative SCH earned
- ✓ - cumulative GPA

K-12 Elements (13)

- demographic*
- student free and reduced-price lunch eligibility
- language spoken at home
- disability status
- high school background*
- ✓ - high school attended
- district/school code
- student resident county-district code
- academic activity*
- date student enrolled
- course type
- course title
- course grade
- academic attainment*
- ✓ - high school GPA
- ✓ - high school graduation date
- assessment scores

Labor/Workforce Elements (15)

- employer ID number
- employer size (# of employees monthly)
- employer county
- wages earned
- wage type code
- hours worked
- employment quarter code
- employment year
- date student/employee applied for Unemployment Insurance (UI)
- date student first received UI check
- other agencies providing services to student while student is receiving UI
- U.S. Census North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code
- U.S. Census NAICS title
- U.S. Department of Labor Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code
- U.S. Department of Labor SOC title