

CALIFORNIA

California Postsecondary Education Commission

- Coordinating board
- Data collected from 2-year public and 4-year public institutions in the state
- The California Department of Education has received 2 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY06, FY09), totaling over \$9.2 million.
- 1 of 5 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile):
[California Community Colleges](#) [California Student Aid Commission \(not included in study\)](#)
[The California State University and Colleges](#) [University of California System](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Student Longitudinal Data System**

Year SUR Established **1999**

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

Start up funds received **no**

Recurring funds received **no**

Reasons SUR was Established

-legislative compliance

Legal Authority to Collect Data

-state law creating data system

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

-2-year public

-4-year public

IPEDS Roles

Verification

-coordinator

-keyholder

Reporting

-coordinator

-keyholder

Participation in IPEDS Surveys

-Institutional Characteristics (IC)

-12-month Enrollment (E12)

-Completions (C)

-Fall Enrollment (EF)

-Finance (F)

-Student Financial Aid (SFA)

Types of Data Collected

-demographic

-postsecondary enrollment

-completions

-institutional characteristics

Authority to Change Data Elements/Definitions

-agency/entity staff

-group that includes appropriate institutional/campus personnel

Internal Primary Key(s) to Build Longitudinal Records

-internally generated student identifier

Metadata

business procedures

-data element dictionary

USES OF SUR DATA

Current Uses and Purposes

-decision-/policymaking

-generating reports and statistics (internal and external)

-research

Types of Reports

-completions

-enrollment

-transfer

Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports

governor's office, legislature, other state agencies, general public

LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

State P-20 Data Warehouse **no**

Links to State Agencies/Entities **no**

Links to Other States **no**

Links to External Organizations **no**

Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking **not applicable**

Barriers to Linking

-legislation (*lack of legislation*)

-coordination with other state authorities/administrators

MECHANISMS TO ENSURE DATA QUALITY

Responsibility for Entering Data

-office/division within agency/entity

Responsibility for Checking/Verifying Data

-office/division within agency/entity

Method of Informing IR Personnel of Data Submission Inconsistencies

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

On-site Institutional Data Audits **no**

Professional Development for IR Professionals **no**

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