

GEORGIA

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

- Governing board
- Data collected from 2-year public and 4-year public institutions in the system
- The Georgia Department of Education has received 1 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grant (FY09), totaling over \$8.9 million.
- 1 of 3 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile):
Georgia Student Finance Commission (not included in study) **Technical College System of Georgia (not included in study)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Academic Data Mart (first unit record system was called Student Information Reporting System)**

Year SUR Established **1984**

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

Start up funds received **yes**

Recurring funds received **yes**

Reasons SUR was Established

- institutional resource allocation/funding formula
- IPEDS reporting
- tracking students across institutions
- federal civil rights compliance

Legal Authority to Collect Data

- coordinating or governing board policy interpreting state law(s)
- coordinating or governing board policy interpreting executive branch mandate
- attorney general opinion/statement
- other legal authority (*governing board interpretation of its own data needs*)

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

- 2-year public
- 4-year public

IPEDS Roles

Verification

- coordinator

Reporting

- coordinator

Participation in IPEDS Surveys

- 12-month Enrollment (E12)
- Completions (C)
- Fall Enrollment (EF)
- Graduation Rate (GRS)
- Student Financial Aid (SFA)

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
- financial aid
- completions
- academic program inventory
- faculty/staff
- 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

- Social Security Number (*no plans to discontinue use as internal primary key*)
- internally generated student identifier

Metadata

business procedures

- data element dictionary
- data submission/reporting procedure

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)
- research
- cross-sector collaboration (K-12, labor, etc.)

Types of Reports

- completions
- distance education
- dual credit/dual enrollment
- economic impact/jobs
- enrollment
- facilities utilization
- financial aid
- high school feedback
- institutional profile, public
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- transfer

Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports

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

LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

State P-20 Data Warehouse no

Links to State Agencies/Entities

- state financial aid agency/entity
- state education agency (K-12)

Access to K-12 agency elements yes

- labor/workforce

Access to labor/workforce agency elements yes

- Governor's Office of Student Achievement (*under development*)

Links to Other States no

Links to External Organizations

- National Student Clearinghouse

Primary IDs Used in Matching

- Social Security Number

Demographic Elements Used in Matching

- name

Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking

- memorandum of agreement/understanding

Barriers to Linking

- resources
- lack of common identifiers/crosswalks
- incompatible systems
- FERPA concerns

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

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

On-site Institutional Data Audits no

Professional Development for IR Professionals yes

Mandatory? quasi

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