

NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina

- Governing board
- Data collected from 4-year public institutions in the system
- The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has received 1 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grant (FY07), totaling \$6 million.
- 1 of 2 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile): [North Carolina Community College System](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Student Data File (SDF)**

Year SUR Established **1980**

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

Start up funds received **n/a**

Recurring funds received **n/a**

Reasons SUR was Established

-federal civil rights compliance

Legal Authority to Collect Data

-state law creating coordinating or governing board

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

-4-year public

IPEDS Roles

Verification

-coordinator

Reporting

-coordinator

Participation in IPEDS Surveys

-Institutional Characteristics (IC)

-12-month Enrollment (E12)

-Completions (C)

-Human Resources (Employees by Assigned Position (EAP), Fall Staff (S), and Salaries (SA))

-Fall Enrollment (EF)

-Graduation Rate (GRS)

-Finance (F)

-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

-facilities/capital projects

Authority to Change Data Elements/Definitions

-agency/entity staff

Internal Primary Key(s) to Build Longitudinal Records

-Social Security Number (*plans to discontinue use as internal primary key are unknown*)

Metadata

business procedures

-data element dictionary

technical procedures

-data validation/data checking procedure

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.)

-other purpose (*accountability compliance*)

Types of Reports

-articulation

-completions

-course cost analysis

-distance education

-economic impact/jobs

-enrollment

-facilities utilization

-financial aid

-high school feedback

-performance measures

-remediation

-retention

-transfer

Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports

coordinating or governing board, K-12 (agency, districts, and/or schools), other state agencies, federal agencies, other audience (senior campus officials)

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

-lack of common identifiers/crosswalks

-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

-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 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