

OREGON

Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

- Coordinating board
- Data collected from 2-year public institutions in the state
- The Oregon Department of Education has received 3 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY07, FY09, FY09 [ARRA]), totaling over \$18.8 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 3 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile):
[Oregon Student Assistance Commission \(not included in study\)](#) [Oregon University System](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Oregon Community College Unified Reporting System (OCCURS)**

Year SUR Established **1993**

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

Start up funds received **yes**

Recurring funds received **no**

Reasons SUR was Established

- legislative compliance
- audit compliance
- institutional resource allocation/funding formula
- IPEDS reporting
- increasing student achievement
- tracking student retention/graduation
- tracking students across institutions
- federal civil rights compliance
- other federal mandates Carl Perkins

Legal Authority to Collect Data

- not applicable (data collection voluntary)

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

- 2-year public

IPEDS Roles

Verification

- keyholder

Reporting not applicable

Participation in IPEDS Surveys not applicable

Types of Data Collected

- demographic
- postsecondary enrollment
- course-level information
- financial aid
- completions
- non-credit instructional activity (*pre-college courses [remedial, developmental], continuing education courses, other noncredit [hobby and recreational courses not considered to be continuing education]*)
- academic program inventory
- Adult Basic Education (*GED, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language*)
- labor/workforce/Unemployment Insurance
- other type of data (*results of data matches with public universities, National Student Clearinghouse*)

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 (*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.)

Types of Reports

- completions
- course taking patterns
- distance education
- dual credit/dual enrollment
- economic impact/jobs
- enrollment
- financial aid
- non-credit instructional activity
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- transfer ([sample](#))



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, other audience (internal)

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

- Oregon University System

Links to Other States no

Links to External Organizations

- National Student Clearinghouse

Primary IDs Used in Matching

- Social Security Number
- Other ID (*constructed from last name, first name, gender, and date of birth*)

Demographic Elements Used in Matching

- name
- date of birth
- gender

Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking

- attorney general opinion/statement
- memorandum of agreement/understanding

Performance Measures Requiring Linking yes
(*transfer rate to Oregon public universities*)

Barriers to Linking

- legislation (*legislation prohibiting the storage of SSNs by K-12*)

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)
- other mechanism (*report distribution broken down by college*)

On-site Institutional Data Audits no

Professional Development for IR Professionals not applicable

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