

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

- Coordinating board
- Data collected from 2-year public, 4-year public, independent (private, non-profit), and proprietary (private, for-profit) institutions in the state
- Financial aid entity
- The South Carolina Department of Education has received 2 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY06, FY09 [ARRA]), totaling over \$20.6 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):  
South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission (not included in study)  
South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (not included in study)

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Commission on Higher Education Management Information System (CHEMIS)**

Year SUR Established **1993**

Last period of upgrade/modification **Between 1990 and 1999**

#### Reasons SUR was Established

- IPEDS reporting
- increasing student achievement
- tracking student retention/graduation
- tracking students across institutions

#### Legal Authority to Collect Data

- state law creating coordinating or governing board
- administrative regulations/rules issued to interpret state law(s)
- other legal authority (*financial aid legislation: Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarships*)

### INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

#### Institutional Coverage

- 2-year public
- 4-year public
- independent (private, non-profit)
- proprietary (private, for-profit) [*plans to collect from additional proprietary institutions*]

#### IPEDS Roles

##### Verification

- coordinator

##### Reporting

- coordinator

#### Participation in IPEDS Surveys

- 12-month Enrollment (E12)
- 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
- 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
- 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
- data submission/reporting procedure

##### 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
- other purpose (*audit compliance*)

**Types of Reports**

- completions (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*)
- distance education
- dual credit/dual enrollment (*independent institutions included*)
- enrollment (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*)
- facilities utilization
- financial aid (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*)
- mobility/migration (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*)
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*)
- transfer (*independent and proprietary/for-profit institutions included*) ([sample](#))
- workforce attainment gain ([sample](#))

**Audiences Receiving Some or All Reports**

legislature, coordinating or governing board, K-12 (agency, districts, and/or schools), other state agencies, federal agencies, general public, other audience (Southern Regional Education Board)

**LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**State P-20 Data Warehouse** no

**Links to State Agencies/Entities**

- motor vehicle division/dept

**Links to Other States** no

**Links to External Organizations**

- Southern Regional Education Board

**Primary IDs Used in Matching**

- Social Security Number

**Demographic Elements Used in Matching**

- name
- date of birth

**Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking**

- memorandum of agreement/understanding

**Barriers to Linking**

- resources
- 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** yes

**Frequency** every 3 years

**Professional Development for IR Professionals** yes

**Mandatory?** no

**Frequency** annually

**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)
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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