

## WISCONSIN

### University of Wisconsin System

- Governing board
- Data collected from 2-year public and 4-year public institutions in the system (2-year public institutions applies to the University of Wisconsin Colleges, which also maintains a separate unit record data system)
- The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has received 3 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY06, FY09, FY09 [ARRA]), totaling over \$22.4 million. The agency included its postsecondary partners in the FY2009 Request for Application made possible through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.
- 1 of 4 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile):  
Higher Educational Aids Board (not included in study)    University of Wisconsin Colleges (not included in study)  
Wisconsin Technical College System (not included in study)

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **University of Wisconsin System Administration Central Data Request (CDR)**

Year SUR Established **1973**

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

#### Reasons SUR was Established

-other reason (*increase accountability and improve information delivery among system institutions*)

#### Legal Authority to Collect Data

-other legal authority (*On a voluntary basis, by recognition and agreement of Regent mandate/policy, full participation by all institutions has been completed for 35 years*)

### 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)
- 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
- finance (*tuition, fees, fiscal management*)
- financial aid
- completions
- non-credit instructional activity (*pre-college courses [remedial, developmental]*)
- 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

- 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)
- consumer information for prospective students
- research
- cross-sector collaboration (K-12, labor, etc.)
- other purpose (*accountability compliance and audit compliance*)

### Types of Reports

- completions
- course cost analysis
- course taking patterns
- distance education
- dual credit/dual enrollment
- enrollment
- financial aid
- high school feedback
- institutional finance
- institutional profile, public
- institutional profile, private
- mobility/migration
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- transfer
- tuition/fees/college costs

### 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 (working groups)

## LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

**State P-20 Data Warehouse** no

### Links to State Agencies/Entities

- state education agency (K-12) (*under development*)
- labor/workforce (*under development*)
- Wisconsin Technical College System (specific studies) [*expansion in progress*]

**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

 no

### Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking

- legislative mandate
- memorandum of agreement/understanding

### Barriers to Linking

- legislation (*lack of legislation*)
- resources
- lack of common identifiers/crosswalks
- FERPA concerns

## MECHANISMS TO ENSURE DATA QUALITY

### Responsibility for Entering Data

- office/division within agency/entity
- appropriate institutional/campus personnel

### Responsibility for Checking/Verifying Data

- office/division within agency/entity
- 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** yes

**Mandatory?** no

**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)
- ✓ - 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