

CALIFORNIA

University of California System

- Governing board
- Data collected from 4-year public institutions in the system
- The California Department of Education has received 2 NCES Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants (FY06, FY09), totaling over \$9.2 million.
- 1 of 5 state level postsecondary student unit record (SUR) systems
- Other postsecondary SURs in state (click on active link(s) to view profile):
[California Community Colleges](#) [California Postsecondary Education Commission](#)
[California Student Aid Commission \(not included in study\)](#) [The California State University and Colleges](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SUR NAME **Corporate Student Systems (CSS)**

Year SUR Established **1985**

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

Start up funds received **yes**

Recurring funds received **yes**

Reasons SUR was Established

- audit compliance
- awarding financial aid
- IPEDS reporting
- tracking student retention/graduation
- tracking students across institutions
- federal civil rights compliance

Legal Authority to Collect Data

- state law creating coordinating or governing board
- coordinating or governing board policy interpreting state law(s)
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- other legal authority (*Regents Standing Orders*)

INSTITUTIONAL COVERAGE, TYPES OF DATA, AND METADATA

Institutional Coverage

- 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
- finance (*tuition, fees, fiscal management*)
- financial aid
- completions
- academic program inventory
- faculty/staff
- institutional characteristics
- 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
- other internal primary key (*Educational Testing Service Identifier [ETS Number]*)

Metadata

business procedures

- data element dictionary
- data submission/reporting procedure
- data certification forms

technical procedures

- data validation/data checking procedure

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

- articulation
- completions
- enrollment
- facilities utilization
- financial aid
- high school feedback ([sample](#), [guide 1](#), [guide 2](#))
- institutional finance
- institutional profile, public
- performance measures
- remediation
- retention
- student learning
- 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), federal agencies, general public, other audience (California Community Colleges)

LINKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGENCIES, STATES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

State P-20 Data Warehouse no

Links to State Agencies/Entities

- California Postsecondary Education Commission, The California State University, California Community Colleges

Links to Other States no

Links to External Organizations no

Primary IDs Used in Matching

- Social Security Number

Demographic Elements Used in Matching no

Legal Mechanisms Enabling Linking

- memorandum of agreement/understanding

Barriers to Linking

- legislation (*legislation prohibiting linking; limits on linking relationships permitted*)
- resources
- lack of common identifiers/crosswalks
- coordination with other state authorities/administrators
- incompatible systems
- data quality concerns
- FERPA concerns

MECHANISMS TO ENSURE DATA QUALITY

Responsibility for Entering Data

- office/division within agency/entity
- appropriate institutional/campus personnel
- other group (*Education Testing Service Central Processor*)

Responsibility for Checking/Verifying Data

- office/division within agency/entity
- appropriate institutional/campus personnel
- other group (*Educational Testing Service Central Processor*)

Method of Informing IR Personnel of Data Submission Inconsistencies

- manual notification (e.g., email, phone call from agency/entity)
- other mechanism (*written error reports*)

On-site Institutional Data Audits no

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)
- ✓ - 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