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

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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)
- 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