



IPEDS Update

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Fall 2024 RACIRP



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Agenda

- ❖ IPEDS Collections Schedule
- ❖ Fall Collections Updates & Changes
- ❖ Winter Collections Updates & Changes
- ❖ Spring Collections Updates & Changes
- ❖ 2025-26 IPEDS Changes
- ❖ OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)
- ❖ Housekeeping Items
- ❖ IPEDS Human Resources Updates



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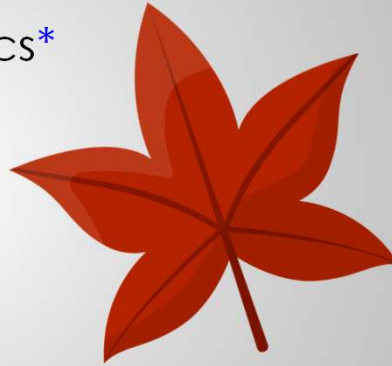
IPEDS 2024-25 Data Collection Schedule

2024-25	Fall	Winter	Spring
Collection Opens	September 4, 2024	December 4, 2024	December 4, 2024
Collection Closes for Keyholders	October 16, 2024	February 5, 2025	April 2, 2025
Collection Closes for Coordinators	October 30, 2024	February 19, 2025	April 16, 2025
Components included	Cost I; Completions; 12-month Enrollment	Student Financial Aid; Cost II; Graduation Rates; 200% Graduation Rates; Admissions; Outcome Measures	Fall Enrollment; Finance; Human Resources; Academic Libraries



Fall 2024-25 IPEDS Collection

- ✓ Institutional Characteristics*
- ✓ Completions
- ✓ 12-month Enrollment
- ✓ Cost I* (new)
- ❖ Keyholder lock
- ❖ State Coordinator lock



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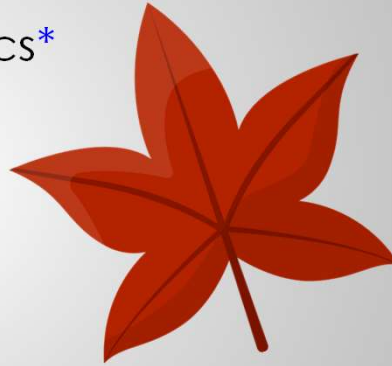
Everyone's Institutional Characteristics survey is completed.

The remaining surveys needing your attention for the Fall Collections are:

- Completions (*RPA provided*)
- 12-Month Enrollment (*RPA provided*)
 - Mention the Dual Enrollment snafu
- Cost I (*Institution's responsibility*)
- The Keyholder lock is **Wednesday, October 16th**.
- The Coordinator lock date is **Wednesday, October 30th**. If you require any changes before the "Coordinator lock" or after the lock, please contact me.

Fall 2024-25 IPEDS Changes

- ✓ Institutional Characteristics*
- ✓ Completions
- ✓ 12-month Enrollment
- ✓ Cost I** (next 2 slides)



* Significant changes, ** New



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Institutional Characteristics Survey -

- NCES removed the Cost of Attendance and Tuition elements and relocated these elements to the new Cost survey component.
 - So, what was Part C - Student Charges has been removed.
- NCES combined the remaining Institutional Characteristics elements with IC Header elements.
 - So, this included all parts from IC Header and
 - The remaining Parts A, B, and D from Institutional Characteristics
- Last, NCES moved the Dual Enrollment screening question from Institutional Characteristics to the 12-month Enrollment survey.

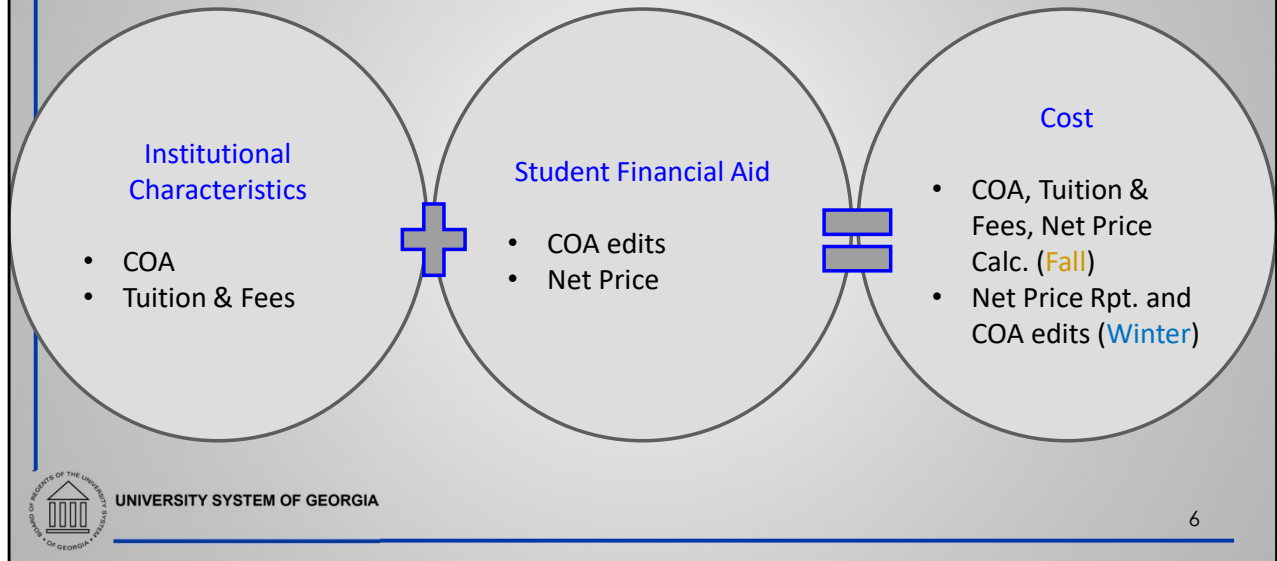
Completions Survey –

- NCES has no significant changes. However, please recall that NCES does not have a classification for Education Specialist Degrees (Ed.S). For years, we have reported those awards as a post-master's certificate. However, last year, when I requested guidance from the IPEDS Help Desk, they recommended that we report Ed.S degrees as Master's Degrees, even though they are considered at a higher level. This change was made for the 2024-25 IPEDS Collections. Therefore, your institution's detail file and Online Completions Data for the two-digit CIP code "13" should reflect this re-alignment from IPEDS award level 8 to award level 7.

12-month Enrollment Survey -

- Again, NCES moved the Dual Enrollment screening question from Institutional Characteristics to the 12-month Enrollment survey
- Added FAQ on “transfer-in” and “non-first-time”
- Removed mention of “non-first-time” on survey screens and instructions when discussing “transfer-in” student enrollment status to clarify the distinction between these two terms

New Cost I Survey



The new Cost survey, introduced for the Fall collections, merges elements from the Institutional Characteristics survey (like Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees) with parts of the Student Financial Aid survey (such as Cost of Attendance editing and Net Price calculation). According to NCES, this consolidation will streamline the processing of the College Affordability and Transparency List (CATC) by centralizing all relevant data into a single file, thereby simplifying student financial reporting. The survey will reopen during the Winter collection under the "Cost II" component to update financial aid awards and calculate the Average Net Price, with opportunities to correct Cost of Attendance data. More about Cost II later.

New Cost I Survey

Overview

- ❖ Screening Questions
- ❖ Section 1 – Student Charges
 - ❖ Part A – Application Fees
 - ❖ Part B – COA for FTFT UGs
 - ❖ Part C – Tuition and Required Fees
 - ❖ Part E – Food and Housing



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Overview

Screening Questions

Section 1 – Student Charges - In what was last year's Institutional Characteristics survey, Part C is now Section 1 for the new Cost I survey.

- Part A – Application Fees
- Part B – COA for FTFT UGs
- Part C – Tuition and Required Fees for UG and G levels
- Part D – Tuition and Required Fees for Doctor's – Professional Practice
- Part E – Food and Housing

New Cost I Survey

New Questions

- ❖ Financial Information Requirements
- ❖ Application Fee Waivers
- ❖ Off-Campus Expenses
- ❖ Doctoral Program Fees



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New questions included in this year's IPEDS collections under the **Cost I** component are:

- Institutions must determine and publicly disclose whether they request additional financial information not included on the FAFSA form. They must also indicate if they collect asset data, even when students qualify for asset exemption under the federal need analysis, as required by the FAFSA Simplification Act.
- Institutions are asked to report if they waive application fees for students with demonstrated financial need.
- There is now an option to report separate food, housing, and other expenses for students living off-campus with family and those living off-campus without family.
- The survey now collects data on application fees for Doctor's professional practice programs in Section 1, Part A, as mentioned in the previous slide.

Winter 2024-25 IPEDS Collection

- ✓ Student Financial Aid
- ✓ Graduation Rates
- ✓ 200% Graduation Rates
- ✓ Outcome Measures
- ✓ Admissions*
- ✓ Cost II (new)



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It opens Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and closes Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

- Student Financial Aid (*RPA provided*)
- Graduation Rates (*RPA provided*)
- 200% Graduation Rates (*RPA provided*)
- Outcome Measures (*RPA provided*)
- Admissions (*Institution's responsibility*)
- Cost II (*new & RPA provided*)

Winter 2024-25 IPEDS Changes

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Student Financial Aid Survey -

- The Cost of Attendance (COA) and Average Net Price (ANP) elements have been moved to the new Cost survey component, simplifying the SFA survey.
- Also, new guidelines distinguish federal, state, and local pass-through funds from institutional and private funds. Clarifications were also made on reporting private education loans and when to apply the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Military Tuition Assistance screening questions.

Graduation Rates Survey –

- The "Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided" question has been removed due to privacy concerns and challenges with modifying data submitted in previous years.

200% Graduation Rates Survey – No changes at all.

Outcome Measures Survey -

- They updated instructions clarify that students who change from non-degree/non-certificate-seeking to degree/certificate-seeking status at the reporting institution are included in the "entering" category, even if they had previously attended the institution.
- Some FAQs Updates:
 - Added an FAQ to clarify the relationship between "transfer-in" status on Fall Enrollment (EF) and 12-Month Enrollment (E12) components, and the "non-first-time" cohort in the OM component.
 - Revised an FAQ to enhanced clarity on reporting "non-first-time" students,

including new examples and additional guidance based on recommendations from Technical Review Panel #69 and IPEDS Help Desk.

- Next, the term "Attendance level" was changed to "Cohort status" in instructions for better consistency.
- Lastly, other minor cross-cutting changes were made for clarity and consistency across IPEDS components.

Admissions Survey -

- The "Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided" categories were revised to improve clarity, including a clarification on the reporting period. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS Help Desk and data reporters.
- Next, a clarification regarding the meaning of "considered" was added to the Admission Considerations screen and instructions, based on feedback from the 60-day public comment period.
- Also, descriptions of the admission considerations options were added to the Admission Considerations screen, reflecting feedback from the 60-day public comment period.
- Last, they Revised the FAQ on reporting "legacy status" was revised to clarify the meaning of legacy status and "considered," following feedback from the 60-day public comment period.

New Cost II Survey

The Cost I Data Not Updatable for Winter

- ❖ Screening Questions
- ❖ Section 1
 - ❖ Parts A, C, D, and E



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The Cost I data submitted during the Fall Collections will carry forward, and the new Cost survey will reappear in the Winter Collections as **Cost II**.

What's Not Updatable for Winter:

- Screening Questions
- Section 1
 - Part A – Application Fees
 - Part C - Student Charges, Tuition, and Required Fees for undergraduate and graduate levels
 - Part D - Student Charges, Tuition, and Required Fees for Doctorate Level
 - Part E - Student Charges, Food and Housing

New Cost II Survey

The Data Applicable for Winter

- ❖ Section 1
 - ❖ Part B – COA (Updatable Cost I data)
- ❖ Section 2
 - ❖ Parts A, B, C, and D
- ❖ Section 3
 - ❖ Parts A, B



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Applicable for Winter:

- Section 1
 - Part B – COA for FTFT UGs (the only piece that's updatable in both Fall and Winter collections)
- Section 2
 - Part A – Establishing Student Counts
 - Part B – Number of FTFT UGs paying different tuition rates
 - Part C – Financial aid data for FTFT UGs awarded grant & scholarship aid
 - Part D - Financial aid data for FTFT UGs awarded TIV federal aid
- Section 3
 - Part A – Average Net Price for FTFT UGs awarded grant & scholarship aid
 - Part B - Average Net Price for FTFT UGs awarded TIV federal aid

Spring 2024-25 IPEDS Collection

- ✓ Fall Enrollment
- ✓ Finance*
- ✓ Academic Libraries*
- ✓ Human Resources*



* Survey is Institutions' responsibility

* Leslie's update



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It opens Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and closes Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The Fall Enrollment survey upload and detail files will be made available mid to late February.

- Fall Enrollment (*RPA provided*)
- Finance (*Institution's responsibility*)
- Academic Libraries (*Institution's responsibility*)
- Human Resources (*RPA provided*)

Spring 2024-25 IPEDS Changes

- ✓ Fall Enrollment
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Academic Libraries



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Fall Enrollment survey -

- A new FAQ was added to clarify the distinction between "transfer-in" enrollment status in the Fall Enrollment (EF) and 12-Month Enrollment (E12) components and the "non-first-time" cohort in the Outcome Measures (OM) component. This change addresses confusion between these terms and improves understanding.
- References to "non-first-time" were removed from survey screens and instructions regarding "transfer-in" student enrollment status to clarify the difference between these concepts.
- In Part E - First-time Bachelor's Cohort Retention Rates, it's now clarified that students from the Fall 2023 cohort who completed their bachelor's degree by Fall 2024 should be reported as retained. This aligns the survey screen with the 2023-24 instruction updates.
- Instructions for Part D now include a note that high school students enrolled in college courses for credit should not be counted in determining an institution's entering class. This change clarifies who should be included in these calculations.
- The "Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided" categories were revised for clarity, including an explanation of the question's purpose and reporting period, based on feedback from IPEDS Help Desk and data reporters.

Finance survey –

- Clarification for Scholarships and Fellowships Expenses were made. So, for GASB reporting institutions (Part C-1, Line 10), it is now clarified that private awards to

students, where the institution does not select the recipient, should not be included. This change was made based on feedback from IPEDS data reporters.

- For Term Clarification, all references to the State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG) have been replaced with Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships (LEAP) to reflect the program's renaming.

Academic Libraries survey – No changes at all.

2025-26 IPEDS Changes

- ✓ Institutional Characteristics
- ✓ Student Financial Aid
- ✓ Admissions
- ✓ Academic Libraries



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Institutional Characteristics survey –

- They're moving an Admissions screening question to the Admissions survey
- Additionally, will be removing the Academic Libraries Expenses screening question

Student Financial Aid survey –

- Will be collecting the same student counts and aid amounts for the current categories of all undergraduate students.

Admissions survey –

- The question moved from the IC survey, as mentioned a moment ago: "For the Fall 2025 admission cycle, did your institution have an open admission policy under which virtually all students that completed a high school diploma were admitted for all or most entering undergraduate-level programs?" Therefore, all institutions will be required to access their Admissions survey to answer this question. This includes those institutions who have an "open admission policy" and was not required to submit an Admissions survey in years past.
- Also, an additional screening question will be added for "open admission" institutions asking, "Does your institution use an Ability to Benefit (ATB) or similar test beyond the high school diploma/equivalent?"
- Next, screening questions will be added to better understand the "Transfer-in" student population. This information will be required for institutions with a non-open admission policy.

- Further, the survey will disaggregate applicants, admissions, and enrolled students by gender and race/ethnicity for first-time and transfer-in students.
- Finally, the survey will collect the number of applicants categorized as waitlist, early decision, and early action.

Academic Libraries survey – Gone.

Patrick Harris asked:

Several institutions within our system have expressed concerns about the removal of the Academic Libraries survey starting next collection year. Who would be available to address and discuss these concerns?

Tara Lawley responded:

We have addressed this publicly after both comment periods during the OMB clearance package. We understand the concerns but we do not have the resources to continue collecting the AL survey component. Please refer them to the public responses to OMB at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and [reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov).

OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)

Adding Middle Eastern or North African as a new minimum category.
The new set of minimum race and/or ethnicity categories are:

- ❖ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ❖ Asian
- ❖ Black or African American
- ❖ Hispanic or Latino
- ❖ Middle Eastern or North African
- ❖ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ❖ White

(Impacts: Fall Enrollment, Completions, 12-Month Enrollment, Human Resources)



OMB's Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity, commonly known as SPD-15, are guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to standardize how federal agencies collect and report data on race and ethnicity. The OMB has been considering updates to SPD-15 to better reflect the growing diversity of the U.S. population and to address concerns that the existing categories may not fully capture the experiences and identities of all Americans. Proposed changes have included the addition of a "Middle Eastern or North African" (MENA) category and reconsideration of how Hispanic/Latino identity is categorized.

Following this announcement in March 2024, all federal agencies are now tasked with promptly revising their data collection instruments, such as surveys and forms, to align with these new standards.

OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)

The 2024-25 NCES IPEDS Update:

<https://www.airweb.org/video/2024-25-nces-ipeds-updates>

- ❖ 4-minute overview, beginning @ 33:34
- ❖ Aida Ali Akreyi, IPEDS Data Collection Lead @ NCES



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New details were shared during the 2024-25 NCES IPEDS update, which you can listen to by visiting the provided URL. However, I will provide a high-level overview of these key points in the following slides.

<https://www.airweb.org/video/2024-25-nces-ipeds-updates>

OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)

OMB Race/ethnicity changes (Statistical Polity Directive – 15)

Department developing guidance along with NCES

OMB wants compliance very soon (requiring in all new packages)

Tentative plan for IPEDS (not final guidance)

Implement all new r/e categories in **2027-28**



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- The OMB is collaborating with NCS to develop the necessary guidance for these changes.
- Furthermore, the OMB is pushing for immediate compliance, requiring all new data packages to align with the new standards.
- The IPEDS implementation plan is still tentative and is not the final guidance. Institutions should prepare for changes in the 2027-28 collection cycle.

OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)

Changes to r/e categories

No more 2-part question

Must be offered the option of selecting 1+ racial and ethnic designations

7 minimum r/e categories



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- The two-part question format for race and ethnicity is being eliminated.
- So, individuals must be offered the option to select more than one racial/ethnic designation.
- The minimum of seven race/ethnicity categories must be provided.

From Tara Lawley – “There is no more 2-part question, which means someone who is 'Hispanic' and 'Black', for example, would no longer be reported as 'Hispanic' but as 2 or more races (assuming that is a category IPEDS continues to collect - ED has not yet released final guidance).”

Tara Lawley, regarding future reporting of DACA/undocumented students – “We are waiting on final guidance, however, it is likely they will continue to be reported in the same way they are currently reported.”

Concerns Raised from the audience: The issue was raised (during the live broadcast) about how individuals who identify with multiple racial/ethnic categories, such as Hispanic and Black, might impact Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI) due to the potential for their minority status to be “buried” within multiple categories.

NCES Response:

- NCES acknowledges these concerns and considers how to address the complexities and nuances of multi-racial/ethnic identification in the guidance.
- The final OMB SPD-15 guidance provides opportunities for collecting more nuanced data, which might help in maintaining the necessary information for MSI and Title III designations.
- NCES is gathering feedback during a technical review panel and through a commissioned paper to explore ways to address these issues.
- NCES has raised these concerns with OMB multiple times, but it hasn't resulted in changes to the guidance so far. However, they continue to make others aware of this issue to ensure it's appropriately addressed.

MSIs:

- HSI (Hispanic Serving Institutions): Dalton State College, Georgia Gwinnett College
- HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities): Savannah State University, Albany State University, Fort Valley State University
- PBI (Predominantly Black Institutions): Clayton State University, East Georgia State College, Georgia State University

OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)

7 minimum r/e categories

American
Indian or
Alaska Native

Black or
African
American

Asian

Hispanic or
Latino

Middle
Eastern or
North
African

Native
Hawaiian or
Pacific
Islander

White



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7 Minimum Categories: Ensure that all institutions are aware of the seven required categories:

1. American Indian or Alaska Native
2. Black or African American
3. Asian
4. Hispanic or Latino
5. Middle Eastern or North African (New)
6. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
7. White

Housekeeping

- ❖ Manual changes to your IPEDS data
Document and email us
- ❖ MOVEit (45-day limit)
- ❖ IPEDS FTF Detail file (Oct.)
- ❖ HEERF/CARES Act
- ❖ Net Price Calculator
- ❖ RPA QuickStart Guide
- ❖ Report Requests



Human Resources Data Collection 2024



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HRDM 2024 Overview

- ❖ Updated HR resource documents will be on website
- ❖ Extraction – reminder, this is back to daily.
- ❖ Base salary calculation under review
- ❖ New Hire/Rehire reporting being updated



HR 2024

- ❖ HRDM data validations will open November 1st, 2024 for the 2024 collection
- ❖ ITS help desk tickets for changes to the HRDM listserv or Cognos access

Email to helpdesk

**Subject: 2024 HRDM
Data Validations**

Be sure to include:

- Brief description of the data issue/discrepancy
- Provide emplids OR names as examples
- Provide screenshot of issue (if necessary)
- DO NOT include SSNs



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HR 2024

- ❖ Kickoff webinar will be held at the end of October (no date set yet)
 - ❖ Will include the typical overview of the collection for newcomers
 - ❖ Will discuss final changes to base pay calculation
 - ❖ Will include a checklist of review steps to improve validation process!



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(Patrick's dog Ranger)

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