



IPEDS Update

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Research and Policy Analysis

Fall 2025 RACIRP



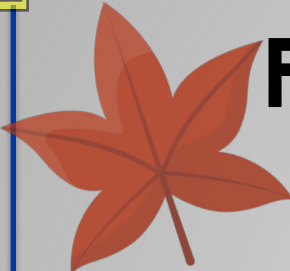
Agenda

- ✓ IPEDS Collections Schedule
- ✓ Fall Collections Updates & Changes
- ✓ Winter Collections Updates & Changes
- ✓ Spring Collections Updates & Changes
- ✓ 2026-27 IPEDS Changes
- ✓ OMB's Race/ethnicity changes (SPD-15)
- ✓ IPEDS ACTs Survey
- ✓ Federal Shutdown
- ✓ Lawsuits Challenging ED's Cuts
- ✓ Housekeeping Items
- ✓ IPEDS Human Resources Updates



IPEDS 2025-26 Data Collection Schedule

2025-26	Fall	Winter	Spring
Collection Opens	September 3, 2025	December 3, 2025	December 3, 2025
Closes for Keyholders	October 15, 2025	February 4, 2026	April 1, 2026
Closes for Coordinators	October 29, 2025	February 18, 2026	April 15, 2026
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

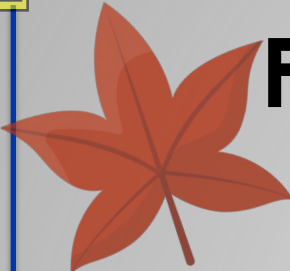


Fall 2025-26 IPEDS Collection

- ✓ Institutional Characteristics *
- ✓ Completions
- ✓ 12-month Enrollment
- ✓ Cost I *
- Keyholder lock
- State Coordinator lock

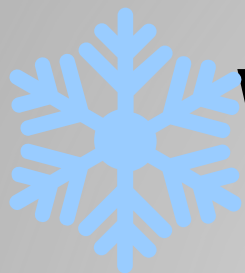
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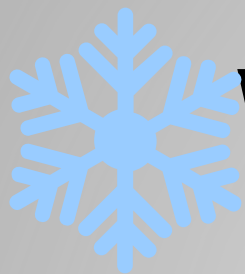


Winter 2025-26 IPEDS Collection

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

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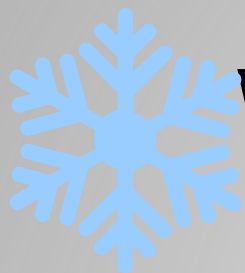




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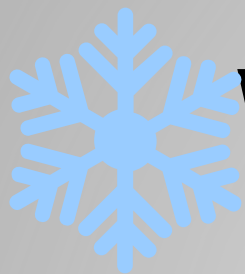
Winter 2025-26 IPEDS Changes

✓ Student Financial Aid

IPEDS will now collect the **same award types** in **Section 1**, across all undergraduate categories:

- All undergraduates.
- All Degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates.
- All Non-degree/non-certificate-seeking undergraduates.
- Full-time, first-time undergraduates.

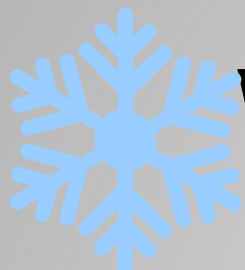
Goal - Reduce reporting burden and improve data usability.



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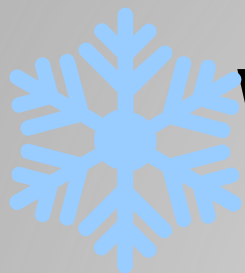
✓ Admissions

Based on TRP #64 (June 2021, Modernizing the Admission Survey)

Screening Questions

- Admission Considerations (Part B)
- Applicants, Admits & Enrolled (Part C)
- Test Scores (Part D)
- New Part E

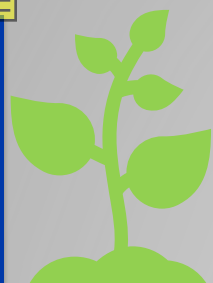
Goal - Capture a fuller picture of admissions policies and transfer practices.



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Spring 2025-26 IPEDS Collection

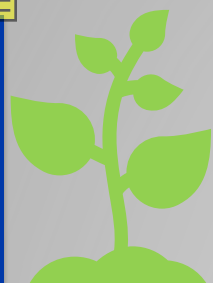
- ✓ Fall Enrollment
- ✓ Finance*
- ✓ Human Resources*
- ✗ Academic Libraries

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* Leslie's update



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Spring 2025-26 IPEDS Changes

- ✓ Fall Enrollment
- ✓ Finance

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 is:

- ✓ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - ✓ Asian
 - ✓ Black or African American
 - ✓ Hispanic or Latino
 - ✓ Middle Eastern or North African
 - ✓ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - ✓ White
- 6-month extension

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

Admissions & Consumer Transparency Supplement (ACTS)

IPEDS ACTS: Scope & Data Collected

Why This Exists

- Supreme Court ruling (*SFFA v. Harvard*, 2023).
- Presidential Memorandum & Secretary directive (Aug 2025).
- Goal: transparency in admissions & scholarships; support Title VI enforcement.

Scope & Applicability

- Focus: **4-year selective institutions** (higher risk).
- Open-access institutions: minimal admissions risk, but scholarship reporting may apply.
- Covers **undergraduate & graduate** students.

Undergraduate Data

- Applications, admits, enrollments by **race-sex pair**.
- Further disaggregated: test score quintiles, GPA quintiles, family income, Pell status, parental education.
- Admissions pathway: **early action, early decision, regular**.
- Aid: counts & averages for merit-, need-based, institutional & government aid.
- Outcomes: GPA (end of year), cost of attendance, graduation rates, remedial coursework.

Graduate Data

- Same elements, disaggregated by **broad CIP fields** (STEM, Business, Law, Health, etc.).



Admissions & Consumer Transparency Supplement (ACTS)

IPEDS ACTS: Baseline & Feedback Questions

Baseline Requirement (2025–26 Survey Only)

Must report retroactive data:

- Admissions & Financial Aid (2020–21 to 2024–25).
- Graduation Rates (2019–20 to 2023–24).

Purpose: build a pre-SFFA baseline for comparison.

Submitting Your Comments

Deadline: October 14, 2025, by 11:59 PM (EDT).

Online: Submit electronically via regulations.gov using **Docket ID: ED-2025-SCC-0382**

- All comments become public record - be concise and constructive.
- Focus on burden estimates, clarity, and quality of the data collection.



Federal Shutdown Impacts on IPEDS

Overview

- Shutdown (Oct 2025) has paused many U.S. Dept of Education operations.
- NCES/IPEDS supporting staff are furloughed under the Department's contingency plan.
- Most federal education data activities are suspended until appropriations resume.

Impact on IPEDS Reporting

- Help Desk is business as usual
- IPEDS Operations Paused
- Data Releases Delayed

Key Takeaway

The federal shutdown may temporarily slow administrative IPEDS oversight; however, no disruptions are expected for Help Desk operations. Institutions should continue data submissions, monitor NCES communications, and NOT anticipate any adjustments to reporting deadlines.



Lawsuits Challenging ED's Cuts to IES and IPEDS

Who Filed Lawsuits

- AERA & SREE – Unlawful cuts devastating education research (Apr 2025)
- AEFP & IHEP – Restore IES functions (Apr 2025)

Core Arguments

- Unlawful action – DOGE cuts violate APA & congressional authority
- Data destruction – IPEDS/NCES crippled, statutory duties unmet
- Higher ed impact – Students, families, policymakers lack reliable data
- Research erosion – Funding & access curtailed, marginalized groups harmed

Developments

- Some contracts reinstated (June 2025)
- Research data access partly restored (July 2025)
- Ongoing litigation – Plaintiffs seek full restoration of IES

Housekeeping

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



QuickStart Guide for New IR Staff

<https://www.usg.edu/research/onboarding>

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Data Dashboards

USG by the Numbers

Enrollment Reports

College Readiness and Dual Enrollment Reports

Credit Hour Reports

Student Transfer Reports

Degree Reports

Financial Aid & HOPE Scholarship Reports

Employee Reports

Degrees and Majors Authorized

QuickStart Guide for New Staff

Questions? Chat with HEIDI

Welcome to the University System of Georgia's Institutional Research Community! As part of our orientation process, we'd like to introduce you to the Research and Policy Analysis (RPA) Division, a key partner in our collective mission to advance educational excellence across our 26 institutions.

What is RPA?

RPA is an integral unit within the Operations Division, tasked with the critical role of analyzing higher education and related state and national policy issues. The division's research is pivotal in shaping the impact these policies have on our system.

RPA is the backbone of data governance within our system. The division ensures that data definitions are consistent and that interpretations are accurate and meaningful. Their work is essential for informed policy-making and for maintaining the integrity of our educational mission.

The division serves as a liaison to various system committees, state, and federal agencies, ensuring our system's needs and perspectives are represented accurately.

As new IR personnel, your role will intersect with RPA's functions, enhancing the quality and effectiveness of our data systems. We encourage you to familiarize yourselves with RPA's resources and look forward to the support and insights you will contribute.

Human Resources Data Collection 2025



HRDM 2025 Overview

- ❖ Updated HR resource documents will be posted on website before the collection begins
- ❖ Webinar October 15, 1pm
 - ❖ At least one person from each institution must attend!
- ❖ All institutions have a validated point of contact as of 10/3.



HR 2025

- ❖ HRDM data validations will open November 1st, 2025 for the 2025 collection
- ❖ ITS help desk tickets for changes to the HRDM listserv or Cognos access
 - ❖ support@usg.edu

Email to helpdesk

**Subject: 2025 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



HR 2025

IPEDS Change

Pursuant to Executive Order (dated January 20, 2025), the term “gender” has been replaced with “sex,” the term “men” has been replaced with “male,” and the term “women” has been replaced with “female.”

There are no additional changes for 2025-26.

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