IPEDS UPDATE

INTEGRATED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DATA SYSTEM



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Research and Policy Analysis

Fall 2026 CAT-IRP

Fall 2026-27 IPEDS Collection

Institutional Characteristics (IC)

IC - Check that the award levels listed in IC match the credentials your campus reports in Completions.

Completions (C)

C - Use age at award conferral when counting completers by age.

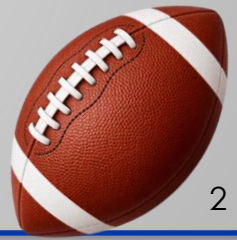
12-month Enrollment (E12)

E12 - Use the first full term to assign full-time or part-time status, even if the student's status changes later.

Cost I (CSTI)

CSTI - Reported 2026–27 tuition, required fees, and other student expenses. Cost II follows in winter.

Coordinator review closes November 12.



Winter 2026-27 IPEDS Collection

Student Financial Aid (SFA) and Cost II (CSTII)

SFA - 2025-26 aid; Fall 2025 FTFT cohort; REACH; **CSTII** - 2025–26 FTFT population and applicable grant/Title IV subsets. Reconcile 2025–26 aid totals and review calculated average net price.

Admissions (ADM)

ADM - Fall 2026 entering first-time undergraduate cohort
Campuses report Fall 2026 first-time and transfer-in admissions data, as applicable.



Graduation Rates (GR and GR200)

GR - Fall 2020 FTFT cohort; outcomes through August 31, 2026
GR200 - Fall 2018 FTFT cohort

Outcome Measures (OM)

OM - Entry July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019; award checkpoints August 31, 2022, 2024 and 2026
Track the 2018–19 entering cohort at four, six and eight years.

Opens December 9, 2026. Keyholders lock by February 10, 2027.

Spring 2026-27 IPEDS Collection

Fall Enrollment (EF)

EF - Report students enrolled for credit in Fall 2026 and Fall 2025-to-Fall 2026 retention.

Finance (F)

F - Campuses report from financial statements for the most recent fiscal year ending before October 1, 2026.

Human Resources (HR)

Leslie will provide the 2026-27 updates.

Opens December 9, 2026. Keyholders lock by April 7, 2027.



ACTS: Big Picture for 2026-27

I participated in TRP #72, June 2–3, 2026.

Final requirements remain unsettled

Eligibility, cohorts, fields and dates remain provisional until OMB approval and final NCES instructions are published.

Currently preparing all four ACTS templates

Currently updating and revising last year's templates - Undergraduate and graduate admissions and completers.

Close campus data gaps now

Dream Team - Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, and IT staff need to work together and coordinate with RPA.

Public comment period remains open through December 8, 2026

ACTS 2026-27: Proposed NCES Revisions

Likely NCES revisions, pending final instructions

What NCES proposes

Changes to ACTS eligibility criteria

Improvements to the Aggregator Tool (local, MS Access tool)

Removal of some variables (?)

Revised definitions and instructions

Source: Federal Register, October 9, 2026. Docket ED–2026–SCC–3037.
https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/10/09/2026-20754/agency-information-collection-activities-comment-request-integrated-postsecondary-education-data#open-comment

ACTS: Corrections Planned for 2026-27

Planned USG revisions, pending final NCES instructions

Area/templates	2025–26 logic	2026–27 planned logic corrections
Family income **UGAdm / GRAdm**	Campus-supplied income category	Plan actual AGI for AY2025–26 only. Earlier years remain campus-supplied.
Government grants **UGAdm / GRAdm**	Four OTH codes in government totals	Remove four OTH codes. Align REACH scholarship share with corrected SFA mapping.
Aid status **GRAdm**	Accepted aid plus waivers	Use awarded aid plus waivers, including unaccepted awards. Classify PLUS/DLPLUS by borrower.
Institutional grants **GRAdm**	Awarded / Accepted grants plus waivers	Count waivers once. Handle null components separately. Retain combined GR grants and full-time/newest-cohort rules.
GRE / LSAT **GRAdm**	GRE lower bound. LSAT by enrolled CIP.	GRE: 260–340. LSAT: 120–180, by application program. Validate intended scores and prevent duplicate summing.

ACTS: Campus Limitations

Where campus records and judgment are essential to complete ACTS reporting

Complete the applicant pool
Central extracts contain enrolled students. Add eligible denied applicants and admitted students who did not enroll.

Move aid within the right category
Move awarded and accepted dollars to the correct institutional need/non-need fields.

Ask me for historical evidence
I can provide available SFA detail and CARES/HEERF records. Reconcile to the filed year/cohort.

Complete fields that require campus records
Have campus data owners verify admissions-use GPA and scores, Pell eligibility, continuing education participation, tuition & fees, parent education, program selection, and actual conferral dates.

Fall 2026 Student-level Detail Files

IPEDS First-time freshmen (FTF)

Your Fall 2026 FTF file is on MOVEit.

Possible duplicate FTF records

For each flagged student, work with your campus ADC contact to check whether the student was already reported to IPEDS as first-time.

Transfer-in detail file

A campus colleague is currently reviewing the pilot file before RPA distributes it more broadly.



Housekeeping and Resources



Manual edits and Help Desk questions
Send RPA the survey item, the change in the count and the reason. Use MOVEit for student-level records.

MOVEit files and the Net Price Calculator
Download detail files before the 45-day cleanup.

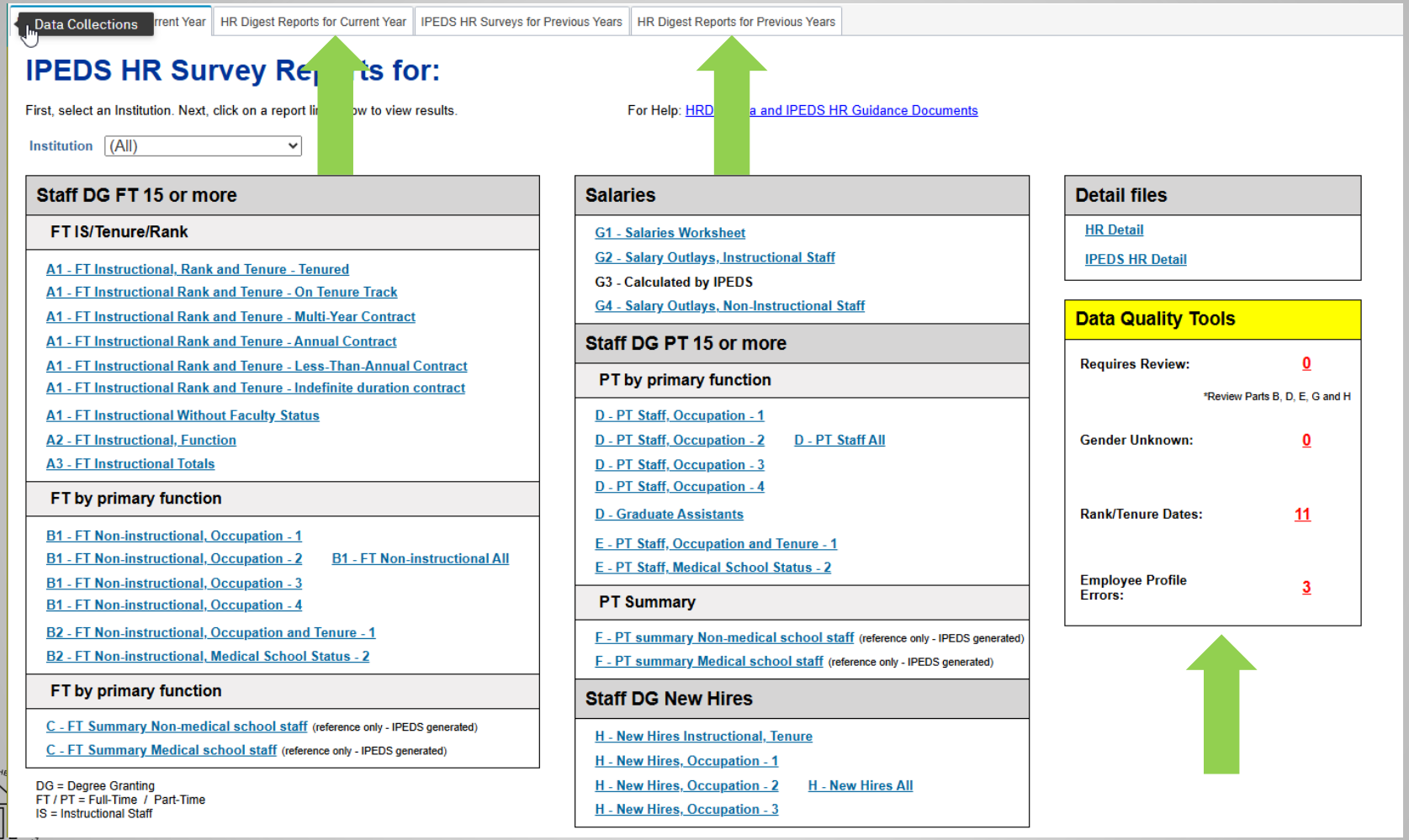
RPA reporting resources
IR Onboarding & Resource Hub: reporting contacts, responsibility matrix, Cognos, IPEDS links, and training.
Data Collections & Definitions: ADC and FADC dictionaries, derived-variable definitions, and certification guidance.
HRDM / IPEDS HR Resources: HR definitions, validation guidance, and crosswalks.
RPA Reports & Dashboards: review published trends and totals when validating your data.

HRDM


Human Resources
Workers
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SYSTEM
RESUMES
Manager
Qualifications
Education
Human capital

HRDM 2026 Updates

- Webinar held October 30 - all institutions had at least one person registering
- All resources available on the website, including webinar slides
- Webinar recording link shared out with non-restricted access. Should not expire.


Data Collections
rrent Year
HR Digest Reports for Current Year
IPEDS HR Surveys for Previous Years
HR Digest Reports for Previous Years
IPEDS HR Survey Re ts for:
First, select an Institution. Next, click on a report li ow to view results.
For Help: HRD a and IPEDS HR Guidance Documents
Institution (All)
Staff DG FT 15 or more
FT IS/Tenure/Rank
A1 - FT Instructional, Rank and Tenure - Tenured
A1 - FT Instructional Rank and Tenure - On Tenure Track
A1 - FT Instructional Rank and Tenure - Multi-Year Contract
A1 - FT Instructional Rank and Tenure - Annual Contract
A1 - FT Instructional Rank and Tenure - Less-Than-Annual Contract
A1 - FT Instructional Rank and Tenure - Indefinite duration contract
A1 - FT Instructional Without Faculty Status
A2 - FT Instructional, Function
A3 - FT Instructional Totals
FT by primary function
B1 - FT Non-instructional, Occupation - 1
B1 - FT Non-instructional, Occupation - 2
B1 - FT Non-instructional All
B1 - FT Non-instructional, Occupation - 3
B1 - FT Non-instructional, Occupation - 4
B2 - FT Non-instructional, Occupation and Tenure - 1
B2 - FT Non-instructional, Medical School Status - 2
FT by primary function
C - FT Summary Non-medical school staff (reference only - IPEDS generated)
C - FT Summary Medical school staff (reference only - IPEDS generated)
DG = Degree Granting
FT / PT = Full-Time / Part-Time
IS = Instructional Staff
Salaries
G1 - Salaries Worksheet
G2 - Salary Outlays, Instructional Staff
G3 - Calculated by IPEDS
G4 - Salary Outlays, Non-Instructional Staff
Staff DG PT 15 or more
PT by primary function
D - PT Staff, Occupation - 1
D - PT Staff, Occupation - 2
D - PT Staff All
D - PT Staff, Occupation - 3
D - PT Staff, Occupation - 4
D - Graduate Assistants
E - PT Staff, Occupation and Tenure - 1
E - PT Staff, Medical School Status - 2
PT Summary
F - PT summary Non-medical school staff (reference only - IPEDS generated)
F - PT summary Medical school staff (reference only - IPEDS generated)
Staff DG New Hires
H - New Hires Instructional, Tenure
H - New Hires, Occupation - 1
H - New Hires, Occupation - 2
H - New Hires All
H - New Hires, Occupation - 3
Detail files
HR Detail
IPEDS HR Detail
Data Quality Tools
Requires Review: 0
*Review Parts B, D, E, G and H
Gender Unknown: 0
Rank/Tenure Dates: 11
Employee Profile Errors: 3

HR 2026

- Validation cycle is open
- ITS help desk tickets for changes to the HRDM listserv or Cognos access
  - support@usg.edu

Email to helpdesk

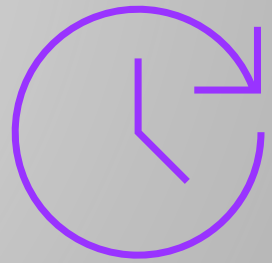
Subject: 2026 HRDM Data Validations

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

HRDM 2027 Looking Ahead

- Transition to PowerBI (no more Cognos)
- Development planned this winter
- 3 institutions have volunteered to assist with testing
- Plan to keep all current functionality



(Patrick's dog Ranger)





(Leslie's cat Sappho)

Questions?

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