The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is the core postsecondary education data collection program for the NCES. It is a single, comprehensive system designed to encompass all institutions and educational organizations whose primary purpose is to provide postsecondary education. For additional information see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds.
Dear Institutional Executive:

The National Center for Education Statistics is pleased to provide you with your institution’s annual IPEDS Data Feedback Report. The report compares data provided by your institution in 2005-06 through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) to data for a similar group of institutions. Like last year, your institution was given the opportunity to select its own comparison group. If your institution did not submit its own group, IPEDS identified a comparison group for you.

I also encourage you to visit the Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) at http://nces.ed.gov/ipedspas/expt/. The ExPT allows you to download a PDF of this report as well as to recreate the graphs using your comparison group or a different set of schools.

Thank you for all of your efforts to support IPEDS throughout the data collection process. Without your support and the high quality data that you provide, these reports would not be possible. Should you have any comments on how we can improve the Data Feedback Report and the ExPT, please send them to ipedsdatafeedback@ed.gov.

Best regards,

Elise S. Miller
IPEDS Program Director

What Is The Purpose Of This Report?

The IPEDS Data Feedback Report is intended to provide institutions a context for examining the data they submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Our goal is to produce a report that is useful to institutional executives and that may help improve the quality and comparability of IPEDS data.

What Is In This Report?

The figures provided in this report are those suggested by the IPEDS Technical Review Panel. They were developed to provide selected indicators and data elements for your institution and a comparison group of institutions. The figures are based on data collected during the 2005–06 IPEDS collection cycle and are the most recent data available. Additional information about these indicators is provided in the Methodological Notes at the end of the report. Following the figures is a list of the institutions in your comparison group and the criteria used for their selection. Please refer to "Comparison Group" in the Methodological Notes for more information.

What Is IPEDS?

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is a system of survey components that collects data from all institutions in the United States and other jurisdictions, such as Puerto Rico, whose primary purpose is to provide postsecondary education. IPEDS collects institution-level data on students (enrollment and graduation rates), student charges, program completions, faculty, staff, and finances. Each year nearly 6,700 postsecondary institutions provide information to the U.S. Department of Education through IPEDS. These data are used at the federal and state level for policy analysis and development; at the institutional level for benchmarking and peer analysis; and by students and parents, through the College Opportunities Online Locator (IPEDS COOL at http://collegesearch.nces.ed.gov/), to aid in the college search process. For more information about IPEDS, see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds.

Would You Like To Do More Analysis Of Your IPEDS Data?

The information in this report can be produced for a different comparison group using the IPEDS Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) at http://nces.ed.gov/ipedspas/expt. If you would like to make comparisons on a wider range of IPEDS variables, the more comprehensive IPEDS Peer Analysis System (PAS) is available at http://nces.ed.gov/ipedspas. In both systems, you may select your own comparison group by institution name or by using selected variables. Through the ExPT, you may also print additional copies of this report.

SELECTED FIGURES

These figures are based on 2005–06 IPEDS data submitted by your institution, Knox College, and the comparison group listed later in this report. The number of institutions in the comparison group from which the median is derived is shown as "(N = x)" in the labels or in the legend at the bottom of the figure.

Knox College
Figure 1. Unduplicated 12-month headcount of all students and of undergraduate students, total FTE enrollment (academic year 2004–05), and full- and part-time fall enrollment (Fall 2005)

Figure 2. Percent of all students enrolled, by race/ethnicity, and percent women: Fall 2005

Figure 3. Academic year tuition and required fees for full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates: 2003–04—2005–06

Figure 4. Percent of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students receiving financial aid, by type of aid: 2004–05

NOTE: For details on calculating full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, see "Calculating FTE" in the Methodological Notes at the end of this report. Total headcount, FTE, and full- and part-time fall enrollment include both undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students, when applicable. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


NOTE: The tuition and required fees shown here are the lowest reported from the categories of in-district, in-state and out-of-state. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


NOTE: For details on how students are counted for financial aid reporting, see "Cohort Determination for Reporting Student Financial Aid and Graduation Rates" in the Methodological Notes at the end of this report. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.

Figure 5. Types and average amounts of financial aid received by full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates: 2004–05

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of aid</th>
<th>Comparison group median (N=36)</th>
<th>Your institution</th>
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<tr>
<td>Federal grants</td>
<td>$4,570</td>
<td>$3,591</td>
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<td>State and local grants</td>
<td>$2,433</td>
<td>$1,446</td>
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<tr>
<td>Institutional grants</td>
<td>$4,139</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loans</td>
<td>$4,152</td>
<td>$1,128.50</td>
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NOTE: Average grant (or loan) values were calculated by dividing the total grants (or loans) awarded by the total number of recipients in each institution. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 6. Graduation rates of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates within 150% of normal time to program completion, by race/ethnicity: 1999 cohort

<table>
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<th>Grad rate by race/ethnicity</th>
<th>Comparison group median (N=30)</th>
<th>Your institution</th>
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<td>Grad rate overall</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>75</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>non-Hispanic minority (n=35)</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>non-Hispanic minority (n=30)</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>Asian or Pacific Islander (n=26)</td>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native (n=15)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Race/ethnicity unknown (n=21)</td>
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<td>Nonresident alien (n=27)</td>
<td>74</td>
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NOTE: The graduation rates are the Student Right-to-Know (SRK) rates. For more information see the Methodological Notes at the end of the report. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 7. Graduation rate cohort as a percent of all undergraduates and as a percent of total entering students (Fall 2005); graduation rate and transfer-out rate (1999 cohort); and retention rates (Fall 2005)

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<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Comparison group median (N=30)</th>
<th>Your institution</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grad rate cohort as % of undergraduates (n=36)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grad rate cohort as % of entering class (n=36)</td>
<td>74</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grad rate overall (n=30)</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>70</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer-out rate (n=36)</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time retention rate (n=30)</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>86</td>
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<tr>
<td>Part-time retention rate (n=36)</td>
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NOTE: Graduation rate cohort includes all full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students. Entering class includes all students coming to the institution for the first time. Only institutions with a mission to prepare students to transfer are required to report transfers out. Graduation and transfer-out rates are the Student Right-to-Know rates. 4-year schools report retention rates for students seeking a bachelor's degree. For more information, see the Methodological Notes. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 8. Number of degrees awarded, by level: Academic year 2004–05

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<th>Level of degree</th>
<th>Comparison group median (N=30)</th>
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<td>Associate's degrees</td>
<td>1,224</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degrees</td>
<td>2,244</td>
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<td>Master's degrees</td>
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<td>Doctor's degrees</td>
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<td>2,292</td>
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<tr>
<td>First-professional degrees</td>
<td>2,244</td>
<td>2,292</td>
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NOTE: N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.

Figure 9. Percent distribution of core revenues, by source: Fiscal year 2005

NOTE: The comparison group median is based on those members of the comparison group that report finance data using the same accounting standards as the focus institution. For a detailed definition of core revenues, see the Methodological Notes. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 10. Core expenses per FTE enrollment, by function: Fiscal year 2005

NOTE: The comparison group median is based on those members of the comparison group that report finance data using the same accounting standards as the focus institution. Expenses per full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, particularly instruction, may be inflated because finance data includes all core expenses while FTE reflects credit activity only. For details on calculating FTE enrollment and a detailed definition of core expenses, see the Methodological Notes. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 11. Full-time equivalent staff by assigned position: Fall 2005

NOTE: Graduate assistants are not included in this figure. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.


Figure 12. Average salaries of full-time instructional staff equated to 9-month contracts, by academic rank: Academic year 2005–06

NOTE: Average full-time instructional staff salaries for 11/12-month contracts were adjusted to 9-month average salaries by multiplying the 11/12-month salary by .8182. Salaries based on less than 9-month contracts are not included. Medical school staff salaries are not included. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.

Using some of your institution's characteristics, a group of comparison institutions was selected for you. The characteristics include private, not-for-profit, 4-year, degree-granting, Carnegie Classification of Baccalaureate Colleges - Liberal Arts, in the Great Lakes region of the country. This comparison group includes the following 30 institutions:

- Adrian College (Adrian, MI)
- Albion College (Albion, MI)
- Alma College (Alma, MI)
- Antioch College (Yellow Springs, OH)
- Augustana College (Rock Island, IL)
- Beloit College (Beloit, WI)
- Blackburn College (Carlinville, IL)
- Denison University (Granville, OH)
- DePauw University (Greencastle, IN)
- Earlham College (Richmond, IN)
- Goshen College (Goshen, IN)
- Hanover College (Hanover, IN)
- Hiram College (Hiram, OH)
- Hope College (Holland, MI)
- Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, IL)
- Kalamazoo College (Kalamazoo, MI)
- Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)
- Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, IL)
- Lawrence University (Appleton, WI)
- Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL)
- Muskingum College (New Concord, OH)
- Oberlin College (Oberlin, OH)
- Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)
- Olivet College (Olivet, MI)
- Ripon College (Ripon, WI)
- Shimer College (Waukegan, IL)
- The College of Wooster (Wooster, OH)
- Wabash College ( Crawfordsville, IN)
- Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)
- Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH)
Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) (see identifiable information collected by NCES —the Privacy Act of Four laws cover protection of the confidentiality of individually identifiable information collected by NCES—the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended; the E-Government Act of 2002; the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002; and the USA Patriot Act of 2001. Under law, public use data collected and distributed by NCES may be used only for statistical purposes. Any effort to determine the identity of any reported case is prohibited by law. In order to preserve individuals’ confidentiality, data in the Graduation Rates and Student Financial Aid components, and the Salaries and Fall Staff sections of the Human Resources component of IPEDS are perturbed. Only perturbed data are available in the Peer Analysis System and the ExPT; the perturbed data were used in creating this report.

Comparison Groups
Comparison group data are included to provide a context for interpreting your institution’s statistics. If your institution did not define a Custom Comparison Group for this report by June 30, 2006, NCES selected a comparison group for you based on the institutional characteristics detailed immediately above the listing of the comparison group institutions. (If the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education was used as an institutional characteristic in the definition of a comparison group, the 2000 version was used.) The comparison group used in this report may not reflect your institution’s peer group or you may wish to compare your institution to multiple groups of institutions. The Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) (see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds under “publications.”)

Use of Median Values for Comparison Group
The value for the focus institution is compared to the median value for the comparison group for each statistic included in the figure. If more than one statistic is presented in a figure, the median values are determined separately for each indicator or statistic. Where percent distributions are presented, median values may not add to 100 percent. Through the ExPT, users have access to all of the data used to create the figures included in this report.

Missing Statistics
If a statistic is not reported for your institution, the omission indicates that one of the following conditions exists: (1) the value of that statistic is not relevant to your institution and the data were not collected; or (2) the data required to compute the statistic for your institution were reported combined with data from another institution.

Use of Imputed Data
All IPEDS data are subject to imputation for nonresponse—both total (institutional) nonresponse and partial (item) nonresponse. Imputed values are included for both your institution and any institutions in your comparison group. For example, if an institution in your comparison group did not complete the Enrollment component, NCES imputed the data for that institution AND the imputed data were used in determining the median values for each comparison group statistic.

Data Perturbation and Confidentiality
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Descriptions of Statistics Used in the Figures
Calculating FTE Enrollment
The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment used in this report is the sum of the institutions’ FTE undergraduate enrollment and FTE graduate enrollment (as calculated from or reported on the 2005 Enrollment component) plus the estimated FTE of first-professional students. Undergraduate and graduate FTE are estimated using 12-month instructional activity (credit and/or contact hours). First-professional FTE is estimated by calculating the ratio of full-time to part-time first-professional students from the fall counts (Part A) and applying this ratio to the 12-month unduplicated headcount of first-professional students. The estimated number of full-time students is added to one-third of the estimated number of part-time students. See “Calculation of FTE Students (using instructional activity)” in the IPEDS Glossary at http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary/.

Calculating FTE for Staff
The full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff is calculated by summing the total number of full-time staff from the Employees by Assigned Position (EAP) section of the Human Resources component and adding one-third of the total number of part-time staff.

Cohort Determination for Reporting Student Financial Aid and Graduation Rates
Student cohorts for reporting Student Financial Aid and Graduation Rates data are based on the reporting type of the institution. For institutions that report based on an academic year (those operating on standard academic terms), student counts and cohorts are based on fall term data. Student counts and cohorts for program reporters (those that do not operate on standard academic terms) are based on unduplicated counts of students enrolled during a full 12-month period.

Core Expenses
Core expenses for public institutions (using the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards) include expenses for instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of plant, depreciation, scholarships and fellowships, other expenses, and nonoperating expenses. Core expenses for private, not-for-profit and public institutions reporting under the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) standards include expenses for instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, net grant aid to students, and other expenses. For both FASB and GASB institutions, core expenses exclude expenses

Knox College
Retention Rates

Full-time retention rates are defined as the number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who enter the institution for the first time in the fall and who return to the same institution the following fall (as either full or part time), divided by the total number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates in the fall of first entrance. Part-time retention rates are similarly defined. For 4-year institutions offering a bachelor's degree, this rate is reported only for those students seeking a bachelor's degree. For less than 4-year institutions, the rate is calculated for all degree- or certificate-seeking students.

Total Entering (undergraduate-level) Students

Total entering (undergraduate-level) students are all students coming into the institution for the first time. This includes students who initially attended the prior summer term and returned again in the fall; all first-time, first-year students; students transferring into the institution at any undergraduate level for the first time; both full-time and part-time students; and all degree/certificate-seeking as well as non-degree/certificate-seeking students.

Tuition and Required Fees

Tuition is defined as the amount of money charged to students for instructional services; required fees are those fixed sum charges to students for items not covered by tuition that are required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does not pay the charge is an exception. The amounts used in this report are for full-time first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates and are those used by the financial aid office to determine need. For institutions that have differential tuition rates for in-district or in-state students, the lowest tuition rate is used in the figure.

Additional Methodological Information

Additional methodological information on the IPEDS components can be found in the publications available at http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/getpubcats.asp?sid=010#011. Additional definitions of variables used in this report can be found in the IPEDS online glossary available at http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary/.