12-month Enrollment 2024-25

Institution: Missouri Southern State University (178341)

Overview

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12-month Enrollment Overview

The 12-month Enrollment survey component collects unduplicated student enrollment counts and instructional activity data for an entire 12-month period. Using the instructional activity data reported, a full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment at the undergraduate and graduate level is estimated (4-year institutions only). Institutions with Doctor's - professional practice students will also report the FTE enrollment of those students (4-year institutions only). NCES uses the FTE enrollment to produce indicators such as expenses by function per FTE as reported in the IPEDS Data Feedback Report.

Data Reporting Reminder:

- · All institutions must use the July 1 June 30 reporting period.
- · Report data to accurately reflect the time period corresponding with the IPEDS survey component, even if such reporting is seemingly inconsistent with prior-year reporting.

Changes in reporting

- The following changes were implemented for the 2024-25 data collection period:
 - Added screening question to indicate whether the institution enrolled high school students in college courses for credit during the 12-month reporting period. Note: This
 screening question originally appeared on the Institutional Characteristics Header component when first added in the 2023–24 data collection. This item was added to the 12month (E12) component in the 2024–25 data collection to better align the timing of this screening question to the reporting of the enrollment counts. This change was prompted
 by feedback from the IPEDS Help Desk and IPEDS data reporters that separating the screening question and enrollment count reporting on two different components led to
 confusion and timing misalignment.
 - · Revised the Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided Categories screen for clarity.
 - 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. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS data reporters and data users that IPEDS survey materials conflated the concepts of "transfer-in" and "non-firsttime," which led to misunderstanding in interpretation. This change will clearly separate these two concepts in the IPEDS survey materials to improve clarity and understanding of
 these terms.
 - Added a new FAQ to better clarify the relationship between "transfer-in" enrollment status on the Fall Enrollment (EF) and 12-month Enrollment (E12) components and the "non-first-time" cohort on the Outcome Measures (OM) component. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS data reporters and data users that the IPEDS survey materials conflated the concepts of "transfer-in" and "non-first-time," which led to misunderstanding in interpretation. This change will clearly separate these two concepts in IPEDS survey materials to improve clarity and understanding of these terms.
 - Revised definition for "Transfer-in student" Glossary term to improve clarity. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS data reporters and data users that the current definition for "Transfer-in student" led to misunderstanding in interpretation. This change will clarify this term for greater understanding among the IPEDS audiences.
 - Revised definition for "Non-first-time student (undergraduate)" Glossary term to improve clarity. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS data reporters and data users that the current definition for "Non-first-time student (undergraduate)" led to misunderstanding in interpretation. This change will clarify this term for greater understanding among the IPEDS audiences.
 - Revised definition for "Continuing/Returning student (undergraduate)" Glossary term to improve clarity. This change was prompted by feedback from the IPEDS data reporters
 and data users that the current definition for "Continuing/Returning student (undergraduate)" led to misunderstanding in interpretation. This change will clarify this term for
 greater understanding among the IPEDS audiences.

Resources:

- To download the survey materials for this component: Survey Materials
- To access your prior year data submission for this component: Reported Data

If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at 1-877-225-2568.

12-month Enrollment Screening Questions

1. Which instructional activity units will you use to report <u>undergraduate</u> instructional activity?

- Undergraduate instructional activity data in Part B may be reported in units of clock hours or credit hours.
- · Please note that any graduate level instructional activity must be reported in credit hours. (4-year institutions only)
 - O Clock hours
 - Oredit hours
 - O Both clock and credit hours (some undergraduate programs measured in clock hours and some measured in credit hours)

()You may use the box below to provide additional context for the data you have reported above. Context notes will be posted on the College Navigator website. Therefore, you should write all context notes using proper grammar (e.g., complete sentences with punctuation) and common language that can be easily understood by students and parents (e.g., spell out acronyms).

2. Did your institution enroll high school students in college courses for credit during the 12-month Enrollment (E12) reporting period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024?

If you answer **Yes** to this question, you will be able to report the unduplicated count of high school students enrolled in college courses for credit on Part C of the 12-month Enrollment (E12) survey component.

Yes.

- Within a dual enrollment program.
- Outside a dual enrollment program.

O No

Note:

Within a dual enrollment program is defined as within an organized system with special guidelines that allows high school students to take college-level courses. The guidelines might have to do with entrance or eligibility requirements, funding, limits on course taking, etc.

Outside a dual enrollment program is defined as high school students who simply enroll in credit courses through your institution, and are treated as regularly enrolled college students.

Part A - Unduplicated Count for Full-time Undergraduate Students

12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender - Full-time Undergraduate Students

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Reporting Reminders:

- The 12-month unduplicated count must be equal or greater than the corresponding prior year fall enrollment.
- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only
- Even though Teacher Preparation certificate programs may require a bachelor's degree for admission, they are considered subbaccalaureate undergraduate programs, and students in these programs are undergraduate students.

Men

		<u>Degr</u>	ree/certificate	-seeking	Non-degree/	Total, Full-time	
Students enrolled for <u>credit</u>	First-time	<u>Transfer-</u> in	Continuing/ Returning	Total degree/certificate- seeking	non-certificate- seeking	undergraduate students	
U.S. Nonresident	37	3	28	68	17	85	
Hispanic/Latino	19	9	54	82	1	83	
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	6	24	35	2	37	
Asian	12	5	22	39	1	40	
Black or African American	32	23	66	121	3	124	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4		8	12		12	
White	147	104	468	719	15	734	
Two or more races	2	2	8	12	1	13	
Race and ethnicity unknown	10	2	23	35	2	37	
Total men	268	154	701	1,123	42	1,165	
Total men prior year	241	145	671	1,057	13	1,070	

		<u>Deg</u>	ree/certificate	-seeking	Non-degree/	Total, Full-time	
Students enrolled for <u>credit</u>	<u>First-time</u>	<u>Transfer-</u> in	<u>Continuing/</u> <u>Returning</u>	Total degree/certificate- seeking	non-certificate- seeking	undergraduate students	
U.S. Nonresident	41	13	22	76	35	111	
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	36	36	101	173	4	177	
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	25	53	92	1	93	
Asian	10	9	20	39	1	40	
Black or African American	25	14	49	88	6	94	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1		4	5		5	
White	223	192	779	1,194	19	1,213	
Two or more races	5	4	15	24		24	
Race and ethnicity unknown	6	1	20	27	3	30	
Total women	361	294	1,063	1,718	69	1,787	
Total women prior year	348	200	1,076	1,624	55	1,679	
Grand total (2023-24)	629	448	1,764	2,841	111	2,952	
Prior year data:							
Grand total (men+women) prior year	589	345	1,747	2,681	68	2,749	
Total Full-time undergraduate enrollment Fall 2023 NOTE: Grand total (2023-24) calculated above is expected to be greater than total Full-time undergraduate enrollment Fall 2023.	537	303	1,685	2,525	69	2,594	

Part A - Unduplicated Count for Part-time Undergraduate Students

12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender - Part-time Undergraduate Students

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Reporting Reminders:

- The 12-month unduplicated count must be equal or greater than the corresponding prior year fall enrollment.
- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only
- Even though Teacher Preparation certificate programs may require a bachelor's degree for admission, they are considered subbaccalaureate undergraduate programs, and students in these programs are undergraduate students.

Men

		<u>Deg</u>	ree/certificate	-seeking	Non-degree/	Total, Part-time	
Students enrolled for <u>credit</u>	<u>First-time</u>	<u>Transfer-</u> <u>in</u>	<u>Continuing/</u> <u>Returning</u>	Total degree/certificate- seeking	non-certificate- seeking	undergraduate students	
U.S. Nonresident			4	4	2	6	
Hispanic/Latino	2	5	23	30	19	49	
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	3	9	17	4	21	
Asian	1	3	5	9	16	25	
Black or African American	8	8	11	27	7	34	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1		1	2	1	3	
White	23	44	164	231	264	495	
Two or more races		1	4	5	13	18	
Race and ethnicity unknown	1	5	2	8	56	64	
Total men	41	69	223	333	382	715	
Total men prior year	25	50	261	336	332	668	

		<u>Deg</u>	ree/certificate	-seeking	Non-degree/	Total, Part-time	
Students enrolled for <u>credit</u>	First-time	<u>Transfer-</u> <u>in</u>	Continuing/ Returning	Total degree/certificate- seeking	non-certificate- seeking	undergraduate students	
U.S. Nonresident		1	3	4		4	
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	4	9	38	51	49	100	
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	5	12	20	13	33	
Asian		2	6	8	14	22	
Black or African American	1	3	12	16	19	35	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			1	1	1	2	
White	29	51	242	322	424	746	
Two or more races		1	11	12	17	29	
Race and ethnicity unknown		1	3	4	115	119	
Total women	37	73	328	438	652	1,090	
Total women prior year	42	81	440	563	569	1,132	
Grand total (2023-24)	78	142	551	771	1,034	1,805	
Prior year data:							
Grand total (men+women) prior year	67	131	701	899	901	1,800	
Total Part-time undergraduate enrollment Fall 2023 NOTE: Grand total (2023-24) calculated above is expected to be greater than total Part-time undergraduate enrollment Fall 2023.	42	75	459	576	760	1,336	

Part A - Unduplicated Count for Undergraduate Students

12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender - Undergraduate Student Total

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Enrolled for credit	Total full-time undergraduate students	Total part-time undergraduate students	Grand total, all undergraduate students
U.S. Nonresident	85	6	91
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	83	49	132
American Indian or Alaska Native	37	21	58
Asian	40	25	65
Black or African American	124	34	158
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12	3	15
White	734	495	1,229
Two or more races	13	18	31
Race and ethnicity unknown	37	64	101
Total men	1,165	715	1,880

Enrolled for credit	Total full-time undergraduate students	Total part-time undergraduate students	Grand total, all undergraduate students
U.S. Nonresident	111	4	115
Hispanic/Latino	177	100	277
American Indian or Alaska Native	93	33	126
Asian	40	22	62
Black or African American	94	35	129
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	2	7
White	1,213	746	1,959
Two or more races	24	29	53
Race and ethnicity unknown	30	119	149
Total women	1,787	1,090	2,877
Grand Total (men+women)	2,952	1,805	4,757

Part A - Unduplicated Count for Graduate Students

12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender - Full-time and Part-time Graduate Students

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Reporting Reminders:

- The 12-month unduplicated count must be equal or greater than the corresponding prior year fall enrollment.
- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only
- Report all postbaccalaureate degree and certificate students as graduate students, including any doctor's professional practice students (formerly first-professional)

Men

Students <u>enrolled for credit</u>		Graduate students			
Students enrolled for creat	Total <u>full-time</u>	Total part-time	Total graduate students		
U.S. Nonresident			0		
Hispanic/Latino		4	4		
American Indian or Alaska Native			0		
Asian		1	1		
Black or African American	2		2		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			0		
White	7	28	35		
Two or more races		1	1		
Race and ethnicity unknown	2	6	8		
Total men	11	40	51		
Total men prior year			40		

Ctudente enrelled for predit	Graduate students			
Students <u>enrolled for credit</u>	Total <u>full-time</u>	Total <u>part-time</u>	Total Graduate students	
U.S. Nonresident	2	1	3	
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	2	3	5	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	5	6	
Asian		4	4	
Black or African American		1	1	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			0	
White	22	103	125	
Two or more races		1	1	
Race and ethnicity unknown	2	12	14	
Total women	29	130	159	
Total women prior year			69	

Grand total (2023-24)	40	170	✔ 210
Prior year data:			
Unduplicated headcount (2022-23)			109
Total graduate enrollment Fall 2023 NOTE: Grand total (2023-24) calculated above is expected to be greater than Total graduate enrollment Fall 2023.	31	129	160

Part A - Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided Categories

12-month Unduplicated Count by Gender Unknown or Another Gender than Provided Categories

Reporting Reminders:

- The purpose of this supplemental section is to determine whether institutions are able to report the number of students for whom gender is unknown and the number of students for whom gender does not align with the 'Men' and 'Women' categories. Note that these students must still be allocated into the 'Men' and 'Women' categories in all other sections of the survey component.
- Institutions should not ask students that do not select a binary gender to allocate themselves to a binary gender category; it is up to the institution to allocate unknown students and students that indicate another gender into the binary categories throughout the forms where required. One method commonly used by institutions is to allocate these students to the binary categories required in other parts of the form using the proportion of men to women reported.
- The 'gender unknown' category is to report students for whom the institution does not know a gender.

Is your institution able to report another gender for the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 reporting period?

If you indicate 'No, my institution is not able to report another gender,' leave the cells in the rows for 'Another gender' blank (i.e., do not report 0). If you indicate 'No, some cells will have a value of less than 5 students,' your institution collects data on another gender, but some cells have a value of less than 5 students, do not report the data and leave the cells in the rows for 'Another gender' blank. If you indicate 'Yes', but no students identified as another gender, please enter '0'.

Undergraduate students:

- No, my institution is not able to report another gender (do not report)
- O No, some cells will have a value of less than 5 students (do not report)
- O Yes

Graduate students:

- No, my institution is not able to report another gender (do not report)
- O No, some cells will have a value of less than 5 students (do not report)
- O Yes

Of the total students reported, how many students did you allocate to a binary gender category (Men/Women) because their gender was unknown or another gender than the provided categories?

	Number of students			
	Undergraduate students		Graduate students	
	Current Year	Prior year	Current Year	Prior year
Grand total	4,757	4,549	210	109
Gender unknown (i.e., gender information is not known or not collected).	2	0	0	0
Another gender (i.e., gender information is known but does not fall into either of the mutually exclusive binary categories provided [Men/Women]).				
Total of Gender unknown + Another gender	2	0	0	0
Total of Students for whom gender is known and falls into one of the mutually exclusive binary categories provided [Men/Women]	4,755	4,549	210	109

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Part A - 12-month Enrollment by Distance Education Status

12-month Unduplicated Count - Distance Education Status

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	<u>Underg</u>	Graduate Students	
	Degree/certificate-seeking	Non-degree/non-certificate-seeking	Gladuate Students
Students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses	595	350	120
Students enrolled in at least one but not all distance education courses	2,590	183	31
Students not enrolled in any distance education courses	427	612	59
Total (Carried forward from part A)	3,612	1,145	210

⁽¹⁾You may use the box below to provide additional context for the data you have reported above. Context notes will be posted on the College Navigator website. Therefore, you should write all context notes using proper grammar (e.g., complete sentences with punctuation) and common language that can be easily understood by students and parents (e.g., spell out acronyms).

12-month Instructional Activity

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Instructional Activity Reporting Reminder:

- Instructional activity is used to <u>calculate</u> an IPEDS FTE based on the institution's reported calendar system.
- Graduate credit hour activity should not include any doctor's professional practice activity, the total of those students' FTE is entered separately instead.
- FTE Reporting Reminder:
 - Institutions need not report their own calculations of undergraduate or graduate FTE unless IPEDS FTE <u>calculations</u> would be misleading for comparison purposes among all IPEDS reporting institutions.

Instructional Activity

	2023-24 total activity	Prior year data
Undergraduate level:		
Credit hour activity	90,990	83,149
Graduate level:		
Credit hour activity	2,724	1,319

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of Students

Calendar system (as reported on the prior year IC survey component):	Semester

If the IPEDS <u>calculated</u> FTE estimates below are not reasonable, **AND** you have reported the correct instructional activity hours above, enter your best FTE estimate in the "Institution reported FTE" column below and save the page. This option should be used **ONLY** if the calculated estimate is not reasonable for your institution and IPEDS comparisons.

Please provide your best estimate of undergraduate and graduate FTE for the 12-month reporting period only if the calculated FTE estimate below is not reasonable for IPEDS comparison purposes. Please provide an explanation in the context box if the option is used due to Coronavirus Pandemic.

	Calculated FTE 2023-24	Institution reported FTE 2023-24	Prior year FTE 2022-23	
Undergraduate student FTE	3,033	3,033	2,772	
Graduate student FTE	114	114	55	
Total FTE students	3,147	3,147	2,827	
Ontext notes will be posted on the College Navigator website. Therefore, you should write all context notes using proper grammar (e.g., complete sentences with punctuation) and				

common language that can be easily understood by students and parents (e.g., spell out acronyms).

Part C – Unduplicated Count of Dual Enrolled Students

12-month Unduplicated Count of Dual Enrolled Students

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Reporting Reminders:

- The number of high school students enrolled in college courses for credit was reported in Part A as part of the non-degree/non-certificate-seeking unduplicated enrollment.
 - The number of high school students enrolled in college courses for credit reported in Part C will have some duplication with the non-degree/non-certificate-seeking enrollment students reported in Part A.
 - The number of high school students enrolled in college courses for credit reported in Part C should be less than the number of non-degree/non-certificate-seeking students reported in Part A unless all these students at your institution are high school students enrolled in college courses for credit.
- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

In Part A, your institution reported the following number of students	1.145
in the non-degree/non-certificate-seeking unduplicated headcount.	1,145

	High school	students enrolled in college course	s for credit
	Men	Women	Total
U.S. Nonresident	2	0	2
<u>Hispanic/Latino</u>	18	47	65
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	9	11
Asian	16	12	28
Black or African American	8	24	32
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1	2
White	244	377	621
Two or more races	13	16	29
Race and ethnicity unknown	53	101	1 54
Total	357	587	944
Total prior year	320	555	875

Prepared by

Prepared by

Reporting Reminders:

- The name of the preparer is being collected so that we can follow up with the appropriate person in the event that there are questions concerning the data.
- The Keyholder will be copied on all email correspondence to other preparers.
- The time it took to prepare this component is being collected so that we can continue to improve our estimate of the reporting burden associated with IPEDS.
- Please include in your estimate the time it took for you to review instructions, query and search data sources, complete and review the component, and submit the data through the Data Collection System.
- Thank you for your assistance.

This survey cor	This survey component was prepared by:						
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How many staff from your institution only were involved in the data collection and reporting process of this survey component?

2.00 Number of Staff (including yourself)

How many hours did you and others from your institution only spend on each of the steps below when responding to this survey component? Exclude the hours spent collecting data for state and other reporting purposes.

Staff member	Collecting Data Needed	Revising Data to Match IPEDS Requirements	Entering Data	Revising and Locking Data
Your office	hours	2.00 hours	2.00 hours	hours
Other offices	hours	hours	hours	hours

Summary

12-Month Enrollment Component Summary

The purpose of this summary is to provide you an opportunity to view some of the data that, when accepted through the IPEDS quality control process, will appear on the <u>College</u> <u>Navigator</u> website and/or your institution's Data Feedback Report (DFR). In addition, all data reported in IPEDS survey components become publicly available through the <u>IPEDS Use the</u> <u>Data</u> and appear as aggregated statistics in various Department of Education reports. <u>College Navigator</u> is updated approximately three months after the data collection period closes and DFRs will be available through the <u>IPEDS Use the Data</u> and sent to your institution's CEO at the end of 2025.

Please review your data for accuracy. If you have questions about the data displayed below or after reviewing the data reported on the survey screens, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at: 1-877-225-2568 or <u>ipedshelp@rti.org</u>.

12-Month Unduplicated Headcount and Full-Time Equivalent Students		
Total 12-month unduplicated headcount enrollment	4,967	
Undergraduate student unduplicated headcount enrollment	4,757	
Graduate student unduplicated headcount enrollment	210	
Total 12-month full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment	3,147	
Undergraduate student FTE enrollment	3,033	
Graduate student FTE enrollment	114	
Doctor's-professional practice FTE enrollment		

Total 12-month Undergraduate Student Characteristics	
Percent of undergraduate students who are female	60 %
Percent of undergraduate students who are full-time	62 %
Percent of undergraduate students who are enrolled exclusively in distance education courses	20 %

Percent of undergraduate students by U.S. resident status and race/ethnicity: Note: Race/ethnicity is not collected for U.S. Nonresidents.

U.S. Resider	t	96 %
	American Indian or Alaska Native	4 %
	Asian	3 %
	Black or African American	6 %
	Hispanic/Latino	9 %
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0 %
	White	67 %
	Two or More Races	2 %
	Race and ethnicity unknown	5 %
U.S. Nonres	ident	4 %

Total 12-month Graduate Student Characteristics		
Percent of graduate students who are female	76 %	
Percent of graduate students who are full-time	19 %	
Percent of graduate students who are enrolled exclusively in distance education courses	57 %	

Percent of graduate students by U.S. resident status and race/ethnicity: Note: Race/ethnicity is not collected for U.S. Nonresidents.			
U.S. Resident	U.S. Resident		
	American Indian or Alaska Native		
	Asian	2 %	
	Black or African American	1 %	
	Hispanic/Latino	4 %	
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0 %	

	White	76 %
	Two or More Races	1 %
	Race and ethnicity unknown	10 %
U .S. Nonreside	ent	1 %

Edit Report

12-month Enrollment

Source	Description	Severity	Resolved	Options
Screen: Graduate Students				
Upload File	The 12-month unduplicated count of graduate students (210) is outside the expected range of between 77 and 141 when compared to the prior year value reported for this student level. Please correct your data or explain the change in enrollment. (Error #9308)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason	Missouri Southern State University is adding new graduate programs and thus there has been an increase in graduate student enrollment.			
Screen: Instructional Activity				
Upload File	The institution-reported FTE entered on the Part B – Instructional Activity screen is significantly different from the value reported in the prior year. Please correct your data or explain the reason for this variance, detailing the method used to calculate the entered FTE. (Error #9859)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason	Missouri Southern State University is adding new graduate programs and thus there has been an increase in graduate student enrollment and generated graduate credit hours that is reflected in graduate FTE.			
Related Screens	Instructional Activity			
Screen: Dual Enrolled Students				
Screen Entry	The percentage of dual enrolled students (men + women) whose race and ethnicity are unknown is greater than expected. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #9382)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason	Per the U.S. Department of Education's "Final Guidance on Maintaining, Collecting, and Reporting Racial and Ethnic Data to the U.S. Department of Education" 72 FR 59,266 (Oct. 19, 2007) individuals are not required to self-identify their race or ethnicity. Missouri Southern State University asks the two-part question for collecting racial and ethnic data, but the questions are optional.			