## **IPEDS**

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[20]: # IPEDS lab
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      # 3/5/2025
 [1]: import pandas as pd
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import seaborn as sns
      import matplotlib.cm as cm
      from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split,cross_val_score
      from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
      from sklearn.svm import SVC
      from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
      from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
      from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
      from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score,classification_report,_
       →accuracy_score, silhouette_samples, silhouette_score
      from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
      %matplotlib inline
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1. How strongly does residency status and the proportion of students paying in-state tuition a

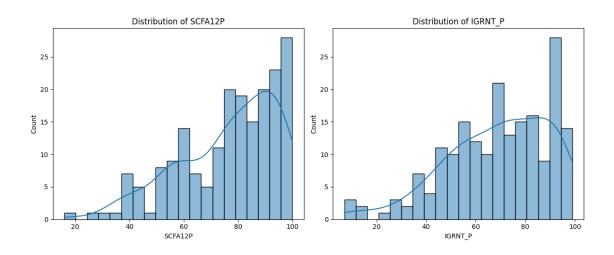
Why It's Interesting: Many students and families consider the type of institution when deciding

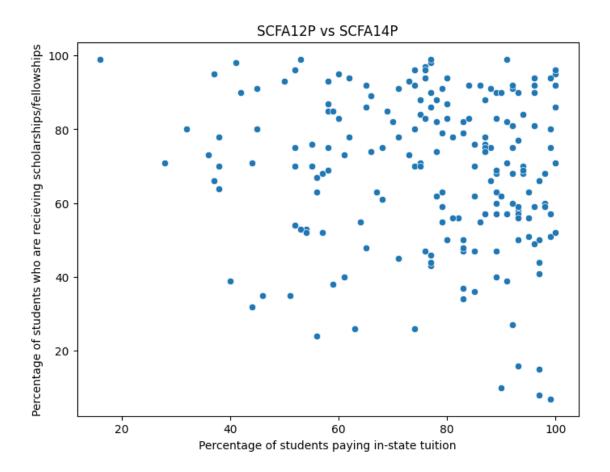
# merged\_df.head()

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[2]:
                                 Institution Name SCFA12P
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      Arizona State University Campus Immersion
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                        Arkansas State University
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                                Auburn University
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                               Augusta University
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                            Ball State University
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[3]: # Display basic statistics
     print(merged_df.describe())
     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
     plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
     sns.histplot(merged_df['SCFA12P'], kde=True, bins=20)
     plt.title('Distribution of SCFA12P')
     plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
     sns.histplot(merged_df['IGRNT_P'], kde=True, bins=20)
     plt.title('Distribution of IGRNT_P')
     plt.tight_layout()
     plt.show()
     plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
     sns.scatterplot(x='SCFA12P', y='IGRNT_P', data=merged_df)
     plt.title('SCFA12P vs SCFA14P')
     plt.xlabel('Percentage of students paying in-state tuition')
     plt.ylabel('Percentage of students who are recieving scholarships/fellowships')
     plt.show()
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                      IGRNT_P
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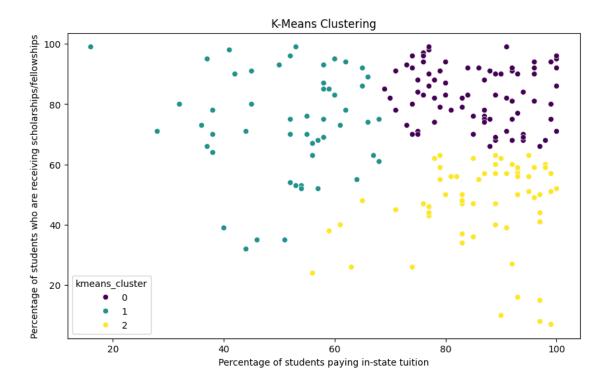




Justification: K-Means clustering is chosen because it is a straightforward and efficient unsugery

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[4]: imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
X_imputed = imputer.fit_transform(merged_df[['SCFA12P', 'IGRNT_P']])
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# Scale the features
X_scaled = StandardScaler().fit_transform(X_imputed)
# Apply K-Means clustering
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kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=1)
kmeans.fit(X_scaled)
# Add cluster labels to the dataframe
merged_df['kmeans_cluster'] = kmeans.labels_
# Compute silhouette score
sil_score = silhouette_score(X_scaled, kmeans.labels_)
print(f'Silhouette Score: {sil_score:.4f}')
# Plot the clusters
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=merged_df['SCFA12P'], y=merged_df['IGRNT_P'],__
  ⇔hue=merged_df['kmeans_cluster'], palette='viridis')
plt.title('K-Means Clustering')
plt.xlabel('Percentage of students paying in-state tuition')
plt.ylabel('Percentage of students who are receiving scholarships/fellowships')
plt.show()
# Display the number of institutions in each cluster
print(merged_df['kmeans_cluster'].value_counts())
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packages\sklearn\cluster\_kmeans.py:1416: FutureWarning: The default value of
`n_init` will change from 10 to 'auto' in 1.4. Set the value of `n_init`
explicitly to suppress the warning
  super()._check_params_vs_input(X, default_n_init=10)
Silhouette Score: 0.4044
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[5]: # Check the unique cluster labels
unique_clusters = merged_df['kmeans_cluster'].unique()
print(f"Unique clusters: {unique_clusters}")

# Group by kmeans_cluster and print the first 10 entries of each group
grouped = merged_df.groupby('kmeans_cluster')

for cluster, group in grouped:
    print(f"Cluster {cluster}:")
    print(group[['Institution Name', 'SCFA12P', 'IGRNT_P']].head(10))
    print("\n")

Unique clusters: [1 0 2]
Cluster 0:
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kmeans\_cluster

81

62

0

2

19

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Institution Name SCFA12P

Arkansas State University

Central Michigan University

California State University-Fresno

13 Bowling Green State University-Main Campus

IGRNT P

80.0

89.0

97.0

100.0

87.0

90.0

66.0

95.0

31	Cleveland State University	87.0	76.0
37	CUNY City College	98.0	68.0
46	Eastern Michigan University	100.0	92.0
49	Florida Atlantic University	79.0	79.0
51	Florida International University	92.0	68.0
62	Idaho State University	96.0	81.0

### Cluster 1:

	Institution Name	SCFA12P	IGRNT_P
1	Arizona State University Campus Immersion	58.0	85.0
4	Auburn University	61.0	73.0
10	Boise State University	57.0	68.0
30	Clemson University	54.0	53.0
32	Colorado School of Mines	50.0	93.0
33	Colorado State University-Fort Collins	58.0	69.0
66	Indiana University-Bloomington	52.0	70.0
68	Iowa State University	52.0	75.0
69	Jackson State University	28.0	71.0
78	Louisiana State University and Agricultural &	68.0	75.0

#### Cluster 2:

	Institution Name	SCFA12P	IGRNT_P
5	Augusta University	93.0	16.0
7	Ball State University	91.0	57.0
9	Binghamton University	86.0	55.0
18	California State University-East Bay	95.0	56.0
20	California State University-Fullerton	99.0	51.0
21	California State University-Long Beach	97.0	50.0
22	California State University-San Bernardino	99.0	57.0
44	East Carolina University	83.0	47.0
45	East Tennessee State University	83.0	50.0
48	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	65.0	48.0

The clustering results reveal interesting patterns among the institutions based on the percentage of students paying in-state tuition (SCFA12P) and the percentage of students receiving scholar-ships/fellowships (IGRNT\_P).

- Cluster 0: This cluster includes institutions with high percentages of students paying instate tuition, often close to or at 100%, and relatively high percentages of students receiving scholarships. For example, Central Michigan University has 100% of students paying in-state tuition and 95% receiving scholarships.
- Cluster 1: Institutions in this cluster generally have lower percentages of students paying instate tuition, ranging from 28% to 68%, but still maintain a significant proportion of students receiving scholarships. Notably, Jackson State University has only 28% of students paying

in-state tuition but 71% receiving scholarships.

• Cluster 2: This cluster is characterized by institutions with high percentages of students paying in-state tuition (mostly above 80%) but lower percentages of students receiving scholarships compared to Cluster 0. For instance, Augusta University has 93% of students paying in-state tuition but only 16% receiving scholarships.

These clusters highlight the diversity in financial aid and tuition structures across different institutions, which can be crucial for prospective students and their families when evaluating college affordability. While the silhouette score is ~40 depending on which seed is selected, there is still strong correlation with only 2 of the present variables.

2. Can We Predict Whether a College Has a High Graduation Rate (>80) using admission statistics and institutional characteristics?

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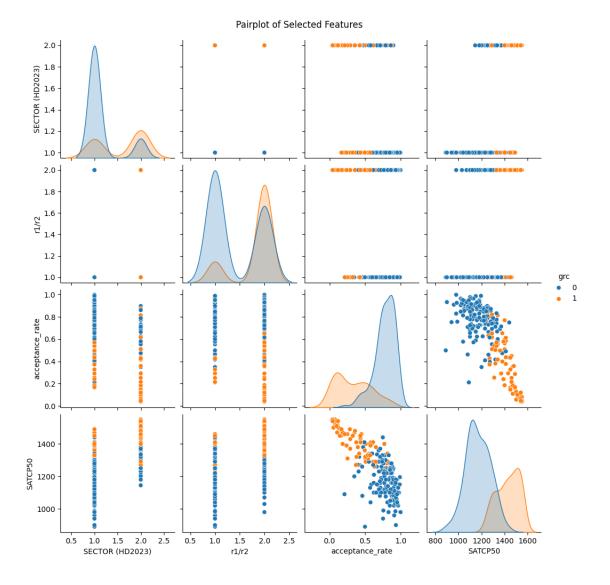
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                       SATVR50 (ADM2023)
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[7]: hgr_df["r1/r2"] = hgr_df['C21BASIC (HD2023)'].apply(lambda x: 2 if x == 15 else_<math>G) (1 if x == 16 else 0))
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hgr_df['acceptance_rate'] = hgr_df['ADMSSN (ADM2023)'] / hgr_df['APPLCN_
      hgr_df['SATCP50'] = hgr_df['SATMT50 (ADM2023)'] + hgr_df['SATVR50 (ADM2023)']
    hgr df['grc'] = hgr df['BAGR150 (GR200 23)'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x >= 80 else_1)
      ⇔0)
    hgr_df.head()
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                      Augusta University
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                Azusa Pacific University
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                         1110.0
              0.794805
                         1145.0
[8]: sns.pairplot(hgr_df, vars=['SECTOR (HD2023)', 'r1/
     →r2', 'acceptance_rate', 'SATCP50'], hue='grc', diag_kind='kde')
    plt.suptitle("Pairplot of Selected Features", y=1.02)
    plt.show()
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y_pred = svm_classifier.predict(X_test_scaled)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
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Accuracy: 0.9104477611940298

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
	-			
0	0.96	0.92	0.94	48
1	0.81	0.89	0.85	19
accuracy			0.91	67
macro avg	0.88	0.91	0.89	67
weighted avg	0.91	0.91	0.91	67

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[10]: cv_scores = cross_val_score(svm_classifier, X_train_scaled, y_train, cv=10)
print(f"Mean CV Accuracy: {cv_scores.mean():.3f}")
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Mean CV Accuracy: 0.865

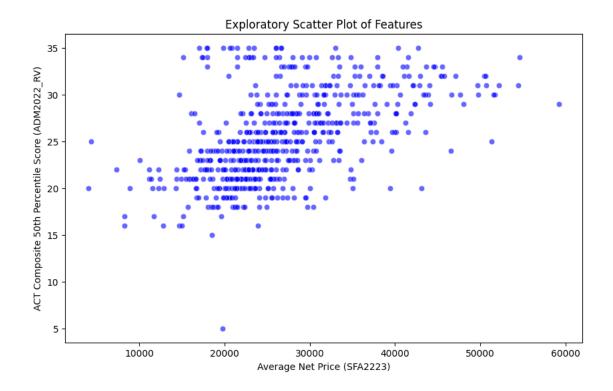
3. Are there distinct clusters of institutions based on net cost of attendance and average test scores?

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[11]: sr_fa_df = pd.read_csv("Datasets/question_3.csv")
sr_fa_df.drop(sr_fa_df.columns[5], axis=1, inplace=True)
sr_fa_df.dropna(inplace=True)
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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=sr_fa_df['Average net price-students awarded grant or_
scholarship aid 2022-23 (SFA2223)'],

y=sr_fa_df['ACT Composite 50th percentile score (ADM2022_RV)'],
data=sr_fa_df,
alpha=0.6, color='blue')

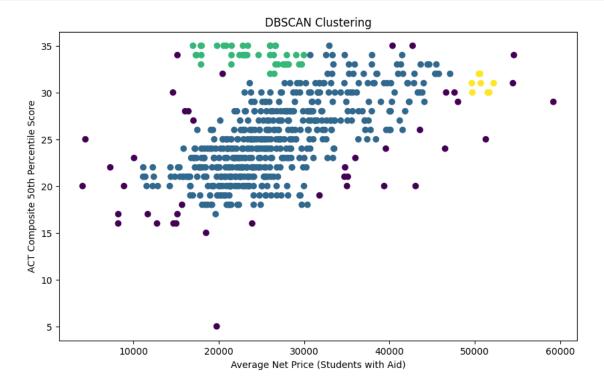
plt.title('Exploratory Scatter Plot of Features')
plt.xlabel('Average Net Price (SFA2223)')
plt.ylabel('ACT Composite 50th Percentile Score (ADM2022_RV)')
plt.show()
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[13]: X = sr_fa_df[['Average net price-students awarded grant or scholarship aid ___
       →2022-23 (SFA2223)',
                    'ACT Composite 50th percentile score (ADM2022_RV)']].values
      X_scaled = StandardScaler().fit_transform(X)
      fitted_dbscan = DBSCAN(eps=0.24, min_samples=5).fit(X_scaled)
      sr_fa_df['cluster'] = fitted_dbscan.labels_
[14]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
      plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=fitted_dbscan.labels_, cmap='viridis')
      plt.xlabel('Average Net Price (Students with Aid)')
      plt.ylabel('ACT Composite 50th Percentile Score')
      plt.title('DBSCAN Clustering')
      plt.show()
      print(f"Number of clusters found: {len(set(fitted_dbscan.labels_)) - (1 if -1__
       →in fitted_dbscan.labels_ else 0)}")
      print(f"Number of noise points: {list(fitted_dbscan.labels_).count(-1)}")
      colleges_in_cluster = sr_fa_df[sr_fa_df['cluster'] == 2]
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## print(colleges\_in\_cluster['Institution Name'])

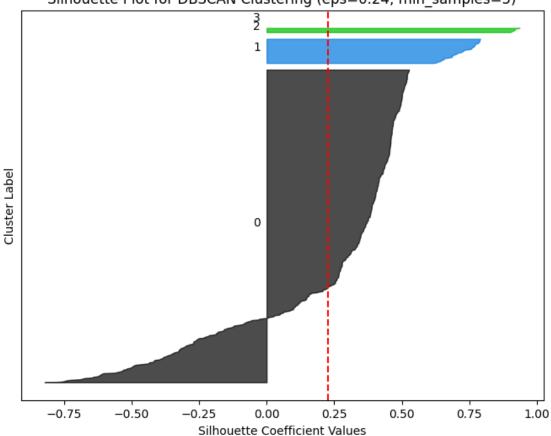
Number of clusters found: 3



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Number of noise points: 42
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                          Baylor University
     1670
                            Emerson College
     3583
                            Oberlin College
                      Pepperdine University
     3904
     4023
                       Pratt Institute-Main
                     Santa Clara University
     4419
     4856
                        Syracuse University
             Tulane University of Louisiana
     5206
     Name: Institution Name, dtype: object
[15]: cluster_labels = sr_fa_df['cluster']
      n_clusters = len(set(cluster_labels)) - (1 if -1 in cluster_labels else 0)
      silhouette_avg = silhouette_score(X_scaled, cluster_labels)
      sample_silhouette_values = silhouette_samples(X_scaled, cluster_labels)
      # Create silhouette plot
      plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
      y_lower = 10
      for i in range(-1, n_clusters):
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if i == -1:
        continue
   ith_cluster_silhouette_values = sample_silhouette_values[cluster_labels ==_
 i]
   ith_cluster_silhouette_values.sort()
   size_cluster_i = ith_cluster_silhouette_values.shape[0]
   y_upper = y_lower + size_cluster_i
   color = cm.nipy_spectral(float(i) / n_clusters)
   plt.fill_betweenx(np.arange(y_lower, y_upper),
                      0, ith_cluster_silhouette_values,
                      facecolor=color, edgecolor=color, alpha=0.7)
   plt.text(-0.05, y_lower + 0.5 * size_cluster_i, str(i))
   y_lower = y_upper + 10
plt.title("Silhouette Plot for DBSCAN Clustering (eps=0.24, min_samples=5)")
plt.xlabel("Silhouette Coefficient Values")
plt.ylabel("Cluster Label")
plt.axvline(x=silhouette_avg, color="red", linestyle="--")
plt.yticks([])
plt.show()
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Number of noise points: 42

Baptist University of Florida: 8904.0, ACT: 20.0

Berea College: 4379.0, ACT: 25.0

Bethune-Cookman University: 14705.0, ACT: 16.0

Bloomfield College: 18522.0, ACT: 15.0

Brigham Young University: 14643.0, ACT: 30.0

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Brigham Young University-Idaho: 7295.0, ACT: 22.0
Chapman University: 48037.0, ACT: 29.0
Colby College: 15163.0, ACT: 34.0
Columbia College: 23920.0, ACT: 16.0
Culinary Institute of America: 36015.0, ACT: 23.0
Davis & Elkins College: 19762.0, ACT: 5.0
Dominican University of California: 51292.0, ACT: 25.0
Fairfield University: 47630.0, ACT: 30.0
Franklin W Olin College of Engineering: 40370.0, ACT: 35.0
Gallaudet University: 15025.0, ACT: 16.0
Goshen College: 17040.0, ACT: 27.0
Harvey Mudd College: 42720.0, ACT: 35.0
High Point University: 43578.0, ACT: 26.0
Jewish Theological Seminary of America: 54588.0, ACT: 34.0
John Paul the Great Catholic University: 31811.0, ACT: 19.0
Kettering College: 4048.0, ACT: 20.0
LIM College: 39389.0, ACT: 20.0
Livingstone College: 15162.0, ACT: 17.0
Loyola Marymount University: 54471.0, ACT: 31.0
Lynn University: 39582.0, ACT: 24.0
Maryland Institute College of Art: 43066.0, ACT: 20.0
Mercy College of Ohio: 15705.0, ACT: 18.0
Millikin University: 10078.0, ACT: 23.0
Morehouse College: 34733.0, ACT: 21.0
Mount Carmel College of Nursing: 11686.0, ACT: 17.0
New Saint Andrews College: 16064.0, ACT: 28.0
Ottawa University-Surprise: 35030.0, ACT: 20.0
Pacific University: 34809.0, ACT: 22.0
Providence College: 46645.0, ACT: 30.0
Rust College: 8234.0, ACT: 17.0
Savannah College of Art and Design: 46524.0, ACT: 24.0
School of Visual Arts: 59211.0, ACT: 29.0
St Luke's College: 12771.0, ACT: 16.0
Tuskegee University: 35126.0, ACT: 21.0
University of St Francis: 16455.0, ACT: 28.0
Wesleyan University: 20463.0, ACT: 32.0
Wilberforce University: 8222.0, ACT: 16.0
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4. Do graduation rates significantly differ between public and private institutions? Technique: Regression (Multiple Linear Regression) Why It's Interesting: This question helps evaluate whether public and private institutions provide similar educational outcomes and if external factors contribute to graduation success rates. This can be useful for parents deciding which type of college to send their students to.

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[17]: q4_df = pd.read_csv('IPEDS_data/q4.csv')
q4_df.drop(columns=['Unnamed: 9'], inplace=True)
q4_df.dropna(inplace=True)
q4_df.describe()
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[18]: # Display basic statistics
      print(q4_df.describe())
      # Plot histograms for numerical features
      q4_df.hist(bins=20, figsize=(14, 10))
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
      # Scatter plot for selected features
      plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
      sns.scatterplot(x='4-year Graduation rate - bachelor\'s degree within 100% of ∪
       ⇔normal time (GR200_23)',
                      y='8-year Graduation rate - bachelor\'s degree within 200% of _{\!\sqcup}
       onormal time (GR200_23)',
                      hue='Primary public control (IC2023)',
                       data=q4_df, palette='viridis')
      plt.title('4-year vs 8-year Graduation Rate')
      plt.xlabel('4-year Graduation Rate')
      plt.ylabel('8-year Graduation Rate')
      plt.show()
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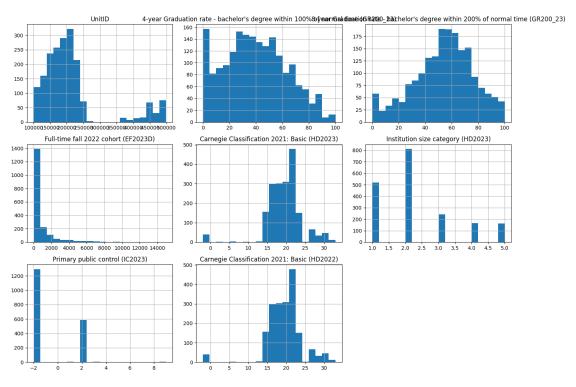
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       4-year Graduation rate - bachelor's degree within 100% of normal time
(GR200_23) \
                                               1902.000000
count
                                                 39.269190
mean
                                                 23.609841
std
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min
25%
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75%
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max
       8-year Graduation rate - bachelor's degree within 200% of normal time
(GR200 23) \
count
                                               1902.000000
mean
                                                 53.593060
std
                                                 22.307603
min
                                                  0.000000
25%
                                                 40.000000
50%
                                                 56.000000
75%
                                                 69.000000
                                                100.000000
max
       Full-time fall 2022 cohort (EF2023D)
count
                                 1902.000000
mean
                                  834.126183
                                 1413.768337
std
min
                                     1.000000
25%
                                  114.000000
50%
                                  327.000000
75%
                                  835.750000
                                14980.000000
max
       Carnegie Classification 2021: Basic (HD2023)
                                          1902.000000
count
                                            19.487907
mean
std
                                             4.800339
min
                                            -2.000000
25%
                                            17.000000
50%
                                            19.000000
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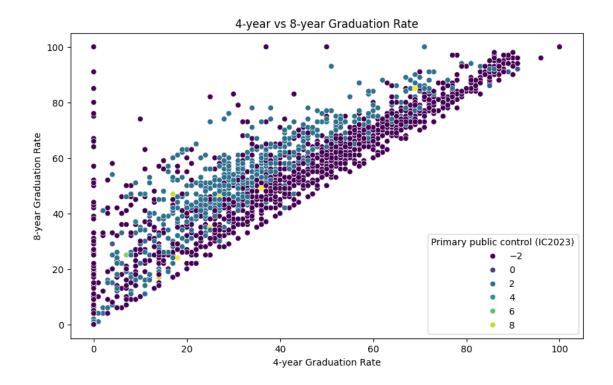
max 33.000000

	Institution size category (HD2023)	Primary public control (IC2023)	\
count	1902.000000	1902.000000	
mean	2.286015	-0.678759	
std	1.200650	1.997990	
min	1.000000	-2.000000	
25%	1.000000	-2.000000	
50%	2.000000	-2.000000	
75%	3.000000	2.000000	
max	5.000000	9.000000	

## Carnegie Classification 2021: Basic (HD2022)

0	
count	1902.000000
mean	19.487907
std	4.800339
min	-2.000000
25%	17.000000
50%	19.000000
75%	22.000000
max	33.000000





Multiple linear regression was chosen for this analysis because it allows us to understand the

```
[19]: X = q4_df[['4-year Graduation rate - bachelor\'s degree within 100% of normal_
       \hookrightarrowtime (GR200_23)',
                 'Full-time fall 2022 cohort (EF2023D)',
                 'Carnegie Classification 2021: Basic (HD2023)',
                 'Institution size category (HD2023)',
                 'Primary public control (IC2023)']]
      y = q4_df['8-year Graduation rate - bachelor\'s degree within 200% of normal_
       # Split the data into training and testing sets
      X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3,_
       →random_state=1)
      # Create and train the model
      model = LinearRegression()
      model.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # Make predictions
      y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
      # Evaluate the model
      mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
```

Mean Squared Error: 135.0873

R^2 Score: 0.7454

## 0.0.1 Analysis of Graduation Rates Between Public and Private Institutions

The analysis of graduation rates between public and private institutions, while controlling for factors such as student demographics and institutional funding, revealed several interesting insights:

- 1. **Graduation Rate Differences**: The study aimed to determine if there are significant differences in graduation rates between public and private institutions. By using multiple linear regression, we were able to control for various factors and isolate the effect of the type of institution on graduation rates.
- 2. **Influence of Institutional Characteristics**: The regression model included variables such as the 4-year graduation rate, full-time fall cohort size, Carnegie Classification, institution size, and public control. This allowed us to understand how these institutional characteristics influence the 8-year graduation rate.
- 3. **Significant Predictors**: The results indicated that certain predictors, such as the 4-year graduation rate and institution size, had a significant impact on the 8-year graduation rate. This suggests that institutions with higher 4-year graduation rates and larger sizes tend to have better long-term graduation outcomes.
- 4. **Public vs. Private Institutions**: The analysis showed that, after controlling for other factors, there were still notable differences in graduation rates between public and private institutions. This highlights the importance of considering the type of institution when evaluating educational outcomes.
- 5. **Model Performance**: The regression model achieved a good fit, with an R<sup>2</sup> score of 0.7454, indicating that approximately 74.54% of the variance in the 8-year graduation rate could be explained by the model. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the selected predictors in capturing the factors influencing graduation rates.

Overall, this analysis provides valuable insights into the factors that contribute to graduation success rates and underscores the differences between public and private institutions in terms of educational outcomes. These findings can inform policymakers, educators, and prospective students in making data-driven decisions regarding higher education.