

# Common Data Set 2024-2025

## University of Pennsylvania

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## A. General Information

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### A1 Address Information

Mailing Address:	University of Pennsylvania I College Hall, Room 100 Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228
City/State/Zip/Country:	
Main Phone Number:	215-898-5000
Home Page Address	www.upenn.edu
Admissions Phone Number:	215-898-7507
Admissions Office Mailing Address:	I College Hall Philadelphia, PA 19104
Admissions Fax Number:	215-898-9670
Admissions E-mail Address:	info@admissions.upenn.edu
Online application	www.admissions.upenn.edu

### A2 Source of institutional control (Check only one):

Public	
Private (nonprofit)	x
Proprietary	

#### Classify your undergraduate institution:

Coeducational college	x
Men's college	
Women's college	

### A4 Academic year calendar:

Semester	x
Quarter	
Trimester	
4-1-4	
Continuous	

### A5 Degrees offered by your institution:

Certificate	
Diploma	
Associate	
Transfer	
Terminal	
Bachelor's	x
Post-bachelor's certificate	x
Master's	x
Post-master's certificate	x
Doctoral degree - research/scholarship	x
Doctoral degree - professional practice	x
Doctoral degree - other	

### A6 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

<https://belonging.upenn.edu/>

In response to the implementation of Workday, Interfolio, and Penn's Next Generation Student Systems, IR&A is reviewing and assessing all reporting processes and making adjustments where appropriate. New conventions may impact trends in externally reported data and information. These adjustments are applied to the historical data presented in IR&A's internal tools to produce consistent trends over time when practical. Questions should be directed to IRAMail@pobox.upenn.edu.



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- B1** Institutional Enrollment - Men and Women: Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2024. Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells. Please see: [https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/pdf/Reporting\\_Study\\_Abroad\\_Students.pdf](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/pdf/Reporting_Study_Abroad_Students.pdf)

Undergraduate	FULL-TIME			PART-TIME		
	Men	Women	Another Gender	Men	Women	Another Gender
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	1,110	1,283		-	-	
Other first-year, degree-seeking						
All other degree-seeking	3,463	4,118		20	19	
Total degree-seeking	4,573	5,401		20	19	-
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses						
Total undergraduates	4,573	5,401		20	19	-
<b>Graduate</b>						
Degree-seeking, first-time	1,586	2,147		71	155	
All other degree-seeking	4,111	5,082		304	554	
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses						
Total graduate	5,697	7,229		375	709	
Total of all undergraduate degree-seeking students						10,013
Total of all graduate degree-seeking students						14,010
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS</b>						<b>24,023</b>

Note: Institutional enrollment headcounts include degree-seeking students enrolled in traditional programs.

- B2** Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category: Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2024.

Include international students only in the category "International (nonresidents)." Complete the "Total Undergraduates" column only if you cannot provide data for the first two columns. Report as your institution reports to IPEDS: persons who are Hispanic should be reported only on the Hispanic line, not under any race, and persons who are non-Hispanic multi-racial should be reported only under "Two or more races."

	Degree-Seeking First-Time First Year	Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (include first-time first-year)	Total Undergraduates (both degree- and non-degree- seeking)
International (nonresidents)	309	1,327	
Hispanic/Latinx	271	1,163	
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	206	876	
White, non-Hispanic	525	2,583	
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	8	15	
Asian, non-Hispanic	753	2,964	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1	2	
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	126	537	
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	194	546	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>10,013</b>	

### Persistence

- B3** Number of degrees awarded from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Certificate/diploma	
Associate's degrees	
Bachelor's degrees	2,634
Post-bachelor's certificates	
Master's degrees	4,473
Post-Master's certificates	
Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	595
Doctoral degrees – professional practice	844
Doctoral degrees – other	

Note: The enrollment population includes degree-seeking students enrolled in traditional programs. It excludes students in the following non-traditional programs: online, non-traditional, and non-credential-seeking students.

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### Graduation Rates

The items in this section correspond to data elements collected by the IPEDS Web-based Data Collection System's Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). For complete instructions and definitions of data elements, see the IPEDS GRS Forms and Instructions for the 2024-2025 Survey.

#### For Bachelor's or Equivalent Programs

- Students who received a Federal Pell Grant\*
- Recipients of a subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant
- Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan
- Total (all students, regardless of Pell Grant or subsidized loan status)

\*Students who received both a Federal Pell Grant and a subsidized Stafford Loan should be reported in the "Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant" column.

For each graduation rate grid below, the numbers in the first three columns for Questions A-G should sum to the cohort total in the fourth column (formerly CDS B4-B11)

Fall 2018 Cohort		Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	Total (sum of 3 columns to the left)
<b>A</b>	Initial 2018 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	317	106	2,037	2,460
<b>B</b>	Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: • Deceased • Permanently Disabled • Armed Forces • Foreign Aid Service of the Federal Government • Official church missions • Report Total Allowable Exclusions	-	-	1	1
<b>C</b>	Final 2018 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	317	106	2,036	2,459
<b>D</b>	Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2022)	270	89	1,767	2,126
<b>E</b>	Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2022 and by Aug. 31, 2023)	20	11	172	203
<b>F</b>	Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2023 and by Aug. 31, 2024)	4	1	40	45
<b>G</b>	Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	294	101	1,979	2,374
<b>H</b>	Six-year graduation rate for 2018 cohort (G divided by C)	92.7%	95.3%	97.2%	96.5%

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### Fall 2017 Cohort

Fall 2017 Cohort		Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	Total (sum of 3 columns to the left)
A	Initial 2017 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	317	113	1,984	2,414
B	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: • Deceased • Permanently Disabled • Armed Forces • Foreign Aid Service of the Federal Government • Official church missions • Report Total Allowable Exclusions	-	-	1	1
C	Final 2017 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	317	113	1,983	2,413
D	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2021)	268	101	1,755	2,124
E	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2021 and by Aug. 31, 2022)	28	4	153	185
F	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2022 and by Aug. 31, 2023)	5	3	18	26
G	Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	301	108	1,926	2,335
H	Six-year graduation rate for 2017 cohort (G divided by C)	95.0%	95.6%	97.1%	96.8%

### Retention Rates

Report for the cohort of Full-Time, 1st-time Bachelors (or equiv) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2023 (or the preceding summer term). Initial cohort may be adj. for students who departed for the following reasons ONLY: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government or official church missions.

<b>B22</b>	For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as freshmen in Fall 2023 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in Fall 2024?	98.8%
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### Applications

- C1** First-time, first-year (freshman) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 2024. Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort. Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission and who have been following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn - by applicant or institution. Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	30,339
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	34,887
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) unknown gender who applied	10
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	1,634
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	1,889
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	1,108
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	1,287
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who applied	65,236
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who were admitted	3,523
Total first-time, first-year (degree-seeking) who enrolled	2,395

	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Total
Total first-time, first-year (degree seeking) who applied	5,219	44,290	15,727	65,236
Total first-time, first-year (degree seeking) who were admitted	440	2,644	439	3,523
Total first-time, first-year (degree seeking) enrolled	348	1,733	314	2,395

- C2** Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability)

	Yes	No
Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	x	

If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2024 admissions:

Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	2,958
Number accepting a place on the waiting list	2,288
Number of wait-listed students admitted	66
Is your waiting list ranked?	No
If yes, do you release that information to students?	
Do you release that information to school counselors?	

### Admission Requirements

- C3** High school completion requirement

High school diploma is required and GED is accepted	x
High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted	
High school diploma or equivalent is not required	

- C4** Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-seeking students?

Require	
Recommend	x
Neither require nor recommend	



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- C5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended.** Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units		20
English		4
Mathematics		4
Science		4
Of these, units that must be lab		3
Foreign language		4
Social studies		2
History		2
Academic electives		
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (specify)+		

### Basis for Selection

- C6** Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? If so, check which applies:

Open admission policy as described above for all students

Open admission policy as described above for most students, but--

selective admission for out-of-state students  
selective admission to some programs  
other (explain)

- C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.**

Academic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of secondary school record	x			
Class rank		x		
Academic GPA	x			
Standardized test scores			x	
Application Essay	x			
Recommendation(s)	x			

### Nonacademic

Interview				x
Extracurricular activities		x		
Talent/ability		x		
Character/personal qualities	x			
First generation			x	
Alumni/ae relation			x	
Geographical residence			x	
State residency			x	
Religious affiliation/commitment				x
Volunteer work		x		
Work experience		x		
Level of applicant's interest				x

Please provide additional information if the importance of any specific academic or nonacademic factors differ by academic program.

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### SAT and ACT Policies

#### C8 Entrance exams

	Yes	No
Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C8A** If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for Fall 2026.

	ADMISSION				
	Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Considered
SAT or ACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACT only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAT only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C8D** In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>C8E</b>	Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission	N/A
	Latest date by which SAT Subject Test scores must be received for fall-term admission	N/A

**C8F** If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students due to differences by academic program, student academic background, or if other examinations may be considered in lieu of the SAT and ACT):

**C8G** Please indicate which tests your institution uses for placement (e.g., state tests):

SAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACT	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAT Subject Tests	<input type="checkbox"/>
AP	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLEP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institutional Exam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State Exam (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>

<https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/first-year-applicants/pre-college-credits>

### Freshman Profile

Provide percentages for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2024 including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

**C9** Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2024 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores.

Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa. If a student submitted multiple sets of scores for a single test, report this information according to how you use the data. For example: If you consider the highest scores from either submission, use the highest combination of scores (e.g., verbal from one submission, math from the other). If you average the scores, use the average to report the scores.

Percent submitting SAT scores	50%	Number submitting SAT scores	1,204
Percent submitting ACT scores	17%	Number submitting ACT scores	416

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For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the freshman population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25 percent scored at or above).

	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Evidence-Based Reading + Writing	740	760	770
SAT Math	770	790	800
ACT Composite	34	35	36
ACT Math	34	35	36
ACT English	35	35	36
ACT Writing			
ACT Science	33	34	36
ACT Reading	34	35	36

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

	SAT Composite	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	SAT Math
700-800		96%	98%
600-699		4%	2%
500-599		0%	0%
400-499			
300-399			
200-299			
Totals should = 100%		100%	100%

	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
30-36		99%	96%
24-29		1%	4%
18-23			
12-17			
6-11			
Below 6			
Totals should = 100%	0%	100%	100%

**C10** Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges (report information for those students from whom you collected high school rank information).

Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	91%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	99%
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	100%
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school class rank:	22%

Top half +  
bottom half = 100%

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- C11** Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale). Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.

Percent who had GPA of 4.0	59%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	31%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	5%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	5%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	0%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	0%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	0%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	0%
Percent who had GPA below 1.0	0%
Totals should = 100%	100%

- C12** Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA: 3.9
- Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school GPA: 91%

### Admission Policies

- C13 Application Fee**

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application fee?	x	
Amount of application fee:	\$75	

	Yes	No
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	x	

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for

Same fee:	x
Free:	
Reduced:	

	Yes	No
Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?	x	

- C14 Application closing date**

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application closing date?	x	
Application closing date (fall):	1/5	
Priority date:		

- C15**
- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall? |     | x  |

- C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent (fill in one only)**

On a rolling basis beginning (date):	
By (date):	Late March
Other:	

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### C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)

Must reply by (date):	5/1
No set date:	
Must reply by May 1 or within _____ weeks if notified thereafter	
Other:	
Deadline for housing deposit (MM/DD):	
Amount of housing deposit:	
Refundable if student does not enroll?	
Yes, in full	
Yes, in part	
No	

### C18 Deferred admission

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?	x	
If yes, maximum period of postponement:	2 years	

### C19 Early admission of high school students

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?		x

### C20 Common Application: Question removed from CDS, (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

#### Early Decision and Early Action Plans

### C21 Early Decision

	Yes	No
Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment?	x	
If "yes," please complete the following:		
First or only early decision plan closing date	11/1	
First or only early decision plan notification date	12/15	
Other early decision plan closing date		
Other early decision plan notification date		
For the Fall 2024 entering class:		
Number of early decision applications received by your institution	8,683	
Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan	1,235	
Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:		

### C22 Early action

	Yes	No
Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?		x
If "yes," please complete the following:		
Early action closing date		
Early action notification date		
Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?		
Yes		No

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### Fall Applicants

D1	Yes	No
Does your institution enroll transfer students? (If no, please skip to Section E)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, may transfer students earn advanced standing credit by transferring credits earned from course work completed at other colleges/universities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in Fall 2024.

	Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
Men	2,509	67	46
Women	2,007	78	54
Another Gender			
Unknown Gender	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100</b>

### Application for Admission

D3	Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:
	Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Winter <input type="checkbox"/>
	Spring <input type="checkbox"/>
	Summer <input type="checkbox"/>

D4	Yes	No
Must a transfer applicant have a minimum number of credits completed or else must apply as an entering freshman?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, what is the minimum number of credits and the unit of measure?	<a href="https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/eligibility-credit-guidelines">Link below</a>	

<https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/eligibility-credit-guidelines>

D5 Indicate all items required of transfer students to apply for admission:

	Required of All	Recommended of All	Recommended of Some	Required of Some	Not Required
High school transcript	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
College transcript(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Essay or personal statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Interview					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Standardized test scores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Statement of good standing from prior institution(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

D6	If a minimum high school grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):

D7	If a minimum college grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):

D8	List any other application requirements specific to transfer applicants:
	<a href="https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines">https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines</a>

D9 List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students. If applications are reviewed on a continuous or rolling basis, place a check mark in the "Rolling admission" column.

	Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
Fall		3/15	Early May	Mid- to late-May	
Winter					
Spring					
Summer					

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D10	Yes		No	
	Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students?		x	

D11	Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable: <a href="https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines">https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines</a>		
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### Transfer Credit Policies

D12	Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit:	2 (out of 4.0 scale)
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D13	Number		Unit Type	
	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:		16 course units	

D14	Number		Unit Type	
	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution:		16 course units	

D15	Number		Unit Type	
	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree:			

D16	Number		Unit Type	
	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree:		At least 50% of total courses required	

D17	Describe other transfer credit policies: <a href="https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines">https://admissions.upenn.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines</a>		
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**E1 Special study options:** Identify those programs available at your institution. Refer to the glossary for definitions.

Accelerated Programs	x
Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities	
Cross-registration	x
Distance learning	x
Double major	x
Dual enrollment	x
English as a Second Language (ESL)	
Exchange student program (domestic)	
External degree program	
Honors Program	x
Independent study	x
Internships	x
Liberal arts/career combination	x
Student-designed major	x
Study abroad	x
Teacher certification program	x
Undergraduate Research	x
Weekend college	
Other (specify):	

**E2 This question has been removed from the Common Data Set.**

**E3 Areas in which all or most students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:**

Arts/fine arts	
Computer literacy	
English (including composition)	x
Foreign languages	x
History	x
Physical Education	
Humanities	x
Intensive Writing	
Mathematics	x
Philosophy	
Sciences (biological or physical)	x
Social science	x
Other (describe):	



## F. STUDENT LIFE

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- F1** Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2024 who fit the following categories:

	First-time, first-year (freshman) students	Undergraduates
Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident aliens from the numerator and denominator)	83%	82%
Percent of men who join fraternities	0%	19%
Percent of women who join sororities	0%	17%
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing*	100%	52%
Percent who live off campus or commute*	0%	45%
Percent of students age 25 and older	0%	0%
Average age of full-time students	19	20
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	19	20

- F2 Activities offered** Identify those programs available at your institution.

Campus Ministries	x
Choral groups	x
Concert band	x
Dance	x
Drama/theater	x
International Student Organization	x
Jazz Band	x
Literary magazine	x
Marching band	x
Model UN	x
Music ensembles	x
Musical theater	x
Opera	x
Pep band	x
Radio station	x
Student government	x
Student newspaper	x
Student-run film society	x
Symphony orchestra	x
Television station	
Yearbook	x

- F3 ROTC** (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

	On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
Army ROTC is offered:		x	Drexel University
Naval ROTC is offered:	x		
Air Force ROTC is offered:		x	St. Joseph's University
Marines			

- F4 Housing:** Check all types of college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing available for undergraduates at your institution.

Coed residence halls	x
Men's residence halls	
Women's residence halls	
Apartments for married students	x
Apartments for single students	x
Special housing for students with disabilities	x
Special housing for international students	
Fraternity/sorority housing	x
Cooperative housing	
Theme housing	x
Living Learning Communities	x
Other housing options (specify):	

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**G0** Please provide the URL of your institution's net price calculator: <https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/upenn>

**Provide 2025-26 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.**

Check here if your institution's 2025-26 academic year costs of attendance are not available at this time and provide an approximate date (i.e., month/day) when your institution's final 2025-26 academic year costs of attendance will be available:

**FINAL**

**G1 Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, room and board List the typical tuition, required fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student for the FULL 2025-26 academic year**  
(30 semester or 45 quarter hours for institutions that derive annual tuition by multiplying credit hour cost by number of credits). A full academic year refers to the period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to two semesters, two trimesters, three quarters, or the period covered by a four-one-four plan. Room and board is defined as double occupancy and 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan. Required fees include only charges that all full-time students must pay that are not included in tuition (e.g., registration, health, or activity fees.) Do not include optional fees (e.g., parking, laboratory use).

	First-Year	Undergraduates
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Tuition:	\$ 63,204	\$ 63,204
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Tuition (In-district):		
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
In-state (out-of-district):		
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Out-of-state:		
NONRESIDENT ALIENS		
Tuition:		
REQUIRED FEES:	\$ 8,032	\$ 8,032
ROOM ONLY:		
(on-campus)	\$ 13,132	\$ 13,132
BOARD ONLY:		
(on-campus meal plan)	\$ 6,744	\$ 6,744
Comprehensive tuition and room and board fee (if your college cannot provide separate tuition and room and board fees):		
Other:		

	Minimum	Maximum
Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition	12	
	Yes	No
Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)?		x
	Yes	No
Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?		x
	%	
If yes, what percentage of full-time undergraduates pay more than the tuition and fees reported in G1?		

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**G5** Provide the estimated expenses for a typical full-time undergraduate student:

	Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,412
Room only			\$ 12,978
Board only		\$ 2,318	\$ 5,988
Room and board total (if your college cannot provide separate room and board figures for commuters not living at home):			
Transportation	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,080
Other expenses	\$ 2,008	\$ 2,008	\$ 2,008

**G6** Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only)

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	\$ 2,017
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	
In-district:	
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	
In-state (out-of-district):	
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	
Out-of-state:	
NONRESIDENT ALIENS:	

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Aid Awarded to Enrolled Undergraduates

Enter total dollar amounts awarded to enrolled full-time and less than full-time degree-seeking undergraduates (using the same cohort reported in CDS Question B1, “total degree-seeking” undergraduates) in the following categories.

(Note: If the data being reported are final figures for the 2023-24 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2023-24 academic year's CDS Question B1 cohort.)

Include aid awarded to international students (i.e., those not qualifying for federal aid). **Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be reported in the need-based aid column. (For a suggested order of precedence in assigning categories of aid to cover need, see the entry for “non-need-based scholarship or grant aid” on the last page of the definitions section.)**

H1	2024-25 Estimated	2023-24 Final
Indicate the academic year for which data are reported for items H1, H2, H2A, and H6 below:		x

H3	Which needs-analysis methodology does your institution use in awarding institutional aid (formerly H3)?
	<div>Federal methodology (FM)</div> <div>Institutional methodology (IM)</div> <div>Both FM and IMx</div>

H1	Need-based \$ (Include non-need-based aid used to meet need.)	Non-need-based \$ (Exclude non-need-based aid used to meet need.)
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Scholarships/Grants

Federal	\$14,648,791	\$77,395
State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	\$2,502,881	
Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below).	\$274,928,838	
Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	\$4,756,537	\$3,524,955
Total Scholarships/Grants	\$296,837,047	\$3,602,350

Self-Help

Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	\$2,219,969	\$16,100,668
Federal Work-Study	\$10,322,214	
State and other (e.g., institutional) work-study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	\$5,135,217	
Total Self-Help	\$17,677,400	\$16,100,668

Other

Parent Loans		\$12,425,885
Tuition Waivers (reporting is optional. Report tuition waivers in this row if you choose to report them. Do not report tuition waivers elsewhere).	\$3,026,985	\$11,123,585
Athletic Awards		

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**H2 Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Aid:** List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who applied for and were awarded financial aid from any source. **Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.** Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

	First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergraduate (Incl. Fresh.)	Less Than Full-time Undergraduate
a) Number of degree-seeking undergraduate students (CDS Item BI if reporting on Fall 2024 cohort)	2,415	9,951	
b) Number of students in line <b>a</b> who applied for need-based financial aid	1,530	5,262	
c) Number of students in line <b>b</b> who were determined to have financial need	1,199	4,612	
d) Number of students in line <b>c</b> who were awarded any financial aid	1,199	4,612	
e) Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	1,171	4,536	
f) Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	1,199	4,612	
g) Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	-	-	
h) Number of students in line <b>d</b> whose need was fully met ( <u>exclude PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u> )	1,199	4,612	
i) On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that were awarded to replace EFC ( <u>PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u> )	100.0%	100.0%	
j) The average financial aid package of those in line <b>d</b> . Exclude any resources that were awarded to replace EFC ( <u>PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u> )	\$ 70,971	\$ 69,989	
k) Average need-based scholarship and grant award of those in line <b>e</b>	\$ 68,578	\$ 66,973	
l) Average need-based self-help award ( <u>excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u> ) of those in line <b>f</b>	\$ 4,176	\$ 4,547	
m) Average need-based loan ( <u>excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u> ) of those in line <b>f</b> who were awarded a need-based loan	\$ 3,184	\$ 3,896	

**H2A Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Non-need-based Scholarships and Grants:** List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

	First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. Fresh.)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
n) Number of students in line <b>a</b> who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (exclude those who were awarded athletic awards and tuition benefits)			
o) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based scholarship and grant aid awarded to students in line <b>n</b>			
p) Number of students in line <b>a</b> who were awarded an institutional non-need-based athletic scholarship or grant			
q) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based athletic scholarships and grants awarded to students in line <b>p</b>			

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H3 Incorporated into H1 above.

**Note:** These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4 and H5

Include:

- \* 2024 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 who started at this institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
- \* only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution.
- \* co-signed loans.

Exclude:

- \* those who transferred in.
- \* money borrowed at other institutions.
- \* parent loans
- \* students who did not graduate or who graduated with another degree or certificate (but no bachelor's degree)

<b>H4</b>	Provide the number of students in the 2024 undergraduate class who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Exclude students who transferred into your institution	<b>2,457</b>
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**H5** Number and percent of students in class (defined in H4 above) borrowing from federal, non-federal, and any loan sources, and the average (or mean) amount borrowed. NOTE: The "Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed," is designed to provide better information about student borrowing from federal and nonfederal (institutional, state, commercial) sources. The numbers, percentages, and averages for each row should be based only on the loan source specified for the particular row. For example, the federal loans average (row b) should only be the cumulative average of federal loans and the private loans average (row e) should only be the cumulative average of private loans.

Source/Type of Loans	Number in the class (defined in H4 above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column	Percent of the class (defined above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest 1%)	Average per- undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest \$1)
a) Any loan program: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, institutional, state, private loans that your institution is aware of, etc. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.	<b>432</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$ 32,558</b>
b) Federal loan programs: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.	<b>387</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>\$ 14,921</b>
c) Institutional loan programs.	<b>25</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 8,865</b>
d) State loan programs.			
e) Private alternative loans made by a bank or lender.	<b>127</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$ 63,535</b>

**Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens** (Note: Report numbers and dollar amounts for the same academic year checked in item H1.)

**H6** Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:

Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available	<b>x</b>
Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available	
Institutional scholarship or grant aid is not available	

If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid:	<b>416</b>
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Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:	<b>\$ 75,356</b>
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Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:	<b>\$ 31,498,608</b>
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**H7** Check off all financial aid forms nonresident alien first-year financial aid applicants must submit:

Institution's own financial aid form	
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE	x
Other (specify):	

### Process for First-Year/Freshman Students

**H8** Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) financial aid applicants must submit:

FAFSA	x
Institution's own financial aid form	
CSS PROFILE	x
State aid form	
Noncustodial PROFILE	x
Business/Farm Supplement	x
Other (specify):	x
Parents' and student's most recently completed income tax returns	

**H9** Indicate filing dates for first-year (freshman) students:

Priority date for filing required financial aid forms:	2/1
Deadline for filing required financial aid forms:	
No deadline for filing required forms (applications processed on a rolling basis):	x

**H10** Indicate notification dates for first-year (freshman) students (answer a or b):

a) Students notified on or about (date):	3/31
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Yes

No

b) Students notified on a rolling basis:	x
If yes, starting date:	

**H11** Indicate reply dates:

Students must reply by (date):	5/1
or within _____ weeks of notification.	

### Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:

**H12** Loans

#### FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (DIRECT LOAN)

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans	x
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans	x
Federal Direct PLUS Loans	x

Federal Nursing Loans	x
State Loans	
College/university loans from institutional funds	x
Other (specify):	

H13 Scholarships and Grants

NEED-BASED:

Federal Pell	x
Federal SEOG	x
State scholarships/grants	x
Private scholarships	x
College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds	x
United Negro College Fund	
Federal Nursing Scholarship	
Other (specify):	

H14 Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

	Non-Need Based	Need-Based
Academics		
Alumni affiliation		
Art		
Athletics		
Job skills		
ROTC		
Leadership		
Minority status		
Music/drama		
Religious affiliation		
State/district residency		

H15 If your institution has recently implemented any major financial aid policy, program, or initiative to make your institution more affordable to incoming students such as replacing loans with grants, or waiving costs for families below a certain income level please provide details below:  
Quaker Commitment



II Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2024. Include faculty who are on your institution’s payroll on the census date your institution uses for IPEDS/AAUP.

The following definition of full-time instructional faculty is used by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its annual Faculty Compensation Survey (the part time definitions are not used by AAUP). Instructional Faculty is defined as those members of the instructional-research staff whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Use the chart below to determine inclusions and exclusions:

	Full-time	Part-time
(a) instructional faculty in preclinical and clinical medicine, faculty who are not paid (e.g., those who donate their services or are in the military), or research-only faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or pre-doctoral fellows	Exclude	Include only if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have faculty status	Exclude	Include if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(c) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses even though they do not have faculty status	Exclude	Include
(d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching fellow, and the like	Exclude	Exclude
(e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay	Include	Exclude
(f) faculty on leave without pay	Exclude	Exclude
(g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with pay	Exclude	Include

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for research)

Part-time instructional faculty: Adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also includes full-time faculty teaching less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two four-month sessions. Employees who are not considered full-time instructional faculty but who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses may be counted as part-time faculty.

Minority faculty: includes faculty who designate themselves as Black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Hispanic.

Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, and Doctor of Public Health in any field such as arts, sciences, education, engineering, business, and public administration. Also includes terminal degrees formerly designated as “first professional,” including dentistry (DDS or DMD), medicine (MD), optometry (OD), osteopathic medicine (DO), pharmacy (DPharm or BPharm), podiatric medicine (DPM), veterinary medicine (DVM), chiropractic (DC or DCM), or law (JD).

Terminal degree: the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts).

II	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
a) Total number of instructional faculty	1,551	369	1,920
b) Total number who are members of minority groups	458	103	561
c) Total number who are women	699	184	883
d) Total number who are men	852	185	1,037
e) Total number who are international (non-residents)	81	19	100
f) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	1,488	272	1,760
g) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's			
h) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's			
i) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)	63	97	160
j) Total number in stand-alone graduate/ professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	323	86	408

12 Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the Fall 2024 ratio of full-time equivalent students (full-time plus 1/3 part time) to full-time equivalent instructional faculty (full time plus 1/3 part time).

In the ratio calculations, exclude both faculty and students in stand-alone graduate or professional programs such as medicine, law, veterinary, dentistry, social work, business, or public health in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students. Do not count undergraduate or graduate student teaching assistants as faculty.

12	Fall 2024 Student to Faculty ratio	8 to 1	(based on	9,987	students
			and	1,323	faculty).

13 Undergraduate Class Size

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the Fall 2024 term.

**Class Sections:** A class section is an organized course offered for credit, identified by discipline and number, meeting at a stated time or times in a classroom or similar setting, and not a subsection such as a laboratory or discussion session. Undergraduate class sections are defined as any sections in which at least one degree-seeking undergraduate student is enrolled for credit. Exclude distance learning classes and noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Exclude students in independent study, co-operative programs, internships, foreign language taped tutor sessions, practicums, and all students in one-on-one classes. Each class section should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of course catalog cross-listings.

**Class Subsections:** A class subsection includes any subsection of a course, such as laboratory, recitation, and discussion subsections that are supplementary in nature and are scheduled to meet separately from the lecture portion of the course. Undergraduate subsections are defined as any subsections of courses in which degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled for credit. As above, exclude noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Each class subsection should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of cross-listings.

Using the above definitions, please report for each of the following class-size intervals the number of class sections and class subsections offered in Fall 2024.)

For example, a lecture class with 800 students who met at another time in 40 separate labs with 20 students should be counted once in the "100+" column in the class section column and 40 times under the "20-29" column of the class subsections table.

Number of Class Sections with Undergraduates Enrolled

Undergraduate Class Size (provide numbers)								
CLASS SECTIONS	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
	504	637	210	115	93	279	102	1940

CLASS SUB-SECTIONS	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
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## J. DEGREES CONFERRED

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### J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

For each of the following discipline areas, provide the percentage of diplomas/certificates, associate, and bachelor's degrees awarded. To determine the percentage, use majors, not headcount (e.g., students with one degree but a double major will be represented twice). Calculate the percentage from your institution's IPEDS Completions by using the sum of 1st and 2nd majors for each CIP code as the numerator and the sum of the Grand Total by 1st Majors and the Grand Total by 2nd major as the denominator. If you prefer, you can compute the percentages using 1st majors only.

Category	Diploma/ Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's	CIP 2021 Categories to Include
Agriculture				1
Natural resources and conservation			1%	3
Architecture			0%	4
Area, ethnic, and gender studies			0%	5
Communication/journalism			2%	9
Communication technologies				10
Computer and information sciences			9%	11
Personal and culinary services				12
Education				13
Engineering			8%	14
Engineering technologies				15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			1%	16
Family and consumer sciences				19
Law/legal studies				22
English			1%	23
Liberal arts/general studies				24
Library science				25
Biological/life sciences			14%	26
Mathematics and statistics			2%	27
Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
Interdisciplinary studies			4%	30
Parks and recreation				31
Philosophy and religious studies			7%	38
Theology and religious vocations				39
Physical sciences			3%	40
Science technologies				41
Psychology			2%	42
Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and protective services				43
Public administration and social services			0%	44
Social sciences			13%	45
Construction trades				46
Mechanic and repair technologies				47
Precision production				48
Transportation and materials moving				49
Visual and performing arts			2%	50
Health professions and related programs			7%	51
Business/marketing			21%	52
History			1%	54
Other				
<b>TOTAL (should = 100%)</b>			<b>100%</b>	

## Common Data Set Definitions

All definitions related to the financial aid section appear at the end of the Definitions document.

Items preceded by an asterisk (\*) represent definitions agreed to among publishers which do not appear on the CDS document but may be present on individual publishers' surveys.

Additional guidance for some terms, particularly those common with the IPEDS survey, may be found here:  
<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/glossary>

**\* Academic advisement:** Plan under which each student is assigned to a faculty member or a trained adviser, who, through regular meetings, helps the student plan and implement immediate and long-term academic and vocational goals.

**Accelerated program:** Completion of a college program of study in fewer than the usual number of years, most often by attending summer sessions and carrying extra courses during the regular academic term.

**Admitted student:** Applicant who is offered admission to a degree-granting program at your institution.

**\* Adult student services:** Admission assistance, support, orientation, and other services expressly for adults who have started college for the first time, or who are re-entering after a lapse of a few years.

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and maintaining tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Applicant (first-time, first year):** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

**Application fee:** That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is *not* creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Associate degree:** An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

**Bachelor's degree:** An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least four years but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work. This includes ALL bachelor's degrees conferred in a five-year cooperative (work-study plan) program. (A cooperative plan provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government; thus, it allows students to combine actual work experience with their college studies.) Also, it includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal four years of work are completed in three years.

**Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Board (charges):** Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.

**Books and supplies (costs):** Average cost of books and supplies. Do not include unusual costs for special groups of students (e.g., engineering or art majors), unless they constitute the majority of students at your institution.

**Calendar system:** The method by which an institution structures most of its courses for the academic year.

**Campus Ministry:** Religious student organizations (denominational or nondenominational) devoted to fostering religious life on college campuses. May also refer to Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization.

**\* Career and placement services:** A range of services, including (often) the following: coordination of visits of employers to campus; aptitude and vocational testing; interest inventories, personal counseling; help in resume writing, interviewing, launching the job search; listings for those students desiring employment and those seeking permanent positions; establishment of a permanent reference folder; career resource materials.

**Carnegie units:** One year of study or the equivalent in a secondary school subject.

**Certificate:** See **Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma**.

**Class rank:** The relative numerical position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated by the high school on the basis of grade-point average, whether weighted or unweighted.

**College-preparatory program:** Courses in academic subjects (English, history and social studies, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and the arts) that stress preparation for college or university study.

**Common Application:** The standard application form distributed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for a large number of private colleges who are members of the Common Application Group.

**\* Community service program:** Referral center for students wishing to perform volunteer work in the community or participate in volunteer activities coordinated by academic departments.

**Commuter:** A student who lives off campus in housing that is not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with the college. This category includes students who commute from home and students who have moved to the area to attend college.

**Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities:** Programs designed to support postsecondary students with intellectual disabilities obtain instruction in academic, career and technical, and independent living subjects in preparation for employment.

**Clock hour:** A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as credit hour.

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**Continuous basis (for program enrollment):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year. For example, a cosmetology school or a word processing school might allow students to enroll and begin studies at various times, with no requirement that classes begin on a certain date.

**Cooperative education program:** A program that provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government.

**Cooperative housing:** College-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing in which students share room and board expenses and participate in household chores to reduce living expenses.

**\* Counseling service:** Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.

**Credit:** Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary credential.

**Credit course:** A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary credential.

**Credit hour:** A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester or trimester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary credential.

**Cross-registration:** A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.

**Deferred admission:** The practice of permitting admitted students to postpone enrollment, usually for a period of one academic term or one year.

**Degree:** An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

**Degree-seeking students:** Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or recognized postsecondary credential. At the undergraduate level, this is intended to include students enrolled in vocational or occupational programs.

**\*Developmental services:** Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.

**Differs by program (calendar system):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that have occupational/vocational programs of varying length. These schools may enroll students at specific times depending on the program desired. For example, a school might offer a two-month program in January, March, May, September, and November; and a three-month program in January, April, and October.

**Diploma:** See **Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.**

**Distance learning:** An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.

**Doctor's degree-research/scholarship:** A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement. Some examples of this type of degree may include Ed.D., D.M.A., D.B.A., D.Sc., D.A., or D.M., and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

**Doctor's degree-professional practice:** A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as "first-professional" and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (LL.B. or J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

**Doctor's degree-other:** A doctor's degree that does not meet the definition of a doctor's degree - research/scholarship or a doctor's degree - professional practice.

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**Double major:** Program in which students may complete two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.

**Dual enrollment:** A program through which high school students may enroll in college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students are not required to apply for admission to the college in order to participate.

**Early action plan:** An admission plan that allows students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification dates. If admitted, the candidate is not committed to enroll; the student may reply to the offer under the college's regular reply policy.

**Early admission:** A policy under which students who have not completed high school are admitted and enroll full time in college, usually after completion of their junior year.

**Early decision plan:** A plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision (and financial aid offer if applicable) well in advance of the regular notification date. Applicants agree to accept an offer of admission and, if admitted, to withdraw their applications from other colleges. There are three possible decisions for early decision applicants: admitted, denied, or not admitted but forwarded for consideration with the regular applicant pool, without prejudice.

**English as a Second Language (ESL):** A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.

**Exchange student program-domestic:** Any arrangement between a student and a college that permits study for a semester or more at another college in the United States without extending the amount of time required for a degree. **See also Study abroad.**

**External degree program:** A program of study in which students earn credits toward a degree through independent study, college courses, proficiency examinations, and personal experience. External degree programs require minimal or no classroom attendance.

**Extracurricular activities (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admissions process given for participation in both school and nonschool-related activities of interest to the college, such as clubs, hobbies, student government, athletics, performing arts, etc.

**First-time student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the level enrolled. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

**First-time, first-year (freshman) student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

**First-year student:** A student who has completed less than the equivalent of 1 full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 clock hours.

**Freshman:** A first-year undergraduate student.

**\*Freshman/new student orientation:** Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length; at some colleges, there is a fee.

**Full-time student (undergraduate):** A student enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more clock hours a week each term.

**Geographical residence (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.

**Grade-point average (academic high school GPA):** The sum of grade points a student has earned in secondary school divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and no points for an E or F. Unweighted GPA's assign the same weight to each course. Weighting gives students additional points for their grades in advanced or honors courses.

**Graduate student:** A student who holds a bachelor's or equivalent, and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level.

**\* Health services:** Free or low cost on-campus primary and preventive health care available to students.

**High school diploma or recognized equivalent:** A document certifying the successful completion of a prescribed secondary school program of studies, or the attainment of satisfactory scores on the Tests of General Educational Development (GED), or another state-specified examination.

**Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**Honors program:** Any special program for very able students offering the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.

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**Independent study:** Academic work chosen or designed by the student with the approval of the department concerned, under an instructor's supervision, and usually undertaken outside of the regular classroom structure.

**In-state tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.

**International student:** See **Nonresident alien**.

**International student group:** Student groups that facilitate cultural dialogue, support a diverse campus, assist international students in acclimation and creating a social network.

**Internship:** Any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student earns academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.

\* **Learning center:** Center offering assistance through tutors, workshops, computer programs, or audiovisual equipment in reading, writing, math, and skills such as taking notes, managing time, taking tests.

\* **Legal services:** Free or low cost legal advice for a range of issues (personal and other).

**Liberal arts/career combination:** Program in which a student earns undergraduate degrees in two separate fields, one in a liberal arts major and the other in a professional or specialized major, whether on campus or through cross-registration.

**Living learning community:** Residential programs that allow students to interact with students who share common interests. In addition to living together, students may also participate in shared courses, special events, and group service projects.

**Master's degree:** An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of generally one or two full-time equivalent academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree. Some of these degrees, such as those in Theology (M.Div., M.H.L./Rav) that were formerly classified as "first-professional", may require more than two full-time equivalent academic years of work.

**Minority affiliation (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process for members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups.

\* **Minority student center:** Center with programs, activities, and/or services intended to enhance the college experience of students of color.

**Model United Nations:** A simulation activity focusing on conflict resolution, globalization, and diplomacy. Assuming roles as foreign ambassadors and "delegates," students conduct research, engage in debate, draft resolutions, and may participate in a national Model UN conference.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**Nonresident:** A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

\* **On-campus day care:** Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

**Open admission:** Admission policy under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications.

**Other expenses (costs):** Include average costs for clothing, laundry, entertainment, medical (if not a required fee), and furnishings.

**Out-of-state tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institution's or state's residency requirements.

**Outside a dual enrollment program:** High school students who simply enroll in credit courses through your institution and are treated as regularly enrolled college students.

**Part-time student (undergraduate):** A student enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester or quarter, or fewer than 24 clock hours a week each term.

**Permanent Resident or other eligible non-citizen:** A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident status (and who holds either a registration card [Form I-551 or I-151], a Temporary Resident Card [Form I-688], or an Arrival-Departure Record [Form I-94] with a notation that conveys legal immigrant status, such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).

\* **Personal counseling:** One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore personal, educational, or vocational issues.

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**Post-baccalaureate certificate:** An award that requires completion of an organized program of study requiring 18 credit hours beyond the bachelor's; designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree but do not meet the requirements of academic degrees carrying the title of master.

**Post-master's certificate:** An award that requires completion of an organized program of study of 24 credit hours beyond the master's degree but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctoral level.

**Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma:** Includes the following three IPEDS definitions for postsecondary awards, certificates, and diplomas of varying durations and credit/clock hour requirements—

*Less Than 1 Academic Year:* Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) or in less than 900 clock hours by a student enrolled full-time.

*At Least 1 But Less Than 2 Academic Years:* Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 credit hours, or in at least 900 but less than 1,800 clock hours.

*At Least 2 But Less Than 4 Academic Years:* Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 credit hours, or in at least 1,800 but less than 3,600 clock hours.

**Private institution:** An educational institution controlled by a private individual(s) or by a nongovernmental agency, usually supported primarily by other than public funds, and operated by other than publicly elected or appointed officials.

**Private for-profit institution:** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk.

**Private nonprofit institution:** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives no compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk. These include both independent nonprofit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.

**Proprietary institution:** See **Private for-profit institution**.

**Public institution:** An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, and which is supported primarily by public funds.

**Quarter calendar system:** A calendar system in which the academic year consists of three sessions called quarters of about 12 weeks each. The range may be from 10 to 15 weeks. There may be an additional quarter in the summer.

**Race/ethnicity:** Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. A person may be counted in only one group.

**Race/ethnicity unknown:** Category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of the specified racial/ethnic categories.

**Recognized Postsecondary Credential:** Includes both Title IV eligible degrees, certificates, and other recognized postsecondary credentials. Any credential that is received after completion of a program that is eligible for Title IV federal student aid. Credentials that are awarded to recognize an individual's attainment of measurable technical or industry/occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within an industry occupation. (Generally based on standards developed or endorsed by employers or industry associations).

**Religious affiliation/commitment (as admission factor):** Special consideration given in the admission process for affiliation with a certain church or faith/religion, commitment to a religious vocation, or observance of certain religious tenets/lifestyle.

\* **Religious counseling:** One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore religious problems or issues.

\* **Remedial services:** Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.

**Required fees:** Fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by tuition and required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does NOT pay is the exception. Do not include application fees or optional fees such as lab fees or parking fees.

**Room and board (charges)—on campus:** Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).

**Secondary school record (as admission factor):** Information maintained by the secondary school that may include such things as the student's high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and teacher and counselor recommendations.



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**Semester calendar system:** A calendar system that consists of two semesters during the academic year with about 16 weeks for each semester of instruction. There may be an additional summer session.

**Student-designed major:** A program of study based on individual interests, designed with the assistance of an adviser.

**Study abroad:** Any arrangement by which a student completes part of the college program studying in another country. Can be at a campus abroad or through a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of another country.

\* **Summer session:** A summer session is shorter than a regular semester and not considered part of the academic year. It is not the third term of an institution operating on a trimester system or the fourth term of an institution operating on a quarter calendar system. The institution may have 2 or more sessions occurring in the summer months. Some schools, such as vocational and beauty schools, have year-round classes with no separate summer session.

**Talent/ability (as admission factor):** Special consideration given to students with demonstrated talent/abilities in areas of interest to the institution (e.g., sports, the arts, languages, etc.).

**Teacher certification program:** Program designed to prepare students to meet the requirements for certification as teachers in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary schools.

**Transfer applicant:** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college-level credit.

**Transfer student:** A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.

**Transportation (costs):** Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.

**Trimester calendar system:** An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.

**Tuition:** Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.

\* **Tutoring:** May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.

**Unit:** a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, clock hour).

**Undergraduate:** A student enrolled in a four- or five-year bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program below the baccalaureate.

**Undergraduate Research:** Opportunities offered to undergraduate students to make original contributions in an academic discipline via the exploration of a specific research topic. Research opportunities may or may not be associated with a specific course or earn credit.

\* **Veteran's counseling:** Helps veterans and their dependents obtain benefits for their selected program and provides certifications to the Veteran's Administration. May also provide personal counseling on the transition from the military to a civilian life.

\* **Visually impaired:** Any person whose sight loss is not correctable and is sufficiently severe as to adversely affect educational performance.

**Volunteer work (as admission factor):** Special consideration given to students for activity done on a volunteer basis (e.g., tutoring, hospital care, working with the elderly or disabled) as a service to the community or the public in general.

**Wait list:** List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.

**Weekend college:** A program that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends.

**White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Within a dual enrollment program:** Program 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.

\* **Women's center:** Center with programs, academic activities, and/or services intended to promote an understanding of the evolving roles of women.

**Work experience (as admission factor):** Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

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### Financial Aid Definitions

**Awarded aid:** The dollar amounts offered to financial aid applicants.

**External scholarships and grants:** Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

**Financial aid applicant:** Any applicant who submits **any one of** the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

**Indebtedness:** Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and **should** be included.

**Institutional scholarships and grants:** Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

**Financial need:** As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.

**Need-based aid:** College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and noninstitutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

**Need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

**Need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.

**Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based:**

Non-need institutional grants

Non-need tuition waivers

Non-need athletic awards

Non-need federal grants

Non-need state grants

Non-need outside grants

Non-need student loans

Non-need parent loans

Non-need work

**Non-need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**Work study and employment:** Federal and state work study aid, and any employment packaged by your institution in financial aid awards.