



For Two-Year Colleges

What is it?

A weekend-long celebration of data in which teams of community college students work around the clock to find and share meaning in large, rich, and complex data sets. More information about DataFest can be found [here](#). In fact, here is a [fun 3-page article](#) that highlights last year's Two-Year College DataFest event.

Who can compete?

Two-year college students in data science, computer science, economics, statistics, mathematics, health care, and many more related subjects.

Where do I sign up?

[Click here: 2026 DataFest Registration for Two-Year Colleges](#)

Registration deadline is March 13th!

Join us
Virtually!

March 27 – 29, 2026



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2026 DataFest for Two-Year Colleges FAQs

How do I sign up?

Please fill out the on-line registration form fully. You can register here: [**2026 TYC DataFest Registration**](#). We only need one application per team. **Registration ends March 13th, 2026.**

Is this strictly a statistics activity? Or is the data likely to use other techniques outside of statistics techniques?

This is NOT just a statistics activity – it's a data activity! The event is open to anyone with an interest in data, regardless of major. *In fact, this year if you have any interest in the healthcare field, this may be of particular interest to you.*

Who is eligible to compete?

All two-year college students are eligible to compete.

How large are the teams?

Teams can be made up of 2-5 students, but we recommend that you have at least three team members wherever possible.

Do I have to compete in a team?

Yes. But if you would like to register as an individual, we can place you with a team that has fewer than 5 members.

Is the 2026 TYC DataFest in-person or virtual?

Virtual! DataFest for TYCs is a completely virtual national competition.

- The kick-off and data reveal will be **Friday, March 27th.**
- On **Sunday, March 29th**, the participants will send in a presentation of 3 slides and a 5-minute video of their findings/results.
- **Our judges will review the submitted videos and the 2026 TYC DataFest awards will be announced virtually by Sunday, April 5th.**

What do I need to compete? Is there an entry fee?

All you need is a laptop with tools for data analysis (there is no limitation on what software you use) and enthusiasm for data. There is no entry fee.

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