

Customized **IPEDS** **DATA** **FEEDBACK** **REPORT** **2023**

What Is IPEDS?

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is a system of survey components that collects data from all institutions that provide postsecondary education and are eligible to receive Title IV funding across the United States and other U.S. jurisdictions.

These data are used at the federal and state level for policy analysis and development; at the institutional level for benchmarking and peer analysis; and by students and parents, through the College Navigator (<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>), an online tool to aid in the college search process. Additional information about IPEDS can be found on the website at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>.

What Is the Purpose of This Report?

The Data Feedback Report is intended to provide institutions a context for examining the data they submitted to IPEDS. The purpose of this report is to provide institutional executives a useful resource and to help improve the quality and comparability of IPEDS data.

What Is in This Report?

The figures in this report provide a selection of indicators for your institution to compare with a group of similar institutions. The figures draw from the data collected during the 2022-23 IPEDS collection cycle and are the most recent data available. The inside cover of this report lists your selected comparison group of institutions and the criteria used for their selection. The Methodological Notes at the end of the report describe additional information about these indicators and the pre-selected comparison group.

Where Can I Do More with IPEDS Data?

Each institution can access previously released Data Feedback Reports from 2005 and customize this 2023 report by using a different comparison group and IPEDS variables of its choosing. To learn how to customize the 2023 report, visit this resource page <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/Help/View/2>. To download archived reports or customize the current Data Feedback Report, visit the 'Use the Data' portal on the IPEDS website <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds> and click on Data Feedback Report.

Southern States University
San Diego, CA

COMPARISON GROUP

Comparison group data are included to provide a context for interpreting your institution's indicators. For this report, you specified a custom comparison group.

The custom comparison group chosen by Southern States University includes the following 79 institutions:

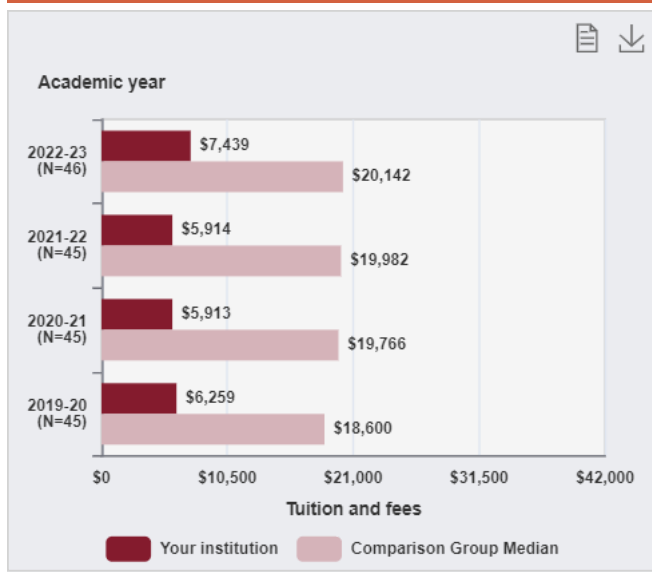
- ▶ [Abraham Lincoln University](#) (Glendale, CA)
- ▶ [Academy of Art University](#) (San Francisco, CA)
- ▶ [Alhambra Medical University](#) (Alhambra, CA)
- ▶ [Alliant International University-San Diego](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [American Medical Sciences Center](#) (Glendale, CA)
- ▶ [American University of Health Sciences](#) (Signal Hill, CA)
- ▶ [Angeles College](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [Arizona College of Nursing-Las Vegas](#) (Las Vegas, NV)
- ▶ [Arizona College-Ontario](#) (Ontario, CA)
- ▶ [Ashford University](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [ATI College-Whittier](#) (Whittier, CA)
- ▶ [Beverly Hills Design Institute](#) (Beverly Hills, CA)
- ▶ [California Aeronautical University](#) (Bakersfield, CA)
- ▶ [California Health Sciences University](#) (Clovis, CA)
- ▶ [California Institute of Arts & Technology](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [California Institute of Arts & Technology-National City](#) (National City, CA)
- ▶ [California Intercontinental University](#) (Irvine, CA)
- ▶ [California Miramar University](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [California Northstate University](#) (Elk Grove, CA)
- ▶ [Career Networks Institute](#) (Santa Ana, CA)
- ▶ [Chamberlain University-California](#) (Rancho Cordova, CA)
- ▶ [Chamberlain University-Nevada](#) (Las Vegas, NV)
- ▶ [Design Institute of San Diego](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [DeVry University-California](#) (Ontario, CA)
- ▶ [DeVry University-Nevada](#) (Henderson, NV)
- ▶ [Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine](#) (Santa Monica, CA)
- ▶ [Empire College](#) (Santa Rosa, CA)
- ▶ [FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [Five Branches University](#) (Santa Cruz, CA)
- ▶ [Fremont University](#) (Cerritos, CA)
- ▶ [Glendale Career College](#) (Glendale, CA)
- ▶ [Gnomon](#) (Hollywood, CA)
- ▶ [Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts](#) (San Mateo, CA)
- ▶ [Hussian College-Los Angeles](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [Integrity College of Health](#) (Pasadena, CA)
- ▶ [Interior Designers Institute](#) (Newport Beach, CA)
- ▶ [Las Vegas College](#) (Las Vegas, NV)
- ▶ [Laurus College](#) (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- ▶ [Learnet Academy Inc](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [Lionel University](#) (Carpinteria, CA)
- ▶ [Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art](#) (Van Nuys, CA)
- ▶ [Los Angeles College of Music](#) (Pasadena, CA)
- ▶ [Los Angeles Film School](#) (Hollywood, CA)
- ▶ [Meridian University](#) (Petaluma, CA)
- ▶ [Musicians Institute](#) (Hollywood, CA)
- ▶ [New York Film Academy](#) (Burbank, CA)
- ▶ [Newschool of Architecture and Design](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [North-West College-San Diego](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [Pacific College](#) (Costa Mesa, CA)
- ▶ [Pacific College of Health and Science](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [Pacifica Graduate Institute](#) (Carpinteria, CA)
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- ▶ [San Diego Global Knowledge University](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [San Joaquin Valley College-Visalia](#) (Visalia, CA)
- ▶ [Santa Barbara Business College-Bakersfield](#) (Bakersfield, CA)
- ▶ [Smith Chason College](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [Sofia University](#) (Palo Alto, CA)
- ▶ [Southern California Institute of Technology](#) (Anaheim, CA)
- ▶ [Stanbridge University](#) (Irvine, CA)
- ▶ [United States University](#) (San Diego, CA)
- ▶ [Unitek College](#) (Fremont, CA)
- ▶ [University of Antelope Valley](#) (Lancaster, CA)
- ▶ [University of East-West Medicine](#) (Sunnyvale, CA)
- ▶ [University of Phoenix-California](#) (Ontario, CA)
- ▶ [University of Phoenix-Nevada](#) (Las Vegas, NV)
- ▶ [University of Silicon Valley](#) (San Jose, CA)
- ▶ [University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences](#) (San Marcos, CA)
- ▶ [University of West Los Angeles](#) (Inglewood, CA)
- ▶ [West Coast University-Center for Graduate Studies](#) (Los Angeles, CA)
- ▶ [West Coast University-Los Angeles](#) (North Hollywood, CA)
- ▶ [West Coast University-Ontario](#) (Ontario, CA)
- ▶ [West Coast University-Orange County](#) (Anaheim, CA)
- ▶ [Westcliff University](#) (Irvine, CA)

The figures in this report have been organized and ordered into the following topic areas:

Topic Area	Figures	Pages
1) Admissions (only for non-open-admissions schools)	[Not applicable]	
2) Student Enrollment	[Not applicable]	
3) Awards	[Not applicable]	
4) Charges and Net Price	1	3
5) Student Financial Aid	[Not applicable]	
6) Military Benefits*	[Not applicable]	
7) Retention and Graduation Rates	[Not applicable]	
8) Finance	[Not applicable]	
9) Staff	[Not applicable]	
10) Libraries*	[Not applicable]	

*These figures only appear in customized Data Feedback Reports (DFRs), which are available through Use the Data portal on the IPEDS website.

Figure 1. Tuition and required fees for full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students: Academic years 2019-20 to 2022-23



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

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS): Fall 2022, Institutional Characteristics survey component.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Overview

This report is based on data supplied by institutions to IPEDS during 2022-23 data collection year. Response rates exceeded 99% for most survey components. IPEDS data release memos at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/survey-components> provide an overview of the number of institutions responding to the survey components. Furthermore, data used in this report are provisional level and may be revised for a limited time through the IPEDS Prior Year Revision system.

Use of Median Values for Comparison Group

This report compares your institution's data to the median value for the comparison group for each indicator shown in the figure. If more than one indicator is present in a figure, the median values are determined separately for each indicator. Medians are not displayed for comparison groups with fewer than three values. Where percentage distributions are presented, median values may not add to 100%. To access all the data used to create the figures included in this report, go to 'Use the Data' portal on the IPEDS website at this provided link (<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>).

Missing Indicators

If an indicator is not reported for your institution, the omission implies that the indicator is not relevant to your institution and the data were not collected. Not all notes may be applicable to your report.

Use of Imputed Data

All IPEDS data are subject to imputation for total (institutional) and partial (item) nonresponse. If necessary, imputed values were used to prepare your report.

Data Confidentiality

IPEDS data are not collected under a pledge of confidentiality.

Disaggregation of Data by Race/Ethnicity

When applicable, some indicators are disaggregated by race/ethnicity. Data disaggregated by race/ethnicity have been reported using the 1997 Office of Management and Budget categories. Detailed information about the race/ethnicity categories can be found at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/Section/Resources>.

Cohort Determination for Reporting Student Financial Aid, Graduation Rates, and Outcome Measures

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

Student cohorts for reporting Outcome Measures are based on a full-year cohort from July 1-June 30 for all degree-granting institutions.

DESCRIPTION OF INDICATORS USED IN THE FIGURES

Admissions (only for non-open-admissions schools)

Admissions and Test Score Data

Admissions and test score data are presented only for institutions that do not have an open admission policy, and apply to first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students only. Applicants include only those students who fulfilled all requirements for consideration for admission and who were notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on a wait list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution). Admitted applicants (admissions) include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission. Early decision, early action, and students who began studies during the summer prior to the fall reporting period are included. For customized Data Feedback Reports, test scores are presented only if scores are required for admission.

Student Enrollment

Enrollment Counts

12-month Enrollment captures a cumulative unduplicated headcount of enrollment over the full 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. In contrast, Fall Enrollment captures number of students enrolled on a particular date in the fall. Fall enrollment is often referred to as a “snapshot” of an institution’s enrollment at a specific time.

FTE Enrollment

The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment used in this report is the sum of the institution’s FTE undergraduate enrollment and FTE graduate enrollment (as calculated from or reported on the 12-month Enrollment survey component). Undergraduate and graduate FTE are estimated using 12-month instructional activity (credit and/or clock hours). See “Calculation of FTE Students (using instructional activity)” in the IPEDS Glossary at <https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/VisGlossaryAll.aspx>.

Completions

Completions and Completers

Completions collects data on undergraduate and graduate completions and completers in a 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Completions are the counts of postsecondary awards granted where each award reported once but multiple awards may be reported for one recipient. Completers are the counts of students granted postsecondary awards. The count of completers is collected in two ways. The first way counts all completers, while the second way counts completers by award level (e.g., number of associate’s completers, number of bachelor’s completers).

Charges and Average Net Price

Tuition and Required Fees (Published)

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

Average Institutional Net Price

IPEDS collects data to calculate average net price at each institution for two groups of undergraduate students: those awarded grant and scholarship aid and those awarded Title IV federal aid.

Average net price is calculated for full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from the federal government, state/local government, or the institution anytime during the academic year. For public institutions, this includes only students who paid the in-state or in-district tuition rate. Other sources of grant aid are excluded. Average net price is generated by subtracting the average amount of federal, state/local government, and institutional grant and scholarship aid from the total cost of attendance. Total cost of attendance is the sum of published tuition and required fees (lower of in-district or in-state for public institutions), books and supplies, and the weighted average of room and board, and other expenses.

For the purpose of the IPEDS reporting, aid awarded refers to financial aid that was awarded to, and accepted by, a student. This amount may differ from the aid amount that is disbursed to a student.

Student Financial Aid

Financial Aid Recipients and Amounts

Student Financial Aid collects the counts of undergraduate students awarded different types of financial aid and the total amounts of aid awarded. The average dollar amount of aid awarded is then calculated. In addition, Student Financial Aid collects counts of full-time, first-time undergraduate students awarded aid and amounts of aid, and counts and disbursed amounts for undergraduate and graduate students receiving military education benefits.

Military Benefits

Military Benefits

IPEDS collects data on two military educational benefit programs – Post 9/11 GI Bill and Tuition Assistance.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill is a federal education benefit for veterans, who served on active duty after September 10, 2001. This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits for the following college costs: tuition and fees, books and supplies and housing. The tuition and fees benefit payment is made directly to the postsecondary institution; whereas, payments for books, supplies, and housing are sent to the student. The Tuition Assistance Program covers the tuition and course-specific fees of active, eligible service members. The benefit is directly paid to the institution by the service member's Armed service.

Retention, Graduation Rates, and Outcome Measures

Retention Rates

Retention rates are measures of the rate at which students persist in their educational program at an institution, expressed as a percentage. For four-year institutions, this is the percentage of first-time bachelors (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students from the previous fall who are still enrolled in the current fall. For all other institutions this is the percentage of first-time degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either re-enrolled or successfully completed their program by the current fall. The full-time retention rate is calculated using the percentage of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students, while the part-time rate is calculated using the percentage of part-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students.

Graduation Rates and Transfer-out Rate

Graduation rates are those developed to satisfy the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know Act and Higher Education Act, as amended, and are defined as the total number of individuals from a given cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who completed a degree or certificate within a given percent of normal time to complete all requirements of the degree or certificate program; divided by the total number of students in the cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students minus any allowable exclusions. Institutions are permitted to exclude from the cohort students who died or were totally and permanently disabled; those who left school to serve in the armed forces or were called up to active duty; those who left to serve with a foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; and those who left to serve on an official church mission.

A further extension of the traditional Graduation Rates (GR) survey component which carries forward 100% and 150% graduation rates data previously reported in the GR survey component is the Graduation Rates 200% (GR200) survey component, which requests information on any additional completers and exclusions from the cohort between 151% and 200% normal time for students to complete all requirements of their program of study.

Transfer-out rate is the total number of students from the cohort who are known to have transferred out of the reporting institution (without earning a degree/award) and subsequently re-enrolled at another institution within the same time period; divided by the same adjusted cohort (initial cohort minus allowable exclusions) as described above. Only institutions with a mission that includes providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in another eligible institution are required to report transfers out.

Outcome Measures Data

Alternative measures of student success are reported by degree-granting institutions to describe the outcomes of four degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate student groups: first-time, full-time entering (FTFT); first-time, part-time entering (FTPT); non-first-time, full-time entering (NFTFT); and non-first-time, part-time entering (NFTPT). Additionally, each of the four cohorts collects data on two subcohorts: Pell grant recipients and non-Pell grant recipients. These measures provide the 4-year, 6-year, and 8-year award rates (or completions rates) after entering an institution. NCES calculates award rates by dividing a cohort's or subcohort's adjusted cohort into the number of total awards at 4-year, 6-year, and 8-year status points.

The initial cohort can be revised for allowable exclusions resulting in an adjusted cohort. Institutions are permitted to exclude from the initial cohort students who died or were totally and permanently disabled; those who left school to serve in the armed forces or were called up to active duty; those who left to serve with a foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; and those who left to serve on an official church mission.

The highest award and the type of award (i.e., certificate, Associate's, or Bachelor's) are reported at each status point. For students who did not earn an undergraduate award after 8-years of entry, the enrollment statuses are reported as either still enrolled at the institution, or subsequently transferred out of the institution. Unlike the Graduation Rates data, all institutions must report on a full-year cohort (students entering July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year) and on their transfer out students, regardless if the institution has a mission that provides substantial transfer preparation.

Finance

Core Revenues

Core revenues for public institutions reporting under GASB reporting standards include tuition and fees; government (federal, state, and local) appropriations and operating and nonoperating grants/contracts; private gifts, grants, and contracts (private operating grants/contracts plus gifts and contributions from affiliated entities); sales and services of educational activities; investment income; other operating and nonoperating sources; and other revenues and additions (capital appropriations and grants and additions to permanent endowments). "Other core revenues" include federal appropriations, sales and services of educational activities, other operating and nonoperating sources, and other revenues and additions.

Core revenues for private, not-for-profit institutions (and a small number of public institutions) reporting under FASB reporting standards include tuition and fees; government (federal, state, and local) appropriations and grants/contracts; private gifts, grants and contracts (including contributions from affiliated entities); investment return; sales and services of educational activities; and other sources (a generated category of total revenues minus the sum of core and noncore categories on the Finance survey component). "Other core revenues" include government (federal, state, and local) appropriations, sales and services of educational activities, and other sources.

Core revenues for private, for-profit institutions reporting under FASB reporting standards include tuition and fees; government (federal, state, and local) appropriations and grants/contracts; private grants/ contracts; investment income; sales and services of educational activities; and other sources (a generated category of total revenues minus the sum of core and noncore categories on the Finance survey component). "Other core revenues" include government (federal, state, and local) appropriations and other sources.

At degree-granting institutions, core revenues exclude revenues from auxiliary enterprises (e.g., bookstores and dormitories), hospitals, and independent operations. Non-degree-granting institutions do not report revenue from auxiliary enterprises in a separate category, and thus may include these amounts in the core revenues from other sources.

Core Expenses

Core expenses include expenses for instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, scholarships and fellowships (GASB) or net grant aid to students (FASB) and other expenses. Core expenses exclude expenses for auxiliary enterprises, hospitals, and independent operations. Non-degree-granting institutions do not report expenses for auxiliary enterprises in a separate category and thus may include these amounts in the core expenses as other expenses. "Other core expenses" is the sum of grant aid/scholarships and fellowships and other expenses.

Endowment Assets

Endowment assets, for public institutions under GASB reporting standards, and private, not-for-profit institutions under FASB reporting standards, include gross investments of endowment funds, term endowment funds, and funds functioning as endowment for the institution and any of its foundations and other affiliated organizations. Private, for-profit institutions under FASB do not hold or report endowment assets.

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and wages for public institutions under GASB reporting standards and private (not-for-profit and for-profit) institutions under FASB reporting standards, include amounts paid as compensation for services to all employees regardless of the duration of service, including and all regular or periodic payments to a person for the regular or periodic performance of work or a service and payment to a person for more sporadic performance of work or a services (e.g., overtime, extra compensation, summer compensation, bonuses, sick or annual leave, etc.)

Staff

FTE Staff

The full-time-equivalent (FTE) by occupational category is calculated by summing the total number of full-time staff and adding one-third of the total number of part-time staff. Occupational categories include instructional staff, research staff, public service staff, instructional support staff, management staff, and other occupations. Instructional staff are primarily engaged in teaching and do a combination of teaching, research, and/or public service. Research staff are staff whose primary function is research while public service staff are staff whose primary function is public service. Instructional support occupations include archivists, curators, and museum technicians; librarians and media collections specialists; librarian technicians; student and academic affairs and other education services occupations. Other staff include staff in service occupations; sales and related occupations; office and administrative support occupations; natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations; production, transportation and material moving occupations; and military specific occupations. Graduate assistants are not included.

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

Institutions can provide their institution's student-to-faculty ratio (i.e., student-to-instructional staff) for undergraduate programs or follow the NCES guidance in calculating their student-to-faculty ratio, which is as follows: the number of FTE students (using Fall Enrollment survey component data) divided by total FTE instructional staff (using the total primarily instruction + instruction/research/public service staff reported in Human Resources survey component and adding any not primarily instructional staff that are teaching a credit course). For this calculation, FTE for students is equal to the number of the full-time students plus one-third the number of part-time students; FTE for instructional staff is similarly calculated. Students in "stand-alone" graduate or professional programs (such as, medicine, law, veterinary, dentistry, social work, or public health) and instructional staff teaching in these programs are excluded from the FTE calculations.

Libraries

Library Collections

Library collections comprise of documents held locally and remote resources for which permanent or temporary access rights have been acquired. Access rights may be acquired by the library itself, by a consortium and/or through external funding. Interlibrary lending and document delivery are excluded from the collection.

Degree-granting institutions with total library expenses greater than zero and/or had access to a library collection report their physical books, media, and serials collections and their digital/electronic books, media, serials, and database collections.

Counts in each category (i.e., physical books, media, and serials as well as digital/electronic books, media, serials, and databases) are the number of held at the end of the most recent fiscal year. The percent distribution of each resource is derived by dividing the counts in each category by the total of all categories.

Digital/electronic books and media are reported by titles owned or leased by the library if individual titles are cataloged and/or searchable through the library catalog or discovery system. E-serials are reported by titles that are accessible through the library's catalog or discovery system. Digital and Electronic databases are reported by the total number of licensed digital/electronic databases in the institutions collection if there is bibliographic or discovery access at the database level.

Library Expenses

Library expenses are funds expended by the library (regardless of when received) from its regular budget and from all other sources (e.g., research grants, special projects, gifts and endowments, and fees for services) for the most recent 12-month period that corresponds to your institution's fiscal year that ends before October 1.

Degree-granting institutions with total library expenses less than \$100,000 are not required to report their expenses to IPEDS. Salaries and wages are reported from the library budget or all other institutional sources that are identifiable. Fringe benefits are reported only if paid from the library budget. The percent distribution of each category of expense is derived by dividing each expense category by the sum of total library expenses.

Additional Resources

Additional information on the IPEDS survey components, including survey methodology, survey forms, and frequently asked questions, can be found at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/survey-components>.

Additional information on the timing of IPEDS data collection, data coverage, and data release cycle, can be found at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/timing-of-ipeds-data-collection>.

Additional definitions of variables used in this report can be found in the IPEDS glossary available at <https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/VisGlossaryAll.aspx>.

Additional resources on the IPEDS Data Feedback Report, including the instructions on creating a custom comparison report, FAQs, and video tutorials, can be found at <https://nces.ed.gov/Ipedds/Help/View/2>.