

Commonly Used Data Definitions

(Student)Headcount- Student headcount is an unduplicated count of students. It is actual number of individual students enrolled. Students may enroll in one more courses in a term, but they are counted only one for the term.

(Student)Enrollment- Student enrollment is a duplicated count of students. Students may be enrolled in more than one course and would be counted for each course for the term.

Full Time Equivalent Student (FTES)- (Census enrollment x Weekly Student contact hours X Term Length Multiplier)/525 where Term Length Multiplier(TLM)=16.5. Please note- Its' neither student headcount nor student enrollment, but it is a key performance indicator, productivity measure, and used for apportionment.

Full Time Equivalent Faculty (FTEF) - In a FTEF, a faculty member's actual workload is standardized against the teaching load. Thus, FTEF does not represent an actual number of faculty members; it is a conceptual measure workload at an academic department, or an institution.

Weekly Student Contact Hours (WSCH) - WSCH is acronym for weekly student contact hours. It presents a total number of hours' faculty contacted students weekly in an academic department, or an institution.

WSCH = census enrollment x class hours per week

Instructional Efficiency or Productivity (WSCH/FTEF) - WSCH is a proxy for revenue generated by the class. FTEF is a proxy for instructional cost. The ratio, WSCH per FTEF could be interpreted in terms of cost-efficiency or instructional quality. WSCH is a proxy for revenue generated by the class. FTEF is a proxy for instructional cost. The ratio, WSCH per FTEF could be interpreted in terms of cost-efficiency or instructional quality.

Census Week- A week during each semester used to count enrollment for funding purposes. Please Note Census enrollment numbers might be slightly different than Enrollment at the beginning of the term

Success Rate - The percentage of students who received a passing grade of A, B, C, P at the end of the semester.

Success Grades = (A, B, C, P)/(A,B,C,D,F,P,N,W,I)

Retention Grades - The percentage of students retained in a class at the end of the semester.

Retention rate = (A, B,C,D,F,N,P,I)/(A,B,C,D,F,P,N,I,W)

Persistence rate – The percentage of students enrolled in next term out of students enrolled in first term.

Persistence rate = (number of students with at least one course in next term) / (number of students with at least one course in the first term)