

**2011-12 Survey Materials**

**Form**

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**200% Graduation Rates for less than 4-year institutions reporting on a full-year cohort (program reporters)**

200% completers (<4 year institutions)

**For less than 4-year institutions, report on your 2007 cohort of full-time, first-time undergraduate students.**

**Data for this cohort were originally reported by your institution in the 2010-11 data collection.**

		Graduation rates
1 Revised cohort		
2 Exclusions within 150%		
3 Adjusted cohort 150%		
4 Number of students in the cohort who completed a program within 100% of normal time		
5 Number of students in the cohort who completed a program within 150% of normal time		
6 Additional exclusions (between 151%-200% of normal time)	<input type="text"/>	
7 Adjusted cohort 200%		
8 Number of students in the cohort who completed a program between 151%-200% of normal time	<input type="text"/>	
9 Still enrolled as of 200% of normal time	<input type="text"/>	
10 Total completers within 200% of normal time		

**You may use the space below to provide context for the data you've reported above. These context notes will be posted on the College Navigator website, and should be written to be understood by students and parents.**



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## [Purpose of Survey](#)

The primary purpose of the IPEDS GR200 component is to collect more extensive data on graduation rates as required by HEOA. Data will be collected to calculate graduation rates at 200% of normal time for bachelor degree-seeking students at 4-year institutions and for all students at less than 4-year institutions.

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## [Changes in Reporting](#)

An item collecting students Still Enrolled as of 200% of normal time has been added as line 9. This item is being collected to give more information about those students persisting at 200% of normal time.

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The GR200 covers full-time, first-time, degree or certificate-seeking undergraduates who entered either in Fall 2007 or during period between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008 and includes information on their status through August 31, 2011.

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## Context Boxes

Context boxes are provided to allow institutions to provide more information regarding survey component items. Note that some context boxes are posted on the [College Navigator Website](#), which is the college search tool offered by NCES. NCES will review entries in these context boxes for applicability and appropriateness before posting them on the [College Navigator Website](#); institutions should check grammar and spelling of their entries.

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## Coverage

The students already reported on the 2010-11 IPEDS Graduation Rate Component are preloaded into the 2011-12 GR200 report. Below are the parameters for the coverage of the original cohort.

### A. Who to include

Include all full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students entering the institution either during the fall term or during the 12-month period as described above. Include students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term.

Students must be enrolled in courses creditable toward a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award. Include students enrolled in courses that are part of a vocational or occupational program, INCLUDING those enrolled in off-campus centers and those enrolled in distance learning/home study programs.

Be sure to include full-time students taking remedial courses if the student is considered degree-seeking for the purpose of student financial aid determination.

A student who is designated as a member of the 2007 cohort remains in the 2007 cohort, even if the student:

- Becomes a part-time student.
- Transfers to another institution.
- Drops out of the institution.
- Stops out of the institution.
- Has not fulfilled the institution's requirements to receive a degree or certificate.

### B. Who NOT to include

DO NOT include students in the cohort who are:

- Enrolled exclusively in courses not creditable toward a formal award or the completion of a vocational program (i.e., non-degree/non-certificate seeking).
- Taking CEUs unless they are also enrolled full time in courses creditable toward a degree or other formal award.
- Exclusively auditing classes.
- Studying abroad (e.g., at a foreign university) if their enrollment at this institution is only an administrative record and the fee is only nominal.
- In any branch campus located in a foreign country.
- Part time when they enter your institution.
- Transfers into the institution.

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## Where to Get Help

### IPEDS Data Collection Help Desk

Phone: 1-877-225-2568  
Email: [ipedshelp@rti.org](mailto:ipedshelp@rti.org)

### AIR Website

You can also consult the [AIR website](#) that contains several tutorials on IPEDS data collection, a self-paced overview of IPEDS tools and other valuable resources.

### IPEDS Resources Page

In addition, the [IPEDS Resources Page](#) contains frequently asked questions, a link to the glossary, data tip sheets, an archive of survey instruments, information on the new race/ethnicity categories and other relevant information.

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## Where the Data Will Appear

Data collected through IPEDS will be accessible at the institution- and aggregate-levels.

At the institution-level, data will appear in the:

- [College Navigator Website](#)
- [IPEDS Data Center](#)
- [IPEDS Data Feedback Reports](#)

At the aggregate-level, data will appear in:

- [IPEDS First Looks](#)
- [IPEDS Table Library](#)
- [IPEDS Data Feedback Reports](#)
- [The Digest of Education Statistics](#)
- [The Condition of Education](#)

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## Data Reporting Instructions

This report requests data on the cohort of full-time, first-time undergraduate students in your institution's graduation rates cohort as first reported in your 2010-11 GRS survey reporting. Institutions are to report the status of these students as of 100% and 200% of normal time, so that 100% and 200% graduation rates can be calculated. 150% graduation rates were calculated in the 2010-11 data collection.

Graduation Rates data reported on GR200 are NOT reported by race and ethnicity.

A number of data elements are preloaded in this survey. Data elements 1-5 are preloaded based on responses to the 2010-11 GRS data collection. These fields will not be able to be updated: Revised cohort, Exclusions within 150%, Adjusted cohort 150% (calculated as the difference between Revised cohort and Exclusions), and the number of cohort students who completed within both 100% and 150% of normal time. 100% and 150% graduation rates reported in 2010-11 will also be preloaded on this screen, and will not be able to be adjusted.

In line 6, please indicate any additional exclusions to the cohort. This will include any additional students who left your institution between 150% and 200% of normal completion time (and have neither graduated nor transferred to another institution) because of one of the following documented reasons:

1. The student is deceased or is totally and permanently disabled and thus unable to return to school.
2. The student left school to serve in the armed forces or was called to active duty. (DO NOT include students already in the military who transfer to another duty station.)
3. The student left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps.
4. The student left school to serve on an official church mission.

**NOTE:** Students who leave the institution for one of the reasons noted in b, c, or d above, but return prior to the status date of August 31, 2011, may still be reported as exclusions.

Line 7, 200% adjusted cohort, is a calculated value, and is the difference between the 150% adjusted cohort (line 3) and the exclusions reported in line 6.

In line 8, report the number of students who completed within the period of 150% to 200% of normal time. Once you save the page, the total completers within 200% and the 200% graduation rate value will be calculated in the appropriate boxes on line 10.

In line 9, report the number of students who are still enrolled at your institution as of 200% of normal time to completion of their program.

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Term	Definition
Adjusted cohort	The result of removing any allowable exclusions from a cohort (or subcohort). For the Graduation Rates component, this is the cohort from which graduation and transfer-out rates are calculated; for the Fall Enrollment component, it is the cohort for calculating retention rate.
Associate's degree	An award that normally requires at least 2 but less than 4 years of full-time equivalent college work.
Bachelor's degree	An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least 4 but not more than 5 years of full-time equivalent college-level work. This includes all bachelor's degrees conferred in a 5-year cooperative (work-study) 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 includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal 4 years of work are completed in 3 years.
Bachelor's or equivalent degree-seeking subcohort	In the GRS component of IPEDS, a cohort of students who were seeking a bachelor's or equivalent degree upon entry.
Exclusions	Those students who may be removed (deleted) from a cohort (or subcohort). For the Graduation Rates and Fall Enrollment retention rate reporting, students may be removed from a cohort if they left the institution for one of the following reasons: death or total and permanent disability; service in the armed forces (including those called to active duty); service with a foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; or service on official church missions.
First-time student (undergraduate)	A student who has no prior postsecondary experience (except as noted below) attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. This includes students enrolled in academic or occupational programs. It also includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term, and students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).
Graduation rate	The rate required for disclosure and/or reporting purposes under Student Right-to-Know Act. This rate is calculated as the total number of completers within 150% of normal time divided by the revised adjusted cohort.
Graduation Rates (GR)	This annual component of IPEDS was added in 1997 to help institutions satisfy the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know legislation. Data are collected on the number of students entering the institution as full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students in a particular year (cohort), by race/ethnicity and gender; the number completing their program within 150 percent of normal time to completion; the number that transfer to other institutions if transfer is part of the institution's mission. Prior to 2007, institutions who offered athletically-related student aid were asked to report, by sport, the number of students receiving aid and whether they completed within 150 percent of normal time to completion. Now, these institutions only need to report a URL where the athletic data is located on their website, when available. GR automatically generates worksheets that calculate rates, including average rates over 4 years.
Less than 2-year institution	A postsecondary institution that offers programs of less than 2-years duration below the baccalaureate level. Includes occupational and vocational schools with programs that do not exceed 1800 contact hours .
Normal time to completion	The amount of time necessary for a student to complete all requirements for a degree or certificate according to the institution's catalog. This is typically 4 years (8 semesters or trimesters, or 12 quarters, excluding summer terms) for a bachelor's degree in a standard term-based institution; 2 years (4 semesters or trimesters, or 6 quarters, excluding summer terms) for an associate's degree in a standard term-based institution; and the various scheduled times for certificate programs.
Student Right-to-Know Act	Also known as the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act" (P.L. 101-542), which was passed by Congress November 9, 1990. Title I, Section 103, requires institutions eligible for Title IV funding to calculate completion or graduation rates of certificate- or degree-seeking, full-time students entering that institution, and to disclose these rates to all students and prospective students. Further, Section 104 requires each institution that participates in any Title IV program and is attended by students receiving athletically-related student aid to submit a report to the Secretary of Education annually. This report is to contain, among other things, graduation/completion rates of all students as well as students receiving athletically-related student aid by race/ethnicity and gender and by sport, and the average completion or graduation rate for the four most recent years. These data are also required to be disclosed to parents, coaches, and potential student athletes when the institution offers athletically-related student aid. The Graduation Rates component of IPEDS was developed specifically to help institutions respond to these requirements. See Graduation Rates for the current description of data collected.
Subcohort	A predefined subset of the initial cohort or the revised cohort established for tracking purposes on the Graduation Rates (GRS) component of IPEDS. (e.g., bachelor's degree-seeking subcohort.)
Transfer-out rate	Total number of students who are known to have transferred out of the reporting institution within 150% of normal time to completion divided by the adjusted cohort.
Transfer-preparatory program	A program designed specifically to provide a student with the basic knowledge needed to transfer into a higher level program. For example, this may be the first 2 years of a baccalaureate level program for which the institution does not offer an award, or 2 years of undergraduate study needed for entrance into a first-professional program, or 1 or more years of undergraduate study needed for entrance into health services fields.

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### Narrative Edits

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#### 200% Graduation Rates for less than 4-year institutions

Edit specifications for the 2011-12 IPEDS Web-Based Data Collection

Graduation Rates 200 (GRS200) Component

Applicable to less-than-4 year institutions

*All screens must be completed in order to lock the survey.*

#### 200% completers

In the GR200 component, report data on the cohort of full-time, first-time bachelor's degree-seeking undergraduate students in your institution's 2007 graduation rates cohort, as first reported in the 2010-2011 Graduation Rates survey. You must report the status of these students as of 200% of normal time so that 200% graduation rates may be calculated. In addition, the 100% and 150% graduation rates that were calculated in the 2010-2011 data collection are displayed for your reference.

Several numbers on this screen are preloaded with your institution's responses from previous surveys. In addition to the existing information, you must report any **Additional exclusions (between 151%-200% of normal time)** (line 6) from the cohort, the **Number of students in the cohort who completed a program within 151%-200% of normal time** (line 8), and the number of students **Still enrolled as of 200% of normal time** to completion of their program.

Based on the information provided, the system will calculate the following:

- Adjusted cohort 200% (line 7)
- Total completers within 200% of normal time (line 10)
- Graduation rates (for line 10)

The following edits will be performed on this screen:

- The **Additional exclusions** (line 6) must be greater than or equal to 0. Please contact the Help Desk if you need to revise your institution's preloaded cohort.
- The **Additional exclusions** (line 6) cannot exceed 5% of the original **Revised cohort** (line 1). Make sure that you are only reporting exclusions beyond those shown in **Exclusions within 150%** (line 2).
- The **Number of students in the cohort who completed a program within 150%-200% of normal time** (line 8) is expected to be greater than 0; otherwise an *explanation* is required.
- If the **Number of students in the cohort who completed a program within 150% of normal time** (line 5) is greater than 0, then **Number of students in the cohort who completed a program between 151%-200% of normal time** (line 8) should be less than that value.
- The total of **Still enrolled as of 200% of normal time** (line 9) and **Total completers within 200% of normal time** (line 10) must be less than or equal to the **Adjusted cohort 200%** (line 7).
- If the **Adjusted cohort 150%** (line 3) is greater than or equal to 50, then the Graduation rate calculated for **line 10** should be less than the Graduation Rate calculated for **line 5** plus 25%.