

History of the SLDS Grant Program

Expanding States' Capacity for Data-Driven Decisionmaking

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Program of the National Center for Education Statistics at IES

The **Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program** helps states and territories make informed decisions to improve student learning and outcomes by designing, building, maintaining, and expanding P-20W+ (early childhood through workforce) longitudinal data systems. Since its establishment with the Education Technical Assistance Act of 2002, the program has awarded more than \$800 million in seven rounds of competitive grants. State education agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories are eligible to apply for SLDS grants.

Evolving to Meet Growing Information Needs

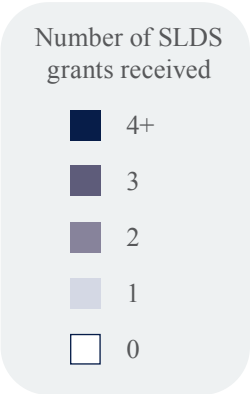
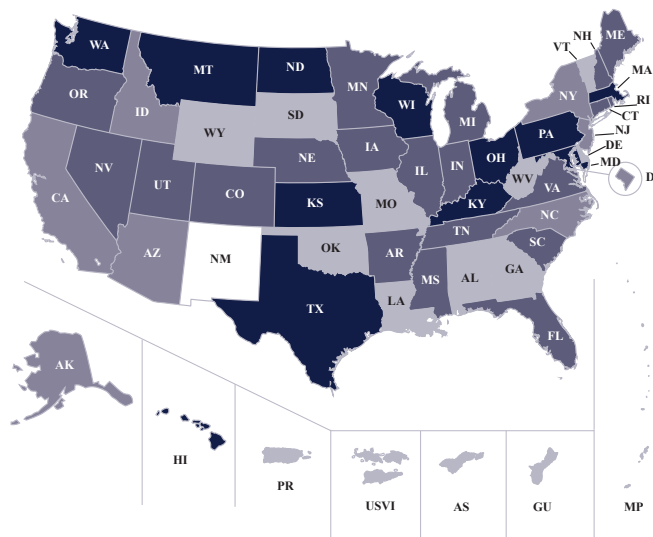
Over time, the focus of the SLDS Grant Program has expanded to reflect states' progress in building and using data systems to support a variety of education and workforce policy and program decisions.

Areas of Focus for SLDS Grant Rounds	2006	2007	2009	2009 ARRA	2012	2015	2019
Integrating K12 Data	●	●	●	●	+		
Integrating Early Childhood Data				+	●	+	+
Integrating Postsecondary Data				+	●	+	+
Integrating Workforce Data				+	●	+	+
Creating a Teacher–Student Data Link				+	●		+
Data Use						●	●

● *Required focus area* + *Optional or additional focus area*

55
state and territory grantees

\$826 million
in total grants awarded



SLDS Grants Over Time



2006

14
grantees

\$3.7M
average award

Grant Focus
K12 data

2007

13
grantees

\$4.8M
average award

Grant Focus
K12 data

2009

27
grantees

\$5.6M
average award

Grant Focus
K12 data **plus** one of the following:

- Prekindergarten data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

or

- Teacher–student data link

2009

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)

20
grantees

\$12.5M
average award

Grant Focus

- Prekindergarten data;
- K12 data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

and

- Teacher–student data link

2012

24
grantees

\$4.1M
average award

Grant Focus

- Prekindergarten data;
- K12 data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

2015

16
grantees

\$6.5M
average award

Grant Focus
Data use in **one** or **two** of the following areas:

- Fiscal equity and return on investment
- Educator talent management
- Early learning
- College and career
- Evaluation and research
- Instructional support

2019

28
grantees

\$3.3M
average award

Grant Focus
One of the following areas:

- Infrastructure
- Equity
- Education choice

