Student Achievement Measure

www.studentachievementmeasure.org

The Student Achievement Measure (SAM) tracks student movement across postsecondary institutions to provide a more complete picture of undergraduate student progress and completion within the higher education system. The SAM Project is a joint initiative of the six national higher education presidential associations: the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

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NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS BY STATE

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

☑ Data collection
☑ Data tools
☑ Convenings
☑ Best practices
☑ Technical assistance
☑ Federal policy recommendations
☑ State policy recommendations
☑ Institutional policy recommendations

PARTICIPATION

LEVEL OF INFORMATION

Level of commitment to initiative:

Level of data submitted to initiative:

Level of data reported publicly:

KEY RESOURCES

SAM Model Resources
http://www.studentachievementmeasure.org/resources

SAM Bachelor’s Degree-seeking Model Methodology
https://s3.amazonaws.com/studentachievementmeasure/SAM+Permanent+Links/SAM+Bachelor%27s+Model+Methodology.pdf

SAM Associate and Certificate Model Methodology
https://s3.amazonaws.com/studentachievementmeasure/SAM+Permanent+Links/SAM+Associate+%26+Certiﬁcate+Model+Methodology.pdf

536 INSTITUTIONS

50 STATES & TERRITORIES

50+ DC

5.8 million STUDENTS COVERED

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Data Measures in the Student Achievement Measure

This is a summary of the measures included in the Student Achievement Measure's data collection (indicated by a check mark). Text after a measure gives more specific information about the level of detail collected.

**ACCESS**
- Enrollment

**PRICE**
- Student prices
- Grant aid
- Debt

**PROGRESS**
- Persistence: Term-to-term
- Remedial course completion
- Gateway course completion
- Other course completion
- Credit accumulation
- Transfer-out: Detail on all levels of receiving institution
- Still enrolled beyond graduation timeframe

**COMPLETION**
- Graduation rates: 100%, 150%, 200%
- Time to degree
- Credits to degree
- Credentials conferred

**OUTCOMES**
- Employment rate
- Earnings
- Repayment measures
- Learning outcomes
- Continuing education outcomes

**OTHER**
- Contextual information about state and/or service area
- Institution and/or program details
- Course information
- Academic and student support services
- Student experience, engagement, satisfaction, and/or behavior
- Faculty demographics, course loads, and/or student ratios

**Student Characteristics**

This list denotes which student characteristics this initiative uses to disaggregate the data measures listed above, although not all measures are necessarily disaggregated by all characteristics noted here.

- Enrollment status: Full-time, part-time
- Attendance pattern: First-time, transfer
- Degree/certificate-seeking status: Bachelor's degree-seeking, associate/certificate-seeking
- Income
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender
- Age
- Program of study
- Military status
- Level of academic preparation

**Notes**

Part-time students are included in the Associate/Certificate Model and are optional in the Bachelor's Model.