

Clearinghouse to Provide Undergraduate Success Measure for VSA Initiative

New StudentTracker VSA Query Available This Fall

The Clearinghouse is developing a cohort retention and graduation rate table compliant with the undergraduate success rate for the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA). The new measure provides a more accurate assessment of student progress by including transfer patterns in the enrollment and graduation rates of exiting students. It is included in the VSA Web reporting template, College Portrait. The Clearinghouse is creating the table in partnership with the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

NASULGC and AASCU developed the VSA as a common way for their member institutions to report educational outcomes and demonstrate accountability to the public. It also enables prospective students and their parents to directly compare specific information between colleges, such as student achievement. Together, NASULGC and AASCU represent more than 525 public institutions, which enroll 7.5 million students. Over 94% of NASULGC and AASCU schools also belong to the Clearinghouse.

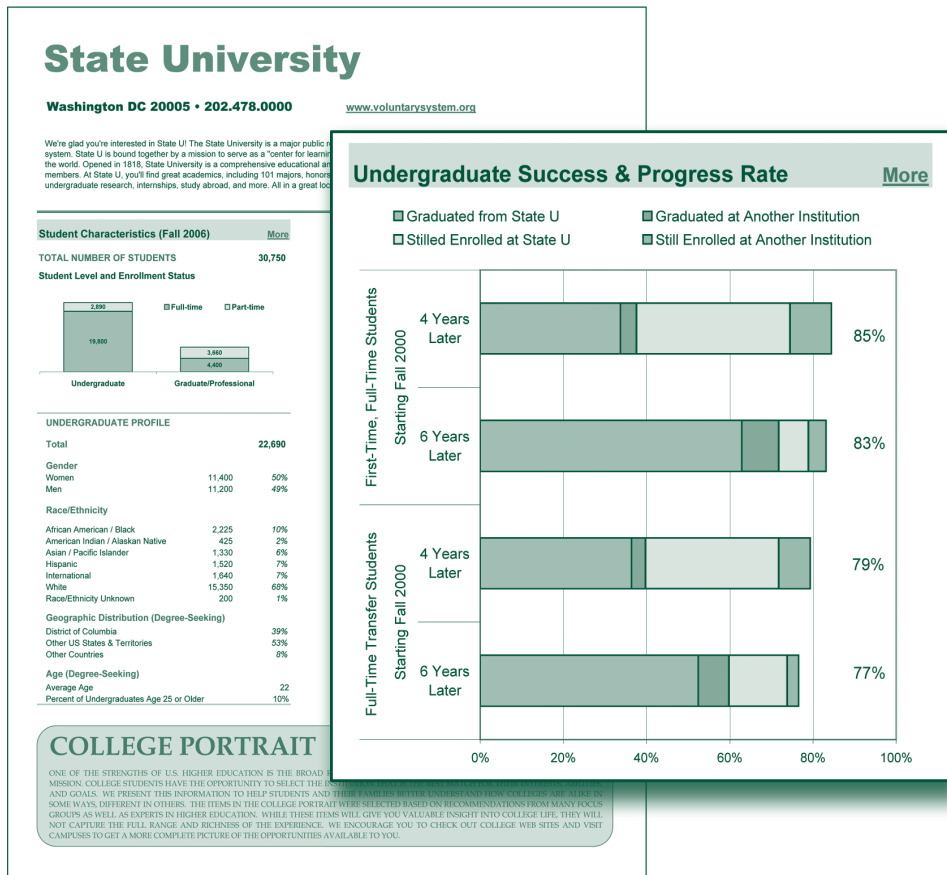
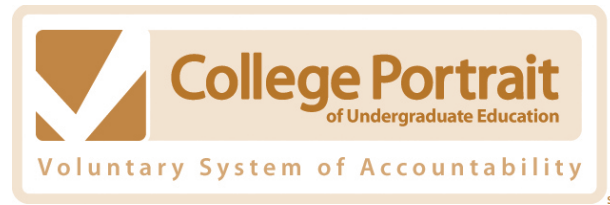
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Institutions that participate in the Clearinghouse’s educational research service, StudentTracker, can use it to create the “Undergraduate Success & Progress Rate” table for their VSA College Portrait. A new StudentTracker query that provides institutions with a summary enrollment and retention table will be available this fall. Schools must participate in Core, DegreeVerify and StudentTracker to produce the StudentTracker VSA report.

“By using Clearinghouse data, VSA participants can capture the educational attainments of students who transfer out to other institutions and produce a truer picture of student success,” said Christine Keller, executive director of the VSA, “We’re excited to offer this option to our schools.”

Using StudentTracker for VSA Reporting

Institutions that have committed to participating with the VSA will be contacted this summer and invited to submit a StudentTracker file. This will allow participating institutions to prepare their query and review the outcome measures before the College Portrait submission deadline in November. More information on the StudentTracker VSA query is available at www.studentclearinghouse.org/colleges/Tracker/vsa.htm.



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If you already participate in the Clearinghouse and are interested in signing up for DegreeVerify and/or StudentTracker, contact your Clearinghouse regional director. If you are committed to the VSA, but are not yet a Clearinghouse member and are interested in joining, contact service@studentclearinghouse.org.