

Case Study Report: Previously Enrolled Cohort at a Private Four Year University

Executive Summary

Background

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) provides enrollment and degree verification services to the higher education and lending community. As a centralized data warehouse for enrollment, degree, and certification-based data, the Clearinghouse is compliant with the Federal Education Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA); which allows member institutions and service providers to submit and/or receive directory level records in a secured electronic environment. Currently, over 3,100 U.S. colleges and universities, with about 92% of the nation's postsecondary students enrolled, are members of the Clearinghouse.

The NSC requested volunteers to submit data that would be analyzed and used as case study examples in training sessions on the research capacity and capabilities of NSC data. The present report is the result of collaboration between the NSC and a private four year institution to conduct an investigation on the incidence of subsequent enrollment patterns of a previously enrolled/withdrawn cohort.

About the Institution

Source: IPEDS College Navigator

The university used for this case study is a four year, private not-for-profit institution. Several awards are offered by the school including a one but less than two year certificate, bachelors, masters, doctors and a first-professional degree. Approximately 99% of the institution's undergraduates attended full-time in 2006. Undergraduate applicants for fall 2007 included a total of 30,383-with 21% admitted. The retention rate, which measures the percentage of entering students who continue their studies the subsequent fall, is at 97% for full-time students. Graduation rates for full-time first-time undergraduates who began their program in 2000 are 84% at 4 years, 91% at 5 years and 92% at 6 years.

Research Question and Method

This case study examines the incidence of subsequent enrollment (xfers) for a previously enrolled cohort. A student data file was compiled by the institution and submitted to the Clearinghouse via StudentTracker (ST) for analysis. This ST system allows for the transmission of directory level data for prospective, current and former students. The ST database holds enrollment and degree information on approximately 92% of the nation's college students.

The data file included a submission total of 2,933 students with a match rate of 2,571. Enrollment and/or degree records found per student totaled 20,125. Match rates exclude blocked data by the student or the institution, students without response data and international students.

Table 1. Student Match Rate per Students Submitted by the Institution

Institution Sent	2,933 students
NSC Matched	2,571 students
No response data	315 students
Blocked data	47 students

Exiting Students:

Table 2. Frequency of Students Graduated from Subsequent Four Year Institution by Academic Year

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Graduated</u>	<u>Percent Graduated</u>
1992-93	3	1	33.3
1993-94	83	12	14.5
1994-95	343	39	11.4
1995-96	489	55	11.2
1996-97	572	70	12.2
1997-98	635	89	14.0
1998-99	629	97	15.4
1999-00	658	80	12.1
2000-01	638	101	15.8
2001-02	662	84	12.7
2002-03	744	75	10.1
2003-04	706	81	11.5
2004-05	673	128	19.0
2005-06	566	100	17.7
2006-07	456	96	21.1
2007-08	308	8	2.6
TOTAL	8165	1116	13.7

Over 10 percent of the xfers went on to graduate from another four year institution.

Exiting Students:

Table 3. Frequency of Students Graduated from Subsequent Two Year Institution by Academic Year

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Total Students</u>	<u>Total Graduated</u>	<u>Percent Graduated</u>
1992-93	3	0	0
1993-94	83	2	2.4
1994-95	343	0	0
1995-96	489	3	0.6
1996-97	572	4	0.7
1997-98	635	9	1.4
1998-99	629	10	1.6
1999-00	658	3	0.5
2000-01	638	4	0.6
2001-02	662	4	0.6

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2002-03	744	6	0.8
2003-04	706	6	0.8
2004-05	673	8	1.2
2005-06	566	9	1.6
2006-07	456	8	1.8
2007-08	308	2	0.6
TOTAL	8165	78	1.0

About 1 percent of the xfers went on to graduate from a two year institution.

Exiting Students:

Table 4. Transfer Institution by State, Public/Private Status and Student Enrollment Count of 10 or More

SUNY TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	NY	PUBLIC	63
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	NY	PRIVATE	58
STANFORD UNIVERSITY	CA	PRIVATE	40
CUNY HUNTER COLLEGE	NY	PUBLIC	36
SUNY STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY	NY	PUBLIC	31
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	PA	PUBLIC	26
SUNY BUFFALO	NY	PUBLIC	23
ITHACA COLLEGE	NY	PRIVATE	22
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	FL	PUBLIC	20
SUNY ALBANY	NY	PUBLIC	20
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK	MD	PUBLIC	17
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	VA	PUBLIC	16
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER	CO	PUBLIC	16
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	CT	PUBLIC	15
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES	CA	PUBLIC	14
SUNY BINGHAMTON	NY	PUBLIC	14
THE NEW SCHOOL	NY	PRIVATE	14
CUNY CITY COLLEGE	NY	PUBLIC	14
HARVARD UNIVERSITY - CONTINUING ED	MA	PRIVATE	14

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	IL	PRIVATE	14
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX -	AZ	PRIVATE	13
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY	NY	PRIVATE	12
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	TX	PUBLIC	12
TULANE UNIVERSITY	LA	PRIVATE	12
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON	WI	PUBLIC	12
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE	MD	PUBLIC	12
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY	NY	PRIVATE	12
CUNY QUEENS COLLEGE	NY	PUBLIC	11
CUNY BROOKLYN COLLEGE	NY	PUBLIC	11
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	MA	PRIVATE	11
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	CA	PRIVATE	11
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	MO	PRIVATE	11
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES	MN	PUBLIC	11
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, MAIN CAMPUS	OR	PUBLIC	10
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO	ME	PUBLIC	10
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO	IL	PUBLIC	10
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	NJ	PUBLIC	10
BROWN UNIVERSITY	RI	PRIVATE	10

Among the xfers, the majority went on to in-state institutions with public or private status having no effect.