

## Case Study Report: Withdrawn Cohort at a Private Four Year University

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### Executive Summary

#### *Background*

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) provides enrollment and degree verification services to the higher education and lending communities. 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and a private four year institution to conduct an investigation on the incidence of subsequent enrollment patterns of a withdrawn cohort.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. Nine various awards are offered by the school including a one but less than two year certificate. Approximately 80% of the institution's undergraduates attended full-time in 2006. Undergraduate applicants for fall 2007 included a total of 16,867-with 71% admitted. The retention rate, which measures the percentage of entering students who continue their studies the subsequent fall, is at 84% for full-time students and 52% for part-time students. Graduation rates for full-time first-time undergraduates who began their program in 2000 are 13% at 4 years, 51% at 5 years and 60% at 6 years. The transfer out rate for this group is 5%.

#### *Research Question and Method*

This case study examines the incidence of subsequent enrollment after 1/1/2002 for a withdrawn cohort.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 1,284 students with a match rate of 1,164. Enrollment and/or degree records found per student totaled 7,134. 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

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<b>Institution Sent</b>	<b>1,284 students</b>
<b>NSC Matched</b>	<b>1,164 students</b>
<b>No response data</b>	<b>116 students</b>
<b>Blocked data</b>	<b>4 students</b>

Exiting students:

**Table 1.** Transfer Institution by Student Enrollment Count of 10 or More

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INSTITUTION NAME	STATE	STATUS	COUNT
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	PA	PUBLIC	51
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA	PA	PUBLIC	44
DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PA	PUBLIC	43
CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE	NJ	PUBLIC	32
BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PA	PUBLIC	31
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PA	PUBLIC	31
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	PA	PUBLIC	29
BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE	NJ	PUBLIC	25
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK	MD	PUBLIC	16
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY	PA	PUBLIC	14
ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	NJ	PUBLIC	14
GLOUCESTER COUNTY COLLEGE	NJ	PUBLIC	12

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***The majority of the 2002 withdrawn cohort transferred to in-state institutions.***