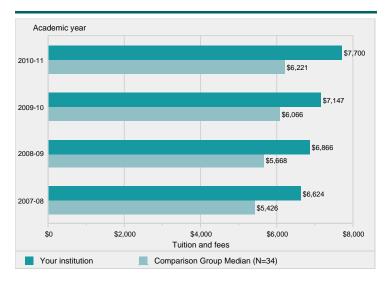


Comparison group data are included to provide a context for interpreting your institution's statistics. If your institution did not define a Custom Comparison Group for this report by July 15, NCES selected a comparison group for you. (In this case, the characteristics used to define the comparison group appears below.) The Executive Peer Tool (ExPT)(http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/) can be used to reproduce the figures in this report using different peer groups.

Using some of your institution's characteristics, a group of comparison institutions was selected for you. The characteristics include Carnegie Classification of Masters Colleges and Universities (larger programs), public and enrollment of a similar size. This comparison group includes the following 34 institutions:

- Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, AR)
- Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)
- ▶ Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (Bloomsburg, PA)
- ▶ Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)
- California University of Pennsylvania (California, PA)
- CUNY Lehman College (Bronx, NY)
- Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers, FL)
- ▶ Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
- ► McNeese State University (Lake Charles, LA)
- ► Murray State University (Murray, KY)
- North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago, IL)
- Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK)
- Northwestern State University of Louisiana (Natchitoches, LA)
- ▶ Prairie View A & M University (Prairie View, TX)
- ▶ Purdue University-Calumet Campus (Hammond, IN)
- ▶ Radford University (Radford, VA)
- ▶ Saginaw Valley State University (University Center, MI)

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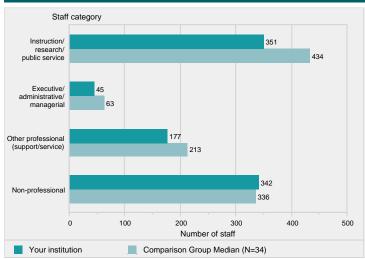


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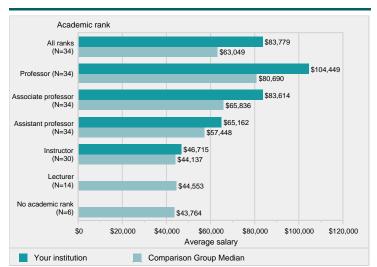
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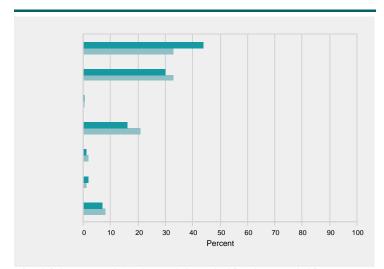
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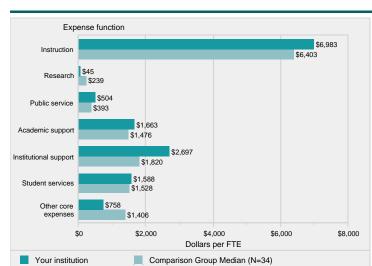


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This report is based on data supplied by institutions to IPEDS during the 2010-11 survey year. Response rates exceeded 99 percent for most surveys. Detailed response tables are included in IPEDS First Look reports, which can be found at

http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/getpubcats.asp?sid=010.

The value for the comparison institution is compared to the median value for the comparison group for each statistic included in the figure. If more than one statistic is presented in a figure, the median values are determined separately for each indicator or statistic. Medians are not reported for comparison groups with less than three values. Where percentage distributions are presented, median values may not add to 100 percent. Through the ExPT, users have access to all of the data used to create the figures included in this report.

If a statistic is not reported for your institution, the omission indicates that the statistic is not relevant to your institution and the data were not collected. As such, not all notes listed below may be applicable to your report.

All IPEDS data are subject to imputation for total (institutional) and partial (item) nonresponse. If necessary, imputed values were used to prepare your report.

IPEDS data are not collected under a pledge of confidentiality.

When applicable, some statistics are disaggregated by race/ethnicity. Data disaggregated by race/ethnicity have been reported using the 1997 (new) Office of Management and Budget categories. Detailed information about the recent race/ethnicity changes can be found at http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/reic/resource.asp.

The use of new postbaccalaureate degree categories was mandatory in the 2010-11 collection year. These categories are: doctor's degree-research/scholarship, doctor's degree-professional practice, and doctor's

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Equated Instructional Staff Salaries

Total salary outlays for full-time instructional staff on 11/12-month contracts were equated to 9-month outlays by multiplying the outlay for 11/12-month contracted instructional staff by 0.8182. The equated outlays were then added to the outlays for 9/10-month instructional staff to determine an average salary for each rank. Salaries are not included for medical school staff or staff on less-than-9-month contracts.

FTE for Enrollment

The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment used in this report is the sum of the institution's FTE undergraduate enrollment and FTE graduate enrollment (as calculated from or reported on the 12-month Enrollment component). Undergraduate and graduate FTE are estimated using 12-month instructional activity (credit and/or contact hours). See "Calculation of FTE Students (using instructional activity)" in the IPEDS Glossary at http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary/.

FTE for Staff

The full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff is calculated by summing the total number of full-time staff from the Employees by Assigned Position (EAP) section of the Human Resources component and adding one-third of the total number of part-time staff.

Graduation Rates and Transfer-out Rate

Graduation rates are those developed to satisfy the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know and Higher Education Opportunity Acts and are defined as the total number of individuals from a given cohort of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates who completed a degree or certificate within a given percent of normal time (for the degree or certificate) before the ending status date of August 31, 2010, divided by the entire cohort of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates minus any allowable exclusions. Institutions are permitted to exclude from the initial cohort students who died or were totally and permanently disabled; those who left school to serve in the armed forces or were called to active duty; those who left to serve with a foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; and those who left to serve on an official church mission. Transfer-out rate is the total number of students from the cohort who are known to have transferred out of the reporting institution within the same time period, divided by the same adjusted cohort. Only institutions with a mission that includes preparing students to transfer are required to report transfers out.

Retention Rates

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