

Notes and Data Dictionary

The Office of Institutional Research and Reporting is responsible for and takes care in maintaining and reporting official University of Minnesota data. Questions about the 2006 Compact Planning Data should be directed to Rich Howard (rdhoward@umn.edu).

Reconfigured Colleges

Reports are provided for the three colleges that will be reconfigured effective July 1, 2006:

1. (NDES) College/Institute of Design, which will be comprised of the existing College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the Department of Design Housing and Apparel in the College of Human Ecology
2. (NCOA) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, which will be comprised of the existing College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, the College of Natural Resources, and the Department of Food Science and Nutrition in the College of Human Ecology
3. (NCED) College of Education and Human Development, which will be comprised of the existing College of Education and Human Development, the General College, and the School of Social Work and the Department of Family Social Science in the College of Human Ecology

Note that the names of these reconfigured collegiate units have not yet been determined and approved.

In the reports for these reconfigured colleges, 10-years of trend data have been reconstructed based on what these units would have looked like in the past if organized as they will be in the future.

Data Dictionary

Reporting lines change over time. Historical data has been re-mapped to the FY2006 area class (or chart of accounts) reporting structure to allow consistent comparisons.

The source of data for all of the campus and college reports is defined below.

Headcount Enrollment

Headcount enrollment information, with detail by race/ethnicity and gender, is for the fall semester and is from official reports of the Office of Institutional Research and Reporting. Note that there is an unavoidable methodological break beginning in FY2000, when the University implemented its new student information system and changed to a semester-based calendar. Prior to FY2000 the College of Continuing Education used its own, separate registration system and the college's enrollment was not included in the University's official fall term enrollment reports. The University's official head count enrollment is always determined after of the 10th class day of the fall semester.

Full-year Equivalent (FYE) Enrollment

FYE enrollment information is for the entire fiscal year (summer session, fall semester, and spring semester – or quarter calendar equivalents) and is from official reports of the Office of Institutional Research and Reporting. FYE enrollment is calculated by dividing total student credit hours (SCH) by 30 for undergraduate and first-professional students and by 20 for graduate students. This is a long-standing convention that was negotiated with the state of Minnesota in the early 1970's. It is also fairly standard nation-wide, except for graduate students, where there is some variation.

Degrees Awarded

Detail of degrees awarded is from official reports of the Office of Institutional Research and Reporting. Note that certificate information is not included.

Retention and Graduation Rates

Retention and graduation rates are from official reports of the Office of Institutional Research and Reporting. It should be noted that in FY2001 the University adopted a new, nationally-accepted "first-time, full-time cohort" methodology for reporting retention and graduation rates. For this reason, the rates shown in the campus reports differ somewhat from rates reported in prior reports. Official retention and graduation rates are provided only at the campus level. Retention and graduation rates for Twin Cities colleges are determined only for those colleges that admit freshmen and are used only for internal purposes.

Full-time Equivalent (FTE) and Headcount Staff

Staff counts, with detail by race/ethnicity, are taken from a snapshot of the University's employees on pay period 9 and displayed under the proper fiscal year. For example, pay period 9 run in late October 2004 is displayed under FY 2005. This snapshot is used by the University for the annual IPEDS fall staff survey that must be submitted to the National Center for Educational Statistics. Employees are broken into five groups:

1. Civil service and bargaining unit staff
2. P&A administrative staff
3. Tenured and tenure/track faculty members
4. Other faculty members
5. P&A professional staff

Note that student employees are listed under their own heading.

Faculty counts will differ from some other University staff reports because faculty members with administrative appointments (e.g., the president) are counted as administrative employees. In cases where information regarding the percent of an employee's appointment is missing, the appointment is assumed to be 50 percent.

Tuition Attribution Information

Tuition attribution information is from reports maintained by Information Management Systems using the methodology established by the University in FY 1997, when it revised its budgeting system.

Expenditure Information

All expenditure information is from the University's financial system for the final close of the fiscal year. The final close is usually run the end of October for the fiscal year ended June 30.

Expenditures are reported in three ways: by source of funds, by function, and by object groupings. Note that tuition revenue is not an expenditure fund source and is instead included in the University's general operations and maintenance fund, along with the general state appropriation.

Grants and Contracts

All information about grant and contract proposals and awards is from annual reports prepared by the Office of Sponsored Projects Administration. Note that amounts for multi-year awards are the amount for just the fiscal year, if the sponsor specified an amount for each year, as is usually the case. Otherwise the amount shown is the full amount for the multi-year period in the year the award was received.

Voluntary Support

All information about levels of voluntary support is from the University of Minnesota Foundation and includes gifts to the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Note that the amounts shown for Gifts Produced and Gifts Received do not include private grants and contracts.

Carry Forward for Central and Non-Sponsored Funds

Carry forward information is from the Office of Budget and Finance.