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A Guide to the Postsecondary Data Partnership Dashboard Tutorials

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The National Student Clearinghouse, in collaboration with the Association for Institutional Research (AIR), developed tutorials to help Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP) users better understand and get the most out of their PDP service.

This document serves as a guide to help you identify tutorials best suited for you and your role.

Introduction to the Postsecondary Data Partnership

If you are new to the PDP, explore the tutorials listed below to help you get started.

Overview

High-level information about the purpose, process, and development of the PDP.

- [The Purpose of the Postsecondary Data Partnership](#)
- [The Postsecondary Data Partnership Process](#)
- [The Postsecondary Data Partnership Metrics](#)

Dashboard Functionality

Learn the basic functionality and purpose for most PDP dashboards, the difference between dimensions and filters, and the unique dimensions and filters for each dashboard.

- [Basic Institution-Level Dashboard Functionality](#)
- [Dimensions and Filters](#)

Explore Additional Topics

- [Getting Started with the PDP Data Elements](#)
- [Using the PDP Analysis-Ready Files to Understand First-Year Student Success](#)
- [Calibrating Performance through Benchmarking](#)

Application to Specific Goals/Projects

If you make data-informed decisions as part of your institution's or program's strategic planning process, watch the tutorials under the topic below that's most relevant to you.

Academic Advising

For those in the academic advising profession, watch how the PDP dashboards can explain topics common to advising, like academic probation and gateway course completion.

Analysis-Ready Files

- [Using the PDP Cohort-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)

Early Momentum Metrics

- [Differences in Credit Accumulation Rate by Gender](#)
- [Identifying Equity Gaps](#)
- [Impact of College Readiness on Credit Completion Ratio](#)
- [Impact of Course Type on Gateway Course Completion Rate](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Accumulation Rate](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Completion Ratio](#)
- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Understanding the Credit Completion Ratio for Transfer-In Students](#)
- [Using Early Momentum Metrics as Evidence for Accreditation](#)

Lagging Indicators

- [Credentials Earned by Hispanic Male Students Before and After Transferring to a 4-Year Institution](#)
- [Deciding When to Transfer](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on First-Time Student Retention and Persistence Rates](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on Three-Year Outcomes](#)
- [Impact of Enrollment Type and Attendance on Time to Complete an Associate Degree](#)
- [Impact of Preparedness on Six-Year Completion Rates](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)

Student Enrollment

- [Demographic Profile of First-Year Students](#)
- [First-Year Student Academic Probation](#)

Accreditation

Regional accreditors require institutions to report student success data. These tutorials provide examples of ways the PDP dashboards could be used as evidence for accreditation.

- [Using Benchmarking for Accreditation Requirements](#)
- [Using Early Momentum Metrics as Evidence for Accreditation](#)

Completion/Credentials Completed

One of higher education's primary goals is to support students through completion of a credential. The PDP can be used to understand issues that impact completion.

- [Awarding Associate Degrees to Transfer-Out Students](#)
- [Credentials Earned by Hispanic Male Students Before and After Transferring to a 4-Year Institution](#)
- [Deciding When to Transfer](#)
- [Differences in Credit Accumulation Rate by Gender](#)
- [Identifying Equity Gaps](#)
- [Identifying Students for a New Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on First-Time Student Retention and Persistence Rates](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on Three-Year Outcomes](#)
- [Impact of College Readiness on Time to Credential for First-Time Students](#)
- [Impact of Course Type on Gateway Course Completion Rate](#)
- [Impact of Enrollment Type and Attendance on Time to Complete an Associate Degree](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Accumulation Rate](#)
- [Impact of Pell Grants on Transfer-In Student Retention/Persistence Rates](#)
- [Impact of Preparedness on Six-Year Completion Rates](#)
- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)
- [Using Benchmarking for Accreditation Requirements](#)
- [Understanding Fall-to-Spring Retention Rates for First-Time Students](#)

Time to Credential

These tutorials provide examples of ways the PDP can be used to explore factors related to the time it takes first-year students to complete a credential.

- [Impact of College Readiness on Time to Credential for First-Time Students](#)
- [Impact of Course Type on Gateway Course Completion Rate](#)
- [Impact of Enrollment Type and Attendance on Time to Complete an Associate Degree](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Accumulation Rate](#)

- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)

Retention/Persistence

Improving student retention/persistence is the first step in improving completion rates. You can use these PDP tutorials to explore factors that impact retention.

Analysis-Ready Files

- [Using the PDP Cohort-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)
- [Using the PDP Course-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)
- [Use the Financial Aid Analysis-Ready File to Identify Students with Unmet Financial Need](#)

Dashboards

- [Examining Unmet Financial Need](#)
- [Identifying Students for a New Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on First-Time Student Retention and Persistence Rates](#)
- [Impact of Attendance on Three-Year Outcomes](#)
- [Impact of Course Type on Gateway Course Completion Rate](#)
- [Impact of Pell Grants on Transfer-In Student Retention/Persistence Rates](#)
- [Impact of Preparedness on Six-Year Completion Rates](#)
- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Understanding Fall-to-Spring Retention Rates for First-Time Students](#)
- [Understanding Retention Rates of High-Achieving Female First-Year Students](#)

Student Financial Aid

One of the strongest factors impacting student success is unmet financial need. Explore these tutorials to understand financial aid and unmet financial need.

Analysis-Ready Files

- [Use the Financial Aid Analysis-Ready File to Identify Students with Unmet Financial Need](#)

Dashboards

- [Examining Unmet Financial Need](#)
- [First-Year Student Academic Probation](#)
- [Identifying Students for a New Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Impact of Pell Grants on Transfer-In Student Retention/Persistence Rates](#)
- [Understanding the Credit Completion Ratio for Transfer-In Students](#)

Diversity and Equity

Learn to use the PDP dashboards to explore diversity and equity at your institution.

Analysis-Ready Files

- [Using the PDP Course-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)

Dashboards

- [Credentials Earned by Hispanic Male Students Before and After Transferring to a 4-Year Institution](#)
- [Examining Unmet Financial Need](#)
- [Identifying Equity Gaps](#)
- [Identifying Students for a New Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Recruiting and Supporting a More Diverse Student Body](#)
- [Using Benchmarking for Accreditation Requirements](#)
- [Using Early Momentum Metrics as Evidence for Accreditation](#)

Understand Student Success

These tutorials provide case studies of how you can use the PDP dashboards to better understand student success at your institution.

Academic Performance

Explore topics linking academic performance with outcomes like retention and course completion.

- [Impact of GPA on Credit Accumulation Rate](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Completion Ratio](#)
- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Understanding Retention Rates of High-Achieving Female First-Year Students](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)

College Readiness

College readiness can impact many aspects of a college student's success, look at examples of how to use the PDP to explore this impact.

- [Impact of College Readiness on Credit Completion Ratio](#)
- [Impact of College Readiness on Time to Credential for First-Time Students](#)
- [Impact of Preparedness on Six-Year Completion Rates](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)

Gateway Course Completion

Explore issues related to gateway course success.

Analysis-Ready Files

- [Using the PDP Cohort-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)
- [Using the PDP Course-Level Analysis-Ready File](#)

Dashboards

- [Demographic Profile of First-Year Students](#)
- [Identifying Equity Gaps](#)
- [Impact of College Readiness on Credit Completion Ratio](#)
- [Impact of Course Type on Gateway Course Completion Rate](#)
- [Impact of GPA on Credit Accumulation Rate](#)
- [Impact of Preparedness on Six-Year Completion Rates](#)
- [Relationship between Academic Performance and Gateway Course Completion](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)

Transfer Students

If you work with transfer-in students or the transfer-out process, watch these tutorials to get a better understanding of transfer-in student success or success of students who have transferred out.

- [Awarding Associate Degrees to Transfer-Out Students](#)
- [Credentials Earned by Hispanic Male Students Before and After Transferring to a 4-Year Institution](#)
- [Deciding When to Transfer](#)
- [Impact of Enrollment Type and Attendance on Time to Complete an Associate Degree](#)
- [Impact of Pell Grants on Transfer-In Student Retention/Persistence Rates](#)
- [Transfer Student Success Program](#)
- [Understanding the Credit Completion Ratio for Transfer-In Students](#)

Working with the Public

These tutorials provide instruction on how to use the Student Insights Dashboards.

- [The Value of the PDP Student Insights Dashboards](#)
- [Recruiting and Supporting a More Diverse Student Body](#)