

Local Graduation Rates (for benchmarking)

Use this guide to acquire local graduation rates for computer science and information technology-related degree programs at two-year and four-year institutions. This will be helpful in identifying potential “teammates” and for setting benchmarks against which to measure success.

If you do not know your institution’s IPED ID (used to send institutional statistics to the National Center for Education Statistics), go to <http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator> and search for the name of your community college or four-year institution. Click on the name of your school to find the IPED ID. Many times the ID and password are the same. If using your school’s IPED ID to log in doesn’t work, contact someone in your institutional research department to find out your institution’s login. Once you have the IPED ID and password for your school, you’re ready to get your data. This looks hard when it’s written as a step-by-step set of instructions. It’s much easier when you’re on the IPEDS site.

****Note: If your session times out, you do not have to start over. Log back in, and click on the “back” button. You will be redirected to the screen where you left off.***

To find CS/IT graduation data for your institution and others:

1. Go to: <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>.
2. From the left column click on “Data.”
3. Click on “Dataset Cutting Tool (DCT).”
4. Click on “institution level” and agree to user agreement.
5. Enter the user ID and password for your institution.
6. Click on “Dataset Cutting Tool (DCT).”
7. Click to “view data by data year,” enter the year you’d like to view, click the “continue” button.
8. Select the state in which your school resides (or the state for which you would like to see data) and continue to choose each applicable institutional characteristic (e.g., degree granting institution, highest degree, public or private, 1st and 2nd degree, etc.) and click “continue.”
9. Select years from which to get data and click “continue.”
10. Check the boxes next to “enrollments” and “completions” for each year and click “continue.”
11. Under “Enrollments” check the box by “Major field of study, race...” for each year.
12. Under “Completions” check box by “Awards/degrees conferred by program...”
13. Click on “select” next to “CIP code” under “Completions.”
14. Select CIP codes = all of the 11 series (all CIP codes that start with 11).
15. Scroll down to the number 52, click on the plus sign next to the number 52.
16. Select the check box next to the number 52.12 “Management Information.”
17. Near “Award level code” click on “select” and “bachelor’s.”
18. Near “First or Second Major” click on “select” and mark the boxes for both.
19. Under every year, check the boxes next to “total men” and “total women” and or any other demographics that are of interest to you.
20. Click on the filename for “Multiple records” and “CSV”.
21. Under “CSV download” click on the “zipped link” file name.
22. Name your file and save locally.
23. Open the file using Microsoft Excel.