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1) In-State Transfer Students

   General: The annual number of former KCTCS students who enter a public, independent or proprietary postsecondary institution in Kentucky as a first-time transfer student.

   Technical: Includes first-time transfer students who transfer during the academic year (summer, fall and spring semesters as available) from KCTCS to a public, independent or proprietary four-year institution licensed to operate in the commonwealth of Kentucky. Data sources include student-unit data collected from public institutions for all three semesters of the academic year, and from AIKCU independent institutions for the fall and spring semesters. Equivalent data is currently proposed to be collected in a summary format from proprietary institutions in conjunction with revisions to the licensure regulation in 2009-10. This proposed data collection consists of transfer activity within a July 1 – June 30 academic year and includes the number of students transferring from individual institutions within Kentucky.

2) Out-of-State Transfer Students

   General: The number of KCTCS students who enter a four-year postsecondary institution outside Kentucky within three years.

   Technical: Includes students who were enrolled in KCTCS at one point in time who have enrolled for college-level credit in a four-year postsecondary institution outside Kentucky within three years. Data is generated from KCTCS student records matched against the National Student Clearinghouse. The KCTCS student cohort consists of all students enrolled for credit, including 1) degree and credential-seeking students , 2) dual enrollment high school students, and 3) other non-degree students, which will be reported separately.

3) Students Transferring Additional Credit

   General: The annual number of students other than first-time transfer students who transfer KCTCS credit into any public, independent or proprietary four-year postsecondary institution, such as visiting, dual credit, or workforce students.

   Technical: Includes students other than first-time transfers who transfer credit during the academic year (summer, fall and spring semesters) from KCTCS to a public, independent or proprietary four-year institution licensed to operate in the commonwealth of Kentucky. Data sources include a new, annual student-level file collected by CPE from public and independent institutions in summer 2009, and an expanded summary-level data collection from proprietary institutions currently proposed in conjunction with revisions to the licensure regulation in 2009-10. This proposed data collection consists of transfer activity within a July 1 – June 30 academic year and includes the number of credit hours students have transferred.

4) Transfer Credit

    a. General: The annual number of KCTCS credits accepted for transfer by any public, independent or proprietary four-year postsecondary institution.

    Technical: Includes all credits earned at KCTCS colleges that are reported as having been accepted for credit during the academic year (summer, fall and spring semesters) by a public, independent or proprietary four-year institution licensed to operate in the commonwealth of Kentucky. Data sources include a new, annual student-level file collected by CPE from public and independent institutions in summer 2009, and an expanded summary-level data collection from proprietary institutions currently proposed in conjunction with revisions to the licensure regulation in 2009-10. This proposed data collection consists of transfer activity within a July 1 – June 30 academic year and includes the number of credit hours students have transferred.

    b. General: KCTCS transfer credits that have been accepted and applied toward program requirements for graduation by Kentucky public four-year universities.

    Technical: CPE will conduct a transcript study at four of Kentucky's public universities each year (visiting all eight every two years) to review records of a sample of students who transferred in credit from KCTCS. Credits will be evaluated based on the proportion of all accepted credits that were applied toward graduation requirements in the student's first declared degree program.

5) Transfer Rate

    a. General: Proportion of students who completed more than ten credit hours at KCTCS who then transferred to a public or independent four-year institution in Kentucky and completed ten or more credit hours.

    Technical: Of all first-time students at a KCTCS institution entering in one academic year who have completed more than ten non-developmental credit hours within eight academic years, the proportion who complete more than ten non-developmental credit hours at a single public or independent four-year institution in Kentucky within the same eight academic years. Coursework is counted in an additive, rather than consecutive, way, to account for students who move back and forth between sectors. Note: Students transferring to proprietary and out-of-state institutions are not included because the historical student-level data needed to calculate this rate is not available from these sectors. Also, only credits taken in the fall at independent institutions can be included prior to 2005 as no additional data was collected prior to that time. Credits completed are calculated using enrollment at the beginning of the semester from fall 2001 to summer 2006, with course completion substituted (for public institutions' data only) beginning in the fall 2006 semester. This definition is modeled after the transfer rate used by the NCES in their High School and Beyond and NELS:88/2000 surveys, as published in "Moving Into Town – And Moving On" by Clifford Adelman (US Dept. of Ed., 2005).

    b. Scope of Transfer at Four-Year Institutions: New transfer students as a percent of all new undergraduate degree-seeking students at Kentucky four-year institutions annually.

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