# Facts and Figures Category Definitions

# **Enrollment**

#### Fall Enrollment

The Fall Enrollment report is a snapshot of students enrolled in credit-bearing courses that could lead to awards as of October 15 of each fall semester.

#### Fall FTE

The Fall FTE uses the data reported in fall enrollment to determine the full-time equivalency of the students enrolled as of October 15. The methodology for determining FTE for a single semester is to add full-time students to one third of the part time students. For the purposes of this calculation, full-time is considered 12 credits.

#### Annual Enrollment

The Twelve Month Enrollment report collects unduplicated credit student enrollment for an entire twelve month period (July 1 to June 30). For this report the annual enrollment timeframe is summer, fall, and spring.

## Retention

## Fall to Spring

This is a measure of the rate at which students persist in enrollment at an institution, expressed as a percentage. This is the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either re-enrolled or successfully completed their program the subsequent semester (spring).

#### Fall to Fall

This is a measure of the rate at which students are retained in enrollment at an institution, expressed as a percentage. This is the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either reenrolled or successfully completed their program by the current fall.

## **Awards Conferred**

The number of recognized degree/certificate completions awarded between July 1 and June 30 of a reporting year.

#### **Graduation Rate**

The number of students entering the institution as full-time, first-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students in a particular year (cohort) who complete their program within 150% of time (3 years for an associate degree). Calculated by: (the number of students from a given new student cohort who graduates) divided by (the number of students who initially enrolled in that cohort minus any who are considered to be "allowable exclusions.") For purposes of reporting Student Right-To-Know graduation rates, allowable exclusions are: students who are deceased, students who are totally and permanently disabled, students who have left school to join the armed forces, students who have left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps, and students who have left school to serve on official church missions.

## Transfer-Out Rate

Of the number of students entering the institution as full-time, first-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students in a particular year (cohort), this report shows the number of students who are known to have transferred out of the reporting institution within 150% of normal time to complete. Calculated by: (the number of students from a given new student cohort who did not graduate--graduates are counted in the graduation rate--and transferred to another institution of higher education) divided by (the number of students who initially enrolled in that cohort minus any who are considered to be "allowable exclusions.") For purposes of reporting Student Right-To-Know graduation rates,

allowable exclusions are: students who are deceased, students who are totally and permanently disabled, students who have left school to join the armed forces, students who have left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps, and students who have left school to serve on official church missions.

# Faculty and Staff

These are reported numbers of employees from the IPEDS Human Resource component—which is a snapshot of employment as of November 1—and supplemented with student employment information provided by Human Resources.