

Hawaii
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History

1. When was the student unit-record (SUR) system established?
Under development from 1995 to the present, with data beginning in 1997 for selected campuses.
2. By whom?
University of Hawaii system Institutional Research Office.
3. For what purpose (e.g., resource allocation/funding formula, IPEDS, tracking student retention/ graduation, tracking students across institutions)?
Planning, policy making and decision support.

Coverage

1. What institutions are included in your SUR system?
All 10 campuses of the University of Hawaii.
2. Are any independent institutions included (number or percentage)? What about proprietary institutions? Are different kinds of data or different schedules for data collection used for any of these institutions?
No independent or proprietary institutions are included.
3. Are there plans to expand the system's coverage in terms of institutions? Please explain.
No.
4. When are data of which type collected (e.g. term/quarter/semester census date, annual, end of term, etc.)? Other reporting cycles?
Term, semester (combined & unduplicated term data)) for census, end of term, fiscal year.
5. Are there plans to collect data more frequently or on a different cycle?
Yes. Daily, during the beginning of instruction.
6. Is non-credit enrollment or instructional activity covered (e.g. ABE, ESL, GED, other job-related continuing education activity, etc.)? If so, is this in a separate database and what data elements are captured?
No.

Data Management and Manipulation

1. Who has authority over changing data elements and definitions?
University of Hawaii, Institutional Research Office.

2. Are SSNs used as a key link? If they are not, what is used instead? Are there immediate or long-range plans to discontinue use of the SSN as a key link?
No, SSNs not used as key link. System-generated unique ID is used.
3. Can campuses access datasets (unit records) themselves -- access in what terms (results, unit record data after it has been cleaned, unit-record data value added). If yes, who has access and how is this managed?
Yes, they can access value added unit record data after it has been cleaned. Individual access is granted according to FERPA, and is managed by UH-IRO.
4. How do you handle privacy and FERPA issues? Do you have an explicit privacy policy and/or policies governing the use of SUR data by third parties such as institutions and researchers?
We are in the process of updating our FERPA policy.
5. Have any FERPA or privacy issues come up recently in your state? If so, how have they affected your ability to use student record information?
Not to my knowledge.
6. Do you link SUR data within your state to other databases?
In the planning process of a P-20 system linking high school and post secondary systems (public only).
7. Have you cooperated with other state higher education agencies to share data? If so, please explain.
No.

Reporting and Use of Data

1. What kinds of statistics and reports are generated regularly using SUR data? How can we access or obtain copies?
Please see our web site at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/iro/> click on MAPS report link
2. If graduation and retention statistics are generated for institutions (or for the state or system as a whole), how are they calculated (e.g. IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey method, other methods)?
Yes, IPEDS GRS method.
3. What kinds of research projects have recently been undertaken by the state or system using SUR data resources?
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4. What are the biggest challenges you face with respect to using SUR data resources for analysis and reporting?
Lack of staff resources, especially to develop a standard system wide reporting system.

Overview

1. Have there been any significant developments in regards to your SUR system since 2002?
Migration to Sungard SCT Banner system forced us to put our (now) legacy SUR and reporting system to rest and develop and new data warehouse on a new platform.