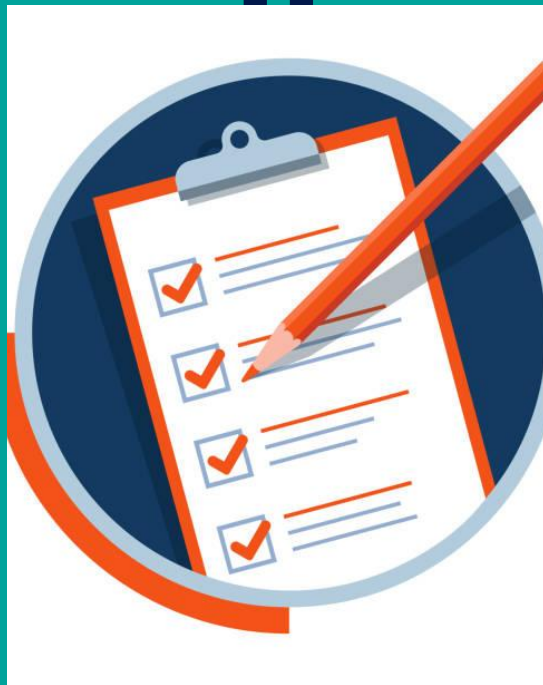


FirstGen Forward and Postsecondary Data Partnership:

**Onboarding
2025**

Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of FirstGen Forward PDP experience
- Roles and responsibilities of institution's Leadership Team
- Key dates and deadlines
- PDP overview – Kathleen Boody, Account Manager, PDP
- Resources for success
- Next steps





Introductions



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- Liaison between FirstGen Forward and PDP
- Support for Network during data submission
- Leads PDP data submission project management
- Audits data submitted to the PDP



- Improving institutional data use
- Connecting momentum metrics to continuous improvement plans
- Strengthening data literacy and communication

FirstGen Forward Expectations

- Annually submit student data directly to the Postsecondary Data Partnership by August 1.
- Include first-generation student indicator (*variable #27, page 20 of PDP Data Submission Guide*).
- First Submission:
 - 3 to 5 years of historical data



Once Data are Submitted...

- We will tour dashboards with you for technical understanding and data insights.
- We will work with you to identify metrics goals and connect them to continuous improvement.
- You will be invited to participate in monthly workshops overviewing data use and data literacy.
- Virtual Data Summit: Spring 2026



Roles and Responsibilities

- **Institutional Research or Data Submitter:**
 - Responsible for coordinating all technical aspects of the data submission, identifying the individual responsible for collecting, and submitting data.
- **Primary Contacts:**
 - Responsible for coordinating aspects of the contracting process and invoicing with the PDP.
- **Cabinet-Level Leaders:**
 - Responsible for championing the data, including managing staff capacity for data submission, invoicing, and data.





NSC's Postsecondary Data Partnership

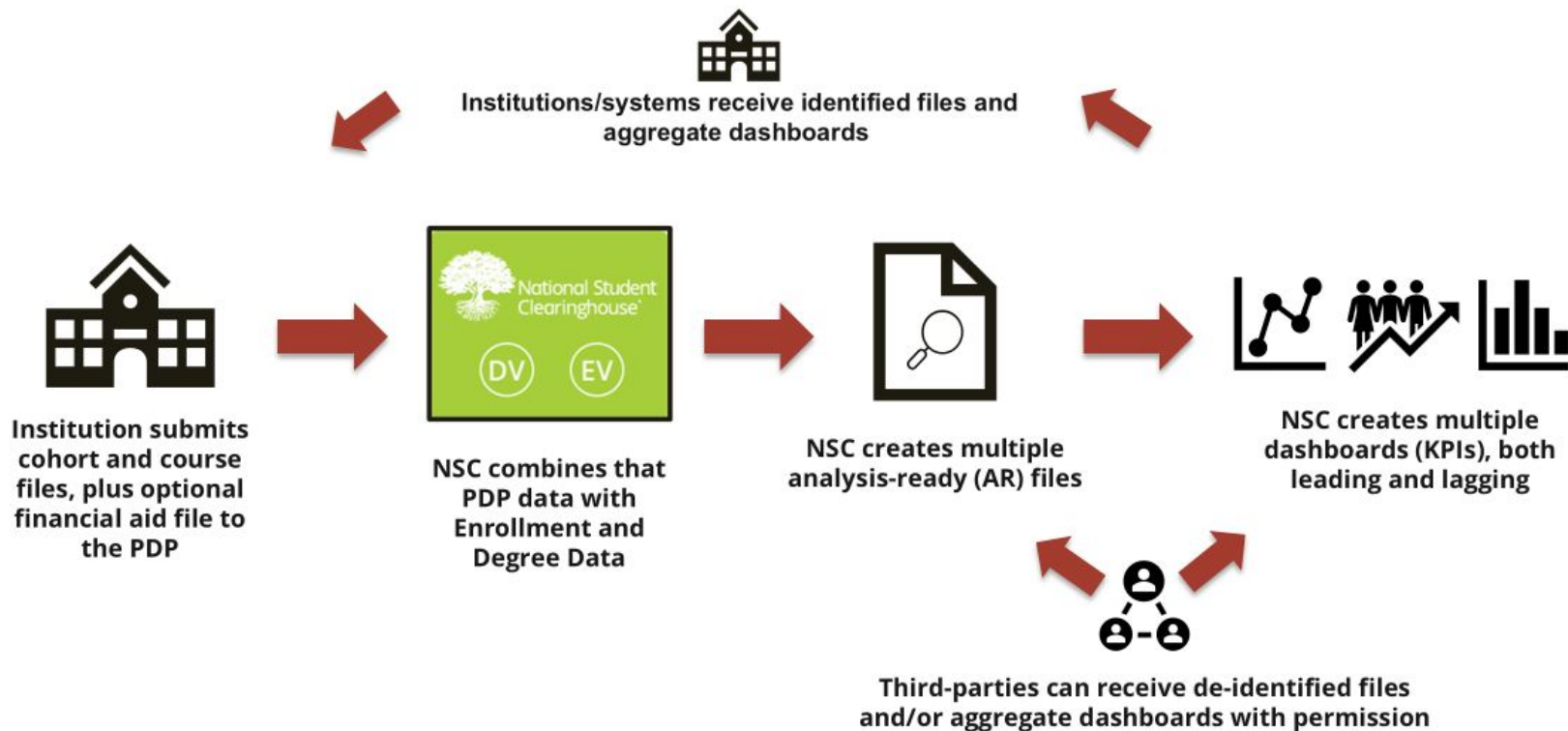


National Student
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Postsecondary Data Partnership

Transformative way to measure and report student progress and success. The Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP) empowers institutions and educational organizations with more **comprehensive data**, easier **analysis & insights**, centralized **reporting**, and better **visuals** to help you **understand and improve student outcomes**.





All of the data is essential to create complete reports and dashboards!

File Types

Cohort Files

- Data includes:
- Student's identifying information
- Student's high school graduation and GPA
- Information about the student's enrollment at your institution
- Establishes the students

Course Files

- Data includes:
- Student identifying information
- Student progress during the academic term
- Courses taken by the student
- Tracks students' activity for courses and terms

Financial Aid Files

- Data includes:
- Student identifying information
- Student Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Student grant and/or loan information



PDP – Two Major Components



Dashboards

Aggregate level, no PII, with multiple filters and ability to disaggregate

11 different KPI focused Dashboards

Sharable Access



Analysis-Ready Files

Student-level data, wide-file format

Cohort and course based

Includes data elements seen in the dashboards plus additional data collected through submission

Analysis Ready Files – Cohort & Course Level



Files built on one row per student



Data from course file, cohort file, and NSC enrollment & degree data 50 fields (columns)



Includes derived metrics from the dashboards



Create institution specific queries to conduct additional research

PDP Aligns with IHEP Student Success Metrics

Analyze **past** performance



Lagging Indicators

Outcomes over time:

- Persistence/retention
- Transfers
- Outcomes
- Credentials conferred and time to credential

Influence **future** performance



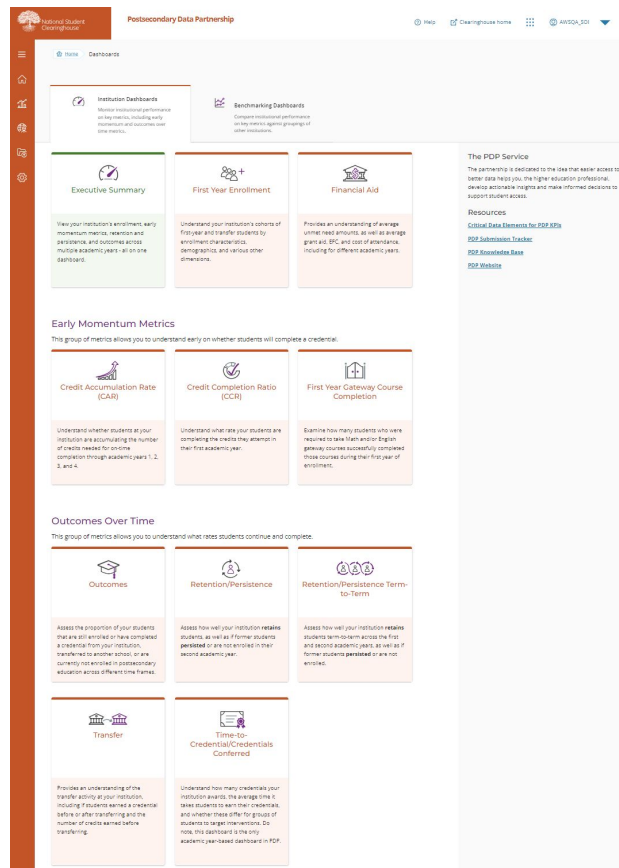
Leading Indicators

Early momentum indicators:

- Credit accumulation rate
- Credit completion ratio
- Gateway course completion
- Term to Term retention

Interactive Dashboards

- Overview:
 - Executive Summary
 - Enrollment
 - Financial Aid (optional)
- Early momentum indicators:
 - Credit accumulation rate
 - Credit completion ratio
 - Gateway course completion
 - Term to Term
- Outcomes over time:
 - Persistence/retention
 - Transfers
 - Outcome measures
 - Credentials conferred and time to credential

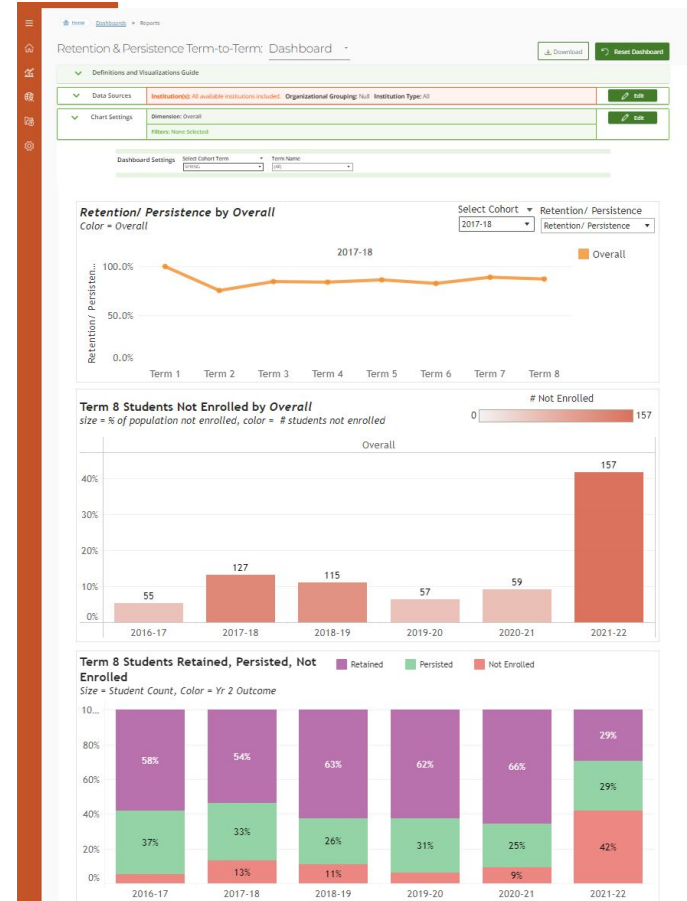


Green indicates benchmarking dashboard versions available

Each Dashboard provides dimensions and filters at the top.

Plus, between 2-4 visualizations of data.

As you change filters and dimensions, the graphic visualizations change.



Interactive Dashboards

Filters & Dimensions:

- Cohort
- Cohort Term
- Credential Type Sought
- Age
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender
- Enrollment Type
- Attendance
- Dual/summer Enrollment
- Pell
- First Generation
- GPA
- College Prepared Math and English
- Program of Study (by 2 digit CIP Code)

The screenshot shows a 'Chart Settings' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there is a 'Dimension Breakdown' section with a 'Dimension:' label and a dropdown menu currently set to 'Overall'. The main section is titled 'Filters' and is divided into two columns: 'Demographic Characteristics' and 'Other Characteristics'. Each column contains several dropdown menus for filtering data. In the 'Demographic Characteristics' column, the filters are: Age Group * (All (+4 others)), Race/Ethnicity * (All (+9 others)), Gender * (All (+5 others)), and First Generation * (All (+3 others)). In the 'Other Characteristics' column, the filters are: Cohort * (All (+7 others)), Cohort Term * (All (+4 others)), Credential Type Sought * (All (+6 others)), Enrollment Type * (All (+2 others)), Attendance * (All (+3 others)), and Program of Study * (All (+37 others)). To the right of these columns, there are three more dropdown menus: GPA Range * (All (+10 others)), Past Dual/Summer Enrollment * (All (+4 others)), and Pell Grant Recipient *. The Pell Grant Recipient * dropdown is currently open, showing four options: All (checked), No, Unknown, and Yes. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a green 'Apply Settings' button with a checkmark icon, a blue 'Cancel Changes' button, and a green 'Clear All' button.

Chart Settings

Dimension Breakdown

Dimension: Overall

Filters

Demographic Characteristics

Age Group *
All (+4 others)

Race/Ethnicity *
All (+9 others)

Gender *
All (+5 others)

First Generation *
All (+3 others)

Other Characteristics

Cohort *
All (+7 others)

Cohort Term *
All (+4 others)

Credential Type Sought *
All (+6 others)

Enrollment Type *
All (+2 others)

Attendance *
All (+3 others)

Program of Study *
All (+37 others)

GPA Range *
All (+10 others)

Past Dual/Summer Enrollment *
All (+4 others)

Pell Grant Recipient *
All (+3 others)

☒ All
☒ No
☒ Unknown
☒ Yes

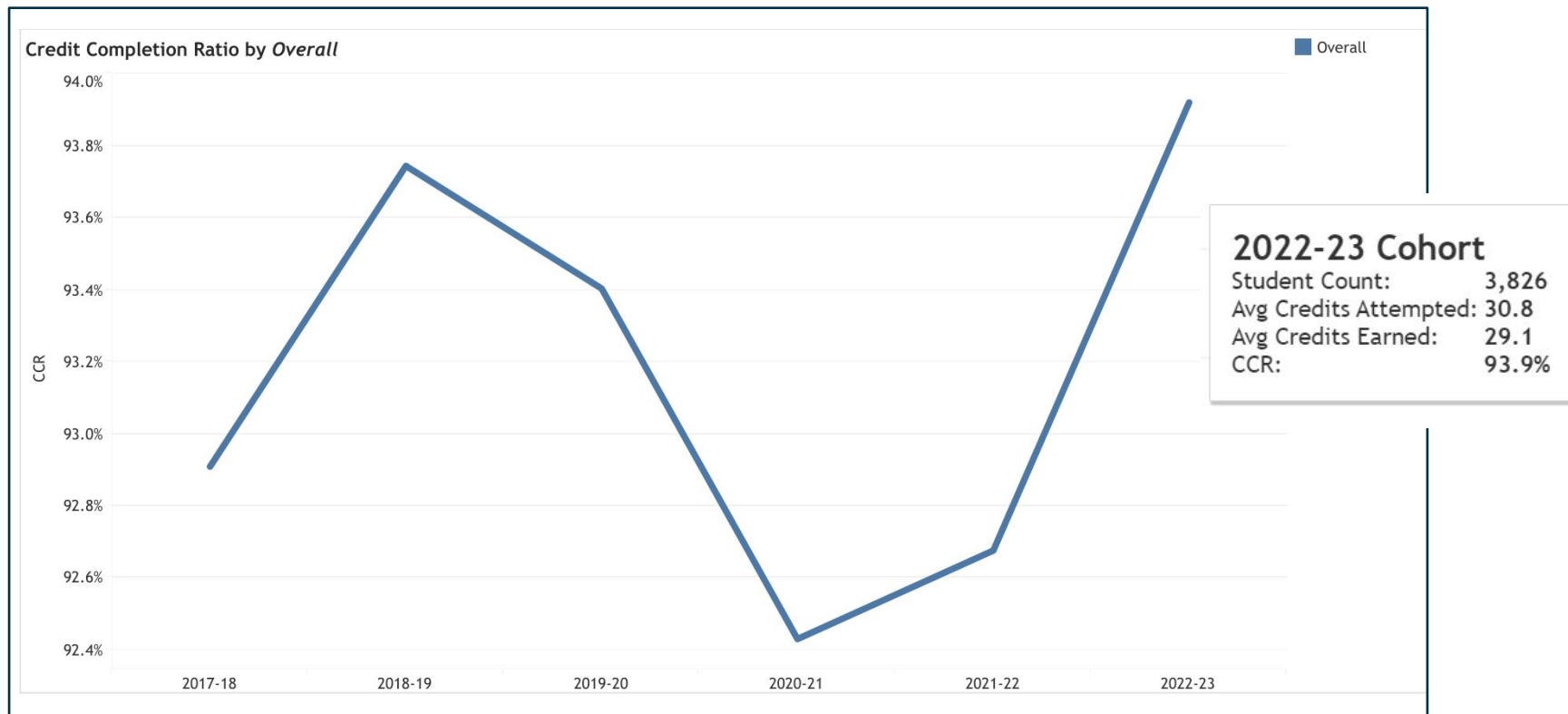
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Disaggregate and dig into the data

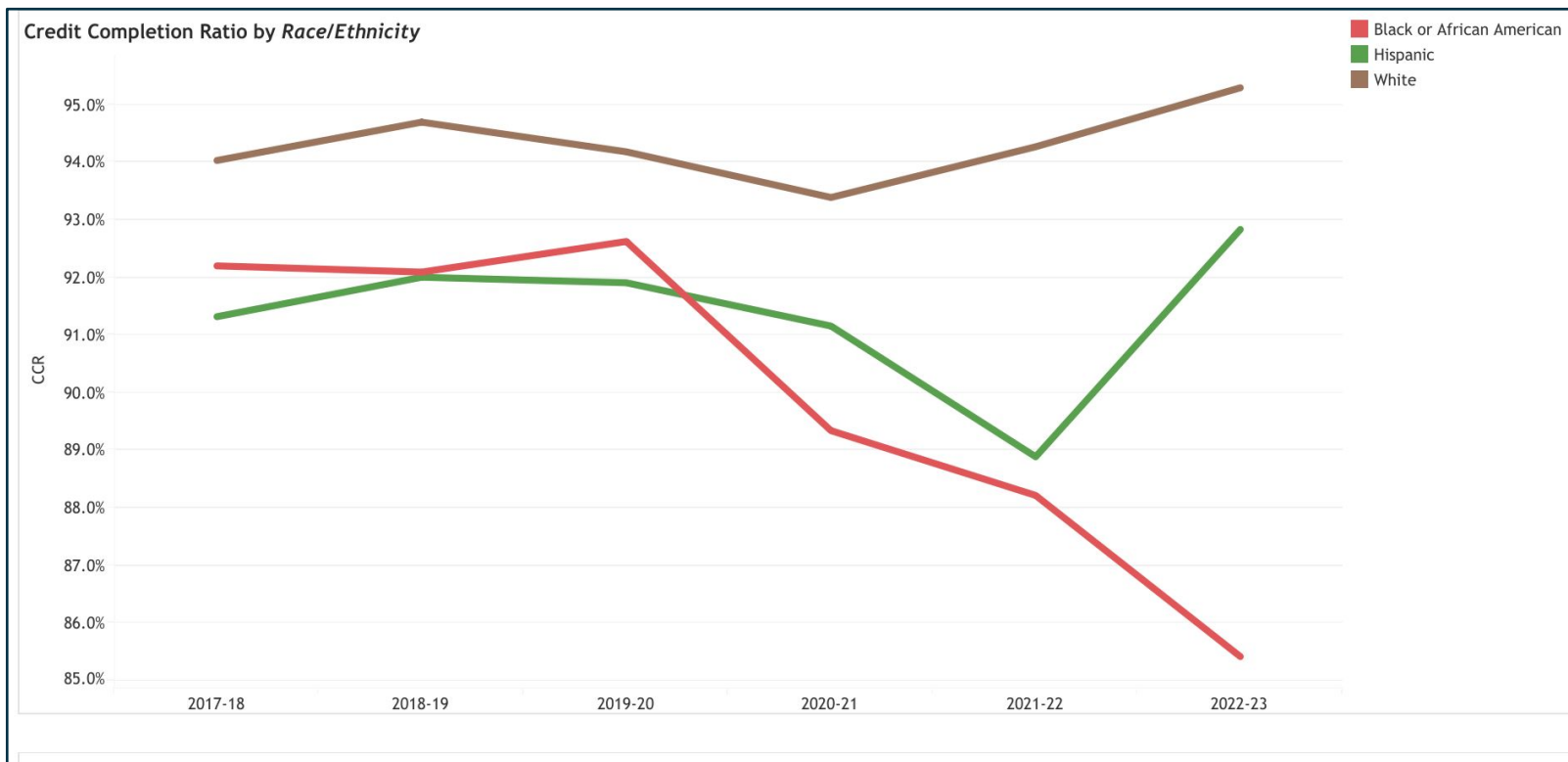
Credit Completion Ratio Dashboard



Aggregate Level

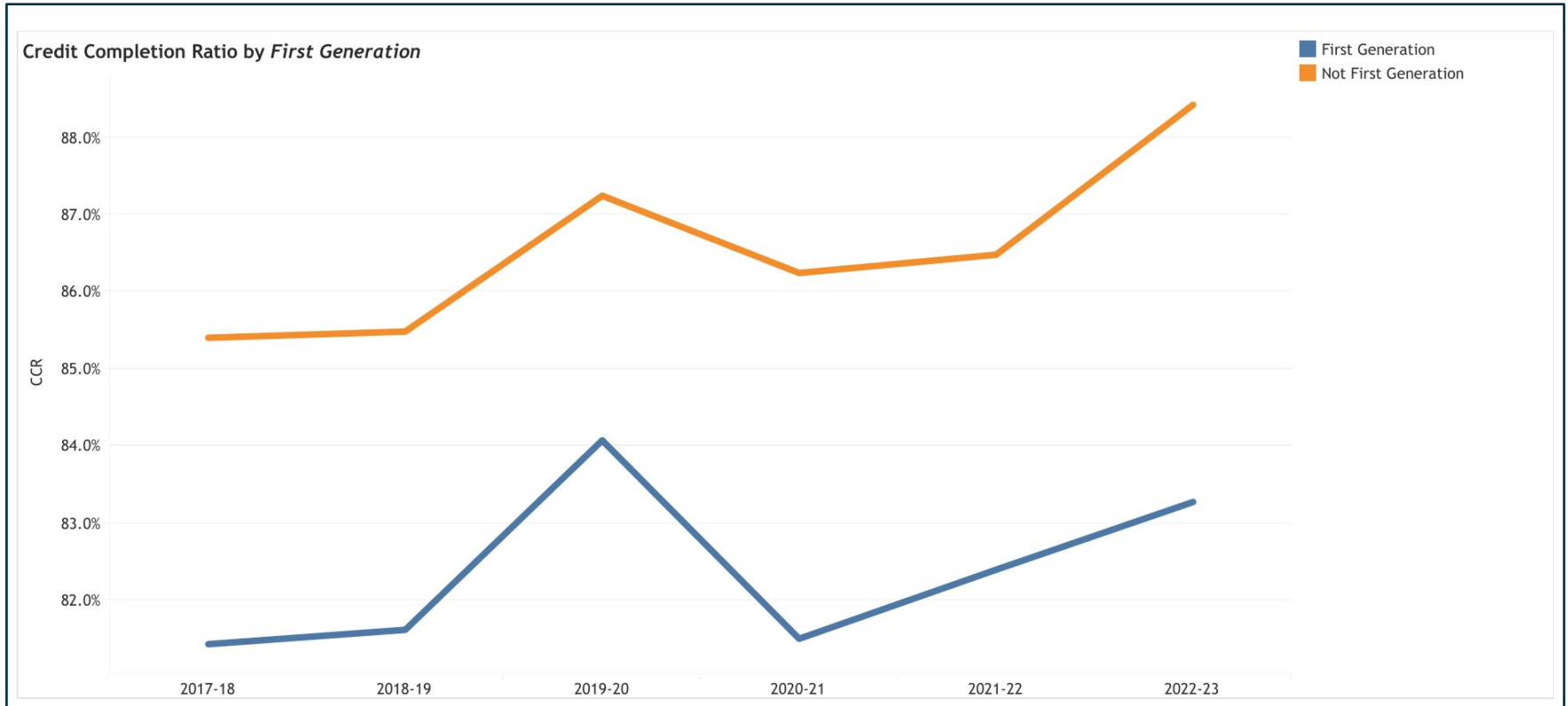


Credit Completion Ratio Dashboard



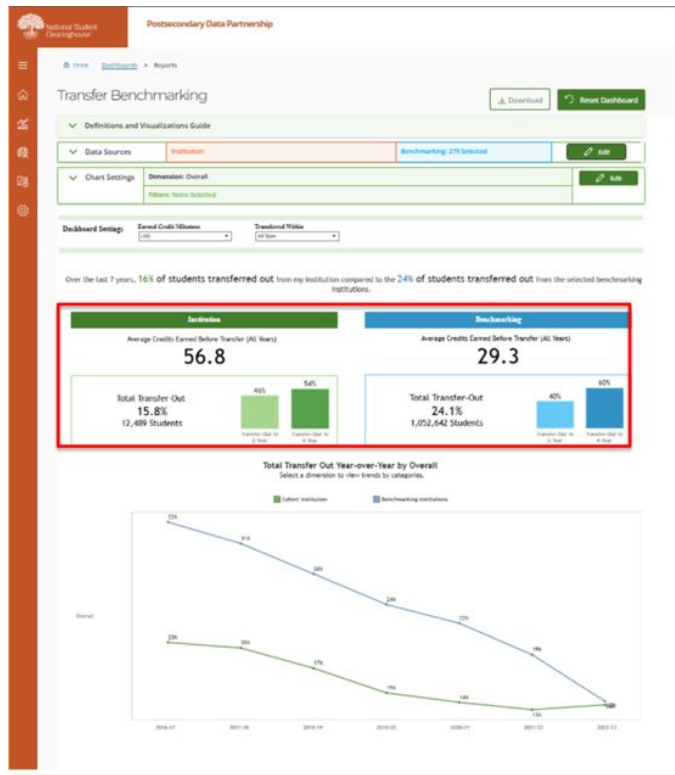
Disaggregated by Race (3 most populated demographic groups shown here)

Credit Completion Ratio Dashboard



Black/African American isolated and then disaggregated by First-Gen status

Benchmarking Dashboard



Benchmarking Dashboard

Data Sources

Institution:

Benchmarking

Create a list of at least 5 benchmarking institutions by moving institutions from the **Filtered Institutions** box below to the **Benchmarking Institutions** list. Use any combination of **Filters** to limit the **Filtered Institutions** list. Only institutions that match **all** filter combinations will be included.

Filters

State:

Category:

HEC:

HE:

Institution Type:

Private/Public:

Filtered Institutions: 513 match criteria

Benchmarking Institutions: 6 selected

Select a minimum of 5 Benchmarking institutions to view benchmarking data.

Postsecondary Data Partnership



600+ Institutions



Includes 20+ State Systems, 126 HSIs, 24 HBCUs, 27 TCUs



5.8 million students



~26% of 2- and 4-year postsecondary undergraduate students



50 states plus District of Columbia and Puerto Rico





Benefits

- Spend more time analyzing data
- Reveal impact on students
- Empower staff with data access
- See and address equity gaps

PDP Partner Organizations



Supported by the Gates Foundation & the Lumina Foundation

Annual Fee Structure

Size of Institution (by FTE Enrollment)	Cost per institution
<4,000	\$2,695
≥4,000 to 9,999	\$3,295
≥10,000	\$3,995

Questions

To Learn More:

<https://studentclearinghouse.org/colleges/pdp/>

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Resources for Success

PDP Partner Network

- Workshops
- Data Submission Courses

FirstGen Forward

- Liaison and support for staff
- Onboarding and Data Use Resources
- Scott Monsefan, Seamless Strategies

Postsecondary Data Partnership

- [Knowledge Base](#)
- Weekly Office Hours
- [PDP Submission Guide](#)



Network Leader Data Elements

Data Tools

- Insights Tool
- Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP)
- Continuous Improvement Cycle Reflections
- Readiness and Progress Audit

Data Reports

- Insights Tool Report
- Insights Tool Presentation
- PDP Momentum Metrics Report
- Network Leader Portfolio

Data Support

- Annual Data Summit
- Data Curriculum During Monthly Workshops
- Webinars
- E-Learning Modules
- PDP dashboard tours

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Finalize PDP statement of work (SOW) and Authorized Entities Access by April 15, 2026.
- Submit 3 to 5 years of data, with first-gen indicator, to PDP by August 1, 2026.



Next Steps:

- **FirstGen Forward**
 - Upload this presentation, recording, and resources in the Basecamp Network Learning Hub
- **PDP**
 - Send the SOW and begin contracting process
- **Institution**
 - Begin to process the contract
 - Review data elements

