

# Updated online dashboard provides performance & accountability data on Washington's public four-year schools



The Department of Enterprise Services (DES), partnering with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Council of Presidents, collaborated to design and develop an improved online dashboard where residents and taxpayers can view performance and accountability data about Washington's six public four-year colleges and universities.

The Statewide Public Four-Year Dashboard pulls information from the Public Centralized Higher Education Enrollment System—or PCHEES—to provide data from the 1998-99 academic year forward. The original Dashboard was developed in 2011 in response to the passage of legislation called The Higher Education Opportunity Act, which required the public four-year institutions to report annually on certain metrics identified by the National Governors Association. Metrics include student enrollment, student progress, and degrees and graduates, with sub-category topics such as annual enrollment, pre-college courses, credit accumulation, completion ratios, and much more. This level of detail has never before been available in one place.

To improve its look and functionality, DES organized several usability sessions and updated the centralized Dashboard based on user recommendations. Information found through the Dashboard is easy to read and allows for streamlining of the various accountability efforts in effect across numerous state agencies. The Dashboard can even answer specific queries about higher education, such as the percentage of students who complete college level Math and/or English after taking pre-college Math and/or English courses or the annual number of degrees awarded by quarter, both either statewide or by institution and all by age, gender, ethnicity, etc.

You can read more at the links below about how the Statewide Public Four-Year Dashboard has garnered national attention and become a leader in providing performance and accountability information for higher education.

<http://www.washington.edu/staterelations/2012/12/03/new-performance-and-accountability-data-dashboard-released/>

[http://www.councilofpresidents.org/docs/pressreleases/COP\\_PressRelease\\_Dashboard\\_12\\_3\\_12.pdf](http://www.councilofpresidents.org/docs/pressreleases/COP_PressRelease_Dashboard_12_3_12.pdf)

<http://strategylabs.luminafoundation.org/higher-education-state-policy-agenda/core-element-one/action-4/>

For more detailed information, check out the FAQs on the Dashboard at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/hied/dashboard/faq.html>