

Gainful Employment Informational Rate Data Description

The unit of analysis for the informational rate data file is the unique combination of opeid6, credlev, and cipcode. The universe of programs includes programs with at least one completer reported to IPEDS in 2014-15 and/or 2015-16 and programs with reported earnings data from the IRS with at least 30 reported individuals in the cohort. The universe of programs excludes those in foreign institutions and programs in institutions that are not currently operating.

Data element	Description
opeid6	Six-digit Office of Postsecondary Education Identification Number
instnm	Institution name
state	State where the institution is located
control	Control of institution
hbcu_flag	HBCU flag assigned at the opeid6 [1=Yes 0=No]
tccu_flag	Tribally controlled college/university flag [1=Yes 0=No]
cipcode	Four-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code
ciptitle	Description of the cipcode
credlev	Credential level code: 1: Undergraduate Certificates or Diplomas 2: Associate's Degrees 3: Bachelor's Degrees 4: Post-Baccalaureate Certificates 5: Master's Degrees 6: Doctoral Degrees 7: First Professional Degrees 8: Graduate / Professional Certificates
creddesc	Credential level description
geprogram	Gainful Employment (GE) program [1=Yes 0=No]
inDTE	GE program with debt to earnings data n>30
inET	GE program with earnings data n>30
ipeds_c	Count of completers reported to IPEDS in 2014-15 and 2015-16 for all associated programs ¹
earn_count_ne_3yr	Count of individuals used in the annual earnings calculation for GE programs
earn_ne_mdn_3yr	Annual earnings of individuals who completed in 2014-15 and 2015-16 three years post-completion for GE programs with at least 30 individuals in the calculation reported in 2019 inflation-adjusted dollars
earnings_threshold_pass_all	Program median earnings > median earnings of a high school graduate aged 25-34 in the state, ² among all graduates [1=Yes 0=No]

¹ See appendix for crosswalk methodology between IPEDS award levels and credential levels

² For jurisdictions not included in the ACS, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level was used (i.e., \$18,735 for 2019)

earnings_threshold_pass_pos	Program median earnings > median earnings of a high school graduate aged 25-34 in the state, among graduates with positive earnings [1=Yes 0=No]
median_debt_plus	Cumulative median debt calculations inflation-adjusted to 2016 dollars including Stafford loans, graduate PLUS loans, and parent PLUS loans for students who completed in 2015-16 and 2016-17.
annual_loan_payment_plus	The annual loan payment with parent PLUS derived from the cumulative median debt calculation amortized using at 10-, 15-, or 20-year payment scheme depending on the credential level and interest rates based on the average between 2014 and 2016. Undergraduate interest rates apply to undergraduate programs and graduate interest rates apply to graduate programs.
dte_annual_rate_plus	Annual rate with Parent PLUS = annual loan payment with Parent PLUS/ annual earnings
dte_disc_rate_plus	Discretionary rate = annual loan payment with parent PLUS / (annual earnings - 150% of poverty in 2019 (\$18,735))
dte_overall_pass_plus	Overall passing status (with PLUS) [1=PASS or non-GE, 0=FAIL]
dte_annual_rate_pass_plus	Annual passing status (with PLUS) [1=PASS or non-GE, 0=FAIL]
dte_disc_rate_pass_plus	Discretionary passing status (with PLUS) [1=PASS or non-GE, 0=FAIL]
pfDTE	For DTE: Pass – no data or non-GE program; Pass – based on GE data; or Fail – based on GE data (with PLUS)
pfET	For ET: Pass – no data or non-GE program; Pass – based on GE data; or Fail – based on GE data. Uses earnings_threshold_pass_pos.
gesector	Categorizes programs by credential and, for certificate programs only, by control; see geprogram for an indicator of which programs are GE programs
st_fips	State FIPS code
state_mdinccarn	Median earnings for a high school graduate (age 25-34) in the state where the institution is located, according to 2019 American Community Survey (ACS); jurisdictions not covered in ACS are set to 150% of the federal poverty level for an individual in 2019
state_mdinccarn_lf	Median earnings for a high school graduate (age 25-34) in the state where the institution is located, who were in the labor force or had positive earnings according to 2019 American Community Survey (ACS); jurisdictions not covered in ACS are set to 150% of the federal poverty level for an individual in 2019

Appendix 1. Correspondence of NSLDS credential level to IPEDS award level

NSLDS Credential Level	IPEDS Completions Data Award Levels Aggregated
1: Undergraduate Certificates or Diplomas	Certificates of less than 1 year, at least 1 but less than 2 years, or at least 2 but less than 4 years
2: Associate's Degrees	Associate's degrees
3: Bachelor's Degrees	Bachelor's degrees
4: Post-Baccalaureate Certificates	Not available
5: Master's Degrees	Master's degrees
6: Doctoral Degrees	Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship Doctoral degrees – other
7: First Professional Degrees	Doctoral degrees – professional practice
8: Graduate / Professional Certificates	Postbaccalaureate certificates Post-master's certificates