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IPEDS Peer Analysis System

The place to go for IPEDS data:

http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds

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Session Agenda

- What is the Peer Analysis System?
- Overview of the IPEDS Surveys
- Flow and sequence of the PAS
- Data concepts and caveats
- Analysis with the PAS
- Other PAS features





What Is the Peer Analysis System?

The Peer Analysis System (PAS) is a web-based tool designed to enable a user to easily retrieve data for a group of postsecondary institutions.

- The user can compare one institution to a group of comparison institutions.
- The comparison institutions are selected by the user.
- The system allows the user to generate reports or files using selected IPEDS variables of interest.



What Other Tools Are Available?

The PAS may not be the best tool for all occasions:

- To quickly find basic data for a school, use IPEDS COOL (College Opportunities On Line).
- To reproduce data in the IPEDS Data Feedback Report, use the Executive Peer Tool.
- To get all the data from a survey or a data subset, use the Dataset Cutting Tool.
- To calculate national, state, or regional totals, use the Data Analysis System.

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

About IPEDS?

IPEDS

What's New Publications Data Survey Forms Peer Analysis IPEDS COOL

Glossary

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS),

established as the core postsecondary education data collection program for NCES, is a system of surveys designed to collect data from all primary providers of postsecondary education. IPEDS is a single, comprehensive system designed to encompass all institutions and educational organizations whose primary purpose is to provide postsecondary education. The IPEDS system is built around a series of interrelated surveys to collect institution-level data in such areas as enrollments, program completions, faculty, staff, and finances.

Features

IPEDS Web-Based Data Collection and related materials

IPEDS Peer Analysis System enables a user to compare a LinchPin institution of the user's choosing to a group of peer institutions, by generating reports using selected IPEDS variables of interest.

Executive Peer Tool, a simplified version of the Peer Analysis System presenting data from the IPEDS Data Feedback Report.

IPEDS College Opportunities On-line (COOL) presents data on institution prices, financial aid, enrollment, and type of programs that are offered by the institution. IPEDS COOL is designed to help college students, future students, and their parents understand the differences between colleges and how much it costs to attend college. Select the Peer Analysis System

ExPT is available here

And here's IPEDS COOL



Old PAS and New PAS

Today, we're working with the Old PAS:

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The New PAS is coming! (spring, maybe??)

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The basic principles for use apply to both, but the interface is cleaner and the navigation system is different.

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Overview of the IPEDS Surveys

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IPEDS Surveys

- **1.** Institutional Characteristics (IC)
- 2. Enrollment (EF)
- **3.** Completions (C)
- **4.** Graduation Rates (GRS)
- **5. Student Financial Aid (SFA)**
- **6. Finance (F)**
- 7. Human Resources (HR: EAP, S, SA)

Data Available in the

Peer Analysis System

- 1980, 1984, 1985 HEGIS data
- 1986 2004 IPEDS data
- Selected HEGIS data not in the PAS are available at through the International Archive of Education Data housed at the University of Michigan.





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Data Availability Caveats

To work effectively with the PAS, you must know the IPEDS surveys and data limitations:

- Not all data are available for all years
- New surveys have been added over time
- Some data fields have been discontinued
- New data fields have been added
- Definitions may change over time



Survey Data Availability by Year

	Years of Data Collection (school year beginning)																						
Survey Component	1980	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Institutional Characteristics	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	X
Enrollment	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	X
- Enrollment by Age									х		х		х		х		х	?	х	?	Х	?	X
- Residence of										v		v		v		v		v	2	v	2	v	2
First-time Freshmen										^		^		^		^		^	f	^	f	Â	f
Completions	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	X
Graduation Rates															х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	X
Employees by																			x	x	x	x	x
Assigned Position																			^	^	Â	Â	
Fall Staff					х		Х		х		х		х		х		х		х	?	Х	?	Х
Salaries	Х	х	х		х		Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		х	х	Х	Х	X
Finance	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	X
Student Financial Aid																	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	X

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Flow and Sequence of the PAS

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Flow and Sequence of PAS

- **1. Select a level of access**
- 2. Login if necessary
- **3. Select PAS or DCT**
- 4. Identify a Lynchpin institution
- 5. Construct a comparison group
- **6.** Prepare your analysis
- (5 and 6 are obviously the major components!)





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IPEDS Executive Peer Tool and Peer Analysis System



Executive Peer Tool: Allows access to 2004-05 data presented in the IPEDS Data Feedback Report for your institution and a comparison group of institutions.

Peer Analysis System

- If you are using this system for the first time, click here to read an introduction.
- If you used this system before and you are familiar with the levels of access to the system, click on the desired level to login
 - Guest level: Allows access to adjudicated data.
 - Institution level: Includes access to guest level files plus early release data. The early release files are provided for peer analysis only, and should not be used to provide aggregate estimates.
 - Collection level: Available only to institutions that submitted data electronically using our data entry facilities.

 The following self-guided tutorials will help get you started using the Peer Analysis System: PAS Tutorial

Three levels of access

If you're new to the PAS, try the tutorial

2. Login if necessary

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Welcome to the IPEDS Peer Analysis System

To enter the system at the Institution Level ... you must login first.



You can use your institution's UnitID or choose another.

Find other UnitIDs using IPEDS Cool.

3. Select PAS or DCT 4. Identify a LinchPin institution

You are now logged in at the: *Institution Level*

Peer Analysis System (PAS) provides a variety of analytical features for peer analysis. This includes the ability to create new calculated variables, to sort and rank schools based on the data items. selected, and to view standard report templates. To use the PAS, you must first select a LinchPin institution to use as the basis for your analysis. Enter either the name of the institution (or a keyword in the name) OR enter the UnitID (do not enter both). You may also select the "Use My Institution"

your own institution as LinchPin. or select another school that you want as the focus of your analysis

You can use





The Dataset Cutting Tool

(DCT) allows users to download IPEDS data to use with software packages for analysis and comparisons. Use the DCT to obtain complete data files and codes which were previously provided in the "Dump a Dataset" feature of the Peer Analysis System (PAS), or to create customized datasets according to your specifications.

Users may select their schools of interest with the DCT or may upload a list previously created in the PAS.

The DCT provides customized data element dictionaries, special data files, and programs that read the data into SAS, SPSS, STATA, and spreadsheet formats. These files are zipped for quicker downloading. The DCT is not intended to provide tables of data for estimates.

Click here to access the **Dataset** Cutting Tool.

Navigating Within PAS



or you can start adding to your master list of variables or you can upload your saved list of variables.

5. Construct a comparison group





No institutions are currently in your comparison group.

Choose an option below to define your comparison group.



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Add by Name

Comparison Group Institution Selection

The institutions you select will be added to the comparison group. The name or UnitID(s) will be searched for in table: Institutional Characteristics 2004-2005. You can enter a partial name and/or one or more UnitId(s) separated by commas.



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IPEDS Peer Analysis System Add by Variable To define a group by variable, select the variables of Enrollments: interest from the different **IPEDS** surveys Completions: race/ethnicity Graduation Rates: More...

Comparison Group Variable Selection

To select your query variables, choose from the surveys below.

Frequently used/Derived variables:

Frequently used and derived variables (including variables used in the IPEDS Data Feedback Report)

Available Years: 2002 2003 2004 2005

Institutional Characteristics and Student Charges:

Directory information, control or affiliation, award levels offered. accreditation, admissions, and student charges, including tuition and fees, room and board charges and price of attendance Available Years: 1980 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

Fall enrollments by race/ethnicity, gender, age and residence 12-month enrollment and instructional activity Available Years: 1980 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

Awards/degrees conferred by program, award level, and

Available Years: 1980 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

Adjusted cohort, completers, completed within 150% of normal time, cohort graduation rate

Available Years: 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

Auto Peer Group

The auto peer group is based on such things as Carnegie classification, control and level of institution, degree-granting status, Title IV status, state code, and region code.

It may or may not be useful for you. You can always use it as a starting point and add or delete schools.

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Institution Selection Query Results

Please scroll to the bottom of the page to choose an option.

Institutions in Comparison Group: 18

Institution II	DInstitution Name	City, ST
110404	California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, CA
110635	University of California-Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
110644	University of California-Davis	Davis, CA
110653	University of California-Irvine	Irvine, CA
110662	University of California-Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
110671	University of California-Riverside	Riverside, CA
110680	University of California-San Diego	La Jolla, CA
110705	University of California-Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA
110714	University of California-Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, CA
112251	Claremont Graduate University	Claremont, CA
123961	University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
141574	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Honolulu, HI
182290	University of Nevada-Reno	Reno, NV
209542	Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
209551	University of Oregon	Eugene, OR
236939	Washington State University	Pullman, WA
236948	University of Washington-Seattle Campus	sSeattle, WA
243744	Stanford University	Stanford, CA

Do you want to:

Accept the above set

Remove the above set

Continue						
Help						

Get Saved List

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Upload Institutions File

You can upload any institutions file (comparison group file) that you have downloaded from our site before. These files will have ".uid" extensions. Please note: if you have made any modifications to any of these files since downloading them, the system will reject them.



Exercise: Define a Comparison Group For your institution – identify your sector, state or region, and first-time enrollment

- Begin a new session in PAS, log in at institutional level with your IPEDS ID, and identify your institution as the LinchPin
- Build a comparison group using:
 - Institutional Characteristics 2005: tag sector and state
 - Enrollment 2005: tag total enrollment
- Go to Query Form and select the delimiters of your search
- Are the results what you expected?
- Save your comparison group to your hard drive

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Data Concepts and Caveats

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Important Data Concepts

- **1.** Collection year vs. data year
- 2. Imputation and perturbation
- 3. Release sequence of IPEDS data
- 4. Structure of IPEDS data files
- 5. Frequently used/derived variables





1. Collection Year vs. Data Year

- Collection year: academic year in which the data are collected by NCES during the fall, winter, and spring collection cycle
- **Data year:** academic year the data represent, which may be prior to the collection year



Status by Survey Component

Survey Component	Status
Institutional Characteristics	Data year = collection year
	Data year = collection year <i>except</i>
Enrollment	12-month unduplicated headcount (previous year)
	12-month instructional activity (previous year)
	Retention rate for previous year's freshman cohort
Completions	Data for previous year
Graduation Rates	Graduation rates for earlier years' cohorts
Student Financial Aid	Data for previous year
Finance	Data for previous year
Faculty Salaries	Data year = collection year
Fall Staff	Data year = collection year
Employees by Assigned Position	Data year = collection year

2. Disclosure Protection

- NCES is required by law to protect against disclosure of individually identifiable information collected in the IPEDS surveys
- Impacts four IPEDS data files:
 - Graduation Rates
 - Student Financial Aid
 - Salaries
 - Fall Staff





Perturbation

- Random alteration of data in cells with small number of observations
- Protects the confidentiality of individually identifiable data
- Occurs during migration of data from data collection system to the PAS
- It's unpopular—but the alternative is data suppression





• IPEDS data are imputed for total nonresponse and item nonresponse



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- Various methods used such as prior year adjusted values, nearest neighbor, group means
- Imputation allows files to be used for national totals
- Imputed values appear on final data files
- Web data input has dramatically reduced the need to impute data values



- Data that an institution puts into IPEDS
 - Belong to the institution
 - May be shared
 - BUT, may be subject to FERPA
- Data IN the IPEDS data collection system
 - Technically belong to NCES
 - Are subject to NCES confidentiality requirements
 - May NOT be shared
- **Data in the IPEDS Peer Analysis System**
 - Have been perturbed
 - Protect individually identifiable information
 - May be shared



3. Data Release Stages

- Pre-release: login at collection level
 - Data are reviewed and perturbed
 - Locked institutions are migrated to PAS
 - Data available for peer comparisons only
- Early release: login at institution level
 - All institutions are migrated to PAS
 - Data available for peer comparisons only
- Final release: login at guest level
 - Data are imputed and fully adjudicated
 - No restrictions on data use





4. Structure of IPEDS Data Files

- Single-record files contain one line of data for each institution—for example, data in the Institutional Characteristics survey
- Multiple-record files contain several lines of data for each institution—for example, data by race/ethnicity and gender in the Enrollment survey





unitid	instnm	stabbr	obereg	sector	iclevel	control	affil	hloffer
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100663	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BI	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100690	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVER	AL	5	2	1	2	-3	9
100706	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HL	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100724	ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	8
100751	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100812	ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	5
100830	AUBURN UNIVERSITY-MONTGO	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100858	AUBURN UNIVERSITY MAIN CAN	AL	5	1	1	1	-3	9
100937	BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLL	AL	5	2	1	2	-3	7
101073	CONCORDIA COLLEGE	AL	5	2	1	2	-3	5
101189	FAULKNER UNIVERSITY	AL	5	2	1	2	-3	7

Multiple-Record File

unitid	instnm	idx_ef	efrace01	efrace02	efrace03	efrace04
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	165	131	2282	2766
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	104	88	2082	2262
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	104	88	2082	2262
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	11	12	559	517
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	143	107	2037	2339
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	98	83	1960	2124
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	98	83	1960	2124
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	11	12	555	509
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	22	24	245	427
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	6	5	122	138
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	6	5	122	138
100654	ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY	-2	0	0	4	8
100663	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BI	F -2	616	345	1084	2808
100663	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BI	F -2	205	139	917	2262
100663	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BI	F -2	200	128	839	2131
100663	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BI	F -2	18	8	164	367



Qualifying Variables

- When choosing variables from multiple-record files, the user must first specify the qualifying variables
- The user's choice tells PAS which records to select for the analysis

Level of student

In

Race/ethnicity, gender, attendance status, and level of student: Fall 2004



List	t of variables		
	Grand total	anto .	
	Grand total men	anto	
	Grand total women	anto	
	White non-Hispanic total	anto	
	White non-Hispanic men	anto	
	White non-Hispanic women	anto	
	Black non-Hispanic total	anto	
	Black non-Hispanic men	anto	
	Black non-Hispanic women	anto	
	Hispanic total	anto	
	Hispanic men 🗸	anto	
	Hispanic women	anto	
	Asian or Pacific Islander total	anto	
	Asian or Pacific Islander men	anto	
	Asian or Pacific Islander women	anto	
	American Indian or Alaska Native total	anto	
	American Indian or Alaska Native men	Then select l	Hispanic men and
	American Indian or Alaska Native women	Hispanic wor	non
	Race/ethnicity unknown total		
	Race/ethnicity unknown men	(Info	
	Race/ethnicity unknown women	anto	
	Nonresident alien total	anto	
	Nonresident alien men	anto	
	Nonresident alien women	linto	



The resulting PAS file will contain a value for each possible combination:

	Full-time Hispanic men	Full-time Hispanic women	Part-time Hispanic men	Part-time Hispanic men
Institution 1	1264	2126	122	208
Institution 2	976	1182	88	111
Institution 3	1230	1939	54	52
Institution 4	803	1163	45	54

5. Frequently Used/Derived Variables

- Permanent "calculated variables
 - frequently used "institution" variables,
 e.g., total enrollment, tuition and fees
 - data feedback report variables
 - College Affordability Index variables
- Developed by NCES from existing IPEDS survey variables
- Available beginning in 2002

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Analysis with the PAS



Review of Options

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Types of Reports Available

- Ranking report
 - One variable, with values sorted high to low
- Institutions Data report
 - Multiple variables, perhaps from multiple files
- Statistical Summary report
 - Basic descriptive statistics, with optional graphs
- Report Templates
 - Prepackaged formats
- Forms Facsimile
 - Survey data, presented in survey grid format

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Begin New Session — Main Menu — Comparison Group — Calculated Variables — Reports and Stats

Peer Analysis Reporting Page

You can choose any of the following reporting options.

Some queries you submit, especially those containing calculated variables, may take a while to execute. Please be patient.

 Ranking Report: This option gives you a list of institutions containing the LinchPin and the comparison group, ranked by the value of the variable of your choice. The LinchPin will be displayed in a different color.

You can select this option only after you have selected a comparison group.

- Institutions Data: This option allows you to choose a number of variables and it will list the values for those variables for the LinchPin and each of the comparison group institutions. The LinchPin will be displayed at the top. You can select this option only after you have selected a comparison group.
- Statistical Summary Report: This option allows you to choose a number of variables, calculate summary measures from your comparison group, and compare with your LinchPin institution. You can select this option only after you have selected a comparison group.
- Report Templates: This option allows you to generate packaged reports for your LinchPin and comparison group institutions.
- Forms Facsimile: This option allows you to print survey data for the LinchPin or any comparison group institution from the PAS in a format similar to the IPEDS printed forms. A file export option is also available.

'Reports and Stats' on the menu bar brings up your five choices



Ranking by: Total employees(Full time, Primarily instruction total,EAP2005)

Rank	UNITID	Institution Name	State	Variable Value
1	122931	Santa Clara University	CA	447
2	121150	Pepperdine University	CA	365
3	122436	University of San Diego	CA	359
4	122612	University of San Francisco	CA	348
5	235316	Gonzaga University	WA	308
6	123554	Saint Marys College of California	CA	197
7	209825	University of Portland	OR	186
8	117946	Loyola Marymount University	CA	Blank

Values are sorted from high to low, with the linchpin institution highlighted.

Institutions Data

Graduation Rate by Gender

UnitID	Institution Name	Graduation rate, men(DFR2004)	Graduation rate, women(DFR2004)
122436	University of San Diego	72	74
117946	Loyola Marymount University	72	75
121150	Pepperdine University	73	80
122612	University of San Francisco	65	67
122931	Santa Clara University	84	85
123554	Saint Marys College of California	65	73
209825	University of Portland	72	71
235316	Gonzaga University	75	75

Just the data—no sorts, no highlighting. You can download the data to your hard drive for further analysis using your own software

Statistical Summary Report

Graduation Rates

Note: The number of institutions that reported data for each of the variables is enclosed in parentheses.

Variable Name	LinchPi n Value	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation	25 Percentile	Median	75 Percentile
Graduation rate, total cohort(DFR2004)(7)	73	66	85	74	5.98	70	74	77



Report Template

Degrees/certificates by gender Academic year 2004-05

Institution name	Loval	Total	Me	en	Women		
	Level	ΤΟΙΔΙ	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Gonzaga University	Bachelor's degree	923	422	45.7%	501	54.3%	
Loyola Marymount University	Bachelor's degree	1383	554	40.1%	829	59.9%	
Pepperdine University	Bachelor's degree	887	404	45.5%	483	54.5%	
Saint Marys College of California	Bachelor's degree	700	276	39.4%	424	60.6%	
Santa Clara University	Bachelor's degree	1233	551	44.7%	682	55.3%	
University of Portland	Bachelor's degree	564	227	40.2%	337	59.8%	
University of San Diego	Bachelor's degree	1147	477	41.6%	670	58.4%	
University of San Francisco	Bachelor's degree	1147	437	38.1%	710	61.9%	

Fifteen report templates are already in place, with more being added regularly. Check the list of templates often! This is a quick way to get a nice-looking report with little effort.



Employees by Assigned Position - full-time (excluding medical schools) as of November 1, 2004

Primary function/	Faculty status			Without Subtota	
occupational activity (mutually exclusive categories)	Tenured	On tenure track	Not on tenure track/ no tenure system	faculty status	
Primarily instruction	209	102	29	0	340
Instruction combined with research/public service	3	4	0	0	7
Primarily research	0	0	0	0	0
Primarily public service	0	0	0	0	0
Executive/administrative/managerial	0	1	0	201	202
Other professional (support/service)	0	0	0	191	191
Technical/paraprofessional				33	33
Clerical and secretarial				290	290
Skilled crafts				42	42
Service/maintenance				184	184
Total	212	107	29	941	1,289

IPEDS data in the format originally submitted. But remember that data in four surveys have been perturbed!





- Upload your saved comparison group
- View your institution's 'Completions' report for 2005 using forms facsimile
- Display 5 years of total enrollment data by using the enrollment report template
- Display 4 years of financial aid data by using the student financial aid report template



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Other PAS Features

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Master Variables List (MVL)

- Stores all variables used in a session
- Accessible through Main Menu → Session Summary
- Lists can be saved to your hard drive with an .mvl extension



The Master Variable List (MVL)

List of variables available when constructing comparison groups, defining calculated variables, or running reports.

- All variables selected are added to this master list;
- Makes it easy to select the same variables for multiple activities.
- Any calculated variables you've defined and any IPEDS survey variables you've chosen will appear on this master list.
- You may modify the MVL by adding or deleting variables from your master list
- You can save your MVL to your hard drive and retrieve it for subsequent sessions.

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Calculated Variables

- Three types:
 - Summation
 - Difference
 - Ratio



- Can be built from IPEDS variables
- Can be built from calculated variables
- Can be saved to your hard drive as part of a Master Variables List



Support During Your Session

- Session Summary
 - via Main Menu
- On-line User Manual
 - can be printed
- Help buttons



- available on most pages
- *Info* buttons
 - define variable *linto* cteristics



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Sneak Peek: The "New" PAS !!!

http://demos.inovas.net/ipedspas2/

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- Which California public institutions have the highest endowments?
- For all schools in your comparison group, find the average salaries of full-time instructional faculty by rank and the number of faculty in each rank. Also report the overall average salary and total number of faculty.



Want More Exercises?

http://www.sandiego.edu/irp/ipeds/PASexercises.pdf

- These exercises are dated, but they'll give you practice in answering questions with PAS.
- The exercises will be revised after the New PAS is released.



Questions? Comments? Feedback?

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