

# National Center for Education Statistics

## Data to Help Our Schools, Students, and Families Thrive

Public education provides a path to a better future for our kids, families and communities by opening better opportunities for individuals, building an informed citizenship, and advancing equity. Education relies on a data infrastructure that informs personal, business, community, and government decisions. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the backbone of the education data infrastructure, reliably researching and reporting on the condition of American education from early education through postsecondary, and in an international context.

### Key NCES Products

- The Nation's Report Card
- Condition of Education Report
- School Locator
- College Navigator
- International Data Explorer
- Education Finance
- Private School Navigator
- Digest of Education Statistics

### Who uses NCES products?

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| Students and parents                    | Students and parents use NCES resources to learn about institutional performance and student outcomes for colleges and universities nationwide.  |
| Policy makers and Institutional Leaders | Policy makers in the private and public sectors use NCES products to develop programs, allocate resources, and track the latest trends in education. Throughout the US, states, localities, and institutions—including those at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels—use the data to benchmark their performance with peers. Important measures include student and institutional outcomes and equity on distributions of opportunities and results. |
| Businesses                              | Businesses use NCES data to inform their recruitment and employee skill development, as well as for siting of new facilities and investments in postsecondary education.   |
| Researchers                             | Researchers use NCES data to help answer questions such as, for example, as the relationship between a student's high school academic achievement to college enrollment and completion.  |

### The Future of NCES

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| Modernization | Modernizing data collection and assessment methods for current surveys will provide more comprehensive, detailed, and timely data for all NCES's data users.  |
| Capacity      | Due to departmental hiring constraints, NCES has become overly dependent on contracts, weakening its internal capacity to innovate and efficiently and effectively use resources. Improving NCES' internal capacity is essential to crucial education data. |

Invest in data to secure a better future.



#InvestInData

#DataInfrastructure

#CountOnStats

Improving the lives of Americans through data.

