CALYNX

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Frequently Asked Questions

Data that is available in the Board Dashboard includes information on students from strategic grantees that the Foundation funded from postsecondary academic year 2008-2009 to the current academic year. This includes College Futures, Los Angeles Investment Fund, and College Bound Brotherhood scholars, and students a part of the persistence, expanded financial aid, and college bound brotherhood initiatives. Sources include student-level match data from the National Student Clearinghouse and grantee reported student-level data.

Please use Internet Explorer to run the Board Dashboard. Features of the dashboard are not supported on other browser types

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Filters Panel

Filters are available on the left hand side of the dashboard and are separated into 3 sections: Students, Location, and Program. Note the following filters are available in each section:

- Students
    - HS Graduation Year
    - Postsecondary AY
        - Note: This filter follows cohorts of students and is not a cross-section of student data. i.e. AY2009-10 looks at students who we received data on during the AY2009-10 collection cycle.
    - Race/Ethnicity
    - High School GPA
    - Gender
- Location
    - Postsecondary Institution Type
    - Region
    - HS County
    - HS District
- Program
    - Initiative
    - Outcome Area
    - Grantee Organizational Type
    - Grantee
    - My Portfolio
        - Note: This filters data on only request records you have access to

Note that these filters are Global Filters. This means that the filters are applied to all panels and all pages of the dashboard.

Filters will only be applied after you click, "Run". You can see all the filters that have been applied to the dashboard by clicking," Values". The "Reset" button will reset the dashboard to its default, "All" setting.

Main Dashboard Page

Key Indicators Panel

- Underrepresented students include students who identify as Hispanic/Latino, Black or African America, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native, and Southeast Asian.

Enrollment by Postsecondary Institution Type by Academic Year

- The following are acronyms for the 5 different postsecondary institution segments the Foundation focuses on:

    - UC: University of California
    - CSU: California State University
    - CCC: California Community College
    - PCA: Private California Institution
    - OOS: Out of State Institution

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Matriculation, Persistence, and Graduation Rates

- This panel includes data for students that matched with the National Student Clearinghouse. In AY2014-15, the Foundation's match rate was 85%.
- Please see "Defining Foundation's Persistence and Retention" that goes over the Foundation's definition and calculations of persistence and retention.
- Panels on persistence rates will only show data when one postsecondary academic year is chosen. This is because the Foundation follows student persistence by cohort. Choosing more than one academic year will display the following message:

> This chart is displayed only when one Postsecondary AY is selected. Please change your Postsecondary AY selection in the Filters panel and re-run the charts.

- The HS Graduation Year filter is not applicable to all persistence, retention, and graduation panels.
- The Postsecondary AY filter automatically takes into account the high school graduation year filter. i.e. if you choose Postsecondary AY 2008-2009, the data on all persistence, retention, and graduation panels will be for students who entered school in AY2008-09 who graduated in 2008.

Financial Aid Uptake

- Data available for this panel begins in AY2010-11 to present. Please note that the Foundation started collecting financial aid information beginning in AY2010-11.
- The black bar found at the end of each bar is the Foundation average. This average will only change when you select a different Academic Year filter.
- Pell Grant-eligible students include students whose EFCs are at or below the maximum threshold as defined by Federal government standards for any given academic year. You may access this information by clicking this link (path: https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell).
- Cal Grant-eligible students include students attending a CA postsecondary institution who meet the required GPA and EFC thresholds. Note that because the Foundation does not collect income information, the Foundation uses the Pell Grant-eligible EFC threshold as the maximum EFC bound to determine eligibility for Cal Grant B and we use $10,000 as the maximum EFC bound to determine eligibility for a Cal Grant A. Based on consultation from a financial aid counselor, $10,000 EFC is roughly equivalent to the asset ceiling determined by CSAC for Cal Grant A. More information on Cal Grant eligibility can be found by clicking this link (path: http://www.calgrants.org/index.cfm?navId=12).
- Board of Governor (BOG)-eligible students include students attending a CA postsecondary institution who also submitted a FAFSA or Dream Act. We include a larger pool of students as eligible because each CA Community Colleges determines eligibility for BOG Waivers differently.