



P20 Reports for K-12 Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of these reports?

The purpose of these reports is to inform schools or school districts about their students' endeavors following graduation. The current reports are restricted to postsecondary enrollment, but future reports will also include workforce participation. Please see our ***Future Enhancements*** document for enhancements we hope to make to these reports in the future.

2. Do we have to pay for these reports?

No, the development and production of these reports is paid for out of the ARRA P20 grant. When the grant ends ERDC will continue to produce the reports. You can find out more about this grant on ERDC's webpage - <http://www.erd.c.wa.gov/arraslds2009/>.

3. What are the sources for the data in the reports?

The data for the reports comes from many sources including:

- OSPI P210 Enrollment Summary for information about high school graduates
- State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) for enrollment and completions data for Washington Community and Technical Colleges (2-year institutions)
- PCHEES system for enrollment and completions data for the 4-year institutions
- National Student Clearing House for enrollment data for private and out-of-state institutions

4. Why can't I open the reports or the screen is blank when I try?

The reports are best viewed in Internet Explorer 9. If you are using an earlier version of IE, use the TOOLS drop down menu and check compatibility view. You can also select the 'HELP' button on the top left hand side of the screen for additional help in viewing the reports.

5. How were these reports developed?

These reports were initially developed by ERDC in 2010 in partnership with OSPI and using a stakeholder outreach and feedback process. The sample reports were presented at several statewide meetings of school and school district representatives, to school district administrators, to assessment coordinators, and to individual high school guidance counselors. Information about the reports also went out in the OSPI SIMON Newsletter and was communicated via the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) webpage to principals and the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) to superintendents. Suggestions for modifications were incorporated where possible and other suggestions were documented for future consideration. For a summary of suggested modifications please see the ***Future Enhancements*** section.

6. Why doesn't my high school or district have a report?

High schools that are not included in Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations do not have reports. A list of these schools was provided to ERDC by OSPI and can be found on their website - <http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/AYP/default.aspx>. High schools with less than 10 graduates also do not have a report in order to comply with the FERPA guidelines.

7. Why are only percentages displayed – no counts?

To comply with recommendations made by the Privacy Technical Assistance Center ([PTAC](#)), information is presented in percentages, or ranges of percentages rather than exact counts. This change to the display mitigates the release of personally identifiable information and is a strategy recommended in [SLDS Technical Brief #3](#). In another compliance-related change, enrollment counts for out-of-state and private institutions are now presented in broad categories (private, out-out-of-state), and not by the individual institution.

8. Why are percent ranges used and why do schools/districts have ranges with different widths?

The width of the percent range reported for schools or districts is based on their number of high school graduates or enrollments. The smaller the number of high school graduates/enrollments the larger the percent range. For example, high schools reporting 10-20 graduates/enrollments in a given year have percentages reported in interval widths of 20% (e.g., 0-20%, 21-39%); high schools reporting 41-100 graduates/enrollments in a given year have interval widths of 5% (e.g., 0-5%, 6-10%). This serves 2 purposes: 1) Prevents the accidental disclosure of student-level information and 2) conveys that the precision of rates for smaller schools or districts is lower than the precision of rates for schools or districts with larger numbers of graduates.

9. Are we allowed to share this information and who will have access to the reports?

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) guides the sharing of student information. The information provided in these reports is summarized for public display and no student-level data is provided. Therefore, there are no restrictions on who can access these reports. However, high school principals and school district superintendents are offered an opportunity to preview the reports before they are opened up to a broader audience.

10. How often will the reports be released?

The reports will be released annually. They will be modified and expanded as more data becomes available and to increase the reports' utility (see document with suggested modifications/expansions).

11. If we have questions about the reports or issues with the data, who do we contact?

Please send an email to ERDC at erdc@ofm.wa.gov with your question or issue and someone from ERDC will respond.