

VSA FAQ:

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1. Is the cost \$575 or \$1000?
 - a. The annual fee is \$1,000 starting January 2019, but the reduced cost for 2018 is \$575.
2. How many campus users can I add for a single subscription?
 - a. You can add as many as you would like, if they have an email address that contains the university domain.
3. What data sources are you using?
 - a. The VSA combines data from 4 different sources: IPEDS, NSF's Higher Education Research & Development survey, the Student Achievement Measure (SAM), and the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard. The data are cleaned and merged at the institution level, allowing subscribers to download the data and analyze it using excel or any analytical tool. We will continue to add data depending on the needs and demands of the institutions.
4. What reports are available?
 - a. The list of the reports
 - i. Acceptance Rate (IPEDS)
 - ii. Enrollment, Undergraduate and Graduate by Full-time and Part-time Status (IPEDS)
 - iii. Enrollment, Undergraduate by Age (IPEDS)
 - iv. Enrollment, Undergraduate by Place of Origin (IPEDS)
 - v. Enrollment, Undergraduate by Entering Status (First-time, Transfer, Continuing; IPEDS)
 - vi. Student-Faculty Ratio (IPEDS)
 - vii. Financial Aid Awarded, First-time Full-time Undergraduates (IPEDS)
 - viii. Pell Grant Recipients, All Undergraduates (IPEDS)
 - ix. Grant Aid Average Amount by Income Level, Public Institutions (IPEDS)
 - x. Grant Aid Average Amount by Income Level, Private Institutions (IPEDS)
 - xi. Debt after Graduation, Median of Amount per Completer (College Scorecard)
 - xii. Loan Repayment Rate after 3 Years (College Scorecard)
 - xiii. Cost of attendance by Residency (IPEDS)
 - xiv. Net price by Income Level, Public Institutions (IPEDS)
 - xv. Net price by Income Level, Private Institutions (IPEDS)
 - xvi. Graduation Rate within 4 and 6 Years, Total Bachelor's Seeking Cohort (IPEDS)
 - xvii. Graduation Rate within 6 years by Race/Ethnicity, Bachelor's Seeking Cohort (IPEDS)
 - xviii. Cohort Tracking (Graduated, Retained, Transferred, Unknown) within 4 Years, Bachelor's Seeking First-time Full-time Students (SAM)
 - xix. Cohort Tracking (Graduated, Retained, Transferred, Unknown) within 6 Years, Bachelor's Seeking First-time Full-time Students (SAM)

- xx. Cohort Tracking (Graduated, Retained, Transferred, Unknown) within 4 Years, Bachelor's Seeking Transfer Full-time Students (SAM)
 - xxi. Cohort Tracking (Graduated, Retained, Transferred, Unknown) within 6 Years, Bachelor's Seeking Transfer Full-time Students (SAM)
 - xxii. Degrees Awarded, Number of Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral (IPEDS)
 - xxiii. Retention Rate after First Year for Full-time Students, 2009 Cohort (IPEDS)
 - xxiv. Research and Development Expenditures by Source (NSF)
 - xxv. Research and Development Expenditures Total by U.S. State (NSF)
5. Does the VSA include data from non-subscribers?
- a. Yes, data are available for over 4,200 institutions, regardless of whether they subscribe or not.
6. Can I share this information externally?
- a. Yes, but we ask that you appropriately reference the VSA and inform us of the use if it is outside of your campus staff.