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African American or Black: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian or Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or Pacific Islands. This includes people from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, American Samoa, Pacific Islands and Vietnam.

Associate Degree: An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

Credit: Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient towards the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

Credit course: A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

Credit hour: A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, or certificate.

Degree: An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of program of studies.

Degree-seeking students: Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award.

Enrollment: Number of students taking courses Student Enrollment data are extracted from the Official Enrollment (Type 1) and Course Enrollment (Type 2) files as submitted to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

FTE (student): Full-Time Equivalent student enrollment.

Full-Time student: A student enrolled for 12 or more credits per semester.

Hispanic or Latino: A person is of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

In-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.

Minority: Members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups. These groups include: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Non-Hispanic, and Hispanic. Nonresident aliens are not included in this group because their ethnicity is unknown.

Nonresident alien: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

Out-of-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institutions or state's residency requirement.

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Common Data Set
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Part-time student: A student enrolled in fewer than 12 credits per semester.

Race/ethnicity: Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community.

Race/ethnicity unknown: category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of the specified racial/ethnic categories.

Retention: Percentage of First-Time Freshmen who return as an enrolled student in their second year of attendance or earn a credential.

Transfer student: A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g. undergraduate). The student may transfer with credit.

Tuition: Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition is charged per credit hour.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.