The Texas Higher Education data website – www.txhighereddata.org – offers policymakers, students, parents, K-12 educators, media, researchers and faculty a vast array of educational data designed to help shape policy and develop initiatives that will move Texas closer to achieving the goals of Closing the Gaps by 2015 and lay the foundation for a globally competitive workforce.

BACKGROUND

- How many students, by ethnicity, are enrolled at Texas Southern University and at the University of Texas-Dallas?
- How many 2012 graduates from Cy-Fair High School in Cypress, Texas, entered an institution of higher education in Texas?
- What Texas public colleges and universities offer nursing degrees?

Answers to these – and just about any other data questions related to Texas higher education – can be found on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s data website at www.txhighereddata.org.

This website was created and is maintained by the Coordinating Board and is intended primarily for users who wish to locate or generate data regarding higher education. The site provides direct access to various reports, statistics, queries and interactive tools. As features are added or updated, a notification panel on the homepage titled “Latest News” assists users in identifying the most recent changes.

There are two ways to access data on the website – by audience and by topic. Five distinct audience categories are illustrated on the left panel of the page. To view data and information relevant to one of these audiences, simply click on the corresponding link. Or click on a relevant topic link under the Higher Education Topics heading.
DATA LINKS

To access data by topic area, select from options organized under the following main headings:

Overview (Quick Links)
The Overview section on the website contains a host of frequently requested data. Examples of topics of interest found under Overview include comparisons of enrollment, degrees awarded throughout the state, a link to the Higher Education Almanac, and other education facts compiled by the Coordinating Board.

Online Applications
This section contains links for accessing interactive reports and queries. The following are some individual applications that are included in this area:

Higher Education Accountability System
http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Accountability/

The Higher Education Accountability System for public higher education provides data for public universities, health-related institutions, the Texas State Technical and two-year Lamar Colleges, two year private career colleges, and some four-year non-Texas public universities.

Key data available:
- Data on Closing the Gaps goals: participation, success, excellence and research, as well as institutional effectiveness
- Both statewide and by-institution data that is meaningful to policy makers, parent, and students alike

Online Institutional Resumes
http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Resumes/

The one-page institutional resumes provide relevant higher education data and information specifically tailored for prospective students, parents, policymakers and the public.

Profile Reports (PREP)
http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/PREP_New/

Data collected from Texas public higher education institutions are summarized into management information system database tables for query access. These summaries of certified data are accessible through the PREP system. Generally, information is available by institution or statewide for selected semesters.

- These data are summarized from reports provided to the Coordinating Board by the public higher education institutions in Texas.
- The enrollment information includes students in credit courses only.
- The degrees-awarded data are reported after the end of the academic year and represent all awards in that academic year.
- Faculty dollar amounts represent one term’s (fall) compensation. Statewide faculty dollar amounts are in thousands of dollars.

Note: Cookies and java script must be enabled on your browser for Prep Online to function correctly.
This section contains college readiness, enrollment, freshman performance and outcome data by county, school district and high school. The high school/college dual credit enrollments and outcomes are also included in this section.

**Other Resources**

**Higher Education Locator Map (HELM)**
http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/InteractiveTools/HELM/

Located under the Overview section, the HELM website includes an interactive feature to help locate institutions of higher education, course and facility inventories, and off-campus program offerings. Users can search by entering a zip code or county information to retrieve area-specific data.

**Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR)**
http://www.texaseducationinfo.org

The Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) can be accessed at the bottom of the Texas higher education data website. TPEIR is an interagency project managed by the Texas Education Agency and the Coordinating Board. It organizes highly specialized data on primary, secondary and higher education data based on key audiences.

The TPEIR provides stakeholders in public education – including but not limited to administrators, educators, state leadership, researchers and professional organizations – with ready access to education-based information for purposes of research, planning, policy development and decision making.

Key data available:
- High school students directly entering higher education institutions in Texas
- Information on dual-credit and TSI/Alternative test college readiness data
- High school to college linkage data is available at the county, ISD and individual school levels

**Higher Education Almanac**
http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/almanac

The Higher Education Almanac provides higher education facts and performance data that allow users to compare Texas public higher education institutions. The data provide a snapshot of how Texas is doing educationally and highlight progress relative to the state’s higher education plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*. The Almanac draws from data found in the agency’s accountability system -- long recognized as a “best practice” national model for higher education performance data.

**Compare College TX**
http://comparecollegetx.com/

Compare College TX is a mobile-friendly, interactive website targeted to parents, students, and high school advisors to help answer questions that matter most to prospective students, such as: how much will this college cost, what percentage of students are accepted to this college, and how likely am I to graduate on time from this college?

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