California Community Colleges

LaunchBoard Improvements and Features Update for 2020-21

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This document describes improvements and features updates that have been made as part of the LaunchBoard dashboards 2021 releases. In addition to the items listed below under each, all dashboards are being updated to incorporate 2019-20 enrollment and completion data; 2018-19 transfer, employment and earnings data; and 2017-18 Career and Technical Education Outcomes Survey (CTEOS) data where appropriate.

Summary of Releases and Updates with Links to Dashboards

Student Success Metrics: Initial release on 03/12/21 with update on 04/16/21 (See New)

Adult Education Pipeline: Initial release on 04/23/21

Strong Workforce Program: Scheduled to be released on 05/28/21

Community College Pipeline: Scheduled to be released on 06/04/21

Guided Pathways: Scheduled to be released on 06/22/21

STUDENT SUCCESS METRICS DASHBOARD

New

After the initial release of the Student Success Metrics dashboard on March 12th, 2021, an update to the dashboard occurred on April 16th, 2021 with the following changes:

- Since a few colleges reported noncredit certificates into MIS after the receipt of the COMIS files on 1/29/21 used for the 2021 build of the dashboard, a new SPAWARDS file has been ingested to display data for those students who earned noncredit certificates in 2020.
- About 450 students statewide, who had not been included in a student journey in 2020, have now been added to student journeys with very minimal effect on any individual college or district.
- A fix to the First Generation disaggregation for 2020 has been made with very minimal effect on any individual college or district.
- A fix to the non-standard disaggregations for the **Average No. of Units Accumulated by First Time Associate Degree Earners,** where student enrollment is not required, has been made impacting some disaggregations for individual colleges and districts.
  - o Depending on the year, on average 80% of the values for the subgroups of non-standard disaggregations for these metrics did not change.
  - o **However, if you have downloaded any data for the non-standard disaggregations, which do NOT include gender, race/ethnicity or age, for these average unit metrics in any year, then please verify that these have not changed for your college or district.**

The Student Success Metrics dashboard showcases student progression along various educational journeys, from recruitment to completion, transfer and the workforce. The metrics provide a holistic approach to student success across funding streams and initiatives and can support colleges in setting goals that align with the Vision for Success. Metric definitions align with the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) from 2020-2021, EXCEPT for the four-year transfer and the attained a living wage metrics. For the four-year transfer metric, the Student Success Metrics dashboard allows students to earn 12 units at any time up to and including the year prior to transfer at any college INSTEAD of requiring students to earn 12 units in the district in the year prior to transfer. For the living wage metric, the Student Success Metrics adjusts wages earned for inflation and compares to 2020 living wages while SCFF still compares to 2018 living wages.

As part of the March 2021 release, a beta version of a cohort view has been added that includes metrics that are part of the Vision for Success and Student Equity Achievement (SEA). A secondary drilldown for gender on the primary SEA disaggregations is also available, which allows users to view male foster youth vs female foster youth, as an example. Outcomes for most metrics can be viewed in three, four and six-year timeframes. Data are only displayed when the timeframe for meeting the outcome is complete. As a result, depending on the metric, there are multiple years for which data is not displayed. Please provide any feedback to launchboard@cccco.edu.

A new section has been added to the snapshot view entitled "Metrics Under Development" and includes an expanded version of the Completed Transfer Level Math and English metrics. These new metrics differ from the version aligned with SCFF in the following ways:
- Students who do not start in fall have more time to attain the metric because they are allowed a full academic year to complete the courses
- Credit ESL students have three complete academic years to complete the courses
- Courses are included if they are flagged as fulfilling general education requirements for English composition and for math/quantitative reasoning, using the new data elements CB25 and CB26

A new drilldown for homeless status has been added. Resources have also been updated and new resources have been provided to help with interpretating the data displayed.

ADULT EDUCATION PIPELINE DASHBOARD

The Adult Education Pipeline displays data for K-12 adult education and community college noncredit student journeys including progress, transition, completion, and workforce outcomes. K-12 data from TOPSpro Enterprise and noncredit data from the Chancellor's Office Management Information System is integrated to display a comprehensive picture of California Adult Education Program measures and outcomes. Practitioners can view many metrics by program area, including English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE) and Career and Technical Education (CTE).

As part of the April 2021 release, new metrics have been added including:
- Transition to Career Technical Education (CTE)

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- Transition to Non-Developmental Credit College Courses
- Completed an Immigration Integration Milestone
- Top 5 Institution charts that will display the top five performing institutions at the statewide and regional level for the corresponding metrics. The metrics that will have a Top Five chart include:
  - ESL, ABE and ASE Participants Who Transition to Postsecondary
  - Participants Earning a Diploma, GED, or High School Equivalency
  - Participants Who Completed a Postsecondary Credential
  - Participants Earning a Postsecondary Noncredit CTE Certificate
  - Employment Four Quarters After Exit
  - Change in Earnings
  - Annual Earnings Compared to the Living Wage

A tool tip was added to provide additional information on each chart. Next to a chart's description users will find a question mark icon. Clicking this icon will open a text box that provides additional information on the metric being displayed.

To align with other LaunchBoard dashboards, incorporate feedback from the field, and increase the accuracy and precision of metric definitions, a number of calculation updates have been implemented. These changes are outlined in the Changes in Definitions document available on the dashboard.

STRONG WORKFORCE PROGRAM DASHBOARD

The Strong Workforce Program dashboard, which only includes information on CTE students, displays metrics included in the 17% Strong Workforce Program Incentive funding for colleges and for regions. This dashboard displays data for all CTE programs, industry sectors and individual programs (using the six-digit Taxonomy of Program code).

The 2021 build of this dashboard is scheduled to be released on May 28, 2021.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PIPELINE DASHBOARD

The Community College Pipeline is the most comprehensive LaunchBoard dashboard, offering views of students at the industry sector and program level. It also allows practitioners to view metrics for all CTE programs aligning with the SWP dashboard and to view metrics by credit and noncredit students using the credit status drilldown.

The 2021 build of this dashboard is scheduled to be released on June 4, 2021.

GUIDED PATHWAYS DASHBOARD

The Guided Pathways dashboard offers a cohort view of first-time students. It is intended to provide viewers with first-year momentum points for evaluating college redesign efforts related to the Guided Pathway Initiative.

The 2021 build of this dashboard is scheduled to be released on June 21, 2021.