

ACCESS

- Pell Grants
The percentage of a college's students who receive federal Pell Grants
- Family Contribution
The department is considering a measure of the gap between the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and total cost of attendance not covered by financial aid.
- Family Income
A measure that would seek to identify the number of low- and moderate-income students a college enrolls.
- First-Generation Status
The percentage of enrolled students who did not have a parent who attended college.

AFFORDABILITY

- Net Price
A measure of the cost of attendance after accounting for all federal, state and institutional grant aid.
- Price by Quintile
This metric links net price to family incomes, but is only available for students who receive federal aid.

PERFORMANCE

- Completion Rates
Federal IPEDS graduation rates, which track only first-time, full-time students. Scheduled to expand to broader metrics in 2017.
- Alternative to IPEDS
The department is exploring an alternative completion rate metric based on data from the National Student Loan Data System.
- Transfer Rates
Also on the table is a measure of student-transfer rates, with particular attention to two-year college students who earn bachelor's degrees.
- Earnings
The department is looking at a variety of employment outcome measures that track student earnings.

- Graduate School
The department is considering a measure of graduate-school attendance rates of former students within a defined period, such as a decade.
- Loan Repayment
Metrics such as the percentage of students who repay loans on time would help consumers weigh specific colleges.