

Mission

To provide accurate, consistent, and timely information about Case Western Reserve and its external environment to constituents within and outside the university. We also develop and carry out a comprehensive program of research and analysis to support strategic planning, assessment, evaluation, and institutional decision-making.

Responsibilities

Our primary responsibilities include data collection, synthesis, and reporting in a way to facilitate decision-making across the university. As outlined by our guiding professional organization (AIR), our duties and functions include:

- Identification of information stakeholders and their decision-support needs
- Collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and information for decision support
- Planning and evaluation of operations, programs, and strategic methods
- Serving as stewards of data and information through facilitation of institution-wide data strategy, governance, and quality assurance
- Educating information producers, users, and consumers via training and coaching related to the use of data and analyses to inform decision making

Protection, Maintenance and Dissemination of Institutional Data

Institutional Research adheres to high standards of confidentiality and ethics. The Office has clear guidelines about the release of confidential information and adheres to strict rules for data collection, reporting and sharing. Data are kept confidential and reporting is restricted to aggregate measures for many variables to protect the privacy of individuals; data will not be personally-identifiable or contain information that is sensitive in nature. We adhere to all FERPA and other data-sharing standards and regulations.

Through federal reporting guidelines and institutional partnerships, we can obtain similar data for a wide range of other institutions to serve as a comparison while adhering to safeguards to protect individual privacy.

How can we help you?

As part of our mission to provide accurate information to our constituents, the Office of Institutional Research supports data collection and analysis activities on campus. We are always available to assist with:

- * Information requests: Faculty, staff, and students can contact us with requests for information for grant proposals, surveys, accreditation reports, or other needs
- * Project consulting: We provide coordination and support for projects with institution-wide impact, including reaccreditation and ad hoc committees and task forces
- * Surveys: Much of the survey data we collect can help offices evaluate their programs and services, and we can help members of the CWRU community formulate researchable questions and provide relevant insight into various aspects of survey research

Available Institutional Data

Institutional data are a shared asset that can be used by a variety of stakeholders to meet a number of goals. Data come from various sources across the institution and often can be combined to provide a more holistic analysis.

Institutional Research compiles data from across the university, tracking student, faculty, and staff trends over time. We strive to report data with integrity and objectively in a way that stakeholders find useful and informative. Available institutional data include:

Students

- Pre-college characteristics (e.g., test scores and high school transcript information)
- Financial aid and first generational status (very limited)
- Demographic information (i.e., race/ethnicity, sex, citizenship, age)
- Enrollment, academic plans, and grades
- Student survey data as it relates to:
 - * Satisfaction (overall, or with specific services or offices)
 - * Engagement
 - * Participation in extracurricular activities
 - * Experiential learning
 - * Study habits
 - * Experience with curriculum, major, and faculty
 - * Campus climate, diversity, and inclusion
 - * Mental health and wellness behavior
- Degrees awarded, time to degree, and major(s) at graduation
- Outcomes and post-graduate plans
- Previous or subsequent enrollment at other institutions

Faculty and Staff

- Demographic information
- Federal job category
- Appointment information
- Faculty Honors and awards
- Faculty Course information

Institutional data specific to diversity and university rankings are of interest to many consumers and are provided in detail on our website.

We do not provide data without legitimate educational/informational need. Information requests should detail specific data needs and justification of purpose. In some cases, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval will be required before data are released. We do not provide email lists.

To request data, please complete the [data request form](#) available on our [website](#).