

STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS

2026-27

Data Element Number: **122244**

Data Element Name: **First-Time Student Indicator**

A representation of the first-time enrollment status of a student in any postsecondary instruction.

Code	Definition/Example
D	A first-time student in any postsecondary dual enrollment, or an early admission student. Includes a student enrolled in the fall term who attended the postsecondary institution for the first time in the prior summer term, but was not at that time reported as a first-time enrollment.
N	Not a first-time student in postsecondary education, postsecondary dual enrollment, nor an early admission student. Student is enrolled in at least one course in one of the following instructional areas: Career Certificate, Applied Technology Diploma, or Apprenticeship.
Y	A first-time student in any postsecondary education, other than dual enrollment or early admission. Includes a student enrolled in the fall term who attended the postsecondary institution for the first time in the prior summer term, but was not at that time reported as a first-time enrollment.
Z	Not Applicable – Student is exclusively enrolled in Adult General Education or Continuing Workforce Education.

Note: A student may only be reported as a First-Time Student in only one year.

Data Element Detailed Information

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Applicable Format And Edit

Formats Required:	Edits Required:
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WDIS Student Demographic Information

Programs Required:	Workforce Development						
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Appendices:

Description of Changes:

7/1/2025	Deleted "Postsecondary Adult Vocational" and added "Career Certificate" to code N description.
6/1/2012	Added sentence to definition of code value "N" and added new code value "Z" and its definition.
10/11/2011	Deleted "one time, i.e. in only one term" and replaced these words with "in only one year."