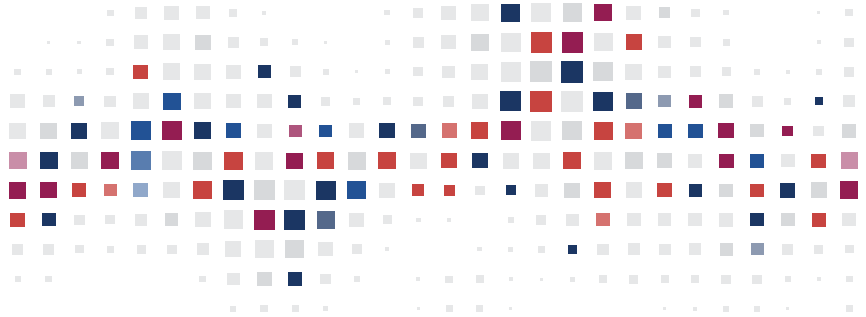


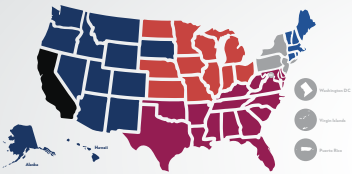
DATA REPORT



Fall 2021 Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment Report & 2021 Out-of-State Learning Placements

NC-SARA's 7th annual data report and dataset provide insights into the ways that postsecondary education continues to evolve and change. NC-SARA data reporting captures students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses and out-of-state learning placements from SARA-participating institutions.

FAST FACTS



49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are members of SARA

2,311

Data was collected from 2,311 SARA-participating institutions, a 5% increase over 2020

1,502,171

Number of students attending out-of-state institutions exclusively via distance education through SARA in Fall 2021

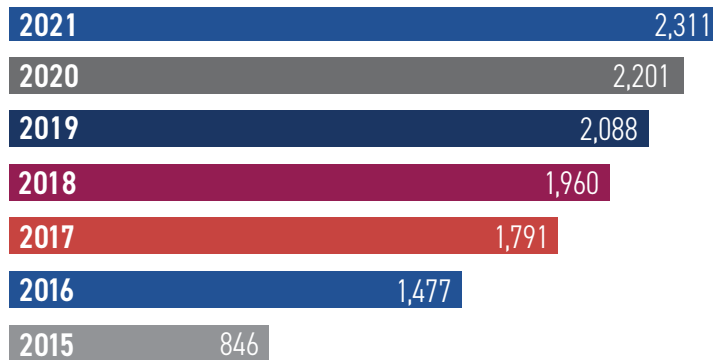
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Number of out-of-state learning placements (OOSLP) for calendar year 2021

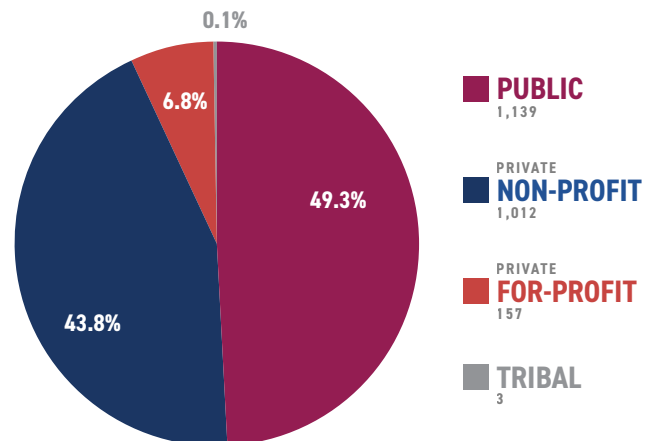
SARA-PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

SARA PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

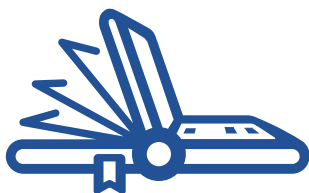
The number of institutions participating in SARA has continued to increase, with 110 more institutions reporting in 2021 than in 2020.



PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO MAKE UP LARGEST SECTOR IN SARA

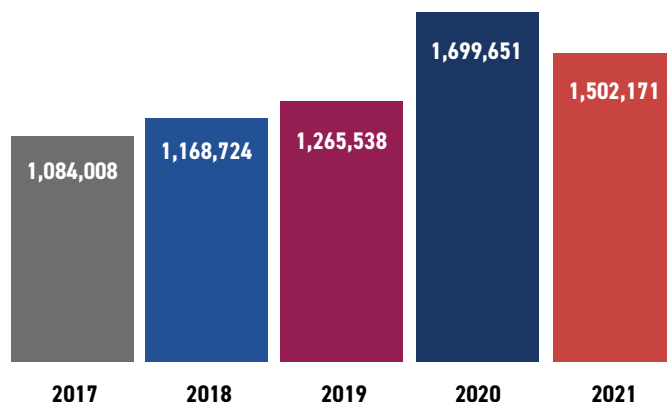


EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS



In Fall 2021, more than **1.5 million students** attended out-of-state institutions exclusively via distance education through SARA. This is down from **1.7 million students in Fall 2020** (-12%), but up from **1.3 million students in Fall 2019** (+19%).

TOTAL EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS THROUGH SARA



OUT-OF-STATE LEARNING PLACEMENTS

315,504 students from reporting institutions participated in an out-of-state learning placement in 2021, up from 261,275 in 2020.

The largest out-of-state learning placements (OOSLP) were in **healthcare-related programs (57.9%)**, followed by **education (9.6%)** and **business (5.2%)**. The remaining **27.3% of OOSLPs were in a variety of fields**, such as engineering and social sciences.

In addition to exclusively distance education enrollments, SARA allows reciprocity for certain **on-ground** out-of-state experiential learning activities called “out-of-state learning placements” (OOSLP). Out-of-state learning placements are on-site learning placements that occur in a state other than the home state of the institution. They include clinical rotations, student teaching, internships, and other similar activities, many of which are related to workforce development needs. They are also often required as part of obtaining a degree and/or license to practice in a particular profession.



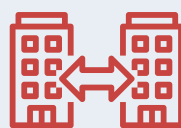
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Health Professions



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Education



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Business



27.3%

Variety of Fields

Interested in diving deeper into the data? Check out our interactive dashboards at www.nc-sara.org/data-dashboards.