NC-SARA’s Annual Data Report Release

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NC-SARA Annual Data Report Release

TODAY’S PRESENTERS

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Distance Education by the Numbers

WEBINAR AGENDA

• Welcome & SARA Landscape
• What is the SARA Data?
• 2022 SARA Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment (EDEE) & Out-of-State Learning Placements (OOSLP) Highlights
• NC-SARA’s Data Dashboards
• Resources & Important Dates
Welcome & SARA Landscape
What is SARA?

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) is an agreement amongst member states, districts, and territories that establishes comparable national standards and streamlines regulations, fees, and approvals for institutions offering interstate distance education programs. More than 2,400 institutions in 49 member states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands all voluntarily participate in SARA.

What is NC-SARA?

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) is a private nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)] that coordinates the implementation of SARA nationally. In partnership with four regional compacts, NC-SARA helps states, institutions, policymakers, and students understand the purpose and benefits of participating in SARA. The administration of the annual data reporting process is a function of NC-SARA.
Partners, Members, and Participants

Regional Compact Partners
1. MHEC
2. NEBHE
3. SREB
4. WICHE

Regional Steering Committees (RSC)
One RSC for each Regional Compact

State Members
52 States are members of SARA

State Portal Entities (SPE)
One SPE for each SARA member state

SARA Participating Institutions
More than 2,400 institutions participate in SARA
Poll Question:
1. Who Is Here?
I am joining this webinar from:
What is the SARA Data?
Why Does SARA Collect Data?

Collecting, reporting, and analyzing data about the interstate delivery of distance education are important parts of NC-SARA’s mission. Data collection and reporting help measure the impact of SARA.

• The Promise of Data Collection to States
  • Standard across country
  • Public and shared

• History of SARA Data Reports:
  • 8 years of reporting exclusively distance education enrollments
  • 5 years of reporting out-of-state learning placement data
What is the SARA Data?

Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment (EDEE)
- Institutions report their exclusively distance education enrollments
- Report enrollments as you do to IPEDS (Fall EF report) – but disaggregated by state
- Includes in-state and out-of-state

Out-of-State Learning Placements (OOSLP):
- Report on-ground and online student OOSLP
- OOSLP Does NOT include In-State
Where to Access the SARA Data?

NC-SARA Research & Data
How You Might Use the SARA Data

- Eight years of reported EDEE and five years of OOSLP data are available
- The data describe the distance education landscape in your state or region
- They hold historical trends and may provide insights that could inform key decisions about distance education offerings
- Consider how these data may be used as your institution plans for new distance education programs to meet student needs and institutional goals
Data Alone... Are Just Numbers

- Turning data into usable knowledge
- Converting data into information that supports strategic decision-making
- Context matters –
  - qualitative and quantitative
Poll Questions:
2. Were you the person who completed the data reporting for your institution?

3. How long have you been in your role?
2022 EDEE & OOSLP Data Highlights
Methodology

SARA Data Reporting Window is May 15 – June 15 each year

2,274 Institutions were sent an email request to report
  • 7 Exemptions were extended (6 non-renewals or institutional closures and 1 institution joined late in 2022)
  • 3 Institutions did not report

New process to clarify when new SARA-participating institutions would be required to report was initiated in 2021.
  • Institutions must be participating in SARA on or before December 31st of the year prior to the reporting window (May 15 – June 15)
  • Institutions approved after that time are expected to report in the following year
Reporting Institutions by Sector for 2022
2,364 Reporting Institutions

- Public, 1,152 (48.7%)
- Private Non-Profit, 1,050 (44.4%)
- Private For-Profit, 157 (6.7%)
- Tribal, 5 (0.2%)
Reported In-State and Out-of-State EDEE 2015-2022
Reported Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment by Sector 2021-2022

- **Public**: 61.8% (2021), 59.5% (2022)
- **Private Non-Profit**: 25.1% (2021), 26.9% (2022)
- **Private For-Profit**: 13.1% (2021), 13.7% (2022)
- **Tribal**: 0.0% (2021), 0.0% (2022)
2022 Reporting Institutions and Out-of-State EDEE by Sector

- Public: 24.7% Out-of-State EDEE, 48.7% Institutions Reporting
- Private Non-Profit: 44.9% Out-of-State EDEE, 44.4% Institutions Reporting
- Private For-Profit: 30.4% Out-of-State EDEE
- Tribal: 6.7% Out-of-State EDEE, 0.0% Institutions Reporting
Reported SARA & Non-SARA State’s EDEE 2019-2022
(out-of-state enrollment only)

- 2019: 90.7% SARA, 9.3% Non-SARA
- 2020: 90.0% SARA, 10.0% Non-SARA
- 2021: 90.1% SARA, 9.9% Non-SARA
- 2022: 96.1% SARA, 3.9% Non-SARA
QUESTIONS ABOUT EDEE?
Please use the Q&A!
Out-of-State Learning Placements (OOSLP)

What are OOSLP?

• Learning placements are on-ground, out-of-state experiential learning activities

• OOSLP include clinical rotations, student teaching, internships, and other similar activities

• OOSLP are often a required part of obtaining a degree and/or license to practice a particular profession

• Note that reporting includes on-ground students as well as distance education students

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Out-of-State Learning Placements Reported by CIP Code Program Areas

- Health, 224,562
- Education, 27,183
- Business, 19,043
- Other, 101,252
2020-2022 Reported SARA and Non-SARA States’ OOSLP

- **2020**: 94.4% SARA, 5.6% Non-SARA
- **2021**: 93.7% SARA, 6.3% Non-SARA
- **2022**: 92.0% SARA, 8.0% Non-SARA
QUESTIONS ABOUT OOSLPs?
Please use the Q&A!
Poll Questions:
4. Have you used the SARA data before in any way?

5. If yes, how have you used the SARA data? Select all that apply.
NC-SARA’S Data Dashboards: A Demonstration
QUESTIONS ABOUT DATA DASHBOARDS?
Please use the Q&A!
Resources & Important Dates
NC-SARA’s RESOURCES FOR DATA REPORTING

Institution Directions for Data Reporting

SARA Learning Station

Powered by NC-SARA
Important Annual Data Reporting Dates

• 2023 Annual Data Handbook Available: January 2024
• 2023 Annual Data Collection Webinar: February / March 2024
• 2023 Annual Data Collection Window: May 15 – June 15, 2024
ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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