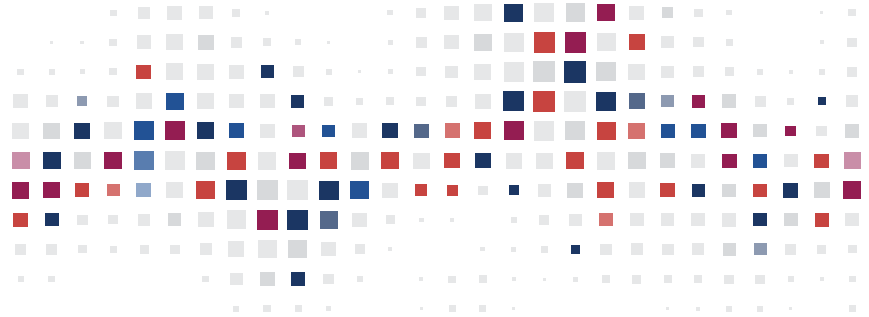




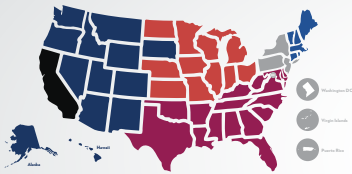
# DATA REPORT

Fall 2024 Exclusively Distance Education Enrollment Report & 2024 Out-of-State Learning Placements



NC-SARA's 10th 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

2,404

Data was collected from 2,404 SARA-participating institutions, a 0% increase over 2023

1,661,689

Number of students attending out-of-state institutions exclusively via distance education through SARA in Fall 2024

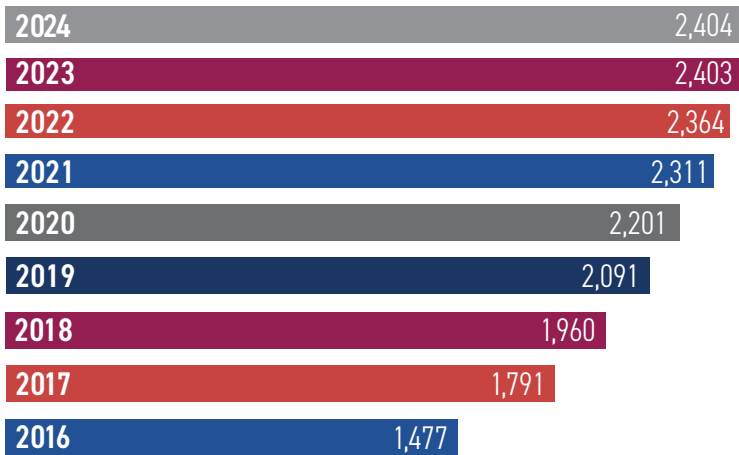
473,548

Number of out-of-state learning placements (OOSLP) for calendar year 2024

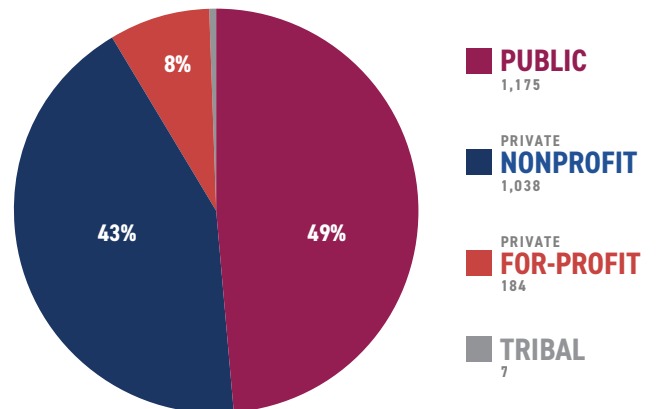
## SARA-PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

### SARA PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

The number of institutions participating in SARA has continued to increase, with 1 more institution reporting data from 2024 than from 2023.

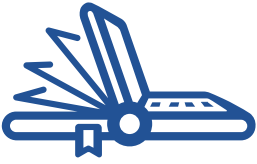


### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO MAKE UP LARGEST SECTOR IN SARA



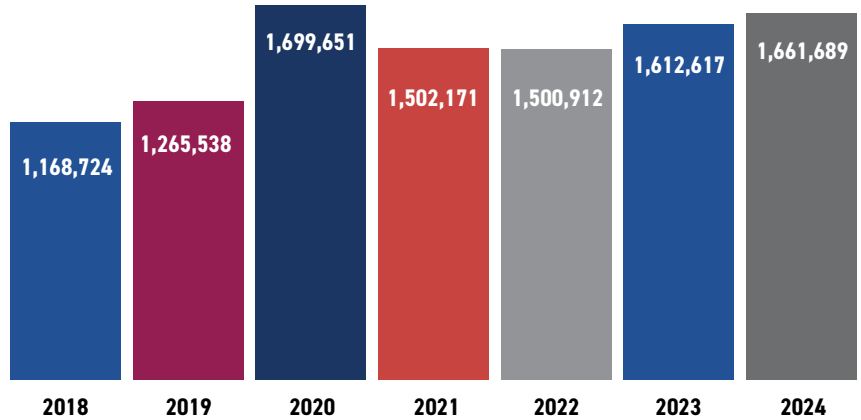
Note that percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

# EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS



In Fall 2024, more than **1.6 million students** attended out-of-state institutions exclusively via distance education through SARA. This is consistent with the 1.6 million students in Fall 2023.

## TOTAL EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS THROUGH SARA



## OUT-OF-STATE LEARNING PLACEMENTS

**473,548 students from reporting institutions participated in an out-of-state learning placement in 2024, up from 431,635 in 2023.**

The largest out-of-state learning placements (OOSLP) were in **healthcare-related programs (64.2%)**, followed by **education (6.2%)** and **business (4.7%)**. The remaining **24.9% 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.



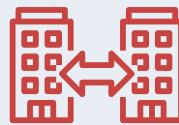
**64.2%**

Health Professions



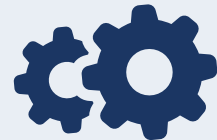
**6.2%**

Education



**4.7%**

Business



**24.9%**

Variety of Fields

**Interested in diving deeper into the data?** Check out our interactive dashboards at [www.nc-sara.org/data-dashboards](http://www.nc-sara.org/data-dashboards).