

Maryland Higher Education Commission
Data Dictionary

ELEMENT TITLE:

First Time Flag

DEFINITION: A flag that indicates the student is enrolled within the collection term for the first time at any institution at the appropriate program level (Undergraduate or Graduate).

FORMAT: numeric – 1 digit

CODES: 0 = concurrently enrolled in high school
1 = first-time undergraduate
2 = continuing undergraduate
3 = first-time graduate
4 = continuing graduate
5 = undergraduate transfer-in
Blank not valid

COMMENTS: Undergraduate students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time the preceding summer, should be considered as first-time fall term students. Students who entered college for the first time after high school graduation with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school or placement testing) should be reported as first-time in the appropriate term regardless of entering undergraduate student level. High school students concurrently enrolled before graduation from high school are not considered to be first-time. A transfer-in student is an undergraduate student entering the reporting institution as a new student but known to have previously attended another undergraduate postsecondary institution. The student may transfer with or without credit.

RELATED TO: Term Student Level

GLOSSARY: FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE, FIRST-TIME GRADUATE

SYSTEMS: EIS

SYSNAME: FIRSTMTE

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