

# Meet Institutional Research:

A Review of Resources and Services Provided by  
IRR

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# Intro to IRR

- Responsible for creating and reporting official data about OU
  - Monitor data quality
  - Track changes to federal and state reporting definitions and requirements
  - Provide decision support to administration



# Data Areas

- IRR creates and stores official data on:
  - Student enrollment and demographics
  - Degrees granted
  - Credit hours
  - Retention and graduation
  - Faculty and staff headcounts
  - Faculty salary studies



# Data Areas

- IRR might access but does not create/control information about:
  - Student financial aid
  - Budget/finances
  - OU Foundation
  - Research awards/expenditures
  - Development/alumni association



# IRR is Responsible for:

- Providing required data to federal, state, and accrediting agencies
- Providing data for administrative processes such as Academic Program Review
- Participation in national surveys and benchmarking projects



# IRR's Official Reporting Data

- We store frozen (aka “snapshot”) data
  - Each snapshot is more generally referred to in our reports as a **census**
  - It is a saved copy of data as of a single point in time, taken according to a predetermined schedule



# Why Snapshots?

- Having data frozen at specific points in time allows for point-in-time comparisons
  - Year-to-year
  - Progress at different points in semester



# Census Dates

## ✓ Official Reporting Date (ORD)

- Student data: after the add/drop period has ended; in fall/spring it is the first working day after three full weeks of classes, summer is more complicated so ORD comes later at more like the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> week; sometimes referred to as “3rd week”
- HR data: the first working day on or after November 1<sup>st</sup> (after October payroll)





# Census Dates

## ✓ End-of-Semester (EOS)

- After all classes have ended and all grades have been submitted – significant because Law gets 30 days to submit their grades, so there can be quite a lag between classes ending and the EOS snapshot
- Only applicable to student data



# IRR Resources

- Public website: [irr.ou.edu](http://irr.ou.edu)
- SharePoint site with additional reports not available on our public website – email [irr@ou.edu](mailto:irr@ou.edu) to request access
- Power BI interactive reports – email [irr@ou.edu](mailto:irr@ou.edu) to request access
- Twitter feed: @ou\_irr



# IRR Website

- Data Center – standard reports on:
  - Enrollment
  - Credit hours
  - Retention and graduation
  - Degrees
- Fact Book



# IRR Website

- Reporting Definitions, Glossary and FAQ

<https://www.ou.edu/irr/helpful-hints>

- Degree Program Inventory
- Accreditation resources



# Interactive Reports

- Created using Power BI
- Interactive, filterable reports
- Access available to all faculty and staff on request ([irr@ou.edu](mailto:irr@ou.edu))
- IRR welcomes suggestions for new reports or enhancements to existing reports



# IRR Resources

- Email support ([irr@ou.edu](mailto:irr@ou.edu)), whether for ad hoc requests or definitional questions
- Individual consultations
- Planned for future... regularly offered training sessions on:
  - Institutional data literacy
  - Data hygiene / data privacy



# Questions?

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