

## **ASALFS RESULTS DEFINITIONS (for 2005-2006 and later)**

**Automated Student and Adult Learner Follow-up System (ASALFS)** - Process of tracking students who attend Texas public community and technical colleges after they leave the colleges. Process involves electronic matching of social security numbers of students with Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage records, DOD records, federal databases of civil employees, and the public higher education enrollment database maintained by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Incarcerated students enrolled in academic programs as well as students with invalid SSNs are excluded from the cohort.

**GRADUATE** - Students who received an award during a given academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer I, and Summer II).

**COMPLETER** – Students who were reported as satisfactorily completing a core curriculum or field of study curriculum during a given academic year.

**NON-RETURNING** - Students who were enrolled in an institution during a given academic year and did not graduate or return to that institution in the following Fall.

**UNDECLARED** - Students who were enrolled in a general academic or technical curricula but had not declared a major at an institution during a given academic year and did not attend that institution in the following Fall.

**ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION AND NOT EMPLOYED** - Students found to be enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year, and not found in employment records.

**EMPLOYED AND NO ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION** - Students found in the employment records as employed during the 2nd quarter following the program year in which they left postsecondary education and not enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in that same Fall.

**ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYED** - Students found to be both enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year and employed via employment records.

**EMPLOYED AND/OR ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION** - Students found to be employed via the employment records and/or enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year. (NOTE: This is an unduplicated aggregate of the first three columns. We refer to the percent of graduates in this column as an Institution's Success Rate.)

**STUDENTS NOT FOUND** - Students who were reported to the THECB as enrolled during a given academic year, but were not found by the ASALFS process.

### **Types of Students not Found:**

- Students who transferred to colleges outside of Texas
- Students who were working for companies in Texas not covered by Unemployment Insurance regulations
- Students who were self employed
- Students who were incarcerated after exiting the program
- Students who were employed outside of Texas
- Students who were truly unemployed and not pursuing higher education

**Note:** Texas community and technical colleges located near the border may have high percentages of their former students in the Students Not Found category.

**TOTAL FORMER STUDENTS** - Unduplicated number of students reported to the THECB as either enrolled during a given academic year but did not return to the same institution in the following Fall, or graduated during that same academic year.

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**COMPLETER** – Students who were reported as satisfactorily completing a core curriculum or field of study curriculum during a given academic year.

**NON-RETURNING** - Students who were enrolled in an institution during a given academic year and did not graduate or return to that institution in the following Fall.

**UNDECLARED** - Students who were enrolled in a general academic or technical curricula but had not declared a major at an institution during a given academic year and did not attend that institution in the following Fall.

**ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION AND NOT EMPLOYED** - Students found to be enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year, and not found in UI wage records.

**EMPLOYED AND NO ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION** - Students found in the UI wage records as employed during or after the last UI quarter they were enrolled during a given academic year or during the following Fall and not enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in that same Fall.

**ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYED** - Students found to be both enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year and employed via UI wage records.

**EMPLOYED AND/OR ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION** - Students found to be employed via the UI wage records and/or enrolled in a Texas public higher education institution in the Fall following a given academic year. (NOTE: This is an unduplicated aggregate of the first three columns. We refer to the percent of graduates in this column as an Institution's Success Rate.)

**STUDENTS NOT FOUND** - Students who were reported to the THECB as enrolled during a given academic year, but were not found by the ASALFS process.

### Types of Students not Found:

- Students who transferred to a private/independent higher education institution in Texas or who transferred to colleges outside of Texas
- Students who were working for companies in Texas not covered by Unemployment Insurance regulations
- Students who were self employed
- Students who were incarcerated
- Students who were active duty military
- Students who were employed in federal civil service
- Students who were employed outside of Texas
- Students who were truly unemployed and not pursuing higher education

**Note:** Texas community and technical colleges located near the border and those serving large prison, active duty military, and federal civil service populations may have high percentages of their former students in the Students Not Found category.

**TOTAL FORMER STUDENTS** - Unduplicated number of students reported to the THECB as either enrolled during a given academic year but did not return to the same institution in the following Fall, or graduated during that same academic year.