

SUPPORTING STATEMENT PART B
FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

The agency should be prepared to justify its decision not to use statistical methods in any case where such methods might reduce burden or improve accuracy of results. When Item 7 of the IC Data Part 1 is checked “Yes,” the following documentation should be included in the Supporting Statement to the extent that it applies to the methods proposed:

1. Describe the potential respondent universe (including a numerical estimate) and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, state and local government units, households, or persons) in the universe covered by the collection and in the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form for the universe as a whole and for each of the strata in the proposed sample. Indicate expected response rates for the proposed sample. Indicate expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection had been conducted previously, include the actual response rate achieved during the last collection.

Institutions that appear on the tuition and fees and/or net price increase CATC Lists for being in the top five percent of institutions in their institutional sector that have the highest increases in tuition and fees or top five percent of increase in net price, expressed as a percentage change, over the three-year time period for which the most recent data are available are required by law to complete the College Affordability and Transparency Explanation Form (CATEF). Because of this, the expected response rate is 100 percent and it has been 100 percent. The number of respondents is variable from year-to-year. The table below demonstrates this variability.

Year	Number of surveys	Tuition & Fees	Net Price	Both
2019	552	250	230	36
2018	676	251	233	46
2017	567	261	230	38
2016	601	262	263	38
2015	509	250	259	30
2014	548	260	248	40
2013	612	276	280	28
2012	569	243	244	41

The expected number of surveys for 2021 is 544 and that number will be a proxy for this submission.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection of information, including:
 - Statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection.
 - Estimation procedure.
 - Degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification.
 - Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, and
 - Any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

There is no sampling. All (100 percent) institutions in the College Affordability and Transparency lists will be required to complete the College Affordability and Transparency Explanation Form.

3. Describe methods to maximize response and to deal with issues of non-response. The accuracy and reliability of information collected must be shown to be adequate for intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided for any collection that will not yield “reliable” data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Response is mandated in the HEA.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Testing is encouraged as an effective means of refining collections of information to minimize burden and improve utility. Tests must be approved if they call for answers to identical questions from 10 or more respondents. A proposed test or set of tests may be submitted for approval separately or in combination with the main collection of information.

N/A

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on statistical aspects of the design and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other persons who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

N/A