

What Are the Data Sources for the LaunchBoard?

The LaunchBoard includes several dashboards that offer various types of information on student outcomes.

1) Community College Pipeline

The LaunchBoard Community College Pipeline uses four primary data sources.

Chancellor's Office MIS Data

Each year, colleges upload a file to the Chancellor's Office that provides student-level information on a host of factors including demographics, participation in various support services, which courses students took and how well they did, and the types of certificates and degrees that students earned. This information can also be used to determine how many students were enrolled in specific programs. This information, which is shared from the Chancellor's Office to Cal-PASS Plus several times a year, is used to populate the majority of the LaunchBoard metrics.

California's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage File

Each quarter, employers are required to report how much they paid each of their employees to the Employment Development Department. Several times each year, the Chancellor's Office matches student records with California's state wage file, using students' social security numbers, to determine how many students are employed and how much they are earning.

CTE Outcomes Survey

Once a year, Santa Rosa Junior College sends surveys to former students who either earned a certificate or degree, or took 9+ vocational units. The survey captures important information not included in the state wage file such as whether students are employed full- or part-time, how long it took for them to find a job, and whether they are employed in their field of study.

Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI)

Once a year, Cal-PASS Plus receives labor market information from EMSI. EMSI is a proprietary resource that combines multiple sources of publically available data. The primary source of EMSI's information is the Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division, which is augmented using an undisclosed projection model and over 100 public and private data sources. By using a crosswalk of program and occupational codes that was created by the Centers of Excellence, the LaunchBoard can display program-level information in each college's region on the total people employed by occupation, projected job openings (including both new and replacement openings), and starting and median salaries.

2) Student Success Metrics & Strong Workforce Program Metrics

- Chancellor's Office MIS Data
- California's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage File
- CTE Outcomes Survey

3) Guided Pathways

Chancellor's Office MIS Data

All information is generated from the Chancellor's Office MIS Data.

4) K-14 CTE Transition Report

K-12 Uploads

Information on K-12 students is uploaded by Cal-PASS Plus member districts. The data shared by K-12 members is the same information that they report to the California Department of Education.

Chancellor's Office MIS Data

Information on college outcomes is generated from the Chancellor's Office MIS Data, by matching K-12 student records with college enrollment records.

5) Adult Education Pipeline

CASAS

Information on participants in K-12 adult education institutions is provided by CASAS, and is based on data uploaded to them by the K-12 providers.

Chancellor's Office MIS Data

Information on participants in college adult education programs, as well as outcomes after adult education students transition to college credit courses, comes from MIS records that originate at each college.

California's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage File

Information on employment and earnings come from the state wage file.