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Data Sources:

The data used for the student section of this book come from the Student Information System (SIS). **Enrollment summaries include Headcounts and Full Time Equivalency (FTE) summations for all students actively enrolled at Carnegie Mellon as of the last fiscal day of September. Degree summaries include degrees awarded during an entire academic year.**

Other Sources:

Admission Activity: Admission Office Marketing Action Plan for application data

Admission Competitors: 2008 Admitted Student Questionnaire responses

Athletics: Athletics and Physical Education

National Average SAT Scores: www.collegeboard.com

Post-graduation Data: Career Center

Study Abroad: Office of International Education

Undergraduate Research Office: Undergraduate Research Office

Student Levels:

Undergraduate: Students enrolled as first-year, sophomore, junior, senior, or fifth-year students

Graduate: Students enrolled in Master's or Doctoral programs

Special: Special/non-degree-seeking students are students who are not enrolled in a university degree program

Race Categories:

NRA-International: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and is in this country on a visa or temporary basis, regardless of race

All US Citizens and Permanent Residents self-select race from one of the following categories:
African American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic, White, Unknown/Other

Female and Minority Students:

To aid the university in monitoring and strengthening its diversity efforts, we have included headcounts and FTE summations for both **female** and under-represented **minority** students. These summations and counts are not mutually exclusive; for example, a Hispanic female is counted as both a female and a minority. **We define under-represented minorities as US citizens or permanent residents who self-identify as African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Hispanic.**

Other Definitions:

Academic Year (Degrees Awarded): Includes three semesters in the following order: summer, fall, and spring

Admission Competitors: The other institutions to which Carnegie Mellon University applicants applied and were admitted

Branch Campuses: Includes students enrolled at either Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar or Silicon Valley

Headcount: Each student, full- or part-time, is counted once

First-year First-time Admission Activity:
First-year applicants may apply and be admitted to more than one Carnegie Mellon college; therefore, admission data are provided in two formats: 1) by applicant (a student is counted only once in the 'applicants,' 'admits,' and 'enrolled' categories) and 2) by application (a student may be counted multiple times within the 'applications' and 'offers of admission categories,' but only once in the 'enrolled' category).

Full-time: A student who is registered for 36 units or more

Full-time Equivalent (FTE): Each full-time student is counted once; part-time students are counted based on the percentage of full-time tuition paid

No Major Dept: Student is enrolled in that college but has not yet declared a major

Part-time: A student who is registered for fewer than 36 units

Retention: The percentage of enrolled students who return to the university during a specific time frame. For example, first-year retention is the percentage of students who return for their sophomore year.

Under-represented Minorities: Includes US Citizens and Permanent Residents who self-identify race as African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Hispanic

Other Notes: As of Fall 2008, Information Systems Management and Information Technology are no longer considered interdisciplinary programs and are now part of Heinz College. Therefore, these programs are listed within Heinz College for student headcounts as of Fall 2008, but are listed as interdisciplinary programs for degrees granted in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008.