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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
- **Athletics**: Athletics and Physical Education
- **National Average SAT Scores**: www.collegeboard.com
- **Post-graduation Data**: Career and Professional Development Center
- **Study Abroad**: Office of International Education
- **Undergraduate Research**: 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-identify from one of the following categories**: African American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic, White

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
- **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 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
- **Retention**: The percentage of enrolled students who return to the university during a specific time frame. For example, first year to second year retention is the percentage of students who return for their second year.
- **Under-represented Minorities**: Includes US Citizens and Permanent Residents who self-identify as African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Hispanic