

24-25 Aid Offer Distribution Date Poll Results

NASFAA, Poll the Pros

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METHODOLOGY

Distribution: On April 8, 2024 NASFAA distributed an online poll to our membership via *Today's News*. This two-question poll was open until 12:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024. The results of this poll are presented below both overall and by institutional sector. There were 517 responses submitted.

Data cleaning and analysis: NASFAA's Research Department took the following data cleaning and analysis steps:

- There were 42 institutions with more than one response. Duplicate responses came from community colleges (19%), nonprofits (45.2%), and public four-year (35.7%) institutions. In most cases, duplicate answers matched.
- Comparative analysis indicated that removing duplicate responses had no substantive impact on the results. Therefore, duplicate cases were removed, with the first response (i.e., the earliest) kept.
- In addition, we only report responses about what created the most uncertainty for institutions that still needed to identify which undergraduate populations they planned to send aid offers by May 1. Some institutions indicated they had a plan to send aid offers and mistakenly reported what was causing uncertainty.

The results below reflect responses from 474 institutions.

RESULTS

Distribution of Responses by Sector

| | Percent |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Community Colleges | 21.7% |
| Nonprofit | 47.5% |
| Proprietary | 1.7% |
| Public Four-Year | 28.5% |
| Graduate Professional | 0.2% |
| Does Not Apply | 0.4% |
| Total | 474 |

Question: Please indicate to which first-year undergraduate student populations, if any, you plan to send aid offers by May 1.

| | Overall | Community Colleges | Nonprofit | Proprietary | Public 4-year | Graduate / Professional | Does Not Apply |
|---|---------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| All students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs, and we'll repackage after reprocessing if it benefits the student | 12% | 2% | 18% | 13% | 8% | 0% | 0% |
| All students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs, and we'll repackage after reprocessing regardless of whether it benefits the student | 10% | 6% | 13% | 0% | 10% | 0% | 0% |
| Only those students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs that are unaffected by known data issues | 21% | 6% | 25% | 38% | 25% | 0% | 0% |
| We are waiting for reprocessed ISIRs before we package any students, and we don't expect to send any aid offers by May 1 | 14% | 34% | 3% | 13% | 17% | 0% | 50% |
| We are waiting for reprocessed ISIRs before we package any students, and we expect to send aid offers to all students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs by May 1 | 14% | 18% | 8% | 0% | 22% | 0% | 50% |
| We don't know yet | 13% | 34% | 4% | 25% | 12% | 0% | 0% |
| We've already sent aid offers to our students | 16% | 1% | 30% | 13% | 5% | 100% | 0% |
| n | 474 | 103 | 225 | 8 | 135 | 1 | 2 |

Question: If you answered, "we don't know yet," please indicate the reason that is creating the MOST uncertainty for your office.

| | Overall | Community Colleges | Nonprofit | Proprietary | Public 4-year |
|--|---------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| I don't know or I am not involved in this decision-making process and am unsure | 11% | 10% | 11% | 0% | 14% |
| We are waiting for more information or guidance from ED | 35% | 32% | 44% | 0% | 36% |
| We have the information we need from ED, and we are still having internal discussions at our institution | 55% | 58% | 44% | 100% | 50% |
| n | 54 | 31 | 9 | 1 | 14 |

ORIGINAL POLL QUESTIONS:

Introductory Text:

With the recent ISIR reprocessing plan announced by ED, many institutions are re-evaluating their aid offer timing. By 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 9, please take our brief poll below to tell us more and see how your colleagues responded.

Question 1: Please indicate to which **first-year undergraduate student populations**, if any, you plan to send aid offers by May 1.

Responses:

- We've already sent aid offers to our students
- Only those students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs that are unaffected by known data issues
- All students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs, and we'll repackage after reprocessing if it benefits the student
- All students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs, and we'll repackage after reprocessing regardless of whether it benefits the student
- We are waiting for reprocessed ISIRs before we package any students, and we don't expect to send any aid offers by May 1
- We are waiting for reprocessed ISIRs before we package any students, and we expect to send aid offers to all students with valid ISIRs and official SAIs by May 1
- We don't know yet.

Question 2: If you answered, "we don't know yet," please indicate the reason that is creating the most uncertainty for your office.

- We are waiting for more information or guidance from ED
- We have the information we need from ED, and we are still having internal discussions at our institution
- I don't know or I am not involved in this decision making process and am unsure