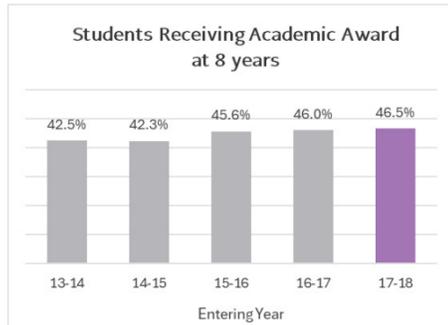




## Data Pulse: Graduation Rates Reach Historic Highs and Persistence Dips

We are thrilled to highlight WSU's First-Time, Full-Time 6-year Graduation Rate for Bachelor's degree-seeking students entering in Fall 2019 was 50.3%, a 3.2% increase over the previous year and an all-time high since data tracking began in 2008. Additionally, 46.5% of all students who started in the 2017-18 academic year earned a degree or certificate within eight years, exceeding the 46% target set in our strategic plan.



While we celebrate record-breaking completions, our recent persistence data indicates a need for continued, targeted support. Overall student persistence from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026 dipped to 78.1% (down 0.4% from the previous year), with first-time student persistence also at 78.1% (down 0.6% from the previous year).

As we look to improve our retention outcomes, we encourage you to explore the resources in our Report Gallery, such as the [Student Persistence & Success dashboard](#). Leveraging data for targeted interventions helps us keep students on the path to success.

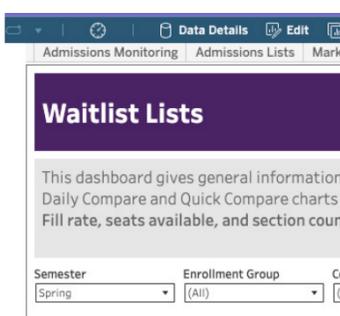
## Tracking the Student Journey: From Belonging to Graduation

Spring student surveys are about to open. The Graduation Survey opens on March 26 and populates the [Graduate Survey Results dashboard](#), offering valuable insights into students' experiences and post-graduation plans. Additionally, the Belonging Survey opens on March 30 and populates the [Student Belonging dashboard](#), which visualizes how students feel at WSU and highlights opportunities for targeted interventions based on factors such as department, age, and first-generation status.

Please encourage students to watch for both surveys and take a few minutes to share their feedback—every response helps us better understand and support the student experience.

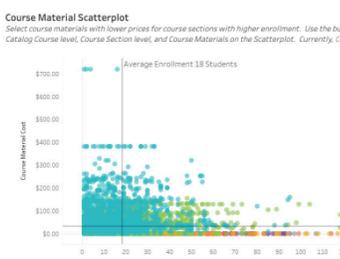
## Report Gallery Highlights

### New Tabs in Admissions & Enrollment Monitoring (Updated Fall 2025)



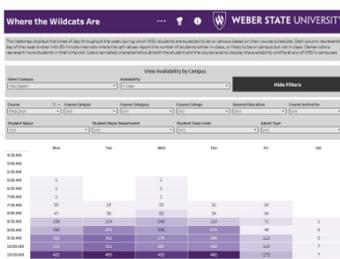
The [Admissions & Enrollment Monitoring dashboard](#) was updated to provide more powerful, real-time insights for your planning and registration needs. The Enrollment Tracking tab now features more filter options and enhanced "Quick Compare" charts for monitoring current registration trends against previous years. The Course Offerings tab now includes a more robust "Summary Table," enabling side-by-side comparisons of metrics such as fill rates and section counts, across dimensions like time of day and instructional method. Additionally, you can view waitlists for any course on the new Waitlist List tab.

### Course Materials Dashboard (New Fall 2025)



This [dashboard](#) provides an estimate of the total cost of course materials by adoption type (e.g., Bookstore Materials, OER) across colleges, departments, subjects, and courses. The Course Materials Trends tab showcases cost trends for total material costs (price x enrollment), and the Adoption Detail tab compares costs by adoption type to enrollment, identifying high-impact cost-saving opportunities. This tool supports WSU's Strategic Plan goal to lower net student costs and promotes informed decisions about course materials.

### Where the Wildcats Are Dashboard (New Fall 2025)



The [Where the Wildcats Are dashboard](#) identifies when students are most likely to be on campus based on class schedules. Faculty and staff can tailor an interactive heatmap with filters for specific courses, majors, and campuses, helping them to better align office hours, tutoring, or events with actual student presence. Join us for the [Belonging and Engagement: Understanding Where the Wildcats Connect workshop](#) to learn how this tool can support your planning.

## Department Updates

### Love Data Week 2026: It's A Data Love Story

Thank you to everyone who helped make our second annual Love Data Week a success! With 194 attendees across eight sessions, we nearly doubled our 2025 attendance. Attendees gained hands-on practice utilizing data tools and dashboards, developed strategies to enhance student success and engagement, and acquired skills to communicate their data stories effectively.

This year's Love Data Week included a "Share Your Data Love Story" Data Visualization Contest. Thank you to our judges, to everyone who submitted a viz, and to all who voted for the People's Choice Award. Congratulations to our winners!

2026 Data Viz Wiz Judges' Choice Award

**Dave Taylor**

"The American Introduction to Covid-19"

2026 Data Viz Wiz People's Choice Award

**Juliana Oldham**

"Math Tutoring Center Fall 2025: Visits by Day of Week and Time of Day"

### New Data Governance Website

We're excited to announce the launch of the [WSU Data Governance website](#), which clarifies the "who, what, where, and how" of managing our shared institutional data. The site provides details on our Data Governance program, including core values, structure, and resources for responsible data management, demonstrating our commitment to treating data as a strategic asset, fostering campus-wide data culture, and ensuring appropriate data stewardship to support student success.

## Data In Action: Clearing Student Enrollment Roadblocks

[Natalie Struhs](#), an academic advisor in the College of Health Professions, is leveraging the Waitlist Lists tab within the Admissions & Enrollment Monitoring dashboard to enhance student registration access. During open enrollment periods, Natalie pulls course waitlist data and cross-references it with real-time registration data.

By highlighting active waitlists, spaces available in other sections, and students who are registered or waitlisted for multiple sections of the same course, Natalie provides department chairs and admins with a 'ready-to-act' report allowing them to make data-informed decisions about raising seat limits, adding new sections, or conducting targeted student outreach.

Her proactive approach enables departments to make adjustments during the current registration cycle and directly clears bottlenecks to student enrollment.



## DataQuest: Uncover Hidden Data Gems and Win!



Embark on a data adventure! Faculty and staff are invited to search for a specific data point in our Report Gallery. Be one of the first three to submit the correct answer [here](#) to win a prize!

**What was the 'Active Waitlist Count' for all sections of English 2010 for Spring 2026?**

Hint: Look at the "Waitlist" tab of the [Admissions & Enrollment Monitoring dashboard](#) in the eWeber Report Gallery

**SPRING 2026  
UPCOMING TRAININGS**  
Registration in [Learn Weber](#)

**Data to Impact:  
Open Office Hours**  
• Weekly via Zoom

**Belonging and Engagement:  
Understanding Where the Wildcats Connect**  
• Apr 8 @ 2 pm in LP 201

**Fall 2026: Open Registration Resources**  
• Apr 20 @ 3 pm in LP 201  
• Apr 23 @ 3 pm via Zoom

**On-Demand Trainings**  
• Intro to WSU Data Resources  
• Student Enrollment Data  
• Student Retention & Persistence Data  
• Student Graduation Data

Don't see the training you need?  
Email [ossa@weber.edu](mailto:ossa@weber.edu) to discuss custom training options for individuals and teams.

**Definition of the Day**  
**Data Literacy:**  
the ability to understand, analyze, and communicate with data effectively  
[weber.edu/data](http://weber.edu/data)

**Data Tool Tip:**  
Have you filtered a dashboard to a view you think would be impactful to share with others? Click the "Share" button in the top right to send the view in an email or create a link to share.

Have you used data to improve a program or process? Share your story via our [online form](#). Your insights help inspire the campus community to leverage data for student success and continuous improvement.

Check out more data resources and tools at [weber.edu/data](http://weber.edu/data)

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