

Dashboard Data — README

Aggregate data files behind a public **Vision Aligned Reporting (VAR) dashboard**. Everything in this folder is pre-aggregated: counts, rates, and totals only — no student-level rows, no identifiers.

This copy holds synthetic sample data for Crestwater Community College, a fictional college. It exists so you can see exactly what a working `dashboard_data` folder looks like. To build your own, replace the numbers with your college's and edit this README — the data folder spec on the resource site describes every file and column.

Cell suppression — read this before editing anything

The dashboard is public, so small numbers are protected:

- **Counts under 10 are written as the literal text `<10`** — not deleted, not blanked. The dashboard shows them as visibly masked cells.
- **Subtraction trap:** where a published total would let a masked value be recovered by subtraction, the next-smallest category is masked too.
- **No rate is published with a denominator under 10.**
- **Blank means "not yet observable"** (e.g. the newest cohort's rate) — never zero and never suppressed. Zero is written as 0; suppressed is `<10`.
- Sensitive program membership (disability services, foster youth, CalWORKs/CARE, veterans) is never crossed with demographics.
- Service units (counts / dollars / hours) are never summed across each other.

Files

File	One row per	What it holds
<code>kpis_by_year.csv</code>	academic year	headcount, awards conferred, transfers to four-year, median units at completion, timely (3-year) completion rate
<code>awards_by_type_year.csv</code>	year × award type	awards by type (AA / AS / ADT / Certificate)
<code>equity_outcomes.csv</code>	metric × student group	students and outcome rate by race/ethnicity, gender, Pell status, special population
<code>equity_participation_share.csv</code>	program × student group	each group's share of students served vs. share of the college, proportionality index, disproportionate-impact flag, plain-language verdict

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students_served_by_program.csv	year × program (+ ALL row)	unduplicated students served
services_by_program_term.csv	term × program	service contacts delivered, students served
services_by_category_term.csv	term × service category	amount by unit (count / dollars / hours), students served
direct_aid_by_type.csv	year × aid type	total disbursed by unit, students receiving
narrative.json	—	the college's short VAR narrative comments, by Vision 2030 goal
metric_definitions.json	—	plain-language definition, computation, and caveat for every metric
data_notes.json	—	college name, data source, years covered, suppression rule, disclaimers — feeds the dashboard's methodology footer

Notes on the sample data

- All numbers are synthetic. Crestwater Community College does not exist.
- The **workforce** tile has no local data by design — the dashboard shows an honest labeled placeholder pointing to the state's published figure.
- Equity gaps in the sample are deliberate, so the equity section has a realistic story to tell — including one flagged disproportionate impact.