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When LCAN communities work to set an ambitious yet attainable goal, an important step is understanding how the community partners can track and measure their progress. Local partners often have the most up-to-date and relevant data for a community in areas that include K-12, higher education and workforce needs. Some LCAN communities not only encourage the sharing of data among partners, they require it as entry to the collective supports and larger community understanding of how a community is fairing. This helps to build trust so that some players don't feel overly scrutinized while other partners skip having to share and speak to their results in student progress.

Beyond your local partners, there are some statewide and national sources of education and labor market data that can help to round out a community's understanding of their progress, with county or school level data. This guide steers you to several sources of data important to LCANs that FCAN has vetted as credible and relevant to your work.

## Rating

◆ = Not at all user friendly

◆◆◆◆◆ = Very user friendly

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## K-12 Education

<b>High School Feedback Report</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	Florida Department of Education
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://data.fldoe.org/readiness/">http://data.fldoe.org/readiness/</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	2004-2015
<b>What data are included?</b>	
High school, district, and state level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-graduation indicators               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSA passing rates</li> <li>• Completion of college prep curriculum</li> <li>• Bright Futures eligibility</li> <li>• Accelerated curriculum participation (AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Post-graduation indicators               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduates enrolled in Florida postsecondary institutions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
Data are self-reported by districts and vetted/packaged by FL DOE for the Florida's PK-20 Education Information Portal	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data are viewable on the webpage or by download of an Excel file</li> <li>• Excel files are often messy when downloading data for schools</li> <li>• Data are typically updated each spring</li> </ul>	

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<b>EdStats</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	Florida Department of Education
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://edstats.fldoe.org/SASPortal/main.do">https://edstats.fldoe.org/SASPortal/main.do</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	2013-14 – 2017-18
<b>What data are included?</b>	
<p>School, district, congressional district, and state level data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student enrollment by or a combination of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade</li> <li>• Race/ethnicity</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Socio-economic status</li> <li>• Disability status</li> <li>• English language learner status</li> </ul> </li> <li>• High school graduation rates by or a combination of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race/ethnicity</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Socio-economic status</li> <li>• Disability status</li> <li>• English language learner status</li> <li>• Migrant status</li> <li>• Homeless status</li> <li>• Diploma type</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and end-of-course (EOC) exams by or a combination of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade</li> <li>• Race/ethnicity</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Socio-economic status</li> <li>• Disability status</li> <li>• English language learner status</li> <li>• Migrant status</li> <li>• Homeless status</li> <li>• Gifted status</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
Data are self-reported by districts and vetted/packaged by FL DOE for the Florida's PK-20 Education Information Portal	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data are viewable on the webpage (in table or chart format) or by download of an Excel file</li> </ul>	

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- Allows you to build your own tables, including the data points and specification you are looking for
- EdStats portal includes the past 5-years' worth of data; if you need data older than that time period the portal includes a link to access those data
- Current year enrollment and last year's graduation rates are typically updated mid-December

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## Postsecondary Education

<b>IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems)</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	National Center for Education Statistics
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds">https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	1980-81 - 2016-17
<b>What data are included?</b>	
College/university level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional characteristics</li> <li>• Admissions (criteria, number applicants/admits, average SAT/ACT scores)</li> <li>• Enrollment (12-month, fall, &amp; retention rate)</li> <li>• Student financial aid (percentage of students receiving Pell Grants, federal student loans)</li> <li>• Graduation rates (100%, 150%, &amp; 200%)</li> <li>• Completions (degrees awarded)</li> <li>• Finance (General Purpose Financial Statements, including endowments)</li> <li>• Libraries</li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
Institutions receiving Title IX funding (federal aid) are surveyed 3 times throughout the school year	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data are released in 3 phases: Preliminary Data Release; Provisional Data Release; Final Data Release</li> <li>• Data may change across releases as institutions/NCES can edit data until Final Data Release</li> <li>• IPEDS is <b>not very user-friendly</b>, but is useful when you need data for multiple years (i.e. trends). <b>If you need quick facts about institutions, use other sources noted below that use IPEDS data but are much easier to navigate</b></li> </ul>	

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<b>College InSight</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	The Institute for College Access and Success
<b>Website:</b>	College-Insight.org
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	2000-2001 – 2015-16
<b>What data are included?</b>	
College/university level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial aid for undergraduates and full time freshman</li> <li>• Student debt for graduating seniors</li> <li>• Cost of attendance</li> <li>• Economic diversity</li> <li>• Student racial and ethnic diversity</li> <li>• Student success</li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
College Insight data are aggregated from 4 sources:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems)</li> <li>2. U.S. DOE Pell Grant files</li> <li>3. FISAP (Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate) files</li> <li>4. CDS (Common Data Set) files</li> </ol>	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website has two guided data search options allowing the user to explore data by topic (i.e. financial aid, student success) or institution with additional steps to dig deeper into the data point of interest</li> <li>• Easier alternative to using IPEDS website</li> </ul>	

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College Navigator	
<b>Source:</b>	National Center for Education Statistics
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/">https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	Ranges by topic—only features the most current year available
What data are included?	
College/university level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional characteristics (type of institution, degrees offered)</li> <li>• Tuition, fees, and estimated student expenses</li> <li>• Admissions (criteria, number applicants/admits, average SAT/ACT scores)</li> <li>• Enrollment (by race/ethnicity, gender, age, attendance status, residence, distance learning)</li> <li>• Student financial aid (percentage of undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants, federal student loans, grants and scholarships, institutional aid)</li> <li>• Retention (by attendance status) and graduation rates (100%, 150%, &amp; 200%; by gender, race/ethnicity)</li> <li>• Completions by program/major (degrees awarded)</li> <li>• Veteran student profile (number of students using GI benefits, average amount of GI assistance, retention rates)</li> <li>• Federal loan default rates</li> </ul>	
How are the data collected?	
College Navigator data are aggregated from 3 sources:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems)</li> <li>2. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)</li> <li>3. Federal Student Aid</li> </ol>	
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website’s intended consumers are parents and students— guided search options framed to help families explore the institutions in their area</li> <li>• Can search for institutions by zip code radius, program/major, level, institution type, tuition cost, enrollment, and average test scores</li> <li>• Each institution has a profile with all available data points</li> <li>• Easier alternative to using IPEDS website for quick information</li> <li>• <b>Data enthusiast tip:</b> College Navigator is the easiest and most convenient resource to use as an IPEDS alternative</li> </ul>	

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College Scorecard	
<b>Source:</b>	U.S. Department of Education
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/">https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	Ranges by topic—only features the most current year available
What data are included?	
College/university level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average annual net cost (by family income)</li> <li>• Financial aid and debt (students receiving financial loan, loan repayment rates, median debt after graduation, median monthly loan payment)</li> <li>• Admissions (criteria, number applicants/admits, average SAT/ACT scores)</li> <li>• Student body (enrollment by race/ethnicity, attendance status, socio-economic diversity)</li> <li>• Student financial aid (percentage of undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants, federal student loans, grants and scholarships., institutional aid)</li> <li>• Retention and graduation rates (150%)</li> <li>• Earning after school (percentage of students earning more than high school graduates, median earnings 10 year after entering school)</li> <li>• Veteran student profile (number of students using GI benefits, average amount of GI assistance, retention rates)</li> <li>• Federal loan default rates</li> </ul>	
How are the data collected?	
College Navigator data are aggregated from 3 sources:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems)</li> <li>2. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)</li> <li>3. National Student Loan Data System</li> </ol>	
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website’s intended consumers are parents and students— guided search options framed to help families explore the institutions in their area</li> <li>• Can search for institutions by zip code radius, program/major, level, institution type, tuition cost, enrollment, and average test scores</li> <li>• Easier alternative to using IPEDS website for quick information</li> <li>• <b>Data enthusiast tip:</b> you can download a file with all the data that feeds into the College Scorecard website!</li> </ul>	

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<b>College Results Online</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	The Education Trust
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.collegeresults.org/">http://www.collegeresults.org/</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	Ranges by topic—only features the most current year available
<b>What data are included?</b>	
College/university level data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional characteristics (type of institution, degrees offered, endowments)</li> <li>• Tuition, fees, and estimated student expenses</li> <li>• Admissions (criteria, number applicants/admits, average SAT/ACT scores)</li> <li>• Enrollment (by race/ethnicity, gender, age, attendance status, residence, distance learning)</li> <li>• Student financial aid (percentage of undergraduate students receiving Pell Grants, federal student loans, grants and scholarships, institutional aid)</li> <li>• Retention (by attendance status) and graduation rates (100%, 150%, &amp; 200%; by gender, race/ethnicity)</li> <li>• Completions by program/major (degrees awarded)</li> <li>• Federal loan default rates</li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
College Navigator data are aggregated from 3 sources:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems)</li> <li>2. Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)</li> <li>3. Barron’s Profile of American Colleges</li> <li>4. Peterson’s Databases</li> <li>5. National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs</li> </ol>	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intended as a one-stop shop for publicly available postsecondary education data</li> <li>• Data are updated each spring</li> <li>• Interactive tool will provide a list of “peer colleges” for each institution to compare characteristics to similar schools</li> <li>• Can search for institutions by zip code radius, program/major, level, institution type, tuition cost, enrollment, and average test scores</li> <li>• Each institution has a profile with all available data points</li> <li>• Easier alternative to using IPEDS website for quick information</li> </ul>	

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American FactFinder	
<b>Source:</b>	U.S. Census Bureau
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://factfinder.census.gov">https://factfinder.census.gov</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	2000-2016
What data are included?*	
National, state, county, city, census tract, statistical area:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population demographics (age, race, gender, foreign-born, English speaking)</li> <li>• Veteran status</li> <li>• Poverty and labor force participation status</li> <li>• Housing and family financial characteristics (home-ownership, available housing units)</li> <li>• Degree attainment</li> <li>• Household income</li> </ul>	
How are the data collected?	
American FactFinder data are aggregated from:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2000 Census</li> <li>2. 2010 Census</li> <li>3. American Community Survey (select census information collected yearly)</li> </ol>	
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>When using this source and Census data: use 1-year estimates for national and state level data and 5-year estimates for counties and smaller geographies</b></li> <li>• Features a guided search options to help find the data you are interested in and refine by subgroups as needed</li> <li>• Includes a “Community Facts” feature that features a thorough profile of geographies</li> <li>• Scheduled releases in September (national and state level data) and December (county and smaller geographies)</li> </ul>	

\*The data points included in this table are those most commonly used by FCAN/LCANs. American FactFinder contains additional topics if interested.

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<b>Florida Bureau of Labor Market Stastics</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information">http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	Ranges by topic—only features the most current year available
<b>What data are included?</b>	
State, county, workforce region, and select cities data:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly census of employment and wages</li> <li>• Current employment statistics (industry, hours and earnings)</li> <li>• Unemployment rates (available monthly)</li> <li>• Employment and wage by occupation (available yearly)</li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
Data are collected and calculated through federal and state cooperatives (i.e. U.S. Bureau of Labor Market Statistics)	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data are available through Excel files</li> <li>• Features two dashboards: Florida Skills Gap and Job Vacancy Data and 2017-2025 Employment Projections</li> </ul>	

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<b>Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research</b>	
<b>Source:</b>	Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://edr.state.fl.us">http://edr.state.fl.us</a>
<b>User Friendly Rating:</b>	◆◆◆
<b>Year(s):</b>	Ranges by topic—only features the most current year available
<b>What data are included?</b>	
State and county:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current population statistics</li> <li>• Historical population statistics</li> <li>• Population projections through 2045 (with demographic disaggregation)</li> <li>• Student body (enrollment by race/ethnicity, attendance status, soci)</li> <li>• State/county profiles</li> <li>• Estimating conference data (economic forecasting for government planning, budgeting, and spending)</li> </ul>	
<b>How are the data collected?</b>	
Data are collected and calculated through federal and state cooperatives	
<b>Notes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and county profiles are valuable 2-paged resource that highlights the major characteristics of a geography/population</li> <li>• Estimating conference data can be useful reference in policy analysis</li> <li>• Office staff are typically responsive if you have questions or specific requests</li> </ul>	