

Data Description: Contracts with Ineligible Institutions/Entities File

This dataset contains information on institutions and programs that contract with ineligible institutions/entities. The data includes contracts that were reported by colleges to the Department of Education on the Electronic Application for Participation in the Federal Student Financial Program (EAPP) as of 1/23/2026. Reported contracts are included in the data regardless of whether or not the application has been processed by the School Participation Divisions.

This dataset was assembled in the following manner:

- First, all records related to contracts with ineligible institutions/providers were queried from the Partner Connect database. This includes contracts that were originally entered in the Postsecondary Education Participants System (PEPS) and later migrated to Partner Connect (which launched in December 2023). This information includes program identifiers (six-digit OPEID, credential level, and 6-digit CIP code), program length, the name of the ineligible institution/entity, the percent of the program that is provided by the ineligible institution/entity, and the effective date of the contract.
- Second, some records were duplicates in the Partner Connect system; duplicates were removed by manually comparing the full list of contracts to the list of contracts in the most recent EAPP submitted by the college.
- Third, at two colleges, contracts were reported to PEPS prior to Partner Connect launching in December 2023. For these two contracts, no information is available on the contract effective date because PEPS did not collect this information. We maintain these two records in the data.

In total, this yielded 249 unique programs–ineligible institution/entity contracts (henceforth, “program-contract pairs”). These 249 program-contract pairs were offered by 36 unique higher education institutions. The oldest contract in the data was initiated in 1981; the most recent contract in the data was initiated in 2025.

Variable Codebook: Contracts with Ineligible Institutions/Entities File

Variable	Description	Notes
opeid	8-digit OPEID	
institution_name	College Name	
credlev	Credential Level	
cip6	6-digit CIP code	
cip6_title	6-digit CIP title	
prg_name	Program Name	Program name, as specified by the college in Partner Connect / PEPS
num_weeks	Number of Weeks in Program	
num_cred_hr	Number of Credit Hours in Program	
num_clock_hr	Number of Clock Hours in Program	
ineligible_name	Name of Ineligible Institution/Entity	
pct_by_ineligible	Percent of Program Provided by Ineligible Institution/Entity	Percents are rounded to the nearest whole number.
contract_start_date	Date the contract with the Ineligible Institution/Entity was effective	Two contracts have missing effective dates because these contract were entered in the PEPS system, which did not collect this information.