

Assistance for Transitioning to the New IPEDS Data Center

This document highlights a few of the differences between the new IPEDS Data Center and the old IPEDS tools (Peer Analysis System (PAS) and Dataset Cutting Tool (DCT)). The new Data Center maintains the functions of the PAS and DCT; however, the navigation and terminology have changed. Note that the Executive Peer Tool (ExPT) and Data Analysis System (DAS) remain in their current format, and links to each are also available through the Data Center main menu.

PAS: Report and Statistics Menu Options	Data Center: Main Menu Options	Use it to...
	New! Look up an institution*	Obtain a snapshot of data for a single institution
Form facsimile**	Coming soon!	Obtain data for a single institution as reported on IPEDS forms
Institutions data	Compare individual institutions	Compare individual institutions on variables you select
Ranking report	Rank institutions on one variable	Compare institutions on a single variable
Trend report	View trend for one variable	Select a variable and create a graph or table of it over time
Statistical summary report	Create group statistics	Calculate descriptive statistics (e.g., mean, median)
Report templates	Generate pre-defined reports	Create commonly used reports
DCT Options	Data Center: Main Menu Options	Use it to...
Download data files	Download survey data files	Download ZIP files for each survey, including SAS/SPSS/STATA read programs and the data dictionary
Create a custom data set	Download custom data files	Select institutions, years, and variables to create a custom data file. Includes SAS/SPSS/STATA read programs and the data dictionary.

* The new 'Look up an institution' allows you to look up a snapshot of a single institution's data and download it as a pdf file formatted for printing.

** Form facsimile is currently being converted for the Data Center and will soon be available.

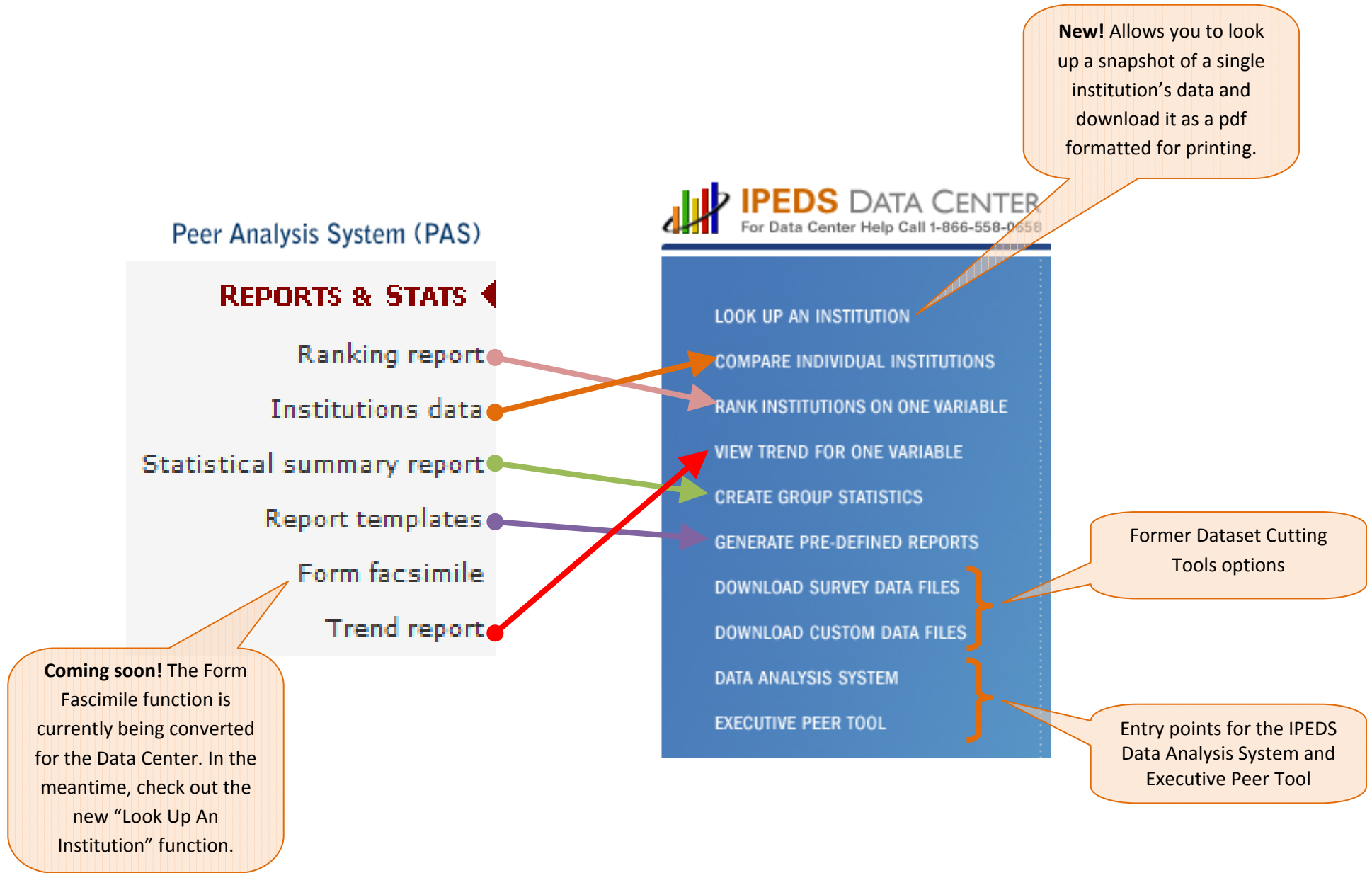
Another difference between the old tools and the Data Center is the access levels. There are three levels of access, but only two are available through the IPEDS Data Center; the "Collection level" is accessible only through the Data Collection System. The transition in terminology is shown below. Also note that the Data Center displays the data available at each level prior to login, so users can see exactly what they'll get when they choose an access level.

PAS/DCT Access Levels	Data Center Access Levels	Use it to access...
Guest Level	Publicly released data	Data that have been reviewed and published in <i>First Look</i> publications.
Institution Level (login required):	Additional early release data (login required):	Publicly released data <i>plus</i> early release data. The early release files are provided for institutional level analysis only, and should not be used for national, state, or other aggregate estimates.
Collection Level	Must be accessed through the IPEDS Data Collection System	Publicly released and early release data <i>plus</i> data available only to data providers (keyholders and coordinators). In the IPEDS Data Collection System, go to the Tools menu and choose "Go to Collection Level Data Center." This option will only appear when Collection Level data are available.

Finally, there are two other terminology changes. First, the '**focus institution**' is now the '**comparison institution**' and is now optional. And a '**comparison group**' is called your '**institution group**'.

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What data would you like to access?

Publicly Released Data ⓘ

Institutional Characteristics (2007-08)	Graduation Rates (2007)
Pricing and Tuition (2007-08)	Student Financial Aid (2006-07)
Admissions (2007-08)	Finance (2006-07)
12 Month Enrollment (2006-07)	Human Resources (2007-08)
Fall Enrollment (2007)	Completions (2006-07)

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Additional Early Release Data (login required) ⓘ

Peer Analysis System (PAS)

Guest Level

Institution Level

Collection Level

“Collection Level” access is only for data providers (keyholders and coordinators). Therefore, access is now built into the IPEDS Data Collection System. In the Data Collection System, go to the Tools menu and choose “Go to Collection Level Data Center.” This option will only appear when Collection Level data are available.

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