





Anchoring Data When It Is Counterintuitive to Institutional Culture

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In the next hour we will discuss the following:

Solution Introduce the campus and the partnership with RNL.

Discuss strategic enrollment and the integration with EPM models.

Introduce RNL's approach to Enrollment Projection Models

🔝 Campus culture and reactions to research findings.

RNL Market Research support and additional analysis

Integrating the Data with the SEP project.





Introducing Bucks County Community College

Bucks County Community College

College Highlights

- Two-year public institution in Pennsylvania
 - Offer occupational and transfer associate degrees as well as workforce certifications
- •Enrollment
 - Slight declines up to Fall 2020
 - Sharp declines during COVID-19
 - County demographics
- •Why RNL?



Bucks County Community College

Campus Culture and Data Reactions

Historic student profile Institutional identity and practices Disengagement with county data Anxiety





Strategic Enrollment and the integration with EPM models

SEP at Bucks County Community College

Framework: Four Phases





Strategic Enrollment Planning Organizational Structure for Bucks







RNL's approach to Enrollment Projection Models (EPM)

Enrollment Projection Models

Three Models

• First-Year Model

- Any new, first-time, first-year undergraduate student
- NCES Data
- By county & race/ethnicity
- •Transfer Model
 - Any new transfer undergraduate student
 - NCES Data
 - By county & race/ethnicity
- •Adult Model
 - New graduate students and undergraduate students 25 and older
 - US Census Data
 - By county & age range



Enrollment Projection Methodology



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Project overall market (recruitment) size Data:

- First-Year/Transfer: NCES kindergarten senior year past six years
- Adults: Pull most recent census projections Equation:
- Weighted retention formula to project market size through 2030

Examine your market share for past three years Combine market share by projected enrollment

- Best case
- Maintain
- Worst case



The world of projection models









Advantage of a RNL projection model

• County level projection

- Fine tune the projection to the county level allows a campus to target the recruitment market more precisely.
- Customizable workbooks
- Providing projection workbooks that are customizable allows a campus to bring in its unique recruitment strategic planning.



Educational Attainment by Level



More college degrees expected in top feeder counties where first-year students reside

Top 12 Feeder Counties:





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Historic student profile

Institutional identity and practices Disengagement with county data

Anxiety





Additional analysis conducted by RNL's MARS team

Growth/Size matrix

Matrix position helps us know which school district has the greatest growth potential





Decline

Growth projection for immediate service area (Bucks, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton)







Integrating the Data with the SEP project

Questions?

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