

Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center

MISSION

The Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center develops and maintains the Maryland Longitudinal Data System in order to provide analyses, produce relevant information, and inform choices to improve student and workforce outcomes, while ensuring the highest standards of system security and data privacy.

VISION

The vision of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center is to become the preeminent source in the State of Maryland for accurate, cross-sector, and actionable information on student to workforce transitions and outcomes.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Maintain a public facing website that provides timely and relevant information for stakeholders.

Obj. 1.1 Dashboards are maintained throughout each year with up-to-date data that is useful for key stakeholders including policy makers, educators, and the public.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of new dashboards and other data analyses and summaries added to the website	53	61	61	79	109	85	85
Number of page views on the MLDS Center website	33,479	23,805	27,561	31,651	40,798	45,000	50,000
Number of seminars conducted on the use and analysis of longitudinal data	56	24	20	35	41	35	35

Goal 2. Research and data analyses concerning critical education and workforce issues will be used to inform education policy decisions and will be nationally recognized.

Obj. 2.1 Produce research reports and analyses, as well as other research products that are used by the Governing Board, policy makers and the public to make data driven decisions and respond to concerns of constituents.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
¹ Number of times MLDS Center data are cited	2	3	2	6	64	65	70
Number of reports that are published in scholarly journals annually	1	4	1	5	5	7	10

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Obj. 2.2 Seek opportunities to expand the scope of research and analysis of critical Maryland policy questions through competitive external funding and by providing secure staff access to external researchers working on projects at no cost to the Center.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of external funding opportunities applied for or supported each year	N/A	6	10	7	9	12	15
Dollar value of external funding applied for or supported each year (in thousands)	N/A	\$4,239	\$12,400	\$7,400	\$4,600	\$5,000	\$6,000
Number of grants awarded each year for projects applied for or supported by the Center	N/A	3	4	2	7	9	11
Dollar value of grants awarded each year for projects applied for or supported by the Center (in thousands)	N/A	\$1,037	\$2,600	\$3,310	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$4,000
Number of external researchers provided secure staff access to conduct research at no cost to the Center	N/A	9	16	15	28	30	30

NOTES

¹ Starting FY 2023, the Center began using Google Scholar Search to find citations, resulting in more citations being identified.