Data Display Tips

STARS Data Displays provide an overview of STARS data updated in real-time, serving as a powerful tool for conducting sustainability research and benchmarking. This document contains descriptions and links to each display, along with useful tips on transferring the information into an Excel spreadsheet.

Accessibility and Descriptions

Although STARS reports are publicly available, certain STARS data displays are accessible only to current AASHE Members or STARS Participants. Individuals with limited access that wish to conduct research on STARS data may request enhanced access to data displays by emailing stars@aashe.org.

Publicly Available

- The STARS Dashboard provides real-time summary data on two sub-tabs: The Summary page displays aggregate data on ratings, registrations and submissions, average category scores, and a breakdown of institutions. The Average Scores page provides access to an interactive visualization of scores across categories, subcategories, and credits.

- The Current Participants page lists all institutions that currently have a one-year subscription to STARS.

- The Rated Institutions page lists all institutions that currently have a valid STARS rating.

Available to current AASHE members and/or STARS Participants

- The Category Display provides average category scores for groups of institutions.

- The Content Display provides exact responses to specific reporting fields in institutions' STARS Reports.

Available to current STARS Participants only

- The Score Display provides scores for particular categories, subcategories, and credits of interest.

AASHE believes transparency is a key component in communicating sustainability claims. STARS data are made publicly available, and can be used in research and other publications, provided that certain Data Use Guidelines are met.

Display Filters

For the Category, Content, and Score Display pages, website users can view results for institutions with specific characteristics by selecting one or more of the filters provided. For example, to display only results for institutions with a STARS Gold rating, website users may select the *STARS Rating – Gold filter.* To view data for all STARS-Rated institutions, users should select the *Organization Type – All Institutions* filter.

Tips on Using the Data Displays to Create an Excel Spreadsheet

- Select the *Organization Type – All Institutions* filter to display data for all STARS-Rated institutions.

- Although an Export to Excel option is not yet available, copy and paste functions can be used to create an Excel spreadsheet (if you have trouble with these functions, try excluding the last character of text or switching to a different browser).

- Because there are limits on how much information can be displayed at any given time, it may be necessary to run the displays multiple times for different categories, subcategories, credits, or data fields.

- Once the data have been pasted into Excel, some formatting may be required. For example, to separate the *Earned points / Points possible* column into two columns, use the *Text to Columns* Excel function.

For questions on using STARS data displays not covered, please contact stars@aashe.org.