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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**
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**FAST FACTS: ABOUT THE NC-SARA DATA REPORT**
- **2,088** Data was collected from 2,088 SARA participating institutions.
- **349,930** The number of OOSLPs reported for calendar year 2019 increased 45.8% over 2018 (239,955).
- **2019** Out-of-State Learning Placement (OOSLP) data is for calendar year 2019.

**NUMBER OF SARA PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS REPORTING ENROLLMENT DATA**

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**DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENT: FALL 2019 VS FALL 2018**
- **3,016,944** Total distance education enrollment reported in fall 2019 was 3,016,944, up 7.5% from fall 2018 (2,806,382).

**BREAKDOWN OF DISTANCE EDUCATION ENROLLMENT BY SECTOR**

- **Public Institutions**: 16.7%
- **For-Profit Institutions**: 30.6%
- **Non-Profit Institutions**: 52.7%

Breakdown of Total Distance Education Enrollment by Sector

**OUT-OF-STATE LEARNING PLACEMENTS (OOSLP)**
The largest Out-of-State Learning Placements were in healthcare-related programs (52.8%), followed by education (10.9%), and business (5.9%). The remaining 30.4% of learning placements were in a variety of fields, such as engineering and social sciences.

**Variety of Fields**
- 52.8% Health Professions
- 10.9% Education
- 5.9% Business
- 30.4% Variety of Fields

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