

School, Program and Completions Files Extracted from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

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Workforce Information Database Schools, Programs, Completions and Supply Tables

Introduction

Information about education and training opportunities has become increasingly important to the workforce development community. State Workforce Information units have had varying degrees of success in obtaining this information from state and local education agencies. Some have turned to information gathered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in its Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System survey (IPEDS – see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/). The 2009 IPEDS data contain information from over 7,000 institutions, private and public, and ranging from certificate programs to doctoral and first professional degrees. They represent information about over four million program completions in over 172,000 programs.

One feature of the IPEDS data has been the absence of any geographic identifiers below the state level. The release of the 2009 Institutional Characteristics file included the introduction of county codes and latitude and longitude data. In prior years, the NCSC, through the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) software and other resources added these variables to nearly all of the institution records. (**NOTE**: the Institutional Characteristics file still contains only one record per institution, and the information contained in the NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY section still applies.) This document contains the structures of the WID files populated by the NCSC and related database files. Total record counts and notes on the files' creation, content and limitations are included for the files derived from IPEDS.

NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY

Within IPEDS, geography is found only within the Institutional Characteristics (IC) file. Other IPEDS file link to this file through their UNITID variable (INSTCODE in the Workforce Information Database). Generally speaking, each institution will have only one record, and thence one address, in the IC file. This geographic limitation is reflected in the contents of the PROGRAMS, PROGCOMP and SUPPLY tables described by this document. While an institution may offer programs at several locations in several counties, unless there is a record in the IC file for each of those locations, it's impossible to determine which programs and how many program completers relate to any of the satellite locations. Users should compare institutions in the SCHOOLS table with the list of known institutions for their state in order to determine the potential impact of this limitation.

Data Tables

progcomp This table contains information about program completers.					
Column	Type Constraint Description				
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key 2, 3, 4, 5	State FIPS code.		
areatype	char(2)	4	Code describing type of geographic area: e.g. county, service delivery area, MSA.		
area	char(6)	4	Six digit code assigned to represent a geographic area. Front fill with zeroes.		
instcode	char(10)	Primary Key 2	Unique code representing the institution.		
periodyear	char(4)	Primary Key 1	Character representation of calendar year (e.g. 1996).		
periodtype	char(2)	Primary Key 1	Code describing type of period (e.g. annual, quarterly, monthly, etc.).		
period	char(2)	Primary Key 1	Period Code. Will be set to '00' where periodtype is annual.		
codetype	char(2)	Primary Key 5	Code describing the type of occupation or training code.		
code	char(10)	Primary Key 5	The classification code used by the state for this data element. This code could be DOT, OES, CIP, Cluster, SOC, Census, etc. For codes not 10 character long, left justify and blank (ASCII 32) fill.		
compltype	char(2)	Primary Key 3	Two digit code representing type of program completer.		
completers	numeric(8)		Number of program completers.		
placecomp	varchar(4000)		Information about post completion labor force status of completers.		

Constraint Information

- 1 Foreign Key (progcomp.periodyear, progcomp.periodtype, progcomp.period) references (period.periodyear, period.periodtype, period.period)
- 2 Foreign Key (progcomp.stfips, progcomp.instcode) references (schools.stfips, schools.instcode)
- 3 Foreign Key (progcomp.stfips,progcomp.compltype) references (compltyp.stfips, compltyp.compltype)
- 4 Foreign Key (progcomp.stfips, progcomp.areatype, progcomp.area) references (geog.stfips, geog.areatype, geog.area)
- 5 Foreign Key (progcomp.stfips, progcomp.codetype, progcomp.code) references (occodes.stfips, occodes.codetype, occodes.code)

progcomp	This table contain	s information abo	out program completers.		
Column	Type	Constraint	Description		
	Note:	If codetype is:	Then code refers to a:		
		01	Cluster code		
		02			
		03	CIP code		
		04	DOT code		
		06			
		07			
		08			
		09	±		
		12			
		13	Micro Matrix code		
NOTES:					
• SOU	SOURCE: 2009 IPEDS Completions File				
• 172	• 172,147 total records				
• All	 All records contain CIP codes in the CODE field 				
• See	• See the NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY at the beginning of this document				

programs	This table contains information about programs that are offered by education
	and training providers.

Column	Type	Constraint	Description	
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key	State FIPS code.	
		1, 3, 4, 5, 6		
areatype	char(2)	5	Code describing type of geographic area:	
			e.g. county, service delivery area, MSA.	
area	char(6)	5	Six digit code assigned to represent a	
			geographic area. Front fill with zeroes.	
instcode	char(10)	Primary Key	Unique code representing the institution /	
		1	training provider.	
codetype	char(2)	Primary Key	Code describing the type of occupation or	
		6	training code.	
code	char(10)	Primary Key	The classification code used by the state for	
		6	this data element. This code could be DOT,	
			OES, CIP, Cluster, SOC, Census, etc. For	
			codes not 10 characters long, left justify	
			and blank (ASCII 32) fill.	
compltype	char(2)	Primary Key	Two digit code representing type of	
		4	program completed.	
length	numeric(4)		The length of the training program at the	
			institution (years, months, weeks, etc.)	
lengthtype	char(2)	3	The identifying code assigned to the	
			program length.	
progcost	numeric(6)		The cost of the program.	
progtitle	varchar(100)		Title used by the training provider for the	
•			program.	
progdesc	varchar(4000)		A narrative summary of the program	
			objective.	
cipcode	char(10)	2	A ten digit code assigned to a Classification	
			of Institutional Programs (CIP) program	
-			title.	
url	varchar(200)		Uniform Resource Locator for the program.	

Constraint Information

- 1 Foreign Key (programs.stfips, programs.instcode) references (schools.stfips, schools.instcode)
- 2 Foreign Key (programs.cipcode) references (cipcode.cipcode)
- 3 Foreign Key (programs.stfips, programs.lengthtype) references (lentype.stfips, lentype.lengthtype)
- 4 Foreign Key (programs.stfips,programs.compltype) references (compltyp.stfips, compltyp.compltype)
- 5 Foreign Key (programs.stfips, programs.areatype, programs.area) references (geog.stfips, geog.areatype, geog.area)
- 6 Foreign Key (programs.stfips, programs.codetype, programs.code) references

programs This table contains information about programs that are offered by education and training providers.

Column Type Constraint Description

(occodes.stfips, occodes.codetype, occodes.code)

Note:	If codetype is:	Then code refers to a:	
	01	Cluster code	
	02	OES code	
	03	CIP code	
	04	DOT code	
	06	Census code	
	07	CIDS code	
	08	SOC code	
	09	State specific code	
	12	O*NET code	
	13	Micro Matrix code	

NOTES:

- Source: 2009 IPEDS Completions File
- 208,210 Records
- All records contain CIP codes in the CODE field
- Values for LENGTH, LENGTHTYPE, PROGCOST, PROGDESC, URL not available
- See the **NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY** at the beginning of this document

schools This table contains one record for every training provider in the state. Each training provider will be identified by a code. The training provider will be coded by type - field 'insttype'.

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Column	Type	Constraint	Description	
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key	State FIPS code.	
		1,2		
areatype	char(2)	1	Code describing type of geographic area:	
			e.g. county, service delivery area, MSA.	
area	char(6)	1	Six digit code assigned to represent a	
			geographic area. Front fill with zeroes.	
instcode	char(10)	Primary Key	Unique code representing the institution.	
insttype	char(2)	2	Identifies the type of training institution	
			(WIA Provider, vocational center,	
			community college, university).	
instown	char(1)	3	Institution ownership code.	
instname1	varchar(80)		Primary name of the training institution.	
instname2	varchar(80)		Secondary name of the training institution.	
address1	varchar(35)		Address of the training institution.	
address2	varchar(35)		Address of the training institution.	
city	varchar(30)		City.	
st	char(2)		State.	
zip	char(5)		Postal zip code for the business address.	
zipext	char(4)		Zipcode extention.	
latitude	numeric(11,6)		Physical location – latitude	
longitude	numeric(11,6)		Physical location – longitude	
geopcode	char(1)	4	Physical location – geocode precision level	
			code. The precision of the longitude and	
			latitude coordinates.	
telephone	char(10)		Training institution telephone number.	
teleext	varchar(10)		Training institution telephone extention.	
fax	char(10)		Training institution fax number.	
url	varchar(200)		Uniform Resource Locator.	
contact	varchar(50)		Name of person to contact at the training	
			institution.	
ein	char(9)		Employer Identification Number	

Constraint Information

- 1 Foreign Key (schools.stfips, schools.areatype, schools.area) references (geog.stfips, geog.areatype, geog.area)
- 2 Foreign Key (schools.stfips, schools.insttype) references (insttype.stfips, insttype.insttype)
- 3 Foreign Key (schools.instown) references (instown.instown)
- 4 Foreign Key (schools, geopcode) references)geocode.geopcode)

NOTES:

- Source: 2009 IPEDS Institutional Characteristics File
- 7,192 Records
- County identifiers, latitude and longitude were developed by NCES from Census Bureau TIGER files.
- Length of INSTNAME1 is 100, based on source file contents
- Length of ADDRESS1 is 75, based on source file contents
- INSTNAME2, ADDRESS2, FAX and CONTACT are empty
- Additional field, EIN, added in response to requests
- See the **NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY** at the beginning of this document

Column	Type	Constraint	Description	
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key 1, 3, 5, 6	State FIPS code.	
areatype	char(2)	Primary Key 1	Code describing type of geographic area: e.g. county, service delivery area, MSA.	
area	char(6)	Primary Key 1	Six digit code assigned to represent a geographic area. Front fill with zeroes.	
periodyear	char(4)	Primary Key 2	Character representation of calendar year (e.g. 1996).	
periodtype	char(2)	Primary Key 2	Code describing type of period (e.g. annual, quarterly, monthly, etc.)	
period	char(2)	Primary Key 2	Period Code. Will be set to '00' where periodtype is annual.	
insttype	char(2)	Primary Key 3	Identifies the type of training institution (WIA Provider, vocational center, community college, university).	
instown	char(1)	Primary Key 4	Institution ownership code.	
codetype	char(2)	Primary Key 6	Code describing the type of occupation or training code.	
code	char(10)	Primary Key 6	The classification code used by the state for this data element. This code could be DOT, OES, CIP, Cluster, SOC, Census, etc. For codes not 10 characters long, left justify and blank (ASCII 32) fill.	
compltype	char(2)	Primary Key 5	A two digit code representing type of program completer. (e.g. Completers with Associates Degree are coded as 03)	
completers	numeric(8)		Number of program completers.	

Constraint Information

- 1 Foreign Key (supply.stfips, supply.areatype, supply.area) references (geog.stfips, geog.areatype, geog.area)
- 2 Foreign Key (supply.periodyear, supply.periodtype, supply.period) references (period.periodyear, period.periodtype, period.period)
- 3 Foreign Key (supply.stfips, supply.insttype) references (insttype.stfips, insttype.insttype)
- 4 Foreign Key (supply.instown) references (instown.instown)
- 5 Foreign Key (supply.stfips, supply.compltype) references (compltyp.stfips, compltyp.compltype)
- 6 Foreign Key (supply.stfips, supply.codetype, supply.code) references (occcodes.stfips, occcodes.codetype, occcodes.code)

Note:	If codetype is:	Then code refers to a:
	01	Cluster code
	02	OES code
	03	CIP code
	04	DOT code
	06	Census code
	07	CIDS code
	08	SOC code
	09	State specific code
	12	O*NET code
	13	Micro Matrix code

NOTES:

- Source: 2009 IPEDS Completions File
- 237,033 Records
- Contains counts for summary 2- and 4-digit CIP level for the U.S., states and counties
- See the **NOTE ON GEOGRAPHY** at the beginning of this document

geocode	This table contains one record for each level of precision of the geocode.		
Column	Type Constraint Description		
geopcode	char(1)	Primary Key	Code for the precision level of the geocode.
geopdesc	varchar(40) Description of the precision geocode.		
Constraint Information			
N/A			

geopcode	0 = Address 2 = Zip+4 centroid
	4 = Zip+2 centroid
	X = ZIP code centroid

leveltyp	This table contains one record for each wage level identified by an occupation (e.g. entry, apprentice, journeyman, experienced, etc.)				
Column	Type Constraint Description				
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key 1	State FIPS code.		
leveltype	char(1)	Primary Key The code identifying the type of wage level.			
lvldesc	varchar(40) A description of the type of wage level.				
Constraint Information					
1 Foreign Key (leveltyp.stfips) references (stfipstb.stfips)					

leveltyp	0 = All level	leveltyp
J 13 13 1	1 = Entry level	wage
	2 = Apprenticeship	
	3 = Experienced	
	4 = Journeyman	
	9 = Not Available	
	6 - 8 = State Defined Level Types	

instown	This table contains a record for each training institution owner.		
Column	Type	Constraint	Description
instown	char(1)	Primary Key	Institution ownership code.
instowndes	varchar(40)		Description or title of training institution
			owner.
Constraint Information			
N/A			

instown	1 = Public institution	
	2 = Private for profit institution	
	3 = Private non-profit institution	
	9 = Not Available	

compltyp	This table contains one record for each type of program completer by state.		
Column	Type	Constraint	Description
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key 1	State FIPS code.
compltype	char(2)	Primary Key	Two digit code representing type of program completer.
compltitle	varchar(40)		Title of type of program completer.
compldesc	varchar(4000)		Description of type of program completer.
Constraint Information			
1 Foreign Key (compltyp.stfips) references (stfipstb.stfips)			

compltype

- 00 = Sum of all types (Aggregate of all Completer Types)
- 01 = Postsec. Awards/Cert./Diplomas; < 1 yr.
- 02 = Postsec. Awards/Cert./Diplomas; 1-2 yrs.
- 03 = Associate's Degree
- 04 = Postsec. Awards/Cert./Diplomas; 2-4 yrs.
- 05 = Bachelor's Degree
- **06 = Postbaccalaureate Certificates**
- 07 = Master's Degree
- **08 = Post-Master's Certificates**
- 09 = Doctor's Degrees
- **10 = First-professional Degrees**
- 11 = First-professional Cert. (Post-Degree)
- **17 = All Postsecondary Certificates**
- 21 = Secondary
- 22 = Postsec. Awards/Cert./Diplomas; <4 yrs.
- 23 = Graduate degrees combined
- 30 = OJT = on-the-job training
- 31 = Employment & training program completers
- 32 = Military separatees
- **33** = Apprenticeship completers
- 34 = Job Corps completers
- 40 = Certificates < 2 yrs.
- 99 = Unidentified

NOTE: Because of dual counting, completer type may not aggregate to total.

50-70 = State-Defined Completion Types

insttype This table contains one record for each type of institution in a state.			
Column	Type	Constraint	Description
stfips	char(2)	Primary Key 1	State FIPS code.
insttype	char(2)	Primary Key	Identifies the type of training institution (WIA Provider, vocational center, community college, university).
insttydesc	varchar(50)		A description of the type of institution.
Constraint Information			
1 Foreign Key (insttype.stfips) references (stfipstb.stfips)			

insttype	00 = All Institutions		
	01 = Secondary Schools		
	02 = Public Adult Schools with occupational programs		
	03 = Two-year, Technical, and Community Colleges		
	04 = Four-year Colleges and Universities		
	05 = Private Business and Technical Schools		
	06 = JTPA Programs		
	07 = Apprenticeship Programs		
	08 = Hospital or Health Programs		
	09 = Other education and training institutions		
	20 = Law Enforcement Academies		
	21 = Aviation and Flight Schools		
	22 = WIA Providers		
	99 = Not Available		
	50-70 = State-Defined Institution Types		