WADC DATA DOCUMENTATION

WADC GENERAL OVERVIEW AND DATA STRUCTURE

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WADC OVERVIEW

Developed and maintained by the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) in collaboration with its Wisconsin state agency partners, the Wisconsin Administrative Data Core (WADC) links a large array of administrative data covering a long period of program history. It is a unique data resource that supports evidence-based policymaking and allows for research and evaluation across multiple programs and outcomes that would not be possible using only a single agency's data.

The Data Core facilitates high impact research with the potential to improve lives by addressing issues of policy and practice relevant to the mission of the participating state agencies. This resource provides the opportunity to work in partnership with IRP and state agencies to ensure the accurate use of administrative data.

IRP ensures that appropriate physical, administrative, and technical controls are in place to safely store data; guarantee individual confidentiality; and comply with federal, state, and agency regulations. All data remain the property of these state agencies, who retain approval authority for the use of their data.

For more information on the WADC and project approval and access processes, please visit: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/wadc/

WADC Annually Updated Files

Every year, the IRP Data Science Team matches individuals across the multiple data sources to create a master person record (the Multi-Sample Person File), that can be associated with program cases, with parent-child relationships, households, and location. Also updated annually are program participation files that contain constructed variables reflecting historical experience in each program and system. Documentation for these program participation files is included below.

These annual updates are released in the late summer/early fall each year, covering program experience through the previous calendar year (e.g. WADC2020, with program participation files through December 2020, was released in late August 2021).

Project-specific WADC Extracts

Administrative data sources include elements and programs that are not currently captured in the WADC Annual Update, but which could be extracted and made available for approved projects. To discuss data availability for project needs that go beyond the WADC Annual Update, please submit an inquiry on the WADC homepage at https://www.irp.wisc.edu/wadc/ .

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA SYSTEMS

WADC data is sourced from the following state administrative data systems under data-sharing agreements with the state agency data owners.

Kids Information Data System (KIDS)

The KIDS (acronym for Kids Information Data System) data system began in 1995, and all counties were fully online by the last quarter of 1996. The KIDS data system is a financial accounting system for the payment and disbursement of child support and is also used for recording the details of paternity adjudication. A history of child support orders and the balance of arrearages are kept for each case, as well as the participants in the case (the mother, the legal father, the child, the payor, and the payee of child support). A historical record of address change is maintained, as well as a record of child support case type and some information on marital status and demographics. Information from cases dated prior to 1995 was converted to KIDS, although much of this information is missing, or is recorded as of the conversion date rather than specific case history event date.

Computer Reporting Network (CRN)

The CRN (acronym for Computer Reporting Network) data system began in 1974 and was designed to record Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments, Food Stamp benefits, and Medicaid eligibility. CRN was phased out in 1994 and 1995 and replaced by the CARES data system. CRN includes demographics of participants, and their relationship to the household head. IRP has access to the CRN data for the month of December 1984, and for most months from August 1988 through the phase-out in early 1995.

Client Assistance for Re-Employment and Economic Support (CARES)

The CARES (acronym for Client Assistance for Reemployment and Economic Support) data system began in 1994, designed to replace the CRN data system. Counties in Wisconsin began using the CARES system in different months over the course of about 12 months in 1994 and 1995. The CARES data system records the following: payments of AFDC and later of TANF and Food Stamp (now SNAP) benefits; Medicaid and BadgerCare eligibility; Child Care subsidies to parents and payments to providers; cash Caretaker Supplements for disabled parents with minor children; demographics of participants; a history of address and income changes; and a history of household members and their relationships to each other.

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

The Unemployment Insurance program collects and maintains a history of wage records from employers in Wisconsin for the purpose of providing unemployment benefits to unemployed workers. This history has been maintained electronically for over two decades. Approximately 95 percent of all legally employed workers in Wisconsin are recorded in the UI data system.

There are two data sources: wage records and unemployment benefits.

Wage Records

The wage records are reported quarterly by mandated employers. Wage record data is available back to approximately 1988. The full wage record data file is not included in the IRP Data Core, but rather, only wage records that match (on SSN and name, if available) the individuals in the data core.

Unemployment Benefits

The unemployment benefit data is available back to 2006. This is in the form of weekly cash benefits paid to unemployed workers who continue to report a search for employment. We have access to information on weekly cash benefits, by date of dispersal, and for dates of the covered time period of unemployment. Our current data extend back only to the fourth quarter of 2006, although data prior to this time do exist, and may be requested in the future.

Department of Corrections (DOC) Adult Incarcerations

The DOC data system began in 1990 and is a record of all adult individuals incarcerated in the State prison system at that time, and since. It records the incarceration history, reasons for incarceration, and demographics of incarcerated individuals.

Milwaukee County Jail data system

The Milwaukee Jail data system began in 1993 and is a record of all individuals incarcerated in the Milwaukee County Jail or the Milwaukee County Correctional Facility-South (previously known as the House of Corrections). It records the incarceration history, reasons for incarceration, and demographics of incarcerated individuals.

Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP)

CCAP is the Consolidated Court Automation Programs under the Director of State Courts Office, which developed and supports the statewide computer system used by the circuit courts to manage circuit court case records. The information includes court records open to public view under Wisconsin's Open Records Law. Court records not open to public inspection by law are not available.

eWiSACWIS data system

The eWiSACWIS (acronym for State Automated Child Welfare Information System) data system began in 2001, but was not fully implemented by all Wisconsin counties until mid-2004. Counties had different policies about loading inactive or conversion cases into the system, and much of the conversion data has missing information. This data system records all Child Protective Services (CPS) reports; all out-of-home placements of children; and the participants in all cases (the children, parents, caretakers, maltreators, and reporters of maltreatment); along with individual demographics; and the relationships of family members to the case reference person.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the federal partners, along with other planners and policymakers use aggregate Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data to better inform homeless policy and decision making at the federal, state, and local levels. HMIS is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness. The Wisconsin HMIS is administered by the Institute for community Alliances.

WADC ANNUAL UPDATE DATA STRUCTURE

Available information on individuals and cases in the WADC across time and multiple state program systems can be found in the MSPF "master" file, parent/child file, and case file.

The IRPID is a masked, unique individual identifier used as the merge variable for matching with other WADC data sets.

PEOPLE (MSPF & parent/child files)

- IRPID
- Sex
- Date of birth, MMYYYY
- Date of death, MMYYYY
- Data source (state program system)
- County and state of residence
- Parent (IRPID)

CASES (CASE file)

- IRPcaseID
- Data source (state program system)
- Begin date
- End date
- County of service location
- IRPID and person's role in case

Limited information is available for individuals on education level, place of birth and ethnic/racial codes.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FILES

Program participation files contain information on program eligibility and participation at the individual or household level. This includes public benefit programs, K-12 education, wage records, and interactions with justice and child welfare systems.

A general overview of the participation files is provided below, by state program.

NOTE: More detailed documentation files are available to researchers after they have gained access to the WADC data in the secure server environment.

CHILD SUPPORT

The Wisconsin Child Support program is overseen by the WI Department of Children & Families. Case management services are provided by county and tribal child support agencies.

Program website: WI Child Support Program (wisconsin.gov)

CHILD SUPPORT DATA FILES (1996 – 2024)

Current Child or Family Support and Alimony Orders file (CSordYYYY)

Current child or family support and alimony (maintenance) orders, by month, payee, and KIDS case.

This data reflects order amounts on behalf of the payor and child(ren).

One observation per IRPcaseID for a calendar year (for any KIDS case with a child or family support or alimony order in this year), per payee, per payor, per support type.

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayor	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payor in the case
IRPIDpayee	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payee in the case
SUPPTYP	Support type (child, family, or spousal)
CSdolYYYYMM (monthly files)	Child and Family Support: total dollar amount of child or family support ordered in this month. *Note*: this would include the dollar amount in a “hybrid” order.
CSpctYYYYMM (monthly files)	Child and Family Support: total percent of income ordered in child or family support ordered in this month. *Note*: this would NOT include the percentage amount in a "hybrid" order. That percentage is not provided in this data. *Note*: there could be a dollar order, and a percentage-of-income order in the same month, in cases where the order was changed from pct-of-income to fixed, or vice versa. This is not a case of a "hybrid" order. *Note*: both dollar amounts and percent-of-income figures are pro-rated for partial months at the beginning and end of an order.
ALdolYYYYMM (monthly files)	Alimony (or Maintenance): total dollar amount of alimony (or maintenance) ordered in this month.
ALpctYYYYMM (monthly files)	Alimony (or Maintenance): total percent of income ordered in alimony (or maintenance) ordered in this month. *Note*: There could be a dollar order, and a percentage-of-income order in the same month, in cases where the order was changed from pct-of-income to fixed dollar, or vice versa. This is not a case of a "hybrid" order. *Note*: Both dollar amounts and percent-of-income figures are pro-rated for partial months at the beginning and end of an order.

Child or Family Support and Alimony Orders on arrears file (CSord_apiYYYY)

Child or Family Support and Alimony (Maintenance) Orders on arrears, past support, and interest accounts, by month, by sub-account and KIDS case.

One observation per IRPcaseID per idsubac per supptyp for a calendar year (for any KIDS case with a child or family support or alimony/maintenance order in the given year).

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayor	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payor in the case
IRPIDpayee	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payee in the case
IDSUBAC	code indicating the type of financial subaccount associated with the order. Current support orders are not included in this data since they are reported separately on the CSordYYYY files
SUPPTYP	Support type (child, family, or spousal)
CSdolYYYYMM (monthly files)	Child and Family Support: dollar amount ordered to pay in this month toward the balance on child or family arrears, past support, or interest (based on IDSUBAC). *Note*: this would include the dollar amount in a “hybrid” order.
CSpctYYYYMM (monthly files)	Child and Family Support: percent of income ordered in this month for child or family arrears, past support or interest. See IDSUBAC for financial subaccount type. *Note*: this would NOT include the percentage amount in a "hybrid" order. That percentage is not provided in this data. *Note*: there could be a dollar order, and a percentage-of-income order in the same month, in cases where the order was changed from pct-of-income to fixed, or vice versa. This is not a case of a "hybrid" order. *Note*: both dollar amounts and percent-of-income figures are pro-rated for partial months at the beginning and end of an order.
ALdolYYYYMM (monthly files)	Alimony (or Maintenance): dollar amount ordered to pay in this month towards the balance owed on arrears, past support or interest on alimony (or maintenance). Based on the financial subaccount given by IDSUBAC.
ALpctYYYYMM (monthly files)	Alimony (or Maintenance): percentage of income ordered in this month for arrears, past support or interest on alimony (or maintenance). See IDSUBAC for financial subaccount type. *Note*: There could be a dollar order, and a percentage-of-income order in the same month, in cases where the order was changed from pct-of-income to fixed dollar, or vice versa. This is not a case of a "hybrid" order. *Note*: Both dollar amounts and percent-of-income figures are pro-rated for partial months at the beginning and end of an order.

Held-open child support orders (CSordHO)

Orders to "hold open" child support, by KIDS case and begin date. These are also known as LEGS orders (LEGS = legal obligation to support). In KIDS, these orders are entered separately from the support orders with dollar amounts. These are entered into the "non-financial obligations" table, along with other non-financial orders.

One observation per IRPcaseID per "held open" order.

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayor	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payor in the case
begindate	SAS date which indicates the date on which the "held open" order began.
enddate	SAS date which indicates the date on which the "held open" order ended. A value of 12/31/2099 indicates no end date for the order. Some other order end dates may reflect a future date, such as the date when the youngest child turns 18 or graduates, or a noncustodial parent's expected prison release date. *Note*: held-open orders are not necessarily end-dated when a new, positive current support order is entered.
cdterms	A code indicating the type of terms that apply to the non-financial court order obligation.

Child Support Payments (CSpayYYYY)

All payments to the child support system, by month, by KIDS case and Payor.

One observation per IRPcaseID per IRPIDpayor for a calendar year (for any KIDS case with a payment made to the child support system in the given year).

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayor	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payor of the money
paidYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of payment made to the child support system.

Child Support Receipts (CSrecYYYY)

All receipts from the child support system, by month, by KIDS case and Payee.

One observation per IRPcaseID per IRPIDpayee for a calendar year (for any KIDS case with a receipt made through the child support system in this year).

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case

IRPIDpayee	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payee in the case
recvYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of receipts through the child support system. These receipts could be for child support, family support, or maintenance.

Child Support Receipts Detail (CSrecdetailYYYY)

All receipts distributed in the child support system summed up by subaccount, payee, month and case.

Unlike the CSrec files, they contain receipts to the State. They also include receipts on ALL subaccounts, not just child/family support. This file contains receipts going to any State accounts and household payee accounts.

One observation per financial subaccount (STYP), per payee (IRPIDpayee), per month, per case (IRPCASEID).

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayee	this represents the payee of the financial subaccount and may be a State account (see below) or someone in the custodial household which will equate to a masked KIDS pin (IRP generated)
dol	total dollar amount received through the child support system in the month represented in "month" for the subaccount (styp) and payee (IRPIDpayee) on the given row
month	month and year the money was received, YYYYMM
styp	the financial subaccount to which the monies are distributed for the month

Child support enforcement events file (CSenforceevts)

The history of child support enforcement events for a case.

One row per enforcement event per child support case.

Variables

IRPCASEID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
CDDSPEV	the result of the enforcement events contained in CDEVTTY
CDEVTTY	code indicating the type of enforcement action taken by the worker
DETITLE	the text description of the event code on KIDS
DISPOSITIONDATE	date on which the final disposition for the event (CDDSPEV) was entered on the system
EVENTDATE	the date on which the event (CDEVTTY) was entered on the system
EFFECTIVEDATE	date on which the event was/is to be initiated

KIDS case type (kidscasetyp)

KIDS case type file. This file contains the following information for all KIDS cases:

- The date the case opened
- Case type (paternity, divorce, etc.)

One observation per IRPcaseID..

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
date_opened	The date the KIDS case opened. SAS date format.
case_type	Case type (unknown, paternity, divorce, foster or kinship care, or UIFSA case)

Child support arrears file (arrearsYYYY)

All arrearages owed on a case for child support, family support, spousal support (maintenance or alimony), lying-in expenses (birth costs), or "other medical costs", as of the end of each calendar month.

One observation per IRPcaseID (masked KIDS case) per support type and subaccount (SUPPTYP, IDSUBAC) per account month (MNACCT), with any outstanding arrearages owed, or any overpayments made, from the entire past history of the case.

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked KIDS case
IRPIDpayee	IRP-generated masked KIDS pin of the payee in the case
mnacct	month associated with the arrearage balances, YYYYMM
balance	dollar amount of arrearages owed on the subaccount at the end of the given month
IDSUBAC	The particular arrears subaccount in which the balance has accumulated. Use in tandem with SUPPTYP
SUPPTYP	a code indicating the arrears type owed. Use in tandem with IDSUBAC
ACCTTYP	IRP coding of payee (State or household)
STYP	IRP coded values of IDSUBAC

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2)

Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs are overseen by the WI Department of Children & Families. Wisconsin Works (W-2) is Wisconsin's primary Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF was created in 1996 to replace the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cash assistance program.

Program website: Wisconsin Works (W-2) program

AFDC and TANF DATA FILES (1984 – 2024)

AFDC benefit file (AFDCYYYY)

***1984 (partial), 1988-1993, 1994 (partial), 1995 (partial)* from CRN system**: AFDC cash benefit and case inclusion code. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cash and subprogram code, by month, within year, by IRPID (adults and children covered).

One observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID for a calendar year for any CARES individual who has at least one month of AFDC coverage, in the year.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CRN case
AFDCYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of AFDC cash benefit in this month *Note*: This dollar figure is found only on the record of the Primary Person.
PPYYYYMM	Indicator of Primary Person in the case
SUBPROGRAMCODEYYYYMM	AFDC subprogram code *Note*: This code is found only on the record of the Primary Person.

***1994 (partial), 1995 (partial), 1996-1997, 1998 (partial)* from CARES system**: AFDC cash benefit and case inclusion code. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) cash and inclusion code, by month, within year, by IRPID (adults and children covered).

One observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID per AGSQ number for a calendar year: for any CARES individual who has at least one month of AFDC coverage, in the year; or, an ineligible adult who is the primary person on the case, and the children included in the case.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
AGSQ	Assistance group sequence number *Note*: There is a Primary Person for every assistance group. Therefore, there may be more than one Primary Person per IRPcaseID.
AFDCYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of AFDC cash benefit in this month *Note*: This dollar figure is found only on the record of the Primary Person.
PPYYYYMM	Indicator of Primary Person in the case *Note*: Primary Person is not necessarily eligible for benefits on the case.
codeYYYYMM	Code indicating type of inclusion on the case *Note*: Primary Person is not necessarily eligible for benefits on the case. *Note*: EA (eligible adult) and EC (eligible child) are the only individuals eligible for AFDC cash benefits.

TANF/W2 benefit file (W2YYYY)

Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, Wisconsin Works (W2), cash and slot/tier data, by month, within year, by Primary Person by case receiving the benefit: cash or service. W2 began in September 1997.

One observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID for a calendar year (for any CARES individual who has at least one month of W2 coverage, cash or service, in the year).

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier The individual in a W-2 slot or tier. Depending on the slot/tier, this individual either receives or does not receive a monthly benefit amount.
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
W2cashYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of W2 cash benefit in this month. “0” means no cash benefit this month.
W2slotYYYYMM	Slot year and month in which the individual receives a cash benefit, or service, and slot codes.

CARETAKER SUPPLEMENT (CTS)

In Wisconsin, the CTS program provides a cash benefit to parents eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The program was authorized in 1997 and the first CTS benefits were distributed to former AFDC recipients in December 1997. In January 1998, the CTS program began paying SSI recipients who had not received AFDC but whose children would have been eligible for AFDC cash and MA benefits if AFDC were still in effect.

Program website: Wisconsin's Caretaker Supplement

CARETAKER SUPPLEMENT FILES (1997-2024)

Caretaker Supplement (CTS) cash benefits (ctsYYYY_YYYY)

The benefit recipient is a low-income parent who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and is caring for eligible minor child(ren).

One observation per CTS recipient per IRPcaseID who was issued a benefit for at least one month in any of the months since December 1997.

A case can have more than one recipient over time, and in some cases in the same month and year.

There will be 1 row per case+recipient in each dataset. If you combine the datasets, there can be more than one row over time. Some case+recipient will have no benefit amount greater than zero within one grouping of years. Combine all datasets to determine in which year+months a recipient received benefit amounts.

Variables

IRPID_RCP	IRP-generated masked individual identifier. This is most often an adult caretaker recipient.
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
rcp2_YYYYMM	A second caretaker in the case
benYYYYMM	A variable for each month within the years included in the data file. The total amount issued to the recipient for the eligible child(ren) in that month and year. *Note*: Cash benefit amounts, monthly: from 199712 - 199806 = $77 per child from 199807 - 199910 = $100 per child since 199911, $250 for first child, $150 for each additional child.
gfYYYYMM	Indicates if the recipient was grandfathered in from AFDC.
f1_YYYYMM	Failure reason codes which explain why CTS payments are ending.
f2_YYYYMM	Failure reason codes which explain why CTS payments are ending.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

Wisconsin's Child Care Subsidy program, Wisconsin Shares, is overseen by the WI Department of Children & Families and helps parents cover the costs of child care while they work or participate in approved activities.

Program website: Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (WISCONSIN SHARES) FILES (1997-2024)

Child Care Subsidies (Wisconsin Shares) File (ccYYYY), years 1997-2016, partial 2017

Child Care (Wisconsin Shares) Subsidy Data, by month, within year. By child covered by case, and by Primary Person by case.

One observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID for a calendar year for any CARES child who has at least one month of CC coverage in the year, and

One observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID per TYPE for any person responsible on a case with a covered child

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier - of children covered by Child Care subsidy for at least one month in the year - of the person responsible for receiving the child care subsidy, and making the co-payments
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
IRPIDresp	Unique masked individual identifier of the person responsible for the covered child. If there are multiple responsible people in the case, this variable can be used to link the children with the correct responsible person.
PPmoTYPE	Code for the responsible person on the case, who receives the child care payment on behalf of the child, and who is expected to make the co-payment.
CCsubYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of Child Care subsidy in this month for all children covered.
CCysYYYYMM	Indicates if the provider subsidy includes YoungStar reimbursement.
CCcopayYYYYMM	Total dollar amount of co-pay due to the Child Care provider for all children covered in this month.
CCcopaytpyYYYYMM	Type of copayment associated with the authorization. A CC authorization is the written approval by the CC administrative agency for CC provider reimbursement.

NKIDSYYYYMM	Total number of children covered this month.
CHindYYYYMM	Indicator to mark if this child was covered by a CC subsidy in this month.

Child Care Subsidy payment (ccebt_cschld_pdto_provloc)

With data available beginning in late 2016, this file describes what case/family finally paid per child at a provider-location in a month.

One row per total amount paid to a provider in a month by a case/family for a child.

Note: In one month, a case/family can have paid more than one provider for the child in child care

Variables

IRPIDCHILD	IRP-generated masked individual identifier (for the child)
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
BNFT_MOID	The year and month for when the case/family paid the provider-location where the child attended.
TRANTOTAL	The Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) of money from the case/family's account to the provider-location account. The total paid to the provider-location by the case/family for the year and month are on the same row. This total reflects the amount after adjustments have been made.
PROV	IRP-generated masked provider identifier. *Note*: Use PROV and LOC together. They describe one provider location. Providers can have multiple locations. These masked IDs are specific to providers in the files with CC data from CSAW-EBT. You will not find them in any other WADC files.
LOC	IRP-generated masked provider location. *Note*: Use PROV and LOC together. They describe one provider location. Providers can have multiple locations. These masked IDs are specific to providers in the files with CC data from CSAW-EBT. You will not find them in any other WADC files.
TRAN_CASECNTY	Wisconsin county or Indian tribe/tribal nation the case is in at the time of the transaction

Child Care Subsidy payment received (ccebt_provlov_recvd_pertype)

With data available beginning in late 2016, this file records the total transaction amount, credit/debit, per provider-location on a date and for what - YoungStar Bonus Detail or Location Subsidy Adjustment.

One row per total adjusted amount for the adjustment reason, on a date, debited to/credited from a provider.

Variables

PROV	IRP-generated masked provider identifier.
LOC	IRP-generated masked provider location. *Note*: Use PROV and LOC together. They describe one provider location. Providers can have multiple locations. These masked IDs are specific to providers in the files with CC data from CSAW-EBT. You will not find them in any other WADC files. These PROV+LOC are also in ccebt_cschld_pdto_provloc.sas7bdat PROV-LOC can have more than one ADJAMT_TOTALI per ADJ_YEARMM because of different dates within the same month and year.
ADJ_DT	Date when adjustment was made; this is the date of the amounts that are recorded as a total in ADJAMT_TOTALI on the same row.
ADJ_YEARMM	The year and month taken from ADJ_DT on the same row.
ADJ_TYPE	This describes what the adjustment was for, Location Subsidy Adjustment or YoungStar Bonus Detail.
ADJAMT_TOTALI	Total adjusted amount per ADJ_TYPE for a provider-location (PROV-LOC) per all same dates connected with the unique ID of ACH (Automated ClearingHouse) transaction(s) & transaction adjustment(s). *Note*: The amount reflects credit (positive number) to or debit (negative) from the provider's EBT account.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP in Wisconsin, the FoodShare program, and is overseen by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Benefits are provided by EBT to low-income people in Wisconsin to purchase food.

Program website: FoodShare Wisconsin

SNAP / FOOD STAMP / FOOD SHARE FILES (1995-2024)

Food Stamp data file (fsYYYY)

***1984 (partial), 1988 (partial), 1989-1993, 1994 (partial), 1995 (partial)* from CRN system.**

***1994 (partial), 1995 (partial), 1996-2023* from CARES system.**

Food Stamp (SNAP) data, by month, within year.

One observation per IRPID/IRPcaseID, for people who are included as eligible members of a food stamp case, and for people who are the Primary Person of a case, even if they, themselves, are not eligible for food stamps.

There can be more than one observation for primary people per case, if there is more than one Primary Person in that case in the same year. Individuals can also be in multiple cases in the same year, and so multiple observations per IRPID can occur.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
FSamtYYYYMM	Total dollar amount (rounded to the nearest dollar) of Food Stamp dollars in this month for the entire case. The dollar amount is found only on the record of the Primary Person in the case.
FSmemYYYYMM	Total number of HH members eligible for Food Stamps in this month. This number is found only on the record of the Primary Person in the case.
PPcodeYYYYMM	"Type of person" code for this individual in this month. Someone who is a Primary Person in one month, might not be the PP in some other month. In this scenario, there might be more than one PP observation over the 12 months.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND CLAIMS (MEDICAID/BADGERCARE)

Wisconsin's BadgerCare and Medicaid programs are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and provide health care coverage to poor and low-income Wisconsin residents.

Program websites: BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid in Wisconsin

MEDICAID/BADGERCARE ENROLLMENT FILES (1995-2024)

Medical Assistance data file (medYYYY)

***1984 (partial), 1988 (partial), 1989-1993, 1994 (partial), 1995 (partial)* from CRN system.**

***1994 (partial), 1995 (partial), 1996-2023* from CARES system.**

Medical Assistance Data, monthly, by year.

At least one observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID for a calendar year (for any CRN/CARES individual who has at least one month of medical coverage in the year).

Programs are included from: Medicaid, Family Planning Waiver (FPW), and BadgerCare Plus.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
PPcodeYYYYMM	"Type of person" code for this individual in this month.
MEDtypeYYYYMM	CRN (pre-1995) Medical assistance coverage type codes.
MEDindCOVYYYYMM	Indicator of family coverage within a case within this month
MEDtypeCOVYYYYMM	Type of medical assistance or Medicaid

MEDICAID CLAIMS FILES (2008-2024)

Medicaid Claims Beneficiary data file (ma_eligYYYY)

2008-2024

These files contain enrollment data for each individual enrolled in Medicaid for each month from 2008-2024.

Yearly Medicaid enrollment files with each row representing monthly eligibility for each unique MEDICAL_STATUS_CODE, BENEFIT_PLAN, and FINANCIAL_PAYER for each individual.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
BENEFIT_PLAN	The benefit plan type
FINANCIAL_PAYER	Description of the financial payer
MEDICAL_STATUS_CODE	Identifies the type of aid for which a recipient is eligible
month_year	Month and year of coverage for this enrollment

Medicaid Claims Dual Enrollment Beneficiary data file (ma_medicareYYYY)

2008-2024

These files contain enrollment data for each individual enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare (dual enrollment) for each month from 2008-2024.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
EFFECTIVE_DATE	Start date of the coverage
END_DATE	End date of the coverage
MEDCR_IND	Medicare Indicator to differentiate the records are either Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B or Medicare Part D
PERSON_MONTH	Month and year of coverage for this enrollment

Medicaid Claims HMO Beneficiary data file (ma_hmoYYYY)

2008-2024

These files contain enrollment data for each individual enrolled in a Medicaid HMO for each month from 2008-2024.

The datasets contain records for each unique HMO enrollment for each month a member was enrolled in Medicaid.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
EFFECTIVE_DATE	Start date of the coverage
END_DATE	End date of the coverage
MCO_IND	Code for managed care organization
PERSON_MONTH	Month and year of coverage for this enrollment
ASSIGNMENT_PLAN	This is a group of covered services (benefits) where the recipient is assigned to a provider organization (MCO) in order to receive covered services (benefits (Assignment_plan)). The services are reimbursed on capitation basis.
ASSIGN_STATUS_CODE	Describes primary medical provider assignment, whether active or inactive (history).

Medicaid Claims (fee for service and encounter) data file (ma_enc_ffsYYYY)

2008-2024

Medicaid claims (Fee for Service and Encounter) for all detail lines of the claim.

Yearly files are defined by first date of service (2008-2024).

Variables

The variable lists for claims data files are extensive and documentation can be made available to interested research teams by request. Please contact IRP WADC team members with questions.

Medicaid Claims Header data file (ma_enc_ffs_hYYYY)

2008-2024

Header level financial variables for Medicaid eligible individuals by year. Yearly files are defined by first date of service (2008-2024).

The header tables contain one row for each claim and represents the aggregate header level financial information for that claim. These values are aggregated across the entire claim and encapsulate all services contained within the claim.

Variables

The variable lists for claims data files are extensive and documentation can be made available to interested research teams by request. Please contact IRP WADC team members with questions.

Medicaid Pharmacy Claims data file (ma_pharmYYYY)

2008-2024

These files contain all pharmacy all claims for Medicaid eligible individuals, including any detail lines, from 2008-2024.

Variables

The variable lists for claims data files are extensive and documentation can be made available to interested research teams by request. Please contact IRP WADC team members with questions.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

UI benefits and wage records are under the administration of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Program website: Unemployment Insurance

UNEMPOYMENT INSURANCE FILES (benefits and spells: 2006-2024, wage records: 1988-2024)

Unemployment Insurance benefit data file (uibenefitsYYYY)

2006 partial, 2007-2024

Unemployment Insurance benefit information, by IRPID, by week. Dollar amount of unemployment insurance benefit payments.

One observation per IRPID per month, per year, if that individual had any unemployment insurance benefit dollars paid to them within that year.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
UIbenefitsYYYYMM	Total benefits, in dollars, received in this month

Unemployment Insurance unemployment spells file (uiunemployspellsYYYY)

2006 partial, 2007-2024

Unemployment Insurance benefit information, by IRPID, by WEEK: time period of unemployment spells.

One observation per IRPID per week, per year, if that individual had unemployment spells reported to UI, and a subsequent payment of unemployment insurance benefit dollars (in that year, or in subsequent years).

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
UIunemplweekYYYYWW	Unemployed in this WEEK. UIunemplweek200701 = first week of 2007 UIunemplweek200752 = last week of 2007

Unemployment Insurance wage record data file (uiwageYYYY)

1988-2024

Unemployment Insurance wage record data, by quarter, within year.

One observation per IRPID per emplIDnm per WC per year, if that individual had any wages reported to UI within that year.

Given that many individuals have multiple employers in a year or a quarter, there can be multiple observations per year for a single individual.

NOTE: The data provided for WADC2024 was missing newer 2024 wage records, so individuals new to UI wages AND whose SSN is not already elsewhere in WADC, will be missing from WADC2024.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
wagesYYYYQ	Total wages, in dollars, reported within this quarter. wages20071 = first quarter of 2007 wages20074 = fourth quarter of 2007
emplIDnm	IRP-generated masked employer ID
WC	Dummy variable indicating whether the wage amounts are actually worker's compensation payments.
NAICS	A 4-digit version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, which classifies the industry of the employer.

Unemployment Insurance wage questionable matches data file (ques_uiwageYYYY)

Questionably-matched Unemployment Insurance wage record data, by quarter, within year.

One observation per IRPID per emplIDnm per WC per year, if that individual had any questionably-matched wages reported to UI within that year.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
qwagesYYYYQ	Total wages, in dollars, reported within this quarter. wages20071 = first quarter of 2007 wages20074 = fourth quarter of 2007
emplIDnm	IRP-generated masked employer ID
WC	Dummy variable indicating whether the wage amounts are actually worker's compensation payments.
NAICS	A 4-digit version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, which classifies the industry of the employer.

INCARCERATION (STATE CORRECTIONS and MILWAUKEE JAIL)

Data on incarceration is provided by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Milwaukee County Jail.

INCARCERATION FILES (1990-2024 for DOC and Milwaukee Jail)

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) incarceration spells (docdates_inc)

1990-2024

Department of Corrections data for individuals that were incarcerated. It is a merge of data taken at the time of admission, data taken at the time of release, and point-in-time data, which is data over the previous year.

One row per prison spell (unique on person + admission date + release date)

Variables

admonth	Month of admission using DOC's past reporting logic
admonth_DAICustody	Month of admission using DOC's current reporting logic
remonth	Month of release
addtype	Type of admission
reltype	Type of release
ADMISSION_FACILITY_MASKED	Facility of admission. The location is masked to a random number that is the same as RELEASE_LOCATION_MASKED.
RELEASE_LOCATION_MASKED	Facility of release. The location is masked to a random number that is the same as ADMISSION_FACILITY_MASKED.
HighGrdLvl	Self-reported highest grade level achieved
maristat	Self-reported marital status
militaryExp	Self-reported military experience
custodyClass	class of custody
REINCARCERATION_AdmissionMonth	Date the individual first returned to prison to serve confinement time
RECONVICTION_CMIT_PFX	Commitment Prefix of the first, most serious offense committed after the month of release for which the individual was later convicted.
RECONVICTION_SNTC_CPNT	Sentence Component of the first, most serious offense committed after the month of release for which the individual was later convicted.
REINCARCERATION_AdmissionCategor	Admission category of the prison admission on the Reincarceration Admission Month

REINCARCERATION_CMIT_PFX	CMIT_PFX and SNTC_CPNT are found in the corresponding offenses dataset.
REINCARCERATION_SNTC_CPNT	CMIT_PFX and SNTC_CPNT are found in the corresponding offenses dataset.
FirstPrisAdmFlag	Indication of whether the prison admission was the person's first admission to prison
workrelease	Indicator for if individual was given work release
admit	row is found in the admission table
release	row is found in the release table
pit	row is found in the point-in-time table
docdateskey	variable created to allow researchers to merge the offenses dataset to the corresponding docdates table.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) community supervision (docdates_sup)

1990-2024

Department of Corrections data for individuals that were in community supervision. It is a merge of data taken at the time of admission, data taken at the time of release, and point-in-time data, which is data over the previous year.

One row per supervision spell (unique on person + admission date + release date)

Variables

admonth	Month of admission
remonth	Month of release
adcat	Category of admission (Probation, Post-incarceration supervision, or other)
reltype	Type of release
casetype	Type of case
casetypedesc	Description of case type
CountyofSupervision	County of supervision
HighGrdLvl	Self-reported highest grade level achieved
maristat	Self-reported marital status
militaryExp	Self-reported military experience
RecSupervisionLevel	Recommended level of supervision
casetypesimple	case type simplified
admit	row is found in the admission table
release	row is found in the release table
pit	row is found in the point-in-time table
docdateskey	variable created to allow researchers to merge the offenses dataset to the corresponding docdates table.

Milwaukee Jail incarceration spells (milwjailYYYY)

1993-2024

Milwaukee Jail incarceration spells, by month, within year, by IRPID.

One observation per IRPID for each calendar year for any individual who has at least one episode of incarceration in the Milwaukee Jail system during that year.

Partial months of incarceration are counted. If a person is released on the first day of the month, that month is counted as an incarceration month.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
incarYYYYMM	A full or partial month of incarceration this month in Milwaukee Jail System.

CONSOLIDATED COURT AUTOMATION PROGRAMS (CCAP)

CCAP is the Consolidated Court Automation Programs under the Director of State Courts Office, which developed and supports the statewide computer system used by the circuit courts to manage circuit court case records. The information includes court records open to public view under Wisconsin's Open Records Law. Court records not open to public inspection by law are not available.

Notes:

CCAP criminal data does not contain information about how long a defendant was incarcerated. In many cases, it can also be hard to determine whether a defendant was incarcerated at all.

Geographic information for CCAP files is limited judicial administrative districts. County information is not provided.

CCAP Criminal files (1998-2024)

CCAP case information (ccap_case)

1998-2024

Case information for all criminal felony cases, criminal misdemeanor cases, and criminal traffic cases filed in the state of Wisconsin from January 1998 through December 2024.

One observation per case (caseID)

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
caseType	Type of criminal court case (felony, misdemeanor, traffic)
district	Judicial administrative district of the case (there are 10 districts)
filingDate_edit	Filing date of the court case (YYYY-MM format)
prosAttyID	Masked ID number of the prosecuting attorney on the court case
respOffID	Masked ID number of the court official responsible for the court case
statusCode	Status of the case (closed, filed only, open, reopened)

CCAP event (ccap_event)

1998-2024

Case events for all criminal felony cases, criminal misdemeanor cases, and criminal traffic cases filed in the state of Wisconsin from January 1998 through December 2024.

One observation per case (caseID) per case event (histSeqNo)

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
histSeqNo	Case event history sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different case events.
ctOffID	Masked ID number of the court official associated with the case event
eventType	Type of case event
descr	Brief description of the case event
eventAmt	Event amount. This field is used to record the dollar amount associated with the case event, if a dollar amount is relevant (e.g. -- bond hearings).
eventDate	Date of the case event, MMYYYY format
eventDaysServed	Number of days the defendant actually served for any sentence or condition mentioned in relation to that particular case event. Because this number is extracted from a text field, it would be best to use the eventDaysServed field in conjunction with one or more of the "_____DaysServed" fields in the other CCAP files.
eventStayed	Indicates whether the following words or phrases are present in a text field for a particular case event: "STAYED" "I&S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) "I & S" (IMPOSED & STAYED)

CCAP attorney (ccap_attorney)

1998-2024

Information about the attorneys of the defendants. A defendant can have several attorneys throughout the life of the case.

One observation per case (caseID) per attorney (attyID) per date the attorney entered the case (enteredDate)

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
attyID	Masked attorney ID number
attyDup	Indicates whether an attorney identification number in the raw CCAP data was assigned to what appear to be different people
enteredDate	Date the defendant's attorney entered the case
isGAL	Code which indicates whether the defendant's attorney is a guardian ad litem
withdrewDate	Date the defendant's attorney withdrew from the case

CCAP charge (ccap_charge)

1998-2024

All current charges and historical charges for each court case. There can be multiple charges (chargeNo) per case (caseID). There can be multiple charge sequence numbers (chargeSeqNo) per charge (chargeNo). As a court case progresses and evolves over time, the prosecuting attorney may modify or dismiss certain charges. When this happens, there will be multiple rows with the same chargeNo value and different chargeSeqNo values.

One observation per case (caseID) per charge (chargeNo) per charge sequence number (chargeSeqNo)

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
chargeNo	Charge number. This field is used to distinguish between different charges.
chargeSeqNo	Charge sequence number. Most of the time, there is only one charge sequence number per charge, but sometimes there is more than one charge sequence number per charge. This variable can be used to distinguish between the historical charges and the current charges for a particular chargeNo. If there is more than one charge sequence number per charge, the highest charge sequence number will be the current charge with the most up-to-date information.
modStatute1 - modStatute15	Charge modifiers
offenseDate_edit	Date the offense was committed (YYYY-MM format)
pleaCode	Code which indicates the defendant's plea for a particular charge
pleaDate_edit	Date of the defendant's plea (YYYY-MM format)
sevClsCode	Code which indicates the severity of the charge
statuteCite	The Wisconsin State Statute or local ordinance corresponding to the charge

CCAP charge description (ccap_charge_descr)

1998-2024

The ccap_charge_descr files contain information that researchers can use to understand and classify the charges found in the ccap_charge file. This was created using the Text-based Offense Classification (TOC) tool from the Criminal Justice Administrative Records System (CJARS).

One observation per statute (statuteCite) per UCCS code (uccs_code)

Variables

statuteCite	The Wisconsin State Statute or local ordinance to the charge
multiple	Indicates whether a statute has multiple UCCS codes associated with it.
count	The number of times that this particular combination of statute number (statuteCite) and charge description (charge_desc) appear.
uccs_code	The UCCS code associated with the statute
probability	Probability that the UCCS code is the correct code given the charge description generated by the TOC tool.
charge_desc	Text description of the statute/charge
offense_category_code	Offense category code (UCCS schema)
offense_type_code	Offense type code (UCCS schema)
offense_type_desc	Offense type description (UCCS schema)
mfj_code	MFJ schema code associated with the statute
ncrp_code	NCRP schema code(s) associated with the statute
ncic_code	NCIC schema code(s) associated with the statute
nibrs_code	NIBRS schema code(s) associated with the statute

CCAP judgment (ccap_ judgment)

1998-2024

This file contains the judgments for each CCAP criminal case. Usually there is only one judgment per charge. However, sometimes there can be multiple judgment rows for the same charge. This usually happens when probation is ordered at the first judgment, then the probation is later revoked and a new judgment is ordered (or the judgment remains the same, but a new sentence is ordered).

It can be difficult to determine whether a defendant actually served time behind bars as ordered. A defendant could be sentenced to time in jail, prison, or a House of Correction, which will show up in the ccap_sentence file, but the sentence could be stayed or probation could be ordered. Similarly, if a defendant does serve time behind bars, it can be difficult to determine whether the defendant served

the entire sentence as ordered (due to early release and other circumstances). These are two limitations of the CCAP criminal data. Researchers can use a combination of variables from the ccap_sentence file and the ccap_judgment file to help determine whether a defendant actually served time as ordered.

One observation per case (caseID) per charge (chargeNo) per charge sequence number (chargeSeqNo) per judgment (jdgmtSeqNo) per judgment condition (jdgmtSeqNo)

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
chargeNo	Charge number. This field is used to distinguish between different charges.
chargeSeqNo	Charge sequence number. Most of the time, there is only one charge sequence number per charge, but sometimes there is more than one charge sequence number per charge. This variable can be used to distinguish between the historical charges and the current charges for a particular chargeNo. If there is more than one charge sequence number per charge, the highest charge sequence number will be the current charge with the most up-to-date information.
dispoCode	The disposition or result of the judgment
dispoCtOffID	Masked ID number of the court official who presided over the disposition hearing
isJOC	Indicates whether the judgment resulted in a conviction
isProbOrdered	Indicates whether probation was ordered for the judgment specified by the jdgmtSeqNo variable. The isProbOrdered variable can be used to determine if the defendant actually served the time as indicated by the sentCode, sentLength, and sentPdCode variables. If probation was ordered for a particular judgment, there is a good chance the sentence was stayed and the defendant did NOT actually serve the time that was ordered. There may be additional sentence rows that correspond to the same charge and judgment, but probation was NOT ordered; for these rows, it is likely the defendant actually served the time as indicated by the sentcode, sentLength, and sentPdCode variables.
jdgmtDispoDate_edit	Date of the disposition hearing (YYYY-MM format)
jdgmtSeqNo	Judgment sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different judgments for a particular charge. There can be multiple judgment rows for the same charge. This usually happens when probation is ordered at the first judgment, then the probation is later revoked and a new judgment is ordered (or the judgment remains the same, but a new sentence is ordered).
probLength1	Probation length (part 1). Sometimes only probLength1 and probPdCode1 are populated. Sometimes parts 1 and 2 are both populated. For example, a probation length of 1 year and 6 months would look like this: probLength1 = 1 probPdCode1 = YR probLength2 = 6 probPdCode2 = MO

probLength2	Probation length (part 2)
probPdCode1	Period code that specifies the unit of time for probation length (part 1). ProbPdCode1 goes with probLength1.
probPdCode2	Period code that specifies the unit of time for probation length (part 2). ProbPdCode2 goes with probLength2.

CCAP sentence (ccap_ sentence)

1998-2024

This file contains sentencing information for each CCAP criminal case.

It can be difficult to determine whether a defendant actually served time behind bars as ordered. A defendant could be sentenced to time in jail, prison, or a House of Correction, which will show up in the ccap_sentence file, but the sentence could be stayed or probation could be ordered. Similarly, if a defendant does serve time behind bars, it can be difficult to determine whether the defendant served the entire sentence as ordered (due to early release and other circumstances). These are two limitations of the CCAP criminal data. Researchers can use a combination of variables from the ccap_sentence file and the ccap_judgment file to help determine whether a defendant actually served time as ordered.

One observation per case (caseID) per charge (chargeNo) per charge sequence number (chargeSeqNo) per judgment (jdgmtSeqNo) per sentence (sentSeqNo)

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
chargeNo	Charge number. This field is used to distinguish between different charges.
chargeSeqNo	Charge sequence number. Most of the time, there is only one charge sequence number per charge, but sometimes there is more than one charge sequence number per charge. This variable can be used to distinguish between the historical charges and the current charges for a particular chargeNo. If there is more than one charge sequence number per charge, the highest charge sequence number will be the current charge with the most up-to-date information.

concurConsecCode	Code which indicates whether the sentence is to be served concurrently or consecutively with another sentence
jdgmtSeqNo	Judgment sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different judgments for a particular charge. There can be multiple judgment rows for the same charge. This usually happens when probation is ordered at the first judgment, then the probation is later revoked and a new judgment is ordered (or the judgment remains the same, but a new sentence is ordered).
sentCode	The result of the sentencing hearing
sentDate_edit	Date of the sentencing hearing (MMYYYY format)
sentDaysServed	Indicates the number of days of the sentence that the defendant actually served. This number was extracted from the sentNotes field.
sentLength1	Sentence length (part 1). SentLength1 goes with sentPdCode1. Sometimes only sentLength1 and sentPdCode1 are populated. Sometimes parts 1 and 2 are both populated. For example, a sentence length of 1 year and 6 months would look like this: sentLength1 = 1 sentPdCode1 = YR sentLength2 = 6 sentPdCode2 = MO
sentLength2	Sentence length (part 2). SentLength2 goes with sentPdCode2.
sentPdCode1	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the sentence (part 1). SentPdCode1 goes with sentLength1.
sentPdCode2	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the sentence (part 2). SentPdCode2 goes with sentLength2.
sentSeqNo	Sentence sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different sentences associated with a particular judgment.
sentServed	Indicates whether the defendant served part or all of the sentence. This field was created by scanning the sentNotes field for certain phrases (for example: 'CREDIT # DAYS')
sentStayed	Indicates whether the following words or phrases are present in the sentNotes field for a particular sentence: "STAYS" "STAYED" "I&S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) "I & S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) The sentStayed field can be useful when trying to determine whether the defendant had to follow the sentence indicated by the code in sentCode. The sentStayed field can be particularly helpful when trying to determine whether the defendant actually served time in a jail, prison, or house of correction.

CCAP judgment condition (ccap_ judgment_condition)

1998-2024

This file contains information about the judgment conditions for each CCAP criminal case.

One observation per case (caseID) per charge (chargeNo) per charge sequence number (chargeSeqNo) per judgment (jdgmtSeqNo) per judgment condition (jdgmtCondSeqNo).

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
chargeNo	Charge number. This field is used to distinguish between different charges.
chargeSeqNo	Charge sequence number. Most of the time, there is only one charge sequence number per charge, but sometimes there is more than one charge sequence number per charge. This variable can be used to distinguish between the historical charges and the current charges for a particular chargeNo. If there is more than one charge sequence number per charge, the highest charge sequence number will be the current charge with the most up-to-date information.
jdgmtSeqNo	Judgment sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different judgments for a particular charge. There can be multiple judgment rows for the same charge. This usually happens when probation is ordered at the first judgment, then the probation is later revoked and a new judgment is ordered (or the judgment remains the same, but a new sentence is ordered).
jdgmtCondSeqNo	Judgment condition sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different judgment conditions associated with a particular judgment.
jdgmtCondCode	Judgment condition code. This field specifies the type of condition that was ordered for a particular judgment.
jdgmtCondLength1	Judgment condition length (part 1). JdgmtCondLength1 goes with jdgmtCondPdCode1. Sometimes only jdgmtCondLength1 and jdgmtCondPdCode1 are populated. Sometimes parts 1 and 2 are both populated. For example, a judgment condition length of 1 year and 6 months would look like this: jdgmtCondLength1 = 1 jdgmtCondPdCode1 = YR jdgmtCondLength2 = 6 jdgmtCondPdCode2 = MO
jdgmtCondLength2	Judgment condition length (part 2). JdgmtCondLength2 goes with jdgmtCondPdCode2.
jdgmtCondPdCode1	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the judgment condition (part 1). JdgmtCondPdCode1 goes with jdgmtCondLength1.

jdgmtCondPdCode2	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the judgment condition (part 2). JdgmtCondPdCode2 goes with jdgmtCondLength2.
jdgmtCondStayed	Indicates whether the following words or phrases are present in the jdgmtCondNotes field for a particular judgment condition: "STAYS" "STAYED" "I&S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) "I & S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) The jdgmtCondStayed field can be useful when trying to determine whether the defendant had to follow the judgment condition indicated by the code in jdgmtCondCode. The jdgmtCondStayed field can be particularly helpful when trying to determine whether the defendant actually served time in a jail, prison, or house of correction.
jdgmtCondServed	Indicates whether the defendant served part or all of the judgment condition. This field was created by scanning the jdgmtCondNotes field for certain phrases (for example: '# DAYS SERVED')
jdgmtCondDaysServed	Indicates the number of days of the judgment condition that the defendant actually served. This number was extracted from the jdgmtCondNotes text field.

CCAP sentence condition (ccap_ sentence_condition)

1998-2024

This file contains information about the sentence conditions for each CCAP criminal case.

One observation per case (caseID) per charge (chargeNo) per charge sequence number (chargeSeqNo) per judgment (jdgmtSeqNo) per sentence (sentSeqNo) per sentence condition (sentCondSeqNo).

Variables

caseID	IRP-generated masked case identifier
chargeNo	Charge number. This field is used to distinguish between different charges.
chargeSeqNo	Charge sequence number. Most of the time, there is only one charge sequence number per charge, but sometimes there is more than one charge sequence number per charge. This variable can be used to distinguish between the historical charges and the current charges for a particular chargeNo. If there is more than one charge sequence number per charge, the highest charge sequence number will be the current charge with the most up-to-date information.
jdgmtSeqNo	Judgment sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different judgments for a particular charge. There can be multiple judgment

	rows for the same charge. This usually happens when probation is ordered at the first judgment, then the probation is later revoked and a new judgment is ordered (or the judgment remains the same, but a new sentence is ordered).
sentSeqNo	Sentence sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different sentences associated with a particular judgment.
sentCondSeqNo	Sentence condition sequence number. This field is used to distinguish between different sentence conditions associated with a particular sentence.
sentCondCode	The type of condition ordered for a particular sentence. Many sentences do not have conditions.
sentCondLength1	Sentence condition length (part 1). SentCondLength1 goes with sentCondPdCode1. Sometimes only sentCondLength1 and sentCondPdCode1 are populated. Sometimes parts 1 and 2 are both populated. For example, a sentence condition length of 1 year and 6 months would look like this: sentCondLength1 = 1 sentCondPdCode1 = YR sentCondLength2 = 6 sentCondPdCode2 = MO
sentCondLength2	Sentence condition length (part 2). SentCondLength2 goes with sentCondPdCode2.
sentCondPdCode1	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the sentence condition (part 1). SentCondPdCode1 goes with sentCondLength1.
sentCondPdCode2	Period code that specifies the unit of time for the sentence condition (part 2). SentCondPdCode2 goes with sentCondLength2.
sentCondStayed	Indicates whether the following words or phrases are present in the sentCondNotes field for a particular sentence condition: "STAYS" "STAYED" "I&S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) "I & S" (IMPOSED & STAYED) The sentCondStayed field can be useful when trying to determine whether the defendant had to follow the sentence condition indicated by the code in sentCondCode. The sentCondStayed field can be particularly helpful when trying to determine whether the defendant actually served time in a jail, prison, or house of correction.
sentCondServed	Indicates whether the defendant served part or all of the sentence condition. This field was created by scanning the sentCondNotes field for certain phrases (for example: '# DAYS CREDIT')
sentCondDaysServed	Indicates the number of days of the sentence condition that the defendant actually served. This number was extracted from the sentCondNotes text field.

CHILD WELFARE / CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) oversees child welfare services and programs including child protective services, foster care, adoption, and out of home care.

For more information, visit DCF's *Child Welfare Reports and Data* page: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/reports

CHILD WELFARE/SACWIS files (1985-2024)

Screened-in CPS (Child Protective Services) Reports (SACscreened)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2024

This file contains all screened-in CPS reports, by "known" child victim. Contains information on CPS report, substantiation results, maltreator IRPID, and relationship of maltreator to victim.

One observation per IRPIDch (victim) per CPS report, per IRPcaseID (SACWIS case). Note that screened-OUT reports are not in this data, nor are screened-in reports with a missing or generic victim id. Otherwise includes all screened-in CPS reports entered into the SACWIS data system through 2020.

Note: These are allegations only. Most have not been substantiated. Each CPS event can have multiple allegations and multiple maltreators, each with its own substantiation results, and this complexity is handled here by creating series of variables for each CPS report row.

Variables

IRPIDch	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child victim of maltreatment
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case *Note*: some SACWIS case have a missing case ID code.
IRPIDref	IRP-generated masked identifier of the reference person on the SACWIS case. This is typically the mother of the child, although there are certain types of cases in which the reference person is the child (adoption, for example)
IRPIDMAL1-IRPIDMAL25	IRP-generated masked identifier of the alleged maltreater on the corresponding allegation in the CANallegation1-25 slots.

MINTAKE	Masked service intake ID (can be used along with IRPIDch and IRPCASEID to merge with other tables)
referraldate	Date of referral, in SAS format.
TSRCVD	The time at which the report was first received
TSRFRD	The time at which the report was referred to CPS
county	County of CPS report
cpsreporter	The type of reporter of the CPS report
iadcsndate	The date of the initial assessment (IA) decision
spvdcdate	The date of the supervisor's approval of the IA decision
invsdisp1-invsdisp25	The disposition of the investigation
relation1-relation25	Relationship type. Relation of the maltreator in the corresponding IRPIDMAL1-25 slots, to the victim IRPIDCH on the given CPS report row.
CANallegation1-CANallegation25	"Child abuse and neglect" allegation codes (CAN). A code may be repeated in these variables across a CPS report because there are multiple maltreators
totallgn	Total number of allegation – maltreator combinations on the row, up to 25
allegationsubst1-allegationsubst25	substantiation results of the corresponding allegation in slots CANallegation1-25
perpsubst1-perpsubst25	substantiation results for the corresponding maltreator in slots IRPIDMAL1-25
INVSASSESS	report investigation code, the assessment made with the investigation, if an investigation occurred
CDHSHLDMBR	Indicator of whether or not the case address is the primary residence for the case participant
CDRSPNS	indicates the priority given to the phone call at the time of intake
FLAFTERHOURS	A flag which indicates whether or not the intake occurred after hours
INVESTBEGIN	The date the investigation into the CPS report begins. If there is no date here, there was no investigation. In SAS date format
INVESTEND	The date the investigation into the CPS report ends. If there is no date here, there was no investigation. In SAS date format
LIVINGARR	Child Living Arrangement - the living arrangement of the family at the time of the investigation, if an investigation occurred.
SACwrkrACR1-25	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the access table
SACwrkrCPS1-25	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the CPS report table
SACwrkrIA	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the caseworker who approved the initial assessment (IA) decision
SACspvrIA	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the supervisor who approved the initial assessment (IA) decision.
screenreason	Screen-in reason. Not a required field. *Note*: this is NOT the field used to determine whether a report was screened in or not

Screened-in and Substantiated CPS Allegations (SACsubst)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2024

All SACWIS screened-in and substantiated CPS allegations, by "known" victim (child), per SACWIS case, per referral period, per maltreator.

One observation per IRPIDch (victim ID) per IRPcaseID (SACWIS case) per referral period (calendar month) per substantiated IRPIDmal (maltreator ID). Includes all screened-in and substantiated CPS allegations entered into the SACWIS data system through 2020.

Note: Each CPS event can have multiple allegations and multiple maltreators, each with its own substantiation results, and this complexity is handled here by creating series of variables for each CPS report row.

Variables

IRPIDch1	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child victim of maltreatment
IRPIDmal1	IRP-generated masked identifier of the substantiated maltreator. Note: some cases in SACWIS have no maltreator ID.
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case *Note*: some SACWIS case have a missing case ID code.
Invsdisp	Disposition of the investigation
referralperiod	Calendar month of referral, formatted as YYYYMM
county	County of CPS report
relation1-relation2	relationship of maltreator to the victim *Note*: a maltreator could have two relationship codes
CANallegation1-CANallegation4	"Child abuse and neglect" substantiated allegation codes (up to 4 codes)
SACwrkrACR	a unique identifier for the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the ACCESS table
SACwrkrCPS	a unique identifier for the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the CPS report table

Service Intake Reports (SACsvcintks)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2024

All service intake reports, by SACWIS case.

One observation per IRPcaseID per service intake event.

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case *Note*: some SACWIS cases have a missing case ID code.
IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPsacppID	IRP-generated masked Provider pin number, if available *Note*: most times this field is empty
SACwrkrACR	IRP-generated masked identifier of the SACWIS caseworker for the event
MINTAKE	Masked service intake ID (can be used along with IRPID and IRPCASEID to merge with other tables)
relationship	Relationship of the person to the reference person
role1-role6	Code indicating intake participant role (1st if 1, 2nd if 2, etc.) as (s)he relates to the CPS report or Service Intake.
county	County of case
courtorderstudy	Indicator of whether or not there was a court order re: study
incidentdate	Date of incident, may not be the same as the report receipt date. Required field.
receiptdate	Report receipt date.
servicestype	Services type report. Not a required field.
superdecisiondate	Date of supervisor decision

All out-of-home placements (SACoutofhome)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2024

All SACWIS out-of-home placements (removal from home), per child (IRPID), per calendar month

One observation per IRPID (child) per calendar month. Five sets of data, by calendar years.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
out198501-out201812	Monthly Indicator for removal from home, and out-of-home placement, by (full or partial) month
endrs198501-endrs201812	Final end reason for an out-of-home placement. Will appear in the last month of the OHP

All placements (in an out-of-home episode) (SACplacements1985_2024)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2024

All SACWIS placements in an out of home episode, per child (IRPID), from 1985 through 2020. An out-of-home episode can span multiple placements. This file differs from the SACouthome file which is in a calendar format. Hence, this file contains more detail about each placement situation.

File includes the ID of the caseworker who approved the out of home placement (IDSACWRKR), the approval decision (CD_ACTN), and the discharge placement reason (DISCHGRSN).

One observation per IRPID (child) per placement in an out of home episode.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
CD_ACTN	The approval decision for the out of home placement
dischgrsn	The discharge reason from the placement episode
IDSACWRKR	The masked ID of the worker who made the approval decision for the out of home placement (CD_ACTN)
reasonend	The end reason for the placement on the given row. Not a required field, though it appears this field is populated on any completed placement row.
plcmnttype	The placement setting for the placement on the given row. Not a required field
CDCRTKR	The caretaking constellation structure from which the child has been removed for the placement situation on the given row. Not a required field. This field is unpopulated 67.43% of the time in this data
begindate	The start date for the placement situation on the given row
enddate	End date of each placement situation on the given row
removaldate	The first date the child was removed from the home for a given out of home episode. This date marks the begin date of the OHP episode (NOT the placement) and will be repeated on any other placement associated with the same OHP episode.
FL_BEST_INTRST	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this referral in the best interest of the child? Y/N Required field.
FL_CS_CRT_ORD	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is there a court order for the child support? Y/N Required field.
FL_LONG_TRM	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this placement expected to be long term? Y/N Required field.
FL_PLCM_DSCH	This indicates whether the placement on the given row is a removal from all placements associated with the OHP episode, which may span multiple placement rows. Required field.

FL_RMVLF	This indicates whether the placement on the given row is the first removal from original home at the start of the OHP episode, which can span multiple placement rows. Required field.

All Voluntary Kinship care episodes by month (SACvolcar1997_2024)

1997-2023

All SACWIS voluntary kinship care episodes, per child (IRPID). Contains a series of calendar month variables which indicate month of k-care and end of placement reason in the last month of each placement.

One observation per IRPID (child)

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
vkcar199701-vkcar201712	Monthly Indicator for placement in voluntary kinship care, by (full or partial) month
endrs199701-endrs201712	Final end reason for a voluntary kinship care. Will appear in the last month of the OHP

All Voluntary Kinship care episodes (SACvolcarlines1997_2023)

1997-2023

All SACWIS voluntary kinship care episodes, per child (IRPID). Contains episodes of kinship care, not in a series of calendar month variables

One observation per IRPID (child)

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
begindate	The start date for the placement situation on the given row
enddate	End date of each placement situation on the given row
numplcmdys	The number of days between the begindate and the enddate
reasonend	End reason for an voluntary kinship on the given row
FL_BEST_INTRST	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this referral in the best interest of the child? Y/N Required field.
FL_CS_CRT_ORD	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is there a court order for the child support? Y/N Required field.
FL_LONG_TRM	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this placement expected to be long term? Y/N Required field.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is the state agency that advances public education and libraries in Wisconsin.

For more information, visit DPI's page on the WI Information System for Education (WISE): https://dpi.wi.gov/wise

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin schools were closed for in-person schooling by the Governor on March 18, 2020 and remained so for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year (some districts chose to close earlier). Please analyze data from the 2019-20 school year carefully.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FILES (2005/2006 school year – 2023/2024 school year)

DPI Roster file (dpi_roster)

School years 2005/2006 – 2023/2024

Contains all students in most recent data file.

One observation per IRPID (student) per school year.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
PRIMARY_DISABILITY_CODE	Category of disability as indicated in the pupil's individualized education plan (IEP) or individualized service plan (ISP). Only one primary reportable disability is submitted. The impairment that is most disabling is reported as a student's primary disability.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
STUDENT_ANNUAL_GRADE_CODE	The grade or developmental level in which a student is enrolled for a given school year.
STUDENT_ESL_CLASSIFICATION	Student's ESL classification in a given school year.
STUDENT_FOODSERVICE_ELIG_CODE	Student's eligibility for free or reduced foodservice in a given school year.

STUDENT_FOODSERVICE_INDICATOR	Indicates whether the student is currently eligible for either Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) Assistance.
STUDENT_HOMELESS_INDICATOR	Indicates whether the student is living in a shelter or otherwise classified as homeless.
STUDENT_LEP_INDICATOR	Indicates whether the student was designated as eligible for Limited English Proficiency.
STUDENT_MIGRANT_ED_INDICATOR	Indicates whether the student is classified as migrant.
STUDENT_RACE	A person's general racial or ethnic heritage category.
STUDENT_REPEATER_INDICATOR	Indicator of whether the student in the school year represented by this record is repeating the grade level from the prior school year.
STUDENT_SPECIAL_ED_INDICATOR	Indicates whether the student is currently receiving special education services (either in regular classroom or special ed unit).
TFS_AGE	For a given school year, the student's age on the 3rd Friday of September count date in years. Calculated using the student's birth date.

DPI Enrollment file (dpi_enrollsy2005_YYYY)

School years 2005/2006 – 2023/2024

Each row contains an enrollment record for each unique combination of student by school year by enrollment spell.

One observation per IRPID (student) per school year per BEGIN_ENROLL_DATE

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
M_SCHOOL_CODE_ACCTBL	Masked value of the DPI school code, for the school responsible for student outcomes, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	The unique DPI-assigned code for the LEA in which a student is enrolled.
DISTRICT_CODE_ACCTBL	The district responsible for student outcomes.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.

BEGIN_ENROLL_DATE	The month, day, and year on which a person enters and begins to receive instructional services in a school, institution, program, or class-section during a given session.
END_ENROLL_DATE	The year, month and day on which the student officially withdrew or graduated (i.e., the date on which the student's enrollment ended).
COMPLETED_TERM_IND	An indicator that a student completed the school year.
withdrawreason	A description of the circumstances under which the student was withdrawn or exited from a school.

DPI Attendance file (dpi_attendsy2005_YYYY)

School years 2005/2006 – 2023/2024

Each row contains attendance information about each unique combination of student by school year by enrollment spell.

One row per IRPID (student) per school_year per school code

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
ATTENDANCE_RATE	The calculated attendance rate for a student in a given time period. Calculation = Days Attended / Days Possible.
ATTENDANCE_VALUE	The number of days a student was present for a scheduled day of school during the enrollment period. Used as the numerator in attendance calculations. If the student was in attendance for the full day the value will be 1. If the student had a half day absence the value will be 0.5 and if a full day absence the value will be 0. If the absence reason is Authorized the day is not counted as absent.
SCHEDULED_VALUE	The number of days a student was scheduled to be in attendance during a given school year. Used as the denominator in attendance rate calculations.

DPI Courses file (dpi_coursessy2016_YYYY)

School years 2016/2017 – 2023/2024

Each row contains information about each unique combination of student by course section by term by school year

One row per IRPID (student) per school_year per course subject

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
COURSE_CODE	The code assigned to a course by DPI.
COURSE_OFFERINGS_KEY	A code used to match with other course data, i.e. Program code.
COURSE_SUBJECT	Subject Area of Course
TERM_DESCRIPTION	Term is an indicator for when the course is offered that varies by district, school, and/or grade level.

DPI Courses Extra file (dpi_courses_extra2022_YYYY)

School years 2022/2023 – 2023/2024

Each row contains information about each unique combination of student by course section by term by school year. Only available for school years 2022/2023 and later.

One row per IRPID (student) per school_year per per term description per course subject

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
COURSE_CODE	The code assigned to a course by DPI.
COURSE_OFFERINGS_KEY	A code used to match with other course data, i.e. Program code.
COURSE_SUBJECT	Subject Area of Course
TERM_DESCRIPTION	Term is an indicator for when the course is offered that varies by district, school, and/or grade level.
ARTS_CATEGORY_TYPE	Indicates the type of arts category associated with the course.
COURSE_ACADEMIC_LEVEL	indicating the level or difficulty of the academic content.
COURSE_AP_IND	Indicates whether course was part of the Advanced Placement program
COURSE_HONORS_INDICATOR	Indicator whether a course is an honors course
COURSE_INT_BACCALAUREATE_IND	Indicates whether a course was part of the International Baccalaureate program
COURSE_NAME	A descriptive name corresponding to the DPI Course Code.
CTE_IND	Indicates whether a course was Career and Technical Education
LANGUAGE_OF_INSTRUCTION	Defines the language through which teachers provide instruction to students and how students and teachers communicate about instructional matters.
MEDIUM_OF_INSTRUCTION	Defines the media through which teachers provide instruction to students and how students and teachers communicate about instructional matters
NCES_SCED_CODE	NCES School Courses for the Exchange of Data (SCED) code that has been modified by DPI. DPI combines the standard NCES five digit SCED code with a character. The character indicates course rigor level.
WORLD_LANGUAGE_TYPE	Indicates the world language associated with the course

DPI Access file (dpi_accesssy2006_YYYY)

School years 2006/2007 – 2023/2024

ACCESS for ELLs is an annual assessment to measure English language proficiency

One row per IRPID (student) per school year per test subject

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
GRADE	The enrolled grade of the student when the test was administered.
TEST_SUBJECT	A description of the academic content or subject area being evaluated.
TEST_PRIMARY_RESULT	The proficiency classification of the test attempt.
TEST_PRIMARY_RESULT_CODE	The numerical code associated with the ACCESS Proficiency Level. Takes levels 1-6 for subscales and two digit 1.0 through 6.0 for overall (composite) ACCESS scores.
TEST_SCALED_SCORE	The derived score or statistical expression of the performance of a person on the ACCESS assessment. Each scale score corresponds to a performance or proficiency level.
TEST_LOWER_BOUND	The lower end of the confidence interval around the assessment score.
TEST_UPPER_BOUND	The higher end of the confidence interval around the assessment score.

DPI WSAS file (dpi_wsassy2006_YYYY)

School years 2006/2007 – 2023/2024

Each row contains a test record for each unique combination of student by exam type by school year by test subject. The Wisconsin Student Assessment System is a comprehensive statewide program designed to provide information about what students know in core academic areas and whether they can apply what they know.

One row per IRPID (student) per school year per test subject

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
M_SCHOOL_CODE_ACCTBL	Masked value of the DPI school code, for the school responsible for student outcomes, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
DISTRICT_CODE_ACCTBL	The district responsible for student outcomes.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
GRADE	The grade level the test was developed to assess. With student grade level, can be used to determine if a student was testing up or down.
TEST_PRODUCT	The name of the exam.
TEST_SUBJECT	A description of the academic content or subject area (e.g., arts, mathematics, reading, or a foreign language) being evaluated.
PROFICIENCY_LEVEL	The proficiency classification of the test attempt.
SCALED_SCORE	The derived score or statistical expression of the performance of a person on the assessment. Each scale score corresponds to a performance or proficiency level.
STANDARD_ERROR	The standard error of measurement (SEM) to use in interpreting the records test score. SEM is based upon the standard deviation of the test scores and the reliability coefficient and measures sampling variability and measurement error for a given scaled score. Can be interpreted as a confidence level or an estimate of the amount of error to be expected in the score.

DPI Advanced Placement file (dpi_aptestsy2006_YYYY)

School years 2006/2007 – 2023/2024

Advanced Placement data.

One row per IRPID (student) per school year per test subject

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
TEST_STUDENT_GRADE	The enrolled grade of the student when the test was administered.
TEST_SUBJECT	A description of the academic content or subject area.
TEST_SCORE_VALUE	The derived score indicating proficiency level of an AP test attempt.

DPI Disciplinary file (dpi_discsy2006_YYYY)

School years 2006/2007 – 2023/2024

Each row contains information for each unique combination of students and discipline incidents. Some students may have multiple incidents per year. These data only contain information for students with at least one disciplinary incident.

One row per IRPID (student) per school year per disciplinary incident

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for a reported school session. A school year is defined as the time commencing with July 1 and ending with the next succeeding June 30.
ACTION_DATE	The date on which a removal action was made.
PRIMARY_INCIDENT_TYPE	Classification of a disciplined incident
REMOVAL_ACTION	Identifies the consequences of an incident for the student(s) involved in an incident as perpetrator(s).
CURRENT_YEAR_DAYS_REMOVED	The length, in school days, of the disciplinary action associated with a given incident.

DPI Dropouts file (dpi_dropoutssy2005_YYYY)

School years 2005/2006 – 2023/2024

Each row contains dropout information for each unique combination of student and school year. These data only contain information for students with a dropout status of "Yes" in the given school year.

One row per IRPID (student) per school year per dropout incident

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
DROPOUT_SCHOOL_YEAR	The school year during which a dropout occurred.
DROPOUT_GRADE_LEVEL	The grade level at which a student discontinued school enrollment without obtaining a high school completion credential
DROPOUT_IND	Indicates a student discontinued school enrollment without obtaining a high school completion credential. A Possible Full-Term Dropout is a student who completed the school term associated with a record in the most recent previous WISEdata collection but who is not known to be continuing in the next school term.

DPI High School Completion file (dpi_hscompsy2009_YYYY)

School years 2009/2010 – 2023/2024

Each row contains completion information for each combination of student by school year by completion rate type (4-year rate, 5-year rate, 6-year rate, and 7-year rate).

One row per IRPID (student) per school year by completion rate type

Note that this data only became available in school year 2009/2010

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
M_SCHOOL_CODE	Masked value of the DPI school code, identifying a specific school within a district.
DISTRICT_CODE	Unique code assigned by DPI to the LEA responsible for a student's outcomes in a given school year.
RATE_SCHOOL_YEAR	The year for which any rate calculations using this row would apply. This value is used together with Graduation Rate Type to identify the rate calculation.
STUDENT_GRADUATION_COHORT	High School Cohort to which student is assigned. The year the student would have customarily graduated (in 4 years).
COMPLETION_STATUS	The circumstances under which the student completed or did not complete.
COMPLETION_RATE_NUMERATOR	Indicates that the observation is counted in the numerator when calculating graduation rates.
GRADUATION_RATE_NUMERATOR	Indicates that the observation is counted in the numerator when calculating graduation rates.
RATE_DENOMINATOR	Indicates that the observation is counted in the denominator when calculating graduate/completion rates.
YEARS_OR_LESS	Identifies which graduation rate the observation belongs to in the given school year. For example, if the value is 4, this observation is counted in the 4-year graduation/completion rate. Not every YEARS_OR_LESS value is available in every RATE_SCHOOL_YEAR. Four is available starting in 2009-10, five in 2010-11, and six in 2011-12. Seven is not available until 2016-17. *Note*: These are cumulative

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Institute for Community Alliances administers the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the State of Wisconsin.

For more information, visit the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's page on the HMIS: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FILES (2010-2024)

Homeless Management Information System data files (HMIS_enrollments)

2010-2024

These files contain enrollments and services received for individuals from 2010 through 2024.

Each row represents an enrollment into a program and/or a service provided for an individual.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
CURRENTLIVINGSITUATION	Code of living situation collected for select project types (street outreach, coordinated entry, night by night shelters)
CURRENTLYFLEEING	Indication that currently fleeing domestic violence
DATETOSTREETESSH	Date individual started living on the streets, Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven
DENTALHEALTHSTATUS	Dental health status (poor through excellent)
DESTINATION	Code of intended living situation at project exit
DISABLINGCONDITION	Indication of disabling condition
DOMESTICVIOLENCEVICTIM	Indication of domestic violence victim/survivor
EMPLOYED	Indication of employment
EMPLOYMENTTYPE	Indication of employment type (full-time, part-time, or seasonal/sporadic)
ENTRYDATE	One project date per enrollment

EXITDATE	One exit date per enrollment
GENERALHEALTHSTATUS	Health status (poor, fair, good, very good, excellent)
LASTGRADECOMPLETED	Indication of completed educational level
LENGTHOFSTAY	Length of stay in prior living situation
LIVINGSITUATION	Living situation verified by [project], collected on enrollment form
MENTALHEALTHSTATUS	Mental health status (poor through excellent)
MONTHSHOMELESSPASTHREEYEARS	Total number of months homeless on the street, in Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven in the past three years
MOVEINDATE	Housing move in date, may be different than project enrollment date
NOTEMPLOYEDREASON	Reason why not employed
PREGNANCYSTATUS	Indication of pregnancy status
PREVIOUSSTREETESSH	Indication of whether individual stayed on the streets, Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven on the previous night
PROJECTNAME	Name of enrolled project
PROJECTTYPE	Type of enrolled project (such as emergency shelter, transitional housing, homelessness prevention, etc.)
RECORDTYPE	Overall services category, used with TYPEPROVIDED to define services
RELATIONSHIPTOHOH	Relationship to head of household
SCHOOLSTATUS	Status of school attendance (such as attending school regularly, graduated, dropped out, etc.)
TIMESHOMELESSPASTTHREEYEARS	Regardless of where they stayed last night, number of times the individual has been on the streets, in Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven in the past three years including today
TYPEPROVIDED	Records from services tables. 200 emergency shelters, night by night stays
SOURCE	Table source for record (row): enrollments - in enrollment table only (projects) services - in service table only (emergency shelter, night by night shelter) both - in both enrollment and services tables
CHRONIC	Based on HUD definition for chronic homelessness status at entry for the individual
LITERAL	Enrollment in the following program types night by night shelter, entry/exit emergency shelter, safe haven, or living situation indicates homelessness