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### Which level of file access is right for you?

Data files from the National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE) are available for secondary analysis from Child Care & Early Education Research Connections (CCEERC) and NORC at the University of Chicago. The NSECE files are provided in five configurations with increasing levels of detail: two levels of downloadable public data files and three levels of restricted data files. The table to the right is intended to help analysts determine which level of file access will meet their needs.

### Questions? Contact the NSECE team at [nsece@norc.org](mailto:nsece@norc.org)

User's Guides for the main public use data files show all of the variables available in the QT, PU, and RU L1 files in one document. Review Chapter 5 of the guides to see which file(s) contain the variables of interest.



Data File Type	Public vs. Restricted	Held by:	Data File Description
<b>Quick Tabulation Files</b>			
6 files: ▶ Center-based Provider ▶ Workforce ▶ Home-based Listed ▶ Home-based Unlisted ▶ Household ▶ Household Child-level		ICPSR	<p> <b>Expected users:</b> agency staff, policy firms, and general researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to use files with small numbers of policy-relevant variables.</li> <li>• Each file used with only one sampling weight.</li> <li>• No skip patterns.</li> <li>• Data not primarily based on questionnaire structure.</li> </ul>
<b>Main Public Use Data Files</b>			
5 files: ▶ Center-based ▶ Workforce ▶ Home-based ▶ Household ▶ Household Calendar		ICPSR	<p> <b>Expected users:</b> academic researchers with programming expertise and data/statistical knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All questionnaire response data represented subject to disclosure considerations.</li> <li>• Extensive created variables.</li> <li>• Summary variables supplementing from Census data, coding of responses into standard code frames.</li> </ul>
<b>Restricted Use Level 1 Files</b>			
4 files: ▶ Center-based L1 ▶ Workforce L1 ▶ Home-based L1 ▶ Household L1		ICPSR	<p> <i>Restricted use permitted for approved research projects subject to researcher agreement on data access requirements and publication/dissemination restrictions.</i></p> <p> <b>Expected users:</b> academic researchers with programming expertise and data/statistical knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaire response data with disclosure risk.</li> </ul>
<b>Restricted Use Level 2 Files</b>			
4 files: ▶ Center-based L2 ▶ Workforce L2 ▶ Home-based L2 ▶ Household L2		NORC <i>Held by NORC, use subject to OPRE approval.</i>	<p> <i>Restricted use permitted via remote access for approved research projects subject to researcher agreement on data access requirements and publication/dissemination.</i></p> <p> <b>Expected users:</b> advanced researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information can include state and county as well as linking variables for cluster-level analyses and county- and cluster-level sampling weights.</li> </ul>
<b>Restricted Use Level 3</b>			
Archived materials with identifying information		NORC <i>Held by NORC, use subject to OPRE approval.</i>	<p> <i>To be held by NORC with indirect access provided to researchers subject to funding, OPRE approval, and approval by NORC IRB.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information directly disclosing identities of individual respondents (or responding entities).</li> <li>• Locations of all SSUs; Locations of PSUs/States not disclosed in restricted use Level 2 data (if any).</li> </ul>