Federal, State, and Local Governments
2012 State and Local Government Finances
Technical Documentation

Individual Unit Data File (Public Use Format)

This is a zipped file. When unzipped, it becomes an ASCII fixed length text file. It contains amount for each finance item code within each government unit for all respondents and non-respondents in the sample. This large file can be useful for programming and database applications.

For 2012, the file name is:

Fin_Data_2012.zip

This zipped file contains a standard 34-character Public Use format record layout. The file name is:

2012FinEstDAT_11232016modp_pu.txt

When inflated this file will be about 60 megabytes. Below is a detailed record layout for the file.

Characteristic	Value
File Type	ASCII
Rec Length	34 characters
Data Fields per Record	1 (each record shows an amount for one item code for one government)
Record Type	Fixed Length, No Delimiter

	Description	Positions	Length	Value
1	ID (positions 1-2 = state, position 3 = type, positions 4-6 = county or county-type area where government is located, positions 7-9 = unit identifier, positions 10-14 should be 00000 to indicate that the unit is not part of another government)	1-14	14	Char
2	Item code	15-17	3	Char
3	Amount (in thousands of dollars; 1027008 represents $1,027,008,000)	18-29	12	Num
4	Year of data	30-33	4	Char
5	Item Dissemination Flag	34	1	Char

GID Directory Information File (Basic identifier information for corresponding finance survey)

This is an ASCII fixed length text file in a standard 153-character Public Use format

record layout. For 2012, the file name is:

Fin_GID_2012.txt

When inflated this file will be about 13 megabytes. Below is a detailed record layout for the file.

The file is an ASCII text, fixed length record format. It contains basic identifier information for each unit of government in the corresponding Individual Unit File in the annual finance survey.

	Description	Positions	Length	Value
1	ID code	1-14	14	Char
2	ID name	15-78	64	Char
3	County name	79-113	35	Char
4	Federal Information Processing Standards state code	114-115	2	Char
5	Federal Information Processing Standards county code	116-118	3	Char
6	Federal Information Processing Standards place code	119-123	5	Char
7	Population	124-132	9	Num
8	Population year	133-134	2	Char
9	Enrollment	135-141	7	Num
10	Enrollment year	142-143	2	Char
11	Function code for special districts	144-145	2	Char
12	School level code	146-147	2	Char
13	Fiscal year ending	148-151	4	Char
14	Survey year	152-153	2	Char

Code Definitions

State Abbreviations (used in first two digits of ID)

State Name	Abbreviation	State Code
United States	US	00

Alabama	AL	01
Alaska	AK	02
Arizona	AZ	03
Arkansas	AR	04
California	CA	05
Colorado	CO	06
Connecticut	CT	07
Delaware	DE	08
District of Columbia	DC	09
Florida	FL	10
Georgia	GA	11
Hawaii	HI	12
Idaho	ID	13
Illinois	IL	14
Indiana	IN	15
Iowa	IA	16
Kansas	KS	17
Kentucky	KY	18
Louisiana	LA	19
Maine	ME	20
Maryland	MD	21
Massachusetts	MA	22
Michigan	MI	23
Minnesota	MN	24
Mississippi	MS	25
Missouri	MO	26
Montana	MT	27
Nebraska	NE	28
Nevada	NV	29
New Hampshire	NH	30
New Jersey	NJ	31
New Mexico	NM	32
New York	NY	33
North Carolina	NC	34
North Dakota	ND	35
Ohio	OH	36
Oklahoma	OK	37

Oregon	OR	38
Pennsylvania	PA	39
Rhode Island	RI	40
South Carolina	SC	41
South Dakota	SD	42
Tennessee	TN	43
Texas	TX	44
Utah	UT	45
Vermont	VT	46
Virginia	VA	47
Washington	WA	48
West Virginia	WV	49
Wisconsin	WI	50
Wyoming	WY	51

Individual Unit - Type-of-Government Codes (used in 3rd digit of ID)	
Type-Codes	**Description**
0	State
1	County
2	City
3	Township
4	Special District
5	Independent School District or Educational Service Agency

Item Codes
Descriptions, definitions, and additional information for item codes can be found in Chapters 4 through 7 of the 2006 Government Finance and Employment Classification Manual.

Function Code for Special Districts Indicates type of service provided; this field applies only to special districts (records with type=4).	
01	Air transportation (airports)
02	Cemeteries
03	Miscellaneous commercial activities
04	Correctional institutions
05	Other corrections
09	Education (school building authorities)
24	Fire protection
32	Health
40	Hospitals
41	Industrial development
42	Mortgage credit
44	Regular highways
45	Toll highways
50	Housing and community development
51	Drainage
52	Libraries
59	Other natural resources
60	Parking facilities
61	Parks and recreation
62	Police protection
63	Flood control
64	Irrigation
77	Public welfare institutions
79	Other public welfare
80	Sewerage
81	Solid waste management
86	Reclamation
87	Sea and inland port facilities
88	Soil and water conservation
89	Other single-function districts
91	Water supply utility
92	Electric power utility
93	Gas supply utility
94	Mass transit system utility
96	Fire protection and water supply - combination of services

97	Natural resources and water supply - combination of services
98	Sewerage and water supply - combination of services
99	Other multifunction districts

Item Dissemination Flag		
Flags	**Name**	**Short Description**
R	Respondent or proxy	Indicates that the data came directly from a respondent, from an alternative source that was directed to by a respondent, or came directly from audited financial statements.
S	Alternative source	Indicates that the data came from an alternative source that is not an analyst-directed audited financial statement.
A	Analyst Correction	Indicates that the data has been corrected by an analyst.
I	Imputed	Indicates that the data has been imputed, whether by ana analyst, automatic edit, or batch update.
M	Unknown	Indicates that the value is unknown.
N	Not applicable	Indicates that the variable is not applicable.

School Level Code	
Code	**Description**
01	Elementary Only
02	Secondary Only
03	Elementary and Secondary
04	Post-Secondary
05	Special or Vocational Education
06	Non-Operating
07	Educational Service Agency (ESA)

Sources and Contacts

An important information source for detailed definitions, classification issues, etc. is the Government Finance and Employment Classification Manual

For information about the tables, data files, or the state and local government finance survey program, users can contact the Census Bureau:

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