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#### **Important**

This specification is draft. Feedback is welcome. Please write us at ces.qwi.feedback@census.gov.

## 1 Purpose

The public-use data from the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program, including the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) and Job-to-Job Flows (J2J), are available for download with the following data schema. These data are available through the LEHD website's Data page at <a href="http://lehd.ces.census.gov/data/">http://lehd.ces.census.gov/data/</a> and through the LED Extraction Tool at <a href="http://ledextract.ces.ce">http://ledextract.ces.ce</a>

This document describes the data schema for LEHD files. LEHD-provided SHP files are separately described in lehd\_shapefiles.pdf. For each variable, a set of allowable values is defined. Definitions are provided as CSV files, with header variable definitions. Changes relative to the original v4.0 version are listed at the end.

## 2 File naming

The naming conventions of the data files is documented in <a href="lehd\_csv\_naming.pdf">lehd\_csv\_naming.pdf</a>.

### 3 Extends

This version reimplements some features from V4.0. Many files compliant with LEHD or QWI Schema v4.0 will also be compliant with this schema, but compatibility is not guaranteed.

## 4 Supersedes

This version supersedes V4.1.0, for files released as of R2017Q1.

### 5 Basic Schema

Each data file is structured as a CSV file. The first columns contain [identifiers], subsequent columns contain [indicators], followed by status flags. In some cases, visually formatted Excel (XLSX) files are also available, containing the same information together with header lines on each sheet.

### 5.1 Generic structure

Column name	
[ Identifier1 ]	
[ Identifier2 ]	
[ Identifier3 ]	
[]	
[ Indicator 1 ]	
[ Indicator 2 ]	

Column name
[ Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Status Flag 1 ]
[ Status Flag 2 ]
[ Status Flag 3 ]
[]

Note: A full list of indicators for each type of file are shown below in the Indicators section. While all indicators are included in the CSV files, only the requested indicators will be included in data outputs from the LED Extraction Tool.

### 5.2 Identifiers

Records, unless otherwise noted, are parts of time-series data. Unique record identifiers are noted below, by file type. Identifiers without the year and quarter component can be considered a series identifier.

### 5.2.1 Mapping for Identifiers

### ( lehd\_mapping\_identifiers.csv )

Each of the released files has a set of variables uniquely identifying records (*Identifiers*). The table below relates the set of identifier specifications to the released files. The actual CSV files containing the identifiers for each set are listed after this table. Each identifier can take on a specified list of values, documented in the section on Categorical Variables.

identifiers	QWI	NQWI	J2J	J2JR	J2JOD	LODES
lehd_identifiers_qwi	1	1				
lehd_identifiers_j2j			1	1		
lehd_identifiers_j2jod					1	

## 5.2.2 Identifiers for j2j

( lehd\_identifiers\_j2j.csv )

Variable	Type	label
periodicity	Char(1)	Periodicity of report
seasonadj	Char(1)	Seasonal Adjustment Indicator
geo_level	Char(1)	Group: Geographic level of aggregation
geography	Char(8)	Group: Geography code
ind_level	Char(1)	Group: Industry level of aggregation
industry	Char(5)	Group: Industry code
ownercode	Char(3)	Group: Ownership group code
sex	Char(1)	Group: Gender code
agegrp	Char(3)	Group: Age group code (WIA)
race	Char(2)	Group: race
ethnicity	Char(2)	Group: ethnicity
education	Char(2)	Group: education
firmage	Char(1)	Group: Firm Age group
firmsize	Char(1)	Group: Firm Size group
year	Num	Time: Year
quarter	Num	Time: Quarter
agg_level	Num	Aggregation Level Indicator

## 5.2.3 Identifiers for j2jod

( lehd\_identifiers\_j2jod.csv )

Variable	Type	label
periodicity	Char(1)	Periodicity of report
seasonadj	Char(1)	Seasonal Adjustment Indicator
geo_level	Char(1)	Group: Geographic level of aggregation of destination job
geography	Char(8)	Group: Geography code of destination job
ind_level	Char(1)	Group: Industry level of aggregation of destination job
industry	Char(5)	Group: Industry code of destination job
ownercode	Char(3)	Group: Ownership group code of destination job
sex	Char(1)	Group: Gender code
agegrp	Char(3)	Group: Age group code (WIA)
race	Char(2)	Group: race
ethnicity	Char(2)	Group: ethnicity
education	Char(2)	Group: education
firmage	Char(1)	Group: Firm Age group
firmsize	Char(1)	Group: Firm Size group
year	Num	Time: Year
quarter	Num	Time: Quarter
agg_level	Num	Aggregation Level Indicator
geo_level_orig	Char(1)	Group: Geographic level of aggregation of origin job
geography_orig	Char(8)	Group: Geography code of origin job
ind_level_orig	Char(1)	Group: Industry level of aggregation of origin job
industry_orig	Char(5)	Group: Industry code of origin job
ownercode_orig	Char(3)	Group: Ownership group code of origin job
firmage_orig	Char(1)	Group: Firm Age group of origin job
firmsize_orig	Char(1)	Group: Firm Size group of origin job

## 5.2.4 Identifiers for qwi

## ( lehd\_identifiers\_qwi.csv )

Variable	Type	label
periodicity	Char(1)	Periodicity of report
seasonadj	Char(1)	Seasonal Adjustment Indicator
geo_level	Char(1)	Group: Geographic level of aggregation
geography	Char(8)	Group: Geography code
ind_level	Char(1)	Group: Industry level of aggregation
industry	Char(5)	Group: Industry code
ownercode	Char(3)	Group: Ownership group code
sex	Char(1)	Group: Gender code
agegrp	Char(3)	Group: Age group code (WIA)
race	Char(2)	Group: race
ethnicity	Char(2)	Group: ethnicity
education	Char(2)	Group: education
firmage	Char(1)	Group: Firm Age group
firmsize	Char(1)	Group: Firm Size group
year	Num	Time: Year
quarter	Num	Time: Quarter

### 5.3 Indicators

The following tables and associated mapping files list the indicators available on each file. The descriptor files themselves are structured as follows:

- The 'Indicator Variable' is the short name of the variable on the CSV files, suitable for machine processing in a wide variety of statistical applications.
- When given, the 'Alternate name' may appear in related documentation and articles.
- The 'Status Flag' is used to indicate publication or data quality status (see Status Flags).
- The 'Indicator Name' is a non-abbreviated version of the 'Indicator Variable'.
- The 'Description' provides more verbose description of the variable.
- 'Units' identify the type of variable according to a very simplified taxonomoy (not formalized yet): counts, rates, monetary amounts.
- 'Concept' classifies the variables into higher-level concepts. The taxonomy for these concepts has not been finalized yet, see label\_concept\_draft.csv for a draft version.
- The 'Base' indicates the denominator used to compute the statistic, and may be 1.

### 5.3.1 National QWI and state-level QWI (QWIPU)

(variables\_qwi.csv)

Indicator	Alternate	Status	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari-	Name	Flag					
able							
Emp	В	sEmp	Beginning-of-	Estimate of the total	Count	Employmer	nt 1
			Quarter	number of jobs on			
			Employment	the first day of the			
				reference quarter			
EmpEnd	Е	sEmpEnd	End-of-Quarter	Estimate of the	Count	Employmer	nt 1
			Employment	number of jobs on			
				the last day of the			
				quarter			
EmpS	F	sEmpS	Full-Quarter	Estimate of stable	Count	Employmer	nt 1
			Employment (Stable)	jobs - the number of			
				jobs that are held on			
				both the first and last			
				day of the quarter			
				with the same			
				employer			
EmpTotal	M	sEmpTota	l Employment -	Estimated count of	Count	Employmer	nt 1
			Reference Quarter	people employed in a			
				firm at any time			
				during the quarter			
EmpSpv	Fpv	sEmpSpv	Full-Quarter	Estimate of stable	Count	Employmer	nt 1
			Employment in the	jobs in the quarter			
			Previous Quarter	before the reference			
				quarter			
HirA	A	sHirA	Hires (All	Estimated number of	Count	Hire	1
			Accessions)	workers who started			
				a new job in the			
				specified quarter			

Indicator Vari- able	Alternate Name	Status Flag	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
HirN	Н	sHirN	New Hires	Estimated number of workers who started a new job excluding recall hires	Count	Hire	1
HirR	R	sHirR	Recall Hires	Estimated number of workers who returned to the same employer where they had worked within the previous year	Count	Hire	1
Sep	S	sSep	Separations (All)	Estimated number of workers whose job with a given employer ended in the specified quarter	Count	Separation	. 1
HirAEnd	CA	sHirAEnd	End-of-Quarter Hires	Estimated number of workers who started a new job in the specified quarter, which continued into next quarter	Count	Hire	1
SepBeg	CS	sSepBeg	Beginning-of- Quarter Separations	Estimated number of workers whose job in the previous quarter continued and ended in the given quarter	Count	Separation	. 1
HirAEndF	Repl EI	sHirAEnd	RRppplacement Hires	Hires into continuous quarter employment in excess of job creation	Count	Hire	1
HirAEndF	R CAR	sHirAEnd	REnd-of-Quarter Hiring Rate	Hires as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
SepBegR			Beginning-of- Quarter Separation Rate	Separations as a percent of average employment	Rate	Separation	
HirAEndF	Repl <b>R</b> IR	sHirAEnd	R <b>क्ष्मि</b> acement Hiring Rate	Replacement hires as a percent of the average of beginning- and end-of-quarter employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
HirAS	FA	sHirAS	Hires (All Hires into Full-Quarter Employment)	Estimated number of workers that started a job that lasted at least one full quarter with a given employer	Count	Hire	1

Indicator	Alternate		Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari-	Name	Flag					
able HirNS	FH	sHirNS	New Hires (New Hires into Full-Quarter Employment)	Estimated number of workers who started a job that they had not held within the past year and the job turned into a job that lasted at least a full quarter with a given employer	Count	Hire	1
SepS	FS	sSepS	Separations (Flows out of Full-Quarter Employment)	Estimated number of workers who had a job for at least a full quarter and then the job ended	Count	Separation	1
SepSnx TurnOvrS	FSnx	sSepSnx sTurnOvr\$	Separations in the Next Quarter (Flows out of Full-Quarter Employment)  Turnover (Stable)	Estimated number of workers in the next quarter who had a job for at least a full quarter and then the job ended  The rate at which stable jobs begin and	Count	Separation Turnover	1 2*EmpS
FrmJbGn	JC	sFrmJbGn	Firm Job Gains (Job Creation)	end Estimated number of jobs gained at firms throughout the quarter	Count	Job Flows	1
FrmJbLs	JD	sFrmJbLs	Firm Job Loss (Job Destruction)	Estimated number of jobs lost at firms throughout the quarter	Count	Job Flows	1
FrmJbC	JF	sFrmJbC	Firm Job Change (Net Change)	Difference between firm job gain and firm job loss	Count	Job Flows	1
FrmJbGnS	S FJC	sFrmJbGn	SFirm Job Gains (Stable)	Estimated number of full-quarter jobs gained at firms	Count	Job Flows	1
FrmJbLsS			Firm Job Loss (Stable)	Estimated number of full-quarter jobs lost at firms	Count	Job Flows	1
FrmJbCS	FJF	sFrmJbCS	Firm Job Change (Stable; Net Change)	Net growth in jobs that last a full quarter	Count	Job Flows	1
EarnS	ZW3	sEarnS	Average Monthly Earnings (Full-Quarter Employment)	Average monthly earnings of employees with stable jobs	Dollars	Earnings	EmpS
EarnBeg	ZW2B	sEarnBeg	Average Monthly Earnings (Beginning-of- Quarter Employment)	Average monthly earnings of employees who worked on the first day of the reference quarter	Dollars	Earnings	Emp

Indicator	Alternate	Status	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari-	Name	Flag					
able							
EarnHirA	S ZWFA	sEarnHir <i>A</i>	SAverage Monthly	Average monthly	Dollars	Earnings	HirAS
			Earnings (All Hires	earnings for workers			
			into Full-Quarter	who started a job			
			Employment)	that turned into a job			
				lasting a full quarter			
EarnHirN	S ZWFH	sEarnHirN	SAverage Monthly	Average monthly	Dollars	Earnings	HirNS
			Earnings (New Hires	earnings of newly			
			into Full-Quarter	stable employees			
			Employment)				
EarnSepS	ZWFS	sEarnSepS	S Average Monthly	Average monthly	Dollars	Earnings	SepSnx
			Earnings (Flows out	earnings of			
			of Full-Quarter	separations from			
			Employment)	full-quarter status at			
				an establishment			
Payroll	W1	sPayroll	Total Quarterly	Total quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	1
			Payroll	payroll for all jobs			

## 5.3.2 National QWI and state-level QWI rates (QWIPUR)

Rates are computed from published data, and are provided as a convenience.

( variables\_qwir.csv )

Indicator Vari- able	Alternate Name	Status Flag	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
HirAR	AR	sHirAR	Hiring Rate (All Accessions)	All accessions as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
HirNR	HR	sHirNR	New Hiring Rate	New hires as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
HirRR	RR	sHirRR	Recall Rate	Recall hires as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
SepR	SR	sSepR	Separation Rate (All Separations)	All separations as a percent of average employment	Rate	Separation	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
HirAEndF	R CAR		REnd-of-Quarter Hiring Rate	Hires as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
SepBegR	CSR	sSepBegR	Beginning-of- Quarter Separation Rate	Separations as a percent of average employment	Rate	Separation	Em- pEnd)/2
HirAEndF			RRMAacement Hiring Rate	Replacement hires as a percent of average employment	Rate	Hire	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2
HirASR	FAR	sHirASR	Hiring Rate (Flows into Full-Quarter Employment)	Flows into stable employment as a percent of average stable employment	Rate	Hire	(EmpSpv + EmpS)/2
HirNSR	FHR	sHirNSR	New Hiring Rate (New Hires to Full-Quarter Status)	New hires into stable employment as a percent of average stable employment	Rate	Hire	(EmpSpv + EmpS)/2
SepSR	FSR	sSepSR	Separation Rate (Flows out of Full-Quarter Employment)	Flows out of stable employment as a percent of average stable employment	Rate	Separation	+ EmpS)/2
SepSnxR	FSnxR	sSepSnxR	Separation Rate in the Next Quarter (Flow out of Full-Quarter Employment)	Flow rate out of stable employment in the next quarter	Rate	Separation	(EmpSpv + EmpS)/2
TurnOvrS	R FTR	sTurnOvr	Kurnover Rate (Stable)	The rate at which stable jobs begin and end	Rate	Turnover	2*EmpS
FrmJbGnI	R JCR	sFrmJbGn	RFirm Job Gain Rate (Job Creation Rate)	Estimated number of jobs gained at firms throughout the quarter as a percent of average employment	Rate	Job Flows	(Emp + Em- pEnd)/2

Indicator	Alternate	Status	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari-	Name	Flag					
able							
FrmJbLsR	JDR	sFrmJbLs	RFirm Job Loss Rate	Estimated number of	Rate	Job	(Emp +
			(Job Destruction	jobs lost at firms		Flows	Em-
			Rate)	throughout the			pEnd)/2
				quarter as a percent			
				of average			
				employment			
FrmJbCR	JFR	sFrmJbCR	Firm Job Change	Difference between	Rate	Job	(Emp +
			Rate (Net Change	firm job gain and		Flows	Em-
			Rate)	firm job loss as a			pEnd)/2
				percent of average			
				employment			
FrmJbGnS	SR FJCR	sFrmJbGn	SRirm Job Gain Rate	Estimated number of	Rate	Job	(EmpSpv
			(Stable)	full-quarter jobs		Flows	+
				gained at firms as a			EmpS)/2
				percent of average			
				stable employment			
FrmJbLsS	R FJDR	sFrmJbLs	SFFirm Job Loss Rate	Estimated number of	Rate	Job	(EmpSpv
			(Stable)	full-quarter jobs lost		Flows	+
				at firms as a percent			EmpS)/2
				of average stable			
				employment			
FrmJbCSF	R FJFR	sFrmJbCS	RFirm Job Change	Net growth in jobs	Rate	Job	(EmpSpv
			Rate (Stable; Net	that last a full quarter		Flows	+
			Change Rate)	as a percent of			EmpS)/2
				average stable			
				employment			

## 5.3.3 Job-to-job flow counts (J2J)

( variables\_j2j.csv )

Indicator Vari- able	Alternate Name	Status Flag	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
MHire	all_doma2	sMHire	Hires	Hires into a worker's main job	Count	Hire	1
MSep	all_doms2	sMSep	Separations	Separations from a worker's main job	Count	Separation	1
MJobStart	first_dome	sMJobStar	t Main Job Starts	New main jobs due to hires and instances when a previously existing secondary job becomes the main source of earnings	Count	Hire	1
MJobEnd	last_domb	sMJobEnd		End of main jobs due to separations and instances when another job becomes the main source of earnings	Count	Separation	1
EEHire	ee_doma2	sEEHire	Job-to-Job Hires (Continuous Employment)	Hires following a separation with no observed nonemployment spell	Count	Hire	1
EESep	ee_doms2	sEESep	Job-to-Job Separations (Continuous Employment)	Separations followed by a hire with no observed nonemployment spell	Count	Separation	1
AQHire	aq_doma2	sAQHire	Job-to-Job Hires (Brief Nonemployment)	Hires following a separation with a short nonemployment spell	Count	Hire	1
AQSep	aq_doms2	sAQSep	Job-to-Job Separations (Brief Nonemployment)	Separations followed by a hire with a short nonemployment spell	Count	Separation	1
J2JHire	j2j_doma2	sJ2JHire	Job-to-Job Hires	Hires following a separation (short or no observed nonemployment spell)	Count	Hire	1
J2JSep	j2j_doms2	sJ2JSep	Job-to-Job Separations	Separations followed by a hire (short or no observed nonemployment spell)	Count	Separation	1
NEHire	ne_doma2	sNEHire	Hires from Nonemployment	Hires following any spell of nonemployment	Count	Hire	1
ENSep	en_doms2	sENSep	Separations to Nonemployment	Separations into any spell of nonemployment	Count	Separation	1
NEPersist	ne2_doma	2 sNEPersist	Hires from Persistent Nonemployment	Hires following a spell of persistent nonemployment	Count	Hire	1
ENPersist	en2_doms2	2 sENPersist	Separations to Persistent Nonemployment	Separations into a spell of persistent nonemployment	Count	Separation	1

Variable       Name       Flag         NEFullQ       ne2p_doma2NEFullQ       Hires from Full-Quarter Nonemployment       Hires following a spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)       Count       Hire         ENFullQ       en2p_doms2ENFullQ       Separations to Full-Quarter Nonemployment       Separations into a spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does)       Count       Separations into a spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does)	1
NEFullQ ne2p_doma2NEFullQ Hires from Full-Quarter Nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)  ENFullQ en2p_doms2ENFullQ Separations to Full-Quarter Nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)  ENFullQ en2p_doms2ENFullQ Separations to Full-Quarter Nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)	1
Full-Quarter Nonemployment  Full-Quarter Nonemployment  spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)  ENFullQ  en2p_doms2ENFullQ  Separations to Full-Quarter Nonemployment  Separations into a spell of full-quarter and Separations spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does)	1
Nonemployment nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)  ENFullQ en2p_doms3ENFullQ Separations to Full-Quarter Spell of full-quarter Nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)  Separations to Separations into a spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does not include intermittently employed)	
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intermittently employed)  ENFullQ en2p_doms2ENFullQ Separations to Full-Quarter Nonemployment (does Separations (does Separations))  intermittently employed)  Separations into a Separation spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does	
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Full-Quarter spell of full-quarter nonemployment (does	
Nonemployment nonemployment (does	n 1
not include	
intermittently	
MainB     domB     sMainB     Employment     Main jobs held on the     Count     Employed	ant 1
(Beginning of first day of the quarter	iciit i
Quarter)	
MainE domE sMainE Employment (End of Main jobs held on the Count Employment)	nent 1
Quarter) last day of the quarter	iciit i
EESepS fee_doms2 sEESepS Stable Job-to-Job Separations from Count Separation	on 1
Separations stable employment	<u> </u>
(Continuous followed by a hire to	
Employment) stable employment	
with no observed	
nonemployment spell	
EEHireS   fee_doma2   sEEHireS   Stable Job-to-Job   Hires to stable   Count   Hire	1
Hires (Continuous employment	
Employment) following a separation	
from stable	
employment with no	
observed	
nonemployment spell	
AQSepS faq_doms2 sAQSepS Stable Job-to-Job Separations from Count Separation	on 1
Separations (Brief stable employment	
Nonemployment) followed by a hire to	
stable employment	
with a short	
nonemployment spell	
AQHireS faq_doma2 sAQHireS Stable Job-to-Job Hires to stable Count Hire	1
Hires (Brief employment	
Nonemployment) following a separation from stable	
employment with a	
short nonemployment	
snort nonemployment spell	
NEPersist\$ fne2_doma2sNEPersist\$Stable Hires from Hires to stable Count Hire	1
Persistent employment	1
Nonemployment following a spell of	
persistent	
nonemployment	
ENPersist\$ fen2_doms2sENPersist\$Stable Separations to Separations from Count Separation	n 1
Persistent stable employment	
Nonemployment into a spell of	
persistent	

Indicator	Alternate		Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari-	Name	Flag					
able					_		
JobStayS	f4dombe	sJobStayS	Stable Job Stayer	Stable main jobs that	Count	Employme	nt l
				did not change during			
				the reference quarter			
MainBS	fdomb	sMainBS	Stable Employment	Stable main jobs held	Count	Employme	nt 1
			(Beginning of	on the first day of the			
			Quarter)	quarter			
MainES	fdome	sMainES	Stable Employment	Stable main jobs held	Count	Employme	nt 1
			(End of Quarter)	on the last day of the			
				quarter			
NEHireSE	a <b>fin<u>e</u>Des</b> toma	a2s <u>NtFq#iner</u> Sl	Eakne fagst Earnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	NEPersist
			following Stable Hires	earnings following			
			from Persistent	hires to stable			
			Nonemployment	employment from a			
				spell of persistent			
				nonemployment			
ENSepSE	arfi <u>e</u> iQrigloms	s2 <u>s<b>FiftySæpS</b>F</u>	a Averige Earnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	ENPersist
			prior to Stable	earnings prior to			
			Separations to	separations from			
			Persistent	stable employment			
			Nonemployment	into a spell of			
				persistent			
				nonemployment			
JobStaySE	af4d0mibe_i	f <b>g&amp;ahS</b> tayS	EaArne_1@gigEarnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	JobStayS
•	J -0	-	prior to Stable Job	earnings in the			
			Stayer	previous quarter when			
			•	workers stayed in a			
				stable job			
JobStavSE	af4dDoodte 1	kf <b>spleabrS</b> tavSl	EaArne_1agetEarnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	JobStayS
,		1	following Stable Job	earnings in the quarter			
			Stayer	when workers stayed			
			<b>3</b> ·	in a stable job			

## 5.3.4 Job-to-job flow rates (J2JR)

( variables\_j2jr.csv )

Rates are computed from published data, and are provided as a convenience.

Indicator Vari- able	Alternate Name	Status Flag	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base	
MHireR	all_doma2	_rsMeHireR	Hires	Rate of hires into a	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE
WITHICK	an_doma2	_materiner(	Times	worker's main job	Rate	Time	((17141	
MSepR	all_doms2	rsa <b>k</b> dSepR	Separations	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
1115 <b>6</b> p 1 t	un_001110 <b>2</b>		Separations	from a worker's main	11000	Sopulation	((1.141	, , , , , , , ,
				job				
MJobStart	Rfirst_dome	_ <b>saM</b> eJobStar	tRMain Job Starts	Rate of new main jobs	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
				due to hires and				
				instances when a				
				previously existing				
				secondary job				
				becomes the main				
				source of earnings				
MJobEndI	R last_domb	_ısa <b>V&amp;</b> JobEnd	RMain Job Ends	Rate of end of main	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
				jobs due to				
				separations and				
				instances when				
				another job becomes				
				the main source of				
				earnings				
EEHireR	ee_doma2	_nsaffæEHireR	Job-to-Job Hires	Rate of hires	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			(Continuous	following a separation				
			Employment)	with no observed				
				nonemployment spell				
EESepR	ee_doms2_	_rsalFeESepR	Job-to-Job	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Separations	followed by a hire				
			(Continuous	with no observed				
AOII:D		AOII:D	Employment) Job-to-Job Hires	nonemployment spell Rate of hires	Data	Hire	((Mai	D · Main E
AQHireR	aq_doma2	_182 <b>As</b> QHireR	(Brief		Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Nonemployment)	following a separation with a short				
			Nonemployment)	nonemployment spell				
AQSepR	aa doms?	ısa <b>A</b> QSepR	Job-to-Job	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	 nB+MainE)
AQSCPR	aq_uoms2	_istacysepic	Separations (Brief	followed by a hire	Rate	Separation	((IVIAI	IID+IVIAIIIL,
			Nonemployment)	with a short				
			(vonemployment)	nonemployment spell				
J2JHireR	i2i_doma2	rsfælHireR	Job-to-Job Hires	Rate of hires	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
	J-J			following a separation			((	,
				(short or no observed				
				nonemployment spell)				
J2JSepR	j2j_doms2	_raf@JSepR	Job-to-Job	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
•			Separations	followed by a hire				
			-	(short or no observed				
				nonemployment spell)				
NEHireR	ne_doma2	_rsaNeEHireR	Hires from	Rate of hires	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Nonemployment	following any spell of				
				nonemployment				
ENSepR	en_doms2	_rsaff@NSepR	Separations to	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE
-		-	Nonemployment	into any spell of				
				nonemployment				

Indicator	Alternate	Status	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base	
Vari-	Name	Flag						
able								
NEPersistI	R ne2_doma	2 <u>s</u> NæPersis	RHires from Persistent	Rate of hires	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Nonemployment	following a spell of				
				persistent				
				nonemployment				
ENPersistl	Ren2_doms	2 <u>s</u> da <b>N</b> ePersist	tRSeparations to	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Persistent	into a spell of				
			Nonemployment	persistent				
				nonemployment				
NEFullQR	ne2p_dom	a23 <u>N</u> EdeullQl	R Hires from	Rate of hires	Rate	Hire	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Full-Quarter	following a spell of				
			Nonemployment	full-quarter				
				nonemployment (does				
				not include				
				intermittently				
				employed)				
ENFullQR	en2p_dom	s2 <u>F</u> MEullQl	R Separations to	Rate of separations	Rate	Separation	((Mai	nB+MainE)
			Full-Quarter	into a spell of				
			Nonemployment	full-quarter				
				nonemployment (does				
				not include				
				intermittently				
				employed)				

## 5.3.5 Job-to-job flow Origin-Destination (J2JOD)

( variables\_j2jod.csv )

Indicator	Alternate	Status	Indicator Name	Description	Units	Concept	Base
Vari- able	Name	Flag					
EE	ee_doma2	sEE	Job-to-Job Flows	Job flows with no	Count	Hire	1
EE	cc_doma2	SEE	(Continuous	observed	Count	Time	1
			Employment)	nonemployment spell			
AQHire	aq_doma2	sAQHire	Job-to-Job Flows	Job flows with a short	Count	Hire	1
rigime	uq_uomu2	57 1Q11110	(Brief	nonemployment spell	Count	Time	1 1
			Nonemployment)	nonemproyment spen			
EES	fee_doma2	sEES	Stable Job-to-Job	Job flows from stable	Count	Hire	1
LLO		, sees	Flows (Continuous	employment into	Count	11110	•
			Employment)	stable employment			
			Zimpro j intento	with no observed			
				nonemployment spell			
AQHireS	fag doma?	2 sAQHireS	Stable Job-to-Job	Job flows from stable	Count	Hire	1
	ruq_uomu	0.1211100	Flows (Brief	employment into	Count		-
			Nonemployment)	stable employment			
			r	with a short			
				nonemployment spell			
EESEarn	Ofte doma2	s <b>ÆÆSÆ</b> arn	_Orvigrage Earnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	EES
			prior to Job-to-Job	earnings prior to job			
			Flows (Continuous	flows with no			
			Employment)	observed			
				nonemployment spell			
EESEarn_	Dfest_doma2	_stetestenrn	_Destrage Earnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	EES
		-	following Job-to-Job	earnings following job			
			Flows (Continuous	flows with no			
			Employment)	observed			
				nonemployment spell			
AQHireSE	a <b>faqOdog</b> ma2	_g <b>AQH</b> ireS	EaAme_fagigEarnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	AQHir
			prior to Job-to-Job	earnings prior to job			
			Flows (Brief	flows with a short			
			Nonemployment)	nonemployment spell			
AQHireSE	a <b>faq<u>D</u>test</b> na	_skAsQetaliineS	EaArne_1agetEarnings	Average quarterly	Dollars	Earnings	AQHire
			following Job-to-Job	earnings following job			
			Flows (Brief	flows with a short			
			Nonemployment)	nonemployment spell			

### 5.4 Variability measures

The following tables and associated mapping files list the variability measures available on each file. The 'Variability Measure' is the short name of the variable on the CSV files, suitable for machine processing in a wide variety of statistical applications. When given, the 'Alternate Name' may appear in related documentation and articles. The 'Variable Name' is a more verbose description of the variability measure.

Six variability measures are published:

- Total variability, prefixed by vt\_
- Standard error, prefixed by st\_, and computed as the square root of Total Variability
- Between-implicate variability, prefixed by vb\_
- Average within-implicate variability, prefixed by vw\_
- Degrees of freedom, prefixed by df\_
- Missingness ratio, prefixed by mr\_

A missing variability measure indicates a structural zero in the corresponding indicator. This is currently not associated with a flag.

#### 5.4.1 Generic structure

Column name
[ Identifier1 ]
[ Identifier2 ]
[ Identifier3 ]
[]
[ Standard error for Indicator 1 ]
[ Standard error for Indicator 2 ]
[ Standard error for Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Total variation for Indicator 1 ]
[ Total variation for Indicator 2 ]
[ Total variation for Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Between-implicate variability
for Indicator 1 ]
[ Between-implicate variability
for Indicator 2 ]
[ Between-implicate variability
for Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Average within-implicate
variability for Indicator 1 ]
[ Average within-implicate
variability for Indicator 2 ]
[ Average within-implicate
variability for Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Degrees of freedom for
Indicator 1 ]
[ Degrees of freedom for
Indicator 2 ]

Column name
[ Degrees of freedom for
Indicator 3 ]
[]
[ Missingness ratio for Indicator
1]
[ Missingness ratio for Indicator
2]
[ Missingness ratio for Indicator
3]
[]

Note: A full list of indicators for each type of file are shown in the Indicators section. In the tables below, only a sample of variability measures are printed, but the complete list is available in the linked CSV schema files.

### 5.4.2 National QWI and state-level QWI

( variables\_qwiv.csv )

Variability measure	Alternate name	Variable name	Units	Base
st_Emp	st_B	Standard error of Beginning-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
st_EmpEnd	st_E	Standard error of End-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
st_EmpS	st_F	Standard error of Full-Quarter Employment (Stable)	Count	1
vt_Emp	vt_B	Total variation of Beginning-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
vt_EmpEnd	vt_E	Total variation of End-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
vt_EmpS	vt_F	Total variation of Full-Quarter Employment (Stable)	Count	1
vb_Emp	vb_B	Between-implicate variability for Beginning-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
vb_EmpEnd	vb_E	Between-implicate variability for End-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
vb_EmpS	vb_F	Between-implicate variability for Full-Quarter Employment (Stable)	Count	1
df_Emp	df_B	Degrees of freedom for VT of Beginning-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
df_EmpEnd	df_E	Degrees of freedom for VT of End-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
df_EmpS	df_F	Degrees of freedom for VT of Full-Quarter Employment (Stable)	Count	1
mr_Emp	mr_B	Missingness ratio for Beginning-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
mr_EmpEnd	mr_E	Missingness ratio for End-of-Quarter Employment	Count	1
mr_EmpS	mr_F	Missingness ratio for Full-Quarter Employment (Stable)	Count	1

### 5.4.3 National QWI and state-level QWI rates

( variables\_qwirv.csv )

Variability	Alternate	Variable name	Units	Base
measure	name			
st_HirAR	st_AR	Standard error of Hiring Rate	Rate	1
		(All Accessions)		
st_HirNR	st_HR	Standard error of New Hiring	Rate	1
		Rate		
st_HirRR	st_RR	Standard error of Recall Rate	Rate	1
vt_HirAR	vt_AR	Total variation of Hiring Rate	Rate	1
		(All Accessions)		
vt_HirNR	vt_HR	Total variation of New Hiring	Rate	1
		Rate		
vt_HirRR	vt_RR	Total variation of Recall Rate	Rate	1
vb_HirAR	vb_AR	Between-implicate variability	Rate	1
		for Hiring Rate (All Accessions)		
vb_HirNR	vb_HR	Between-implicate variability	Rate	1
		for New Hiring Rate		
vb_HirRR	vb_RR	Between-implicate variability	Rate	1
		for Recall Rate		
df_HirAR	df_AR	Degrees of freedom for VT of	Rate	1
		Hiring Rate (All Accessions)		
df_HirNR	df_HR	Degrees of freedom for VT of	Rate	1
		New Hiring Rate		
df_HirRR	df_RR	Degrees of freedom for VT of	Rate	1
		Recall Rate		
mr_HirAR	mr_AR	Missingness ratio for Hiring	Rate	1
		Rate (All Accessions)		
mr_HirNR	mr_HR	Missingness ratio for New	Rate	1
		Hiring Rate		
mr_HirRR	mr_RR	Missingness ratio for Recall	Rate	1
		Rate		

5.4.4	Job-to-job flow counts (J2J)
Soon.	
5.4.5	Job-to-job flow rates (J2JR)
Soon.	
5.4.6	Job-to-job flow Origin-Destination (J2JOD)
Soon.	

# 6 Categorical Variables

Categorical variable descriptions are displayed above each table, with the variable name shown in parentheses. Unless otherwise stated, every possible value/label combination for each categorical variable is listed. Please note that not all values will be available in every table.

### 6.1 agegrp

(label\_agegrp.csv)

agegrp	label
A00	All Ages (14-99)
A01	14-18
A02	19-21
A03	22-24
A04	25-34
A05	35-44
A06	45-54
A07	55-64
A08	65-99

### 6.2 education

( label\_education.csv )

education	label
E0	All Education Categories
E1	Less than high school
E2	High school or equivalent, no college
E3	Some college or Associate degree
E4	Bachelor's degree or advanced degree
E5	Educational attainment not available (workers aged 24
	or younger)

### 6.3 ethnicity

( label\_ethnicity.csv )

ethnicity	label
A0	All Ethnicities
A1	Not Hispanic or Latino
A2	Hispanic or Latino

### 6.4 firmage

( label\_firmage.csv )

firmage	label
0	All Firm Ages
1	0-1 Years
2	2-3 Years
3	4-5 Years

firmage	label
4	6-10 Years
5	11+ Years
N	Firm Age Not Available For Public-Sector Firms

### 6.5 firmsize

( label\_firmsize.csv )

firmsize	label
0	All Firm Sizes
1	0-19 Employees
2	20-49 Employees
3	50-249 Employees
4	250-499 Employees
5	500+ Employees
N	Firm Size Not Available For Public-Sector Firms

### 6.6 ownercode

( label\_ownercode.csv )

ownercode	label
A00	State and local government plus private ownership
A01	Federal government
A05	All Private

## 6.7 periodicity

( label\_periodicity.csv )

periodicity	label
A	Annual data
Q	Quarterly data

## 6.8 quarter

( label\_quarter.csv )

quarter	label
1	1st Quarter of the Year (January-March)
2	2nd Quarter of the Year (April-June)
3	3rd Quarter of the Year (July-September)
4	4th Quarter of the Year (October-December)

### **6.9** race

( label\_race.csv )

race	label
A0	All Races

race	label	
A1	White Alone	
A2	Black or African American Alone	
A3	American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	
A4	Asian Alone	
A5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	
A6	Some Other Race Alone (Not Used)	
A7	Two or More Race Groups	

## 6.10 seasonadj

( label\_seasonadj.csv )

seasonadj	label	
S	Seasonally adjusted	
U	Not seasonally adjusted	

## 6.11 sex

( label\_sex.csv )

sex	label
0	All Sexes
1	Male
2	Female

### 6.12 Industry

### 6.12.1 Industry levels

(label\_ind\_level.csv)

ind_level	label	
A	All Industries	
S	NAICS Sectors	
3	NAICS Subsectors	
4	NAICS Industry Groups	

### 6.12.2 Industry

### ( label\_industry.csv )

Only a small subset of available values shown. The 2017 NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) is used for all years. QWI releases prior to R2018Q1 used the 2012 NAICS classification (see Schema v4.1.3). For a full listing of all valid 2017 NAICS codes, see <a href="http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/sssd/naics/naicsrch?chart=2017">http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/sssd/naics/naicsrch?chart=2017</a>.

industry	label	ind_level
00	All NAICS Sectors	A
000	All NAICS Subsectors	A
0000	All NAICS Industry Groups	A
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2
111	Crop Production	3
1111	Oilseed and Grain Farming	4
1112	Vegetable and Melon Farming	4
2382	Building Equipment Contractors	4
2383	Building Finishing Contractors	4
2389	Other Specialty Trade Contractors	4
31-33	Manufacturing	2
311	Food Manufacturing	3
3111	Animal Food Manufacturing	4
3112	Grain and Oilseed Milling	4
3113	Sugar and Confectionery Product Manufacturing	4

### 6.13 Geography

### 6.13.1 Geographic levels

Geography labels for data files are provided in separate files, by scope. Each file *label\_geograpy\_SCOPE.csv* may contain one or more types of records as flagged by geo\_level. For convenience, a composite file containing all geocodes is available as label\_geography.csv. The 2017 vintage of Census TIGER/Line geography is used for all tabulations as of the R2018Q1 release.

Shapefiles are described in a separate document.

( label\_geo\_level.csv )

geo_l	ev <b>løl</b> bel	description	sourceurl
В	Metropolitan	Identifies 5-digit CBSA code for	http://www.census.gov/-
	(complete)	metropolitan areas provided by the	population/metro/
		Census Bureau's Geography	
		Division. Balance of state	
		including micropolitan areas are	
		identified by custom codes as	
		[ST]999	
С	Counties	Identifies 5-digit FIPS/ANSI code	https://www.census.gov/geo/-
		for counties	reference/codes/cou.html
M	Metropolitan/N	Aikchenptofiietan7-digit code constructed	http://www.census.gov/-
	(state part)	from the 2-digit state FIPS code	population/metro/
		and the 5-digit CBSA code	
		provided by the Census Bureau's	
		Geography Division	
N	National (50	Custom code using 00 to denote	
	States + DC)	national scope	
S	States	Identifies 2-digit FIPS/ANSI codes	https://www.census.gov/geo/-
			reference/ansi_statetables.html
W	Workforce	2-digit state FIPS code and the	
	Investment	6-digit WIA identifier provided by	
	Areas	LED State Partners	

### 6.13.2 National and state-level values

(label\_fipsnum.csv)

The file label\_fipsnum.csv contains values and labels for all entities of geo\_level *N* or *S*, and is a summary of separately available files.

geographylabel		geo_level
00	National (50 States +	N
	DC)	
01	Alabama	S
02	Alaska	S
04	Arizona	S
05	Arkansas	S
06	California	S
08	Colorado	S
45	South Carolina	S
46	South Dakota	S
47	Tennessee	S
48	Texas	S
49	Utah	S

geograpl	nylabel	geo_level
50	Vermont	S
51	Virginia	S
53	Washington	S

### 6.13.3 State postal codes

Some parts of the schema use (lower or upper-case) state postal codes.

( label\_stusps.csv )

geography	stusps
00	US
01	AL
02	AK
04	AZ
05	AR
06	CA
08	CO
09	CT
10	DE
11	DC
12	FL
13	GA
15	HI
16	ID
17	IL
18	IN
19	IA
20	KS
21	KY
22	LA
23	ME
24	MD
25	MA
26	MI
27	MN
28	MS
29	MO
30	MT
31	NE
32	NV
33	NH
34	NJ
35	NM
36	NY
37	NC
38	ND
39	ОН
40	OK
41	OR
42	PA
44	RI
45	SC
46	SD
47	TN
48	TX

geography	stusps
49	UT
50	VT
51	VA
53	WA
54	WV
55	WI
56	WY
72	PR
78	VI

### 6.13.4 Detailed state and substate level values

Files of type <code>label\_geography\_[ST].csv</code> will contain identifiers and labels for geographic areas entirely comprised within a given state <code>[ST]</code>. State-specific parts of cross-state CBSA, in records of type <code>geo\_level = M</code>, are present on files of type <code>label\_geography\_[ST].csv</code>. The file <code>label\_geography\_metro.csv</code> contains labels for records of type <code>geo\_level = B</code>, for metropolitan areas only.

Scope	Types	Format file
US	N	label_geography_us.csv
METRO	В	label_geography_metro.csv
States		
AK	S C W M	label_geography_ak.csv
AL	S C W M	label_geography_al.csv
AR	S C W M	label_geography_ar.csv
AZ	S C W M	label_geography_az.csv
CA	S C W M	label_geography_ca.csv
CO	S C W M	label_geography_co.csv
CT	S C W M	label_geography_ct.csv
DC	S C W M	label_geography_dc.csv
DE	S C W M	label_geography_de.csv
FL	S C W M	label_geography_fl.csv
GA	S C W M	label_geography_ga.csv
HI	S C W M	label_geography_hi.csv
IA	S C W M	label_geography_ia.csv
ID	S C W M	label_geography_id.csv
IL	S C W M	label_geography_il.csv
IN	S C W M	label_geography_in.csv
KS	S C W M	label_geography_ks.csv
KY	S C W M	label_geography_ky.csv
LA	S C W M	label_geography_la.csv
MA	S C W M	label_geography_ma.csv
MD	S C W M	label_geography_md.csv
ME	S C W M	label_geography_me.csv
MI	S C W M	label_geography_mi.csv
MN	S C W M	label_geography_mn.csv
MO	S C W M	label_geography_mo.csv
MS	S C W M	label_geography_ms.csv
MT	S C W M	label_geography_mt.csv
NC	S C W M	label_geography_nc.csv
ND	S C W M	label_geography_nd.csv
NE	S C W M	label_geography_ne.csv
NH	S C W M	label_geography_nh.csv
NJ	S C W M	label_geography_nj.csv
NM	S C W M	label_geography_nm.csv
NV	S C W M	label_geography_nv.csv

Scope	Types	Format file
NY	S C W M	label_geography_ny.csv
OH	S C W M	label_geography_oh.csv
OK	S C W M	label_geography_ok.csv
OR	S C W M	label_geography_or.csv
PA	S C W M	label_geography_pa.csv
RI	S C W M	label_geography_ri.csv
SC	S C W M	label_geography_sc.csv
SD	S C W M	label_geography_sd.csv
TN	S C W M	label_geography_tn.csv
TX	S C W M	label_geography_tx.csv
UT	S C W M	label_geography_ut.csv
VA	S C W M	label_geography_va.csv
VT	S C W M	label_geography_vt.csv
WA	S C W M	label_geography_wa.csv
WI	S C W M	label_geography_wi.csv
WV	S C W M	label_geography_wv.csv
WY	S C W M	label geography wy.csv

## 6.14 Aggregation level

#### ( label\_agg\_level.csv )

Measures within the J2J and QWI data products are tabulated on many different dimensions, including demographic characteristics, geography, industry, and other firm characteristics. For Origin-Destination (O-D) tables, characteristics of the origin and destination firm can be tabulated separately. Every tabulation level is assigned a unique aggregation index, represented by the agg\_level variable. This index starts from 1, representing a national level grand total (all industries, workers, etc.), and progresses through different combinations of characteristics. There are gaps in the progression to leave space for aggregation levels that may be included in future data releases.

**agg\_level** is currently reported only for J2J data products.

The following variables are included in the <a href="label\_agg\_level.csv">label\_agg\_level.csv</a> file:

Variable	Description	
agg_level	index representing level of aggregation reported	
	on a given record	
worker_char	demographic (worker) characteristics reported	
	on record	
firm_char	firm characteristics reported on record. These	
	will be the characteristics of the destination firm	
	in O-D tabulations	
firm_orig_char	characteristics of origin firm reported on record	
	(O-D tabulations only)	
j2j	Flag: Aggregation level available on J2J counts	
	tables	
j2jr	Flag: Aggregation level available on J2J rates	
	tables	
j2jod	Flag: Aggregation level available on J2J O-D	
	tables	
qwi	Flag: Aggregation level available on QWI	

The characteristics available on an aggregation level are repeated using a series of flags following the standard schema:

- geo\_level geographic level of table
- ind\_level industry level of table
- by\_variables flags indicating other dimensions reported, including ownership, demographics, firm age and size.

A shortened representation of the file is provided below, the complete file is available in the link above.

agg_leve	l worker_char	firm_char	firm_orig_char	· j2j	j2jr	j2jod	qwi	geo_leve
1				1	1	1	0	N
2	Sex			1	1	1	0	N
3	Age			1	1	1	0	N
4	Sex * Age			1	1	1	0	N
5	Race			1	1	1	0	N
9	Ethnicity			1	1	1	0	N
13	Race *			1	1	1	0	N
	Ethnicity							
129		Firm Size		1	1	1	0	N
257		NAICS		1	1	1	0	N
		Sector						
258	Sex	NAICS		1	1	1	0	N
		Sector						

agg_leve	l worker_char	firm_char	firm_orig_char	· j2j	j2jr	j2jod	qwi	geo_level
1029	Race	State		1	1	1	0	S
1033	Ethnicity	State		1	1	1	0	S
1037	Race *	State		1	1	1	0	S
	Ethnicity							

# 7 Status Flags

### (label\_flags.csv)

Each status flag in the tables above contains one of the following valid values. The values and their interpretation are listed in the table below.



### **Important**

Note: Currently, the J2J tables only contain status flags -1, 1, 5. Status flags with values 10 or above only appear in online applications, not in CSV files.

flag	label		
-2	no data available in this category for this quarter		
-1	data not available to compute this estimate		
1	OK		
5	Value suppressed because it does not meet US Census Bureau publication		
	standards.		
6	Value calculated from other released measures - no significant distortion		
7	Value calculated from other released measures - some of which have		
	significantly distorted data		
9	Data significantly distorted - fuzzed value released		
10	Aggregate of cells - no significant distortion		
11	Aggregate of cells not released because component cells do not meet U.S.		
	Census Bureau publication standards		
12	Aggregate of cells - some of which have significantly distorted data		

### 8 Metadata

(variables\_version.csv)

### 8.1 Version Metadata for QWI and J2J Files (version.txt)

Each data release is accompanied by one or more files with metadata on geographic and temporal coverage, in a compact notation. These files follow the following naming convention:

```
version_[demo]_[fas].txt
version_[type].txt
```

where each component is described in more detail in lehd\_csv\_naming.pdf.

The contents contains the following elements:

Component	Source	Description	
product	[type]	Type as described in lehd_csv_naming.pdf	
demo_fas	[demo]_[fas]	(optional - concatenated with product) used for QWI to	
		distinguish separate tabulations from the legal [demo]_[fas]	
		combinations as described in lehd_csv_naming.pdf	
geo	[stusps] or METRO	Covered [geography] (uppercase state postal code including	
		entire nation or the word METRO)	
geonum	[geography]	Numeric geography code	
start	уууу:q	Start year and quarter	
end	уууу:q	End year and quarter	
schema	Vx.y.z	Version of the schema	
release	RyyyyQq	Release quarter (identifies when the data was created)	
internal	various	Internal identifier used for provenance tracking	

For instance, the metadata for the R2017Q3 release of Missouri QWI Sex by Age tabulations for No firm size or age detail (obtained from here) has the following content:

```
QWISA_F MO 29 1995:1-2016:4 V4.1.2 R2017Q3 qwipu_mo_20170928_1714
```

Similarly, the metadata for the R2017Q3 release of Missouri J2J tabulations (obtained from here) has the following content:

```
J2J MO 29 2000:2-2016:3 V4.2b-draft R2017Q3 j2jpu_mo_20171023_1412
```

Some J2J metadata may contain multiple lines, as necessary.

### 8.2 Additional Metadata for J2JOD Files (avail.csv)

(variables\_avail.csv)

Because the origin-destination (J2JOD) data link two regions, we provide an auxiliary file with the time range that cells containing data for each geographic pairing may appear in a data release.

variable	type	label
geo_level	Char(1)	Geographic level of destination region
geography	Char(8)	Geography code of destination region
geo_level_orig	Char(1)	Geographic level of origin region
geography_orig	Char(8)	Geography code of origin region
start_year	Num	First year regional pair may be observed
start_quarter	Num	First quarter regional pair may be observed
end_year	Num	Last year regional pair may be observed
end_quarter	Num	Last quarter regional pair may be observed

The reference region will always be either the origin or the destination. National tabulations contain records where both origin and destination are geo\_level=N; state tabulations contain records where geo\_level in (N,S); metro tabulations contain records where geo\_level in (N,S,B). Data may be suppressed for certain combinations of regions and quarters because the estimates do not meet Census Bureau publication standards.

### 8.3 Metadata on Indicator Availability

### (variables\_lags.csv)

Each Indicator potentially requires leads and/or lags of data to be computed, and thus may not be available for certain time periods. Only two QWI will be available for all quarters of the time span described by start and end in the version.txt files: EmpTotal and Payroll. The date range for QWI, QWIR, J2J, and J2JR can be found in version.txt; the date range for J2JOD can be found in avail.csv.

For each indicator, the following files contain the quarters of data required to be available relative to the overall date range described in the metadata for the release:

- lags\_qwi.csv
- lags\_j2j.csv

The files are structured as follows:

variable	type	label	
Indicator Variable	Num	Name of the Indicator	
Quarters_Required_Prior Num		Number of quarters of data required to	
		compute indicator relative to start quarter	
Quarters_Required_Subset\uent		Number of quarters of data required to	
		compute indicator relative to end quarter	

## 9 Changes

For a description of how schema files are versioned, see main directory.

### 9.1 This version (revisions)

- 2017-12-15: Initial release
- 2018-03-23: Fix EOL issues

### 9.2 Version 4.2.0 from 4.1.3

- Updated industry classification from NAICS 2012 to NAICS 2017
- Added a column ind\_level to label\_industry.csv similar to the geo\_level
- · Added additional columns to the variable metadata schema for greater clarity
  - Description,
  - Concept,
  - Base
- Added a (draft) taxonomy of concepts used in the LEHD data world (label\_concept\_draft.csv)
- Fixed the labeling of ownership code A00 to correctly reflect scope
- Added files describing the number of quarters of data availability required relative to start and end quarters (lags\_qwi.csv and lags\_j2j.csv), and its metadata (variables\_lags.csv)

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