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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 as Comma-Separated Value (CSV) files through the LEHD website's Data page at http://lehd.ces.census.gov/data/ and through LED Extraction Tool at http://ledextract.ces.census.gov/.

This document describes the file naming schema for LEHD-provided CSV files.

2 Schema for Data File Contents

The contents (schema) for LEHD data files are described in lehd_public_use_schema.pdf. The contents (schema) for shapefiles are described in lehd_shapefiles.pdf.

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 V4.0.5, for files released as of RXXXX.

5 Basic Schema

All files are preceded by a file type definition, followed by additional information on the aggregation level of the file, or some other identifier.

[TYPE]_[DETAILS].[EXT]

(naming_convention.csv)

type	Used By	Description
[type]_[id]	qwix	CSV files queried from the LED Extraction Tool at
		http://ledextract.ces.census.gov/.
[type]_[geoh	i] <u>q[deqw]r[fwi]/(gwioraj[2][2jd¢2j\d[</u> o	w@creatnonicsannvention for currently provided files.
[type]_[geoc	athapefiles	ZIP files containing data for shapefiles

5.1 QWIPU from the LED Extraction Tool

Files downloaded through the LED Extraction Tool at http://ledextract.ces.census.gov/ follow the following naming convention:

```
[type]_[id].[EXT]
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where [id] is the Request ID (a unique string of characters) generated every time Submit Request" is clicked. The ID references each query submission made to the database.

5.2 Other files

Files downloaded from the LEHD website at http://lehd.ces.census.gov/data follow the following naming convention:

```
[type]_[geohi]_[demo]_[fas]_[geocat]_[indcat]_[ownercat]_[sa].[EXT]
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where each component is described in more detail below. Schema files detailing legal values for each component can be downloaded from this website.

6 Description of Filename Components

6.1 Types

(naming_type.csv)

type	Description	Explanation	url
j2j	Job-to-Job Flows Counts	Counts of hires and separations, to and	tbd
	(J2J)	from employment and non-employment,	
		summed across all establishments	
j2jod	Job-to-Job Flows	Origin and destination flows and	tbd
	Origin-Destination	earnings, tabulated by the destination	
		establishment	
j2jr	Job-to-Job Flows Rates	Hiring and separation rates, to and from	http://lehd.ces.census.gov/
		employment and nonemployment,	data/j2j_beta.html
		summed across all establishments	
lodes	LEHD	LEHD Origin-Destination Employment	http://lehd.ces.census.gov/
	Origin-Destination	Statistics (LODES) used by OnTheMap.	data/#lodes
	Employment Statistics	Version 7 and higher of LODES was	
	(LODES)	enumerated by 2010 census blocks.	
		Version 6 and lower of LODES were	
		enumerated with 2000 census blocks.	
qwi	Quarterly Workforce	The Quarterly Workforce Indicators	http://lehd.ces.census.gov/
	Indicators Public Use	(QWI) are a set of economic indicators	data/#qwi
	Counts (QWIPU)	including employment, job creation,	
		earnings, and other measures of	
		employment flows. The QWI are	
		reported using detailed firm	
		characteristics (geography, industry, age,	
		size) and worker demographics	
		information (sex, age, education, race,	
		ethnicity).	
qwir	Quarterly Workforce	Rates for flow variables in the Quarterly	tbd
	Indicators Public Use	Workforce Indicators (QWI)	
	Rates		

type	Description	Explanation	url
qwirv	Quarterly Workforce	Variability measures for rates in the	tbd
	Indicators Variability	Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)	
	Measures for Rates		
qwiv	Quarterly Workforce	Variability measures for Quarterly	tbd
	Indicators Variability	Workforce Indicators (QWI)	
	Measures		
lehd_shp	LEHD Shapefiles	Shapefiles are used to provide mapping	lehd_shapefiles.html
		functionality in QWI Explorer and	
		Job-to-Job Explorer	

6.2 geohi

(naming_geohi.csv)

This component is based on the alphabetic FIPS state code equivalent to the numeric FIPS code in label_fipsnum.csv, based on FIPS PUB 5-2. It is expanded to encompass additional codes denoting national coverage, or a collection of states.

type	Description
all	Collection of all available states
us	National data (50 states + DC)
st	Any legal 2-character state postal code (see
	naming_geohi.csv)

6.3 demo

(naming_demo.csv)

type	Description
d	No demographic detail
rh	Race by Ethnicity tabulations
sa	Sex by Age tabulations
se	Sex by Education tabulations

6.4 fas

(naming_fas.csv)

type	Description
f	No firm size or age detail
fa	Tabulations by firm age
fs	Tabulations by firm size

6.5 geocat

(naming_geocat.csv)

type	Description
gb	Metropolitan/Micropolitan (complete)
gc	Counties
gm	Metropolitan/Micropolitan
gn	National (50 States + DC)
gs	States
gw	Workforce Investment Areas

6.6 indcat

(naming_indcat.csv)

type	Description
n	all industries
ns	NAICS sectors
n3	NAICS subsectors
n4	NAICS industry groups

6.7 owncat

(naming_owncat.csv)

type	Description
of	Federal government (QWI Code A01)
op	All Private (QWI Code A05)
oslp	State, local, and private ownership categories (QWI
	Code A00)

6.8 sa

(naming_sa.csv)

type	Description
S	Seasonally adjusted
u	Not seasonally adjusted

6.9 ext

(naming_ext.csv)

type	Description
csv	Comma-Separated file
pdf	PDF file (printable)
xls	Excel file (only select output)
xlsx	Excel file (not available for larger files)

7 Changes

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

7.1 This version (revisions)

- 2016-09-26: Initial release
- 2016-10-06: Fixed a rendering issue with an empty column.
- 2016-10-06: Modified the label for firm age and firm size to contain mention of "Not Available For Public-Sector Firms"
- 2016-10-06: Changed description of agg_level
- 2017-03-06: Removed two variables from variables_j2jod.csv that were not actually on the CSV file
- 2017-03-06: Corrected bad reference to release RXXXX, which should have been R2016Q4
- 2017-03-07: Corrected naming of files inside shapefile ZIP files
- 2017-08-21: Corrected naming of three of the status flags that have "Rate" at the end. That should be just "R".

7.2 Version 4.1 from 4.0.5

- 2016-08-08: Implemented select changes from V4.1d-draft: Key changes are
- Changed structure of state-level geography labels (flat directory structure)
- Describes National QWI files and J2J files (both of which are still in beta), added J2J, National QWI spec
- added additional geo_level for CBSA (complete), additional description, sources in label_geo_level.csv
- 2016-08-10: Added description, definition of SHP files
- 2016-08-11: Modified Indicator Names for J2J variable metadata.
- 2016-08-31: adjusted AL, AR, GA, IA, KY, LA, MN, MS, NM, PA, TN, TX metropolitan areas for 2016 geo vintage

7.2.1 In more detail

- added geohi category of ALL, US, add naming_geohi.csv
- · added naming convention for additional files
- added agg_level variable
- ullet Changes to name of variable schema files (qwipu o qwi), addition of variability and rate variable schema files.
- Addition of a column identifying the type of variable on QWI
- Renamed file from QWIPU_Data_Schema.pdf to lehd_public_use_schema.pdf
- Addition of variable schema description for J2J
- Added a extension component [ext] to the file naming convention to reflect availability of Excel files (and PDF files)
- Updated documentation-generating scripts to the latest. Documents are now identified by date, not revision
- Added a concatenation of geography files as label_geography.csv.
- Added a column geo_level to all label_geography_* files

- Changed fipsnum to force readin of FIPS as character, include geo_level, US.
- Added additional legal values for firmage and firmsize, as used by J2J
- Added Federal government to files (for National QWI)
- Clarified description of filenaming components
- Sundry small additional changes, building out the schema
- Changing of naming convention for to-be-released files based on federal government from $fg \rightarrow of$. At this time, no such files have been released.



Important

Some of the data products noted above do not exist yet.

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