

Michigan Notes

BOD license status – the BOD_Status column in the BOD file has several hundred rows that have null values. This column cannot be used for dropping out those who are inactive. The column BOD_expiration shows that the nearest expiration date is after April 2019, the date that IKN data was retrieved. Therefore, all BOD dentists have valid licenses according to license expiration dates. However, due to missing data, I was unable to screen out those who had been suspended or revoked.

The BOD_Formatted_Name column was used for head counts in the state report. The difference between Provider_Full_nm2 and BOD_Formatted_Name is small (Provider_Full_nm2 has 0.5% more names).