

Variable	Description
Player	Full name of the player. Used to match salary data with performance data.
Season	The season associated with the contract or performance data.
Team	The team that signed the player's contract for that season.
AAV (Annual Average Value)	A player's contract value divided by length of contract, the main salary variable used in analysis.
Salary	Raw reported salary for a given season before conversion to AAV.
PerfIndex (Performance Index	A constructed index combining scoring, rebounding, assisting, defending, and ball handling statistics, across the previous 3 seasons. Used as the main predictor variable in the regression.
log_AAV	Natural log of AAV. Used as the dependent variable in the regression to stabilize salary variation.