Data Dictionary for Employee Compensation

The San Francisco Controller's Office maintains a database of the salary and benefits paid to City employees since fiscal year 2013. This data is summarized and presented on the Employee Compensation report hosted at http://openbook.sfgov.org, and is also available in this dataset in CSV format. New data is added on a biannual basis when available for each fiscal and calendar year.

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		Fiscal (July through June) or Calendar (January through	
Year Type	Plain Text	December)	
		An accounting period of 12 months. The City and County of San	
		Francisco operates on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and	
		ends on June 30 the following year. The Fiscal Year ending	
Year	Plain Text	June 30, 2012 is represented as FY2011-2012.	
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		Each distinct number in the "Employee Identifier" column represents one employee. These identifying numbers are not meaningful but rather are randomly assigned for the purpose of building this dataset. The column does not appear on the Employee Compensation report hosted on openbook.sfgov.org, but that report does show one row for each employee. Employee ID has been included here to allow users to reconstruct the original report. Note that each employee's identifier will change each time this dataset is updated, so comparisons by employee	
Employee Identifier	Plain Text	across multiple versions of the dataset are not possible.	
Salaries	Number	Normal salaries paid to permanent or temporary City employees.	
Overtime	Number	Amounts paid to City employees working in excess of 40 hours per week.	
Other Salaries	Number	Various irregular payments made to City employees including premium pay, incentive pay, or other one-time payments.	
Total Salary	Number	The sum of all salaries paid to City employees.	
Retirement	Number	City contributions to employee retirement plans.	
Health/Dental	Number	City-paid premiums to health and dental insurance plans covering City employees. To protect confidentiality as legally required, pro-rated citywide averages are presented in lieu of employee-specific health and dental benefits.	
Other Benefits	Number	Mandatory benefits paid on behalf of employees, such as Social Security (FICA and Medicare) contributions, unemployment insurance premiums, and minor discretionary benefits not included in the above categories.	
Total Benefits	Number	The sum of all benefits paid to City employees.	
Total Compensation	Number	The sum of all salaries and benefits paid to City employees.	

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