**README—CA ACT Scores**

Updates: New database (CA only)

Frequency: Annually

Next update: Oct. 1, 2014

Source: California Department of Education

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1. Go to http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/ai/
2. Download the most recent annual update. Note: We have thru 2011-2012, so the next update will be 2012-2013 data.
3. Clean up the .xls file by deleting top 3 rows. Replace any -, --, or similar with NA.
4. Ensure this .xls file has the same column headings as in the file named act2012.csv.
5. Save the .xls file as actYYYY.csv.

**Form Name**

ACT Scores

**Summary**

ACT Results

**Data Source**

California Department of Education

**Data Source URL**

[www.cde.ca](http://www.cde.ca)

**Description (Additional Background)**

This database contains ACT scores for California school districts and schools. The ACT is designed to assess high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The ACT test covers four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. Each subject area test receives a score ranging from 1 to 36. Years reported refer to the first year of a traditional academic year, i.e., 2012 reflects test scores from the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Geographic coverage**

CA districts, schools

**Periodicity**

Annual

**Data Series**

1999/2012

**Last Update**

Today’s date

**Next Update**

Oct. 1, 2014

**Assign Categories**

CA/K-12 Education/Test Scores & Performance

**Form Footnotes**

NA = Not Available.

**Notes to programmer**

One input file per year called actYYYY.csv, where YYYY is the year reported.

Note that there are some cells with no data. Please insert NA. There are also some cells in the file Sat2011.csv that contain a single period (.). These should also be replaced with NA.

I do not have a file with district or school codes, but these are all contained in each input file.

Select criteria are below. This is a two-stage form.

Note in input file: NA = Not Available.

Select criteria 1

Please enter a county.

[County codes are in column A; county names are in column D.]

Autofill

Allow type: multiple

No units for this database.

Select criteria 2

Please enter a school.

[School codes are in column C; school names are in column F.]

Autofill

Allow type: multiple

Select criteria 3

Please enter a category.

[Options are in row 1, G thru L.]

Checkbox

Allow type: multiple

Please choose a time period.

[Options are 1999-2012 per each input file name.]

Submit.

Returned data should be in this order:

County/District/School/Year/Variable 1/Variable 2………end.