

# Standard Operating Procedures

## Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO)

Degree File

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### I. Purpose

This operating procedure specifies the standard layout of the degree file that partners supply for use in processing and producing the Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO).

### II. Notes

Failure to follow the standard file layout may cause data releases to be delayed.

Missing SSNs are not an issue, so transfer all records, regardless of availability of SSN for that observation.

### III. Filename Convention

Follow filenaming conventions from Census ERD Data Staff

### IV. Observation Level

An observation in this dataset is a unique individual-degree level-degree field (6 digit CIP). For example, an individual who is double-majored should be reported twice in the data, once for each unique 6 digit CIP. Every degree an individual earns should be reported separately as well.

### V. Valid Years

We request as many years of historical data as you can send, starting with 2001. If you are unable to go back to 2001, that is fine. We will not process any years before 2001 because of coverage issues with our wage data before that calendar year.

### VI. Contact

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# LEHD PSEO Degree File Format

Position	Label	Data Element	Len	Type	Data Specification
1-9	ssn	Social Security Number (SSN)	9	Character	A 9-digit code indicating each student's Social Security Number. <i>Do not include hyphens. Blank fill if missing.</i>
10-59	name_first	First Name	100L	String	The first name of the reference student, if known. <i>Left justify, blank fill.</i>
60-109	name_last	Last Name	100L	String	The last name (surname) of the reference student, if known. <i>Left justify, blank fill.</i>
110-117	dob	Date of Birth	8	String MMDDYYYY	The date of birth of the reference student, if known, in MMDDYYYY. <i>Do not include hyphens or other special characters. If unknown, blank fill.</i>
118-123	degcip	Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code	6L	String	A 6-digit code indicating the reference student's area of study. For details, see <a href="#">link</a> . <i>Do not include hyphens or other special characters. Left justify, zero fill.</i>
124-125	deglevel_code	Degree/Award Level	2R	String	A 2-digit code indicating the reference student's degree/award level. For details, see <a href="#">link</a> . <i>Right justify, zero fill.</i>
126-129	year_grad	Graduation Year	4	Numeric	The calendar year in which the reference student received the degree/award.
130-137	date_grad	Date of Graduation	8	String	The date of graduation, formatted YYYYMMDD
138-145	opeid	Office of Postsecondary Education Identification (OPEID) number	8L	String	A 8-digit identification number indicating the reference student's institution. For details and valid codes see <a href="#">link</a> . <i>Right justify, zero fill.</i>