

PSC Solution: TIP0012

Date: 6/16/2010

Application: ESS

School Year: All

File Specifications:

Solution Type: Technical Tip

Title: How to determine zero count requirements in all EU levels and files

Issue Description:

States sometimes have a need to know which *EDFacts* files (and EU levels for those files) require zeros instead of nulls for counts. This article explains how to determine zero counts required across all files and levels.

Zero requirements are included in the *EDFacts* file specifications as the primary source of this information.

ED has also developed a spreadsheet of this information for all SY 2009-10 files, which is available upon request from the PSC. The spreadsheet includes tabs for each EU level and designates which file specs require zeroes for all values, and which require zeroes for only some values. Each tab lists the file number, file name, affected data group IDs and names, and the specific ED guidance for entering zero counts.