

## **This U.S. TALIS 2013 Public-Use Database contains the following:**

- U.S. national data for Schools and Teachers in SPSS (\*.sav), SAS (\*.sas7bdat) and ASCII text (\*.dat) format,
- SAS format files (\*.sas), for reading the data and attaching value labels to SAS datasets,
- ASCII file layout (\*.xls) and value label information (\*.pdf) for reading in ASCII files,
- Codebooks for the data files in PDF format, with unweighted frequencies,
- README files that list in detail all files delivered with the database.

## **Creating Working Files**

**SPSS Data File** - Users can use the SPSS (.sav) files for analysis. The SPSS data files were created in version 22.0 and users should be able to open the data file without any modifications.

**SAS Data File** - Users may use the SAS data files (.sas7bdat) by creating the appropriate SAS library file and assigning the SAS formats (.sas) to the SAS data files. The format files include code for adding value labels and recoding user-defined numeric missing values. The SAS files and included code will need to be edited to reflect both the locations for reading in the data file and assigning the formats.

**ASCII Data File** -Users may read the ASCII fixed-format TALIS files (\*.dat) into other statistical software packages by using the ASCII file layouts (\*.xls) and value labels (\*.pdf) information. The file layouts include the variable names, variable labels, variable type, length, and column location. The value label files includes the value and value labels for all valid and missing value codes. This information should be sufficient for reading the data into any statistical software package. Please contact NCES if additional information is needed.

## **Merging Files**

Illustrative SAS and SPSS codes for merging school and teacher files are provided in the U.S. User's Guide.

## **Data Use Agreement**

Under law, public-use data collected and distributed by NCES may be used only for statistical purposes.

Any effort to determine the identity of any reported case by public-use data users is prohibited by law. Violations are subject to Class E felony charges and a fine of up to \$250,000, a prison term of up to 5 years, or both. NCES does all it can to assure that the identity of data subjects cannot be disclosed. All direct identifiers, as well as any characteristics that might lead to identification, are omitted or modified in the dataset to protect the true characteristics of individuals. Any intentional identification or disclosure of a person violates the assurances of confidentiality given to the providers of information. Therefore, users must adhere to the following:

- Use the data in this dataset for statistical purposes only.
- Make no use of the identity of any person discovered inadvertently, and advise NCES of any such discovery.
- Do not link this dataset with individually identifiable data from other NCES or non-NCES datasets.
- Signify their agreement to comply with the above-stated statutorily-based requirements in order to proceed.