

Modifications to NLTS2 Data Dictionaries

Data Dictionary	Variable	Column/ Subheading	Modification	
Modifications in December 2012 Revision				
Wave 1				
A1: Wave 1 Parent Survey and District-Provided Sample Data	np1B_4f_5b	Notes	Deleted "...or np1B5a = 1-2 [reported that youth has little or no trouble speaking clearly]"	
	np1B4h, np1B4i, np1B4j	Notes	np1B4 series asked only of youth with hearing impairments. Added the names of associated np1B5 items—similar items asked of respondents without hearing impairments—to the np1B4 series	
	np1B5a, np1B5b, np1B5d	Notes	Change "Set [variable] to value of..." to "Collapse [variable] with value of..." for items in the np1B5 series that were collapsed with associated items from the np1B4 series	
	np1I23_03	Variable Name	Inserted variable name and description in list of variables	
Wave 2				
B1: Wave 2 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 1 Parent/Guardian	np2[Par1/Par2/Youth] Flag	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "np3[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete "	
B1: Wave 2 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np2S1a_D3b	Notes	Changed "np2D1k_D2b_D3b" to "np2D1k_D2d_D3b"	
		Name by Wave	Changed "np[3/4]S1a_D3b" to "np[3/4]S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b"	
	np2S3m2_[01-11], np2K6L2_[01-11], np2S3m2_K6L2_[01-11]	<i>[all columns]</i>		Added variable names, descriptions, and documentation to dictionary
	np2S4k2_[01-11], np2K7i2_[01-11], np2S4k2_K7i2_[01-11]			
	np2S5L2_[01-11], np2K8j2_[01-11], np2S5L2_K8j2_[01-11]			
	np2K6j, np2K6k, np2K6L			
	np2K6m1	Base	Added "...and NoDisab ≠ 1 [youth has a confirmed disability]"	
	np2S4L	Base	Deleted "...and np2S4h ≠ 3 [youth did not indicate that school was unaware of youth's disability]"	

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Wave 3			
C1: Wave 3 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 1 Parent/Guardian	np3[Par1/Par2/Youth] Flag	Variable Name	Shaded text to indicate not included in this wave
		Source	Changed to "[not created this wave]"
		Variable Values	Added "NOT CREATED THIS WAVE"
		Notes	Added "Replaced by np3[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete"
	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "[see np3{ PP1/PP2/Yth}_Complete]"	
	np3[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete	[all columns]	Added variable name, description, and documentation to dictionary
C1: Wave 3 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np3S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b	Variable name	Changed "np3S1a_D1k_D2b_D3b" to "np3S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b"
		Name by Wave	Changed "np[3/4]S1a_D3b" to "np[3/4]S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b"
	np3K6j, np3K6k, np3K6L	Base	Replaced "np3S3j ≠ 3" with "np3K6i ≠ 3"
	np3S4i, np3S4j, np3S4k, np3S5j, np3S5k, np3S5L	Base	Added "...np3Q5 = 1 [youth indicated a disability],"
	np3S4L	Base	Deleted "...and np3S4h ≠ 3 [youth did not indicate that school was unaware of youth's disability]"
	np3K7j1	Base	Deleted "...and NoDisab ≠ 1 [youth has a confirmed disability]"
	np3U3c_U3d	Name by Wave	Wave 5 changed to "not asked this wave"
	np3U10_[a-j]	Name by Wave	Wave 5 changed to "not asked this wave"
Wave 4			
D1: Wave 4 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 1 Parent/Guardian	np4[Par1/Par2/Youth] Flag	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "[see np3{ PP1/PP2/Yth}_Complete]"
	np4[PP1/PP1/Yth]_	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "np3[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete"
	np4B7d	Variable Name	Changed from "01-79" to "01-86"
D1: Wave 4 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np4K6j, np4K6k, np4K6L	Base	Replaced "np4S3j ≠ 3" with "np4K6i ≠ 3"
		Variable Name	Changed "...D1k_D2b_D3b" to "...D1k_D2d_D3b"
	np4S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b	Name by Wave	Changed "np[3/4]S1a_D3b" to "np[3/4]S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b"
	np4S4i, np4S4j, np4S4k, np4S4L	Base	Added "...np4Q5 = 1 [youth indicated a disability],"
	np4[T2a_L2a/T6a2_L6a]	Notes	Changed to "...[use Parent/Guardian Part 1 report (youth had a job in the past 2 years)]..."
np4[T2b_L2b/T7a_L7a]	Notes	Changed to "...[use Parent/Guardian Part 1 report (youth currently has a paid job)]..."	

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D1: Wave 4 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np4[T3f1_L3f1/ T8f1_L8f1]	Notes	Changed to "...[use Parent/Guardian Part 1 report (youth's hourly wage)]..."
	np4T8m2_T11m2_L8n2_L11n2_[01-06]	Variable Name	Changed "T8m2" and "L8n2" to "T8m2_T11m2" and "L8n2_L11n2"
	np4[P5_J1/P6_j2]	Notes	Changed to "...[use Parent/Guardian Part 1 report (youth took part in group activities)]..."
	np4U3c_U3d	Name by Wave	Wave 5 changed to "not asked this wave "
	np4U10_[a-j]		
	np4W4c_M7e	Variable Name	Changed "W4a_M7e" to 'W4c_M7e"
		Name by Wave	Deleted " or np4W4c_M7e_I3c"
Wave 5			
E1: Wave 5 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 1 Parent or Guardian	np5[Par1/Par2/Youth] Flag	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "[see np3{PP1/PP2/Yth}_Complete]"
	np5[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete	Name by Wave	Wave 3 changed to "np3[PP1/PP2/Yth]_Complete "
	np5A3b	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4Aa1 "
	np5A3d	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4c1 "
	np5A3f	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4Aa2 "
	np5A3h	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4c2 "
	np5A3j	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4Aa3 "
np5A3l	Name by Wave	Wave 4 changed to "np4D4c3 "	
E1: Wave 5 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np5S4i, np5S4j, np5S4k	Name by Wave	Changed "np 3S1a_D3b " to "np3S1a_D1k_D2d_D3b "
		Base	Added "...np5Q5 = 1 [youth indicated a disability], "
	np5S5l	Base	Deleted "...and np5S4h ≠ 3 [youth did not indicate that school was unaware of youth's disability] "
	np5K7j1	Base	Deleted "...and NoDisab ≠ 1 [youth has a confirmed disability] "
	np5U10_[a-j]	Variable Name	Shaded text to indicate not included in this wave
		Source	Changed to "(not asked) "
		Variable Values	Added "NOT ASKED THIS WAVE "
		Notes	Deleted notes
		Base	Changed to "NOT ASKED THIS WAVE; NO DATA FOR THIS ITEM "
		Name by Wave	Wave 5 changed to "not asked this wave "
np5W4c_A4f	Name by Wave	Deleted " or np4W4c_M7e_I3c"	

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E1: Wave 5 Parent/Youth Survey: Part 2 Youth or Parent/Guardian	np5W5a2, np5M8b, np5W5a2_M8b	Variable Name	Shaded text to indicate not included in this wave
		Source	Changed to " <i>(not asked)</i> "
		Variable Values	Added " <i>NOT ASKED THIS WAVE</i> "
		Notes	Deleted notes
		Base	Changed to " <i>NOT ASKED THIS WAVE; NO DATA FOR THIS ITEM</i> "
	Name by Wave	Wave 5 changed to " <i>not asked this wave</i> "	
	np5[PSAnyGrad/JobSinceHS]]_Ever	Notes	Modified component variables from prior waves
Transcript Data			
E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data	<i>[none]</i>	<i>[none]</i>	See " <i>Data Documentation Modifications Log</i> " for modifications in data files
E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Section: Transcript Data by Course	ID_GrLvl	<i>[all columns]</i>	Added new variable to summarize data by grade level; composite of ID and grade level for unique identifier within each grade level (added to both course level data and summary by grade level data)
	ntcSubjArea and ntcSubjAreaAlt	Numeric variable values	Added academic subject area " <i>8: other or unable to classify</i> "
		Notes	Added " <i>Academic subject not specified on transcript (2811)</i> "
E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Section: Coursetaking Summary by Grade Level	ID_GrLvl	<i>[all columns]</i>	Added new variable to categorize data by grade level; composite of ID and grade level for unique identifier within each grade level (added to both course level data and summary by grade level data)
	ntgPctUnits_[GPL/SPL]	Notes	Changed " <i>ntsUnits or ntsUnits_API</i> " to " <i>ntgUnits or ntgUnits_API</i> "
	ntgPctHrs_ <i>[content area]_W_[GPL/SPL]</i>	<i>[all columns]</i>	Added variable names, descriptions, and documentation to dictionary
	ntg[nbr/units/pctunit/hour s/pcthrs/ fail/pctFail] [_ <i>type/area/subject][_settin g]</i> , ntgVocInlv, and ntgVocScale	Notes	Deleted adjustment logic, " <i>If ntgGrLevel=14 and ntgYrsInGrades > 1 [in an ungraded program for multiple years]...</i> " for those in the grade level classified as ungraded for multiple years

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E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Section: Coursetaking Across All Grade Levels Attended	[all]	[all columns]	Changed occurrences of "in this grade" to "for all grades attended"
		Notes	Confirmed that all notes begin with "Calculated for students who left secondary school and have course level transcript data for all grades attended"
	ntsPctHrs_[GPI/SPL]	Notes	Changed " (ntgHrs or ntgHrs_API) " to "(ntsHrs or ntsHrs_API) "
	ntsUnits_[vocational subject]_[_GPL/_SPL]	Variable Name	Added ntsUnits_[HmEc/Tech/Trd/Unk/AltBus]_[_GPL/_SPL]
E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Sections: Coursetaking Summary by Grade Level Coursetaking Across All Grade Levels Attended	nt[g/s][Units/PctUnits]_[SP L/GPL]_ZF and nt[g/s][Units/PctUnit]_ [type/area/subject] [_w_]_[_GPL/_SPL]_ZF	[all columns]	Deleted all zero filled units and percentage units items
	nt[g/s][Units/PctUnit/ Hrs/ PctHrs/GPA/Fail]_ [type/area/subject] [_GPL/ _SPL]	Notes	Added "Set to .s [skipped] if nt[g/s]Had_[type/area/subject] = 0 [did not have this type of course] "
	nt[g/s]PctUnit_[type/ area/subject]_ W_[SPL/GPL]	Notes	Added "Set nt[g/s]PctUnit_[type/area/subject]_W_[setting] to .s if nt[g/s]PctUnit_[type/area/subject]_W_[setting] is missing and nt[g/s]PctUnit_[type/area/subject]_W_[other setting] >= 0"
	nt[g/s][PctUnit/PctHrs/ PctFail]_[type/area/ subject]_ W_[SPL/GPL]	Notes	Added, "nt[g/s][PctUnit/PctHrs/PctFail]_[type/area/subject] _w_[GPI/SPL] contain the values within the specific content or subject area for setting; use nt[g/s][PctUnit/PctFail]_[type/area/subject] for items overall (not by setting) "
	nt[g/s]Pct[Unit/Hrs]_[type/ area/subject] [_GPL/_SPL] [_ZF]	Notes	Chaged "Overall percentage " to "Percentage "

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E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Sections: Coursetaking Summary by Grade Level Coursetaking Across All Grade Levels Attended	nt[g/s][Units/PctUnits]_[SPL/GPL] and nt[g/s][Units/PctUnit]_[type/area/subject]_[W_]_[GPL/_SPL]	Notes	Added "Zero filled summarizations of units were not created for calculating means but items are tagged with a missing value of ".s" (skipped). A value of "0" means that the student had this type of course but no units were earned and a value of ".s" means student did not take any courses of this type. To recode as zero filled, reset the ".s" to "0" but be aware that the "0" will have a double meaning and will include those who had this type of course but did not earn any credits as well as those who did not take this type of course."
			Added: "Set ntgUnits_[type/area/subject]_[setting] to .s if ntgHad_[type/area/subject] > 0, ntgUnits_[type/area/subject]_[setting] is missing, and ntgUnits_[type/area/subject]_[other setting] >= 0"
	nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_[SPL/_GPL]_ZF	Notes	Changed assignment to "Set nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_ZF and nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_[setting]_ZF to 0 if nt[g/s]Units > 0 and nt[g/s]Had_[type/area/subject] = 0 (reported units but did not have this type of course)"
			Changed secondary assignment logic for those who had this type of course but missing data for one setting to, "Set nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_[setting]_ZF to 0 if nt[g/s]Had_[type/area/subject] > 0, nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_[setting] is missing, and nt[g/s][Hrs/PctHrs]_[type/area/subject]_[other setting] >= 0"
			Changed assignment logic from "> 0" to ">= 0"
	nt[g/s]Pct[Unit/Hrs]_[GPL/SPL]	Notes	Changed name from "Pctg" to "Pct" and "Units" to "Unit" to be consistent with variable names for within [type/area/subject] Changed from "Calculated as sum of all [credits/hours] (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]) earned in [general/special] setting divided by sum of all credits earned in these grades (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs] or nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API) X 100" to "Calculated as sum of all [credits/hours] in [general/special] setting divided by sum of all [credits/hours] with a value for setting earned in these grades (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_[GPL/SPL]) / nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API X 100"

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E2: Wave 5 Transcript Data Sections: Coursetaking Summary by Grade Level Coursetaking Across All Grade Levels Attended	nt[g/s]Pct[Units/Hrs]_[type/area/subject]_[GPL/SPL]	Notes	Changed "Sum of all [credits/hours] (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]) earned in this grade in [type/area/subject] overall and by setting divided by sum of all credits earned in this grade (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs] or nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API X 100 " to "Sum of [credits/hours] earned in [type/area/subject] overall divided by sum of all credits earned (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_[type/area subject] / nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API X 100" and "Sum of [credits/hours] earned in [type/area/subject] in each setting (general or special education) divided by sum of all [credits/hours] with a value for setting earned (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_[type/area/subject]_[GPL/SPL] / nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API X 100 "
	nt[g/s]Pct[Units/Hrs]_[type/area/subject]_W_[GPL/SPL]	Notes	Changed "In this grade, sum of [credits/hrs] (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]) earned in setting (general or special) in content type divided by sum of all [credits/hours] earned in [type/area/subject] (nt[g/s][Units/Hrs] or nt[g/s][Units/Hrs]_API X 100 " to "Sum of [credits earned/hours] in each setting (general or special education) within [type/area/subject] divided by sum of [credits earned/hours] with a value for setting within [type/area/subject] (ntsHrs_[type/area/subject]_[GPL/SPL] / ntsHrs_[type/area/subject]_API) X 100 "
	nt[g/s][Nbr/Units/Hrs]_[type/area/subject] [_APL]	Variable description	Added "...overall limited to those with a value for setting, "
		Notes	Added "_APL ," to all variables under setting Added "...overall limited to those with a value for setting, "
	nt[g/s]Had/Nbr/Units/PctUnit/Hrs/PctHrs/GPA/Fail/PctFail _UnkAc[_W][_SPL/_GPL][_ZF]	Variable Name, Variable Description, and Notes	Added academic subject area "other/unspecified academic courses "
	nt[g/s]Fail[_SPL/_GPL]	[all columns]	Added variable names, descriptions, and documentation to dictionary

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Weights			
E5: Weight Data	[All variables]	[all columns]	New Data dictionary for file added in this release. Weight file contains all weights from single-source data collection and new weights for cross-wave/multi-source analysis
	wt_Any, wt_AnyPY, wt_AnyPYPHS, wt_AnySchTS, wt_AnyPYProg, wt_AnyPYPHSSch	[all columns]	New weight variables added in this revision for cross-wave/multi-source analysis