

ASSESSING ASSET DATA APPENDIX A

Dataset Criteria—Guide to Numerical Ratings

This appendix provides an explanation of the numerical ranking system used to rate datasets against the criteria. For each criterion, a dataset is assigned a numerical rating from 1 to 3, with a low-numbered rating implying that the dataset does a good job fulfilling the criterion and a high rating implying that the dataset does a mediocre job fulfilling the criterion.

Relevancy: Whether Data Measure Assets and Liabilities

1. Dataset contains information regarding broad asset-holding categories and extensive information about detailed asset-holding elements.
2. Dataset contains information regarding broad asset-holding categories but limited information about detailed asset-holding elements.
3. Dataset contains limited information about asset holdings.

Representativeness: Whether Data Are Representative of the Total U.S. Population and the Low-Income Population

1. Dataset is representative of the total U.S. population and the low-income population.
2. Dataset is representative of a subset of the U.S. population.
3. Dataset is not representative of the U.S. population or the key subpopulation.

Recurrence: Whether Data Are Released on a Regular Basis and Collection Is Scheduled to Continue into the Foreseeable Future

1. Data are released regularly, and collection is scheduled to continue into the foreseeable future.
2. Data are released regularly, but collection is not scheduled to continue into the foreseeable future.
3. Data are not released regularly, and collection is not scheduled to continue into the foreseeable future.

Richness of Correlates: Whether Data Include Correlates and Outcomes of Interest to the Research and Policy Community

1. Dataset provides a rich set of correlates.
2. Dataset provides a limited range of correlates.
3. Dataset provides no correlates of interest.