



2025-2026 At-Risk Interchange: At-Risk

Changes from 2024-2025 are highlighted in **yellow**.

Purpose:

The purpose of this interchange collection is to obtain student level census block information needed to implement the new at-risk measure as described in HB22-1202 and beginning with the 2024-2025 school year as provided for under SB23-287. The new at-risk measure will be implemented and included in the Total Program funding calculation as described in the Public-School Finance Act which will continue to utilize student level data reported through the Student October Count data collection. As part of this legislation, the new at-risk measure will take into consideration the following:

- Percentage of students certified as eligible for free lunch based on receipt of public benefits (SNAP, TANF, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation) or categorical eligibility (foster, homeless, migrant, runaway or Head Start); and
- Supplemented by the direct certification of students participating in Medicaid or Children’s Basic Health Plan; and
- A neighborhood socioeconomic status index that weighs students’ needs on 5+ socioeconomic status neighborhood factors, linked to each student’s census block group.

In order to obtain the necessary neighborhood socioeconomic status index information to implement this new measure, districts must submit the census block data (state, county, tract and block codes) associated with each student’s primary physical address.

Census block data is averaged to create an index of need and is updated annually. Each year, districts will use the [Census Geocode Tool](#) to identify which Census block groups students live in and submit this At-Risk Measure Interchange file which includes student Census block group data to the Colorado Department of Education.

Dependencies:


Student has been assigned a SASID and updated in RITS.

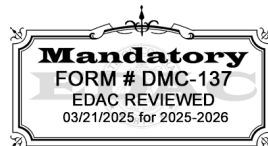
Record Expectation:

Each SASID reported in the Student October Snapshot must have a record in this At-Risk Interchange File.

Use Summary: (Fields from this file are used in the following CDE Collections which require LEA/AU effort):

[Student October](#)

 indicates primary key





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Field List:

*Indicates required field.

NOTE: ZERO-FILL ALL NON-APPLICABLE FIELDS

A header row is required

Name of Field	Field Length	Text Start Position	Text End Position	CSV Order	Excel Column	Example(s)	Remarks
Reporting School District Code*	4	1	4	1	A2	0000	
Student's State ID (SASID)*	10	5	14	2	B2	0000000000	
State Code*	2	15	16	3	C2	08	
County Code*	3	17	19	4	D2	001	
Tract Code*	6	20	25	5	E2	009307	
Block Code*	4	26	29	6	F2	2018	

Data Field Descriptions:

Reporting School District/BOCES Code

A unique code assigned to a district by CDE. [Refer to School District/BOCES Code table.](#)

Student's State ID

A unique ten-digit number must be assigned to each student by CDE.

State Code

This field contains the two-digit state code, as defined by the US census bureau.

County Code

This field contains the three-digit county code that identifies each county.

Tract Code

This field contains the six-digit tract number, which is a small relatively permanent statistical subdivision of a county.

Block Code

This field contains the four-digit block number, which is a statistical area bounded by both visible and nonvisible features and is small in area (i.e. a smaller location found within a given tract).



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Notes:

Obtaining Census Block Data

Districts will utilize the [Census Geocode Tool](https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/addressbatch?form) (https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/addressbatch?form) or their own GIS system (using defined criteria) to obtain the required state, county, tract and block codes associated with a student’s primary physical address.

Missing Census Block Data

The following coding patterns should be used in the event the district has **NO** census block data for a given student in the corresponding Student October Count Snapshot.

Description	State Code	County Code	Tract Code	Block Code
Address on File- Did Not Attempt to Obtain Census Block Data: The district has a primary physical address on file but did NOT attempt to obtain census block data using the geocode tool.	08	000	000001	0001
Address on File- No Census Block Data Returned: The district confirmed that the primary physical address is valid using USPS but the geocode tool did not return census block data.	08	000	000002	0002
Confidentiality Program: No census block data was provided because the district has confirmed the student is participating in a confidentiality program.	08	000	000003	0003
No Physical Primary Address on File- Identified Group: The district does not have a primary physical address on file <u>and</u> the student <u>is confirmed</u> homeless, migrant, foster child, or attending a detention center.	08	000	000004	0004
No Physical Primary Address on File- No Identified Group: The district does not have a primary physical address on file <u>and</u> the student <u>is not confirmed</u> homeless, migrant, foster child, or attending a detention center.	08	000	000005	0005
Out of State codes: The district has a primary physical address on file that is <u>not</u> in Colorado.	08	000	000006	0006

Document Changes:

Date	Description of Change	Reason for Change	Element(s) Affected
3/14/2025	Update format of file	Accessibility	