

State Small Business Credit Initiative

Data Release Protocol

In publishing the program transaction data, the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) has created a set of criteria to determine what data fields to make publicly available while still ensuring the privacy of the organizations that participated in the initiative. The objective of these criteria is to make the widest array of information available while protecting the identities of those companies that received financing. Below are the criteria as well as the specific data fields that have been suppressed or removed from the dataset prior to publication. Data field definitions can be found in the SSBCI Data Definitions document.

Criteria for Suppression or Removal of Data Fields:

Data fields including any of the following have been suppressed or removed from the dataset prior to publication:

- All tax and regulatory identifiers
- Information that explicitly identifies and individual or company
- Information that, due to specificity, may reveal the identity of an individual or company receiving financing, and whose value can otherwise be conveyed

Data Fields Suppressed or Removed

1) Unique ID

Unique ID's submitted by the states occasionally include information that explicitly identifies the business receiving financing. This data field has thus been suppressed in publication, and has been replaced with standardized unique ID's that do not carry any information that could be used to identify the business receiving financing.

2) Census Tract

Census Tract data has been removed due to its specificity, which may reveal the identity of an individual or company receiving financing. An additional binary data field identifying whether or not the transaction occurred in a "Low Income" or "Medium Income" area has been added, thus conveying the value of this data field without the specific Census Tract data needing to be revealed.

3) Lender EIN

Lender EIN data has been removed because it consists of tax identifiers.

4) Lender Regulatory ID

Lender Regulatory ID data has been removed because it consists of regulatory identifiers.

5) Optional Business EIN

Optional Business EIN data has been removed because it consists of tax identifiers.

6) Optional Business Name

Optional Business Name data has been removed because it explicitly identifies individuals or companies.

7) Optional Business Street Address

Optional Business Street Address data has been removed because it explicitly identifies individuals or companies.