RDAS Data Tool Review & Feedback Form

Please use this feedback form to guide your review of the RDAS data tool. This form is divided into sections that correspond to the primary components of the RDAS website and data tool.

Your responses to the questions within each section will help us to improve the usability and design of the RDAS data tool.

First, please select the browser used to complete your review from the list below.

- ○ Apple Safari
- ○ Google Chrome
- ○ Microsoft Edge
- ○ Microsoft Internet Explorer
- ○ Mozilla Firefox
- ○ Other – Specify: _____

How frequently do you run data tables, on any data?

- ○ Daily
- ○ Weekly
- ○ Monthly
- ○ Quarterly
- ○ Yearly
- ○ Less than once a year

Please tell us how you typically access SED data.

Select all that apply

- ☐ I submit data requests to NCSES for custom tabulations
- ☐ I generate my own data tables using online data tools like the NCSES IDS (Interactive Data System)
- ☐ I use the SED data from published tables on the NCSES website
- ☐ I have a restricted use data license and generate my own data tables
- ☐ Other – Specify: _____

[ALL PROCEED TO 1-A]

Section 1. RDAS Home: Learning Materials

1-A. Did you access any of the learning materials available on the RDAS homepage?

- o Yes
- o No [SKIP TO 2-A]

1-B. Which of the following RDAS Learning Materials did you access?
Select all that apply.

- ☐ Overview of RDAS
- ☐ Getting Started
- ☐ Create Data Tables
- ☐ SED RDAS Data Preparation Methodology
- ☐ Frequently Asked Questions

1-C. Did you find the information you were looking for in the Learning Materials?

- o Yes
- o No

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1-D. How clear or unclear was the information provided in the Learning Materials?

- o Very clear [SKIP TO 1-F]
- o Somewhat clear [SKIP TO 1-F]
- o Neither clear nor unclear
- o Somewhat unclear
- o Very unclear

1-E. What information was unclear and/or needs more detail?

> *Enter response . . .*

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1-F. Are there other topics that you would like to see added to the Learning Materials?

> *Enter response . . .*

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Section 2. RDAS Workspace: Searching for Variables

2-A.　How did you find the variables you were interested in?

☐　Used the "Search Variables" function

☐　Clicked on the topic areas (+ signs) [SKIP TO 2-C]

2-B.　How helpful or unhelpful was the variable search function in finding the variables you were interested in?

o　Very helpful

o　Somewhat helpful

o　Neither helpful nor unhelpful

o　Somewhat unhelpful

o　Very unhelpful

2-C.　In thinking about the types of analyses that you typically do with SED data, are there variables or response categories of interest that are not available in the RDAS variable list? If so, what are those variables or response categories?

Enter response . . .

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Section 3. RDAS Workspace: Choosing Variables and Variable Calculation Types

3-A.　Did you attempt to add variables to the data table area?

o　Yes

o　No [SKIP TO 3-D]

3-B.　How easy or difficult was it for you to add variables to the data table area?

o　Very easy

o　Somewhat easy

o　Neither easy or difficult

o　Somewhat difficult

o　Very difficult

3-C.　Did you know that you can click-and-drag variables to the data table area?

o　Yes

o　No

3-D. Did you click on a variable to launch the 'variable information' window?

- Yes
- No [SKIP TO 4-A]

3-E. Were you able to find the information you needed on your variables of interest from the 'variable information' window?

- Yes
- No

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3-F. What information would be helpful to add to the 'variable information' window?

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Enter response . . .
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3-G. Did you add a variable as column variable to the workspace?

- Yes
- No [SKIP TO 4-A]

3-H. How clear or unclear was the process for selecting the calculation type for the column variables?

- Very clear
- Somewhat clear
- Neither clear nor unclear
- Somewhat unclear
- Very unclear

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Section 4. RDAS Workspace: Choosing Nested and Filter Variables

4-A. Did you use a variable as a 'filter' variable?

- Yes
- No [SKIP TO 4-C]

4-B. How easy or difficult was it for you to figure out how to add a 'filter' variable and to select the filter categories?

- Very easy
- Somewhat easy
- Neither easy or difficult
- Somewhat difficult
- Very difficult

4-C. Did you use a variable as a 'nested row' or 'nested column' variable?

    o Yes

    o No [SKIP TO 5-A]

4-D. How easy or difficult was it for you to figure out how to add a 'nested row' or 'nested column' variable?

    o Very easy

    o Somewhat easy

    o Neither easy or difficult

    o Somewhat difficult

    o Very difficult

4-E. Which of the following best describes your understanding of "nested variables"

    o I am sure I know what "nested variables" are

    o I think I know what "nested variables" are, but am not sure.

    o I don't know what "nested variables" are

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Section 5. RDAS Workspace: Data Table Display Options

5-A. Were you able to create a table using the RDAS?

    o Yes [SKIP TO 5-C]

    o No

5-B. What were the issues you encountered?

> *Enter response . . .*

[SKIP TO 6-A]

5-C. How clear or unclear were the data values that were displayed in the data table(s) that you created?

    o Very clear [SKIP TO 5-E]

    o Somewhat clear [SKIP TO 5-E]

    o Neither clear nor unclear

    o Somewhat unclear

    o Very unclear

5-D. How can data tables be presented more clearly?

> *Enter response . . .*

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5-E. Did you explore the different Calculation Options (*Estimates only, Estimates and Standard Errors/Relative Standard Errors/Confidence Interval*)?

- o Yes
- o No [SKIP TO 5-H]

5-F. Did you find the Calculation Options helpful or unhelpful?

- o Very helpful
- o Somewhat helpful
- o Neither helpful nor unhelpful
- o Somewhat unhelpful
- o Very unhelpful

5-G. Which Calculation Options will be most helpful to you?

- o Estimates
- o Estimates and standard errors
- o Estimates and relative standard errors
- o Estimates and confidence intervals

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5-H. Did you use the Pencil icon to edit the table title and the variable names for your data table?

- o Yes
- o No [SKIP TO 5-J]

5-I. How easy or difficult was it to edit the table title and the variable names in your data table?

- o Very easy
- o Somewhat easy
- o Neither easy or difficult
- o Somewhat difficult
- o Very difficult

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5-J. Did you create the data tables for different survey years?

- o Yes
- o No [SKIP TO 5-L]

5-K.   How easy or difficult was it to change the table to show a different survey year?

- o Very easy
- o Somewhat easy
- o Neither easy or difficult
- o Somewhat difficult
- o Very difficult

5-L.   What did you like or dislike about the way the data table was displayed on the screen?

Enter response . . .

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Section 6. RDAS Workspace: Data Table Output Options

6-A.   How clear or unclear are the icons on the menu bar (*Calculation Options, Download Options, Upload Table Specifications, and Sharing Option*) in conveying their functions?

- o Very clear
- o Somewhat clear
- o Neither clear nor unclear
- o Somewhat unclear
- o Very unclear

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6-B.   Did you use the 'Download Options' icon in the menu bar to download your data table?

- o Yes
- o No [SKIP TO 6-E]

6-C.   Were the 'Download Options' formats offered (*CSV, PDF, and Excel*) sufficient or not sufficient?

- o Sufficient
- o Somewhat sufficient
- o Neither sufficient or not sufficient
- o Somewhat not sufficient
- o Not sufficient

6D.   What other download option format would be helpful?

Enter response . . .

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6-E.   Did you use the 'Sharing Options' icon in the menu bar?

    o   Yes
    o   No [SKIP TO 6-G]

6-F.   Was the sharable link function in the 'Sharing Options' helpful or unhelpful?

    o   Very helpful
    o   Somewhat helpful
    o   Neither helpful nor unhelpful
    o   Somewhat unhelpful
    o   Not helpful

[NEXT]

6-G.   Is there any additional information you would like to see in the data table output options?

> *Enter response . . .*

6-I.   What other feedback do you have for us about the RDAS?

> *Enter response . . .*

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END.   We really appreciate your time and feedback on the SED RDAS. The information you provided will be invaluable in helping us to improve the SED data accessibility and usability in the future.