

CAEP Data Tools Summary Descriptions

Free Public Data Sources Repository

This resource will be a simple list of free, publicly available data sources. The intent is to provide the field with a list of data sources they may use to inform annual planning, data equity walks, and more. Additionally, each data source will include a list of possible metrics and uses that are relevant to the field.

Data Adventures: Tools for Navigating Data Sources

While there are many different free, publicly available data sources available on the field, there are even more possibilities when it comes to obtaining and communicating data found on these sites. The overall goal of each of the Data Adventures (described below) is to provide the field with a guided walkthrough of the data source and a specific way they may use that data source to inform their planning and programming. These data sources have been referenced in previous CAEP Equity webinars and allow the field to asynchronously participate in activities held during those webinars.

Data Adventure #1: AEP Dashboard

In this Data Adventure, the user will be guided through the AEP Dashboard. Specifically, they will be looking at metrics to support three areas related to Annual Planning: Meeting Educational Needs, Meeting Regional Needs, and Services & Transition. For each sheet, the user will select a locale and fill in the data from AEP into the blue cells. The data will automatically populate pre-made graphs that compare the inputted data to statewide data, including graphs disaggregated by demographics such as race / ethnicity, gender, and age. The user is then prompted to reflect upon the graphs in relation to Annual Planning.

Data Adventure #2: MIT Living Wage Data & California Labor Market Information

In this Data Adventure, the user will be guided through MIT Living Wage Data. Specifically, they will be looking at Living Wage data as it relates to their local community. The user will compare the statewide living wage across different family sizes and to the minimum wage. Then, the user

will look at California Labor Market Information to find out what the actual wages are across the state of California. The user will be prompted to reflect upon this data.

Note: Originally, this tool was planned to use the Family Needs Calculator, which is the source that the Chancellor's Office uses to decide living wage information. However, the tool has been offline for some time. If the tool comes back online, this tool will refocus on county data, rather than statewide data, to be more localized to the user's community.

Data Adventure #3: Bureau of Labor Statistics Census Data

In this Data Adventure, the user will be guided through Census Data. Specifically, they will be guided to two relevant metrics collected by the Census survey, which are: Educational Attainment (Some High School) and Median Earnings. The user will be guided through the Census Data site on how to find this data using the Map function. In the Data Adventure, the user will compare Educational Attainment and Median Earnings by County Subdivisions in their local community. The user will be prompted to reflect upon this data.