



ELEVATING STUDENT VOICE

Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey

Data Suppression Rules

To protect student confidentiality, ODE applies the following rules when reporting and sharing SEED data:

- **ODE does not share individual-level data.**
- **ODE does share data that are aggregated at the district, ESD boundary, and state level.** To learn more about the data files available, refer to [Accessing SEED Survey Data and Results](#).

Public Data and Results

State and ESD Boundary Level Survey Response Summary Data Files

- **ODE suppresses counts and percents if the total count for an item is less than 5.** The number is reported as an asterisk (*).
- **ODE suppresses counts and percents if the response percent for an item represents a small proportion of students.** What ODE considers to be a small proportion of students depends on the count.
 - If the total count is 5 to 20 students, small proportions are less than 20% or greater than 80%. The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as "<20%" and ">80%".
 - If the total count is 21-40 students, small proportions are less than 10% or greater than 90%. The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as "<10%" and ">90%".
 - If the total count is 41-100 students, small proportions are less than 5% or greater than 95%. The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as "<5%" and ">95%".
 - If the total count is 101-300 students, small proportions are less than 2% or greater than 98%. The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as "<2%" and ">98%".
 - If the total count is more than 300 students, small proportions are less than 1% or greater than 99%. The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as "<1%" and ">99%".
- **If only one response category for an item is suppressed based on the prior rule, then ODE also suppresses the response category with the next smallest percent.** The count is reported as an asterisk (*) and the percent is reported as a range (e.g., 1-4%, 4-7%).

State, ESD Boundary, and District Level Domain Score Files

- **ODE suppresses domain scores if the count (i.e., the number of students who responded to at least one of the items included in the score) is n<10.** The count is reported as "< 10" and the score is reported as an asterisk (*).
- **ODE suppresses domain scores that are <5 or >95.** The scores are reported as "< 5" and "> 95".

Private Data

District Level Survey Response Summary Data Files

- **ODE suppresses counts and percents if the total count for an item is less than 5.** The number is reported as an asterisk (*).
- **ODE suppresses counts and percents if the response percent for an item represents a small proportion of students.** What ODE considers to be a small proportion of students depends on the count. 0% is not suppressed.
 - If the total count is 5 to 20 students, small proportions are less than 20% or greater than 80%. The percent is reported as "<20%" and ">80%".
 - If the total count is 21-40 students, small proportions are less than 10% or greater than 90%. The percent is reported as "<10%" and ">90%".
 - If the total count is 41-100 students, small proportions are less than 5% or greater than 95%. The percent is reported as "<5%" and ">95%".
 - If the total count is 101-300 students, small proportions are less than 2% or greater than 98%. The percent is reported as "<2%" and ">98%".
 - If the total count is more than 300 students, small proportions are less than 1% or greater than 99%. The percent is reported as "<1%" and ">99%".
- **If any response category for an item is suppressed, then ODE also suppresses how many students skipped that item.** The percent is reported as 'DS' for 'dually suppressed'.
- **If no students skipped an item, then ODE suppresses the response category with the smallest percent.** The percent is reported as 'DS' for 'dually suppressed'.