APA Citation Elements

The APA Style Guide provides examples on how to cite datasets. They use the following elements to cite data:

- **Author**: Name(s) of each individual or organizational entity responsible for the creation of the dataset.
- **Date of Publication**: Year the dataset was published or disseminated.
- **Title**: Complete title of the dataset, including the edition or version number, if applicable.
- **Publisher and/or Distributor**: Organizational entity that makes the dataset available by archiving, producing, publishing, and/or distributing the dataset.
- **Resource Type**: The APA Style Guide Website recommends including the type, typically phrased as “data set.”
- **Electronic Location or Identifier**: The web address or unique, persistent, global identifier used to locate the dataset (such as a DOI).

Example of Citing Datasets in APA

The following citation is based on specific examples provided by APA on how to cite data sets. In addition to these recommendations, the publisher has been added to make the citation more complete.