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Codebook for CityHealth: High-Quality, Accessible Pre- Kindergarten

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CODEBOOK

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines state and locally funded pre-K programs against the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) 2024 Yearbook benchmarks that covers the 2023-2024 school year and funded enrollment up to the 2025-2026 school year. This dataset includes the 75 largest cities, their respective counties, 32 states and the District of Columbia. This dataset is cross-sectional, capturing currently effective data valid through October 10, 2025.

There are three standard variables in every MonQcle dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION:

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	Name of Program
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1:	Pre-K_Name
Question 2:	Early Learning & Development Standards
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	Pre-K_ELDS
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Curriculum Supports
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	Pre-K_Curriculum Supports
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Lead Teacher has BA
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	Pre-K_TeacherBA
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	Specialized Training in Pre-K
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 5:	Pre-K_Specialized Training
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 6:	Assistant Teacher has CDA or Equivalent
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 6:	Pre-K_AssistantCDA
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	Staff Professional Development
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 7:	Pre-K_StaffProfDev
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	Class Size 20 or Lower

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 8:	Pre-K_ClassSize
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	Staff-Child Ratio 1:10 or Lower
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 9:	Pre-K_Ratio
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	Vision, Hearing & Health Screening & Referral
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	Pre-K_VisionHearingHealth
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	Continuous Improvement System
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 11:	Pre-K_ContinuousImprovement

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	TOTAL Quality Standards Checklist Sum
Question Type:	Numeric Field
Variable Name 12:	Pre-K_Total
Question 13:	30% of the City's 4-year-olds Enrolled in a City/County/State-Funded Pre-K Program
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 13:	Pre-K_30%
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	Ethnicity/Race Data Collected at City Level and Able to be Reported
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 14:	Pre-K_CollectedReported
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 15:	The City Adds Local Dollars to Support Early Childhood Education

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 15:	Pre-K_LocalDollars
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes