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What is Standard & Poor's COMPUSTAT® data?

Standard & Poor's Institutional Market Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, is the premier supplier of financial information and produces a variety of databases and software products for institutional investors, and financial and corporate clients.

Standard & Poor's COMPUSTAT is a database of financial, statistical, and market information. It provides more than 340 annual and 120 quarterly Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Flow of Funds, and supplemental data items on more than 10,000 active and 9,700 inactive companies. With COMPUSTAT, you can customize the data output for virtually any financial application.

COMPUSTAT data is unique in that it is *standardized* by financial statement and by specific item definition. Standardizing the data ensures that comparability exists among similar types of data items as well as financial results in current and prior time frames.

Several COMPUSTAT files are available in both annual and quarterly formats. The population between annual and quarterly files may not be the same. In most instances this is because an initial public offering may report quarterly data prior to annual data being available. The industrial annual formats offer both historical and restated data. The industrial quarterly formats offer restated data *as reported* by the company. The restated data allows analysts to compare current and prior years' results on a comparable basis and determine financial trends and growth rates. For most companies, annual and quarterly data is available for a maximum of 20 years and 48 quarters.

COMPUSTAT Documentation

As part of your subscription, you receive complete product documentation. In addition to this technical guide and the COMPUSTAT User's Guide, you receive client communications including changes to technical specifications and product enhancements. You may also request regularly scheduled COMPUSTAT Status Reports that are in an electronic format.

What's in this Guide?

This guide is intended primarily for programmers and data processing personnel. Included are field specifications for annual and quarterly files for COMPUSTAT, COMPUSTAT Business Information, and COMPUSTAT Prices, Dividends, and Earnings (PDE). Field specifications for COMPUSTAT Additional Files are also available.

COMPUSTAT files are available through File Transfer Protocol (FTP) in either the IBM or Character ASCII format. Refer to the appropriate chapter for the formats available for each specific file.

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Chapter 1 Introduction	A brief overview of COMPUSTAT, its documentation and important telephone numbers for the Customer Support Department and the Corporate Offices.
Chapter 2 About the IBM 360/370 General File formats	General information describing IBM 360/370 General File formats.
Chapter 3 COMPUSTAT IBM 360/370 General File formats	Programming specifications for COMPUSTAT IBM 360/370 General File formats, including header record formats, complete record formats for companies, specifications for descriptors, period descriptor arrays, footnote arrays, and period footnote arrays.
Chapter 4 COMPUSTAT Prices, Dividends, and Earnings (PDE) IBM 360/370 General File Formats	Programming specifications for COMPUSTAT Prices, Dividends, and Earnings (PDE), including header record formats and complete record formats for companies.
Chapter 5 About the Character ASCII File formats	General information describing the ASCII File formats.

Chapter 6
COMPUSTAT Character ASCII
File Formats

Programming specifications for COMPUSTAT Character ASCII file formats, including header record formats, complete record formats for companies, specifications for descriptors, period descriptor arrays, footnote arrays, and period footnote arrays.

Chapter 7
Revised COMPUSTAT Business
Information Character ASCII
File Formats

Programming specifications for the Revised COMPUSTAT Business Information Character ASCII File Formats, including header record formats and complete data record formats for the Reference File of SIC Codes, Reference File of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes, Segment Company File, Segment Source File, Segment Products File, Segment Customer File, Segment Detail File, Segment Item Value File, Segment North American Industry Classification System File, Segment Geographic Area Codes File and Segment Currency Rate File.

Chapter 8
COMPUSTAT Prices, Dividends,
and Earnings (PDE) Character
ASCII File Formats

Programming specifications for COMPUSTAT Prices, Dividends, and Earnings (PDE), including header record formats and complete record formats for companies.

Chapter 9
Transaction File Formats

General information and programming specifications for Transaction File formats, including records for companies added, deleted, or updated since the previous COMPUSTAT production.

Chapter 10
COMPUSTAT Additional Files

Information on Domestic Business Descriptions, Value/Growth Indicator, and Trends and Projections. Programming Specifications for Daily Fundamentals File, Index Fundamentals, Name and Address File, and Permanent Number/CUSIP Cross Reference Files.

Chapter 11
Reference

A list of data items by number and the Character ASCII Precision for each data item. In addition, Global Industry Classification System (GICS) codes are listed.

Customer Support Information

Standard & Poor's is renowned for its commitment to product quality and customer service. Any time you have questions about COMPUSTAT data or file formats, you will find our Customer Support Department to be an important resource.

Staffed by a team of dedicated professionals, our Customer Support Department can assist you any time between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. (MST), Monday - Friday, at **(800) 523-4534**. To direct your call more efficiently, our toll-free customer phone line is menu-activated. If you have a touch-tone phone, press **2** for assistance. If you have a rotary phone, hold for an operator.

Important Telephone Numbers

- Customer Support Department (800) 523-4534
- Customer Support FAX (303) 721-4432
- Sales Inquiries (800) 525-8640
- International +44 208 543-2555
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You may also contact your Standard & Poor's Account Representative at any of the following locations:

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Ordering COMPUSTAT Products

You can order COMPUSTAT products by calling your Standard & Poor's Account Representative or the Customer Support Department at **(800) 523-4534**. If you are a new customer, please specify your FTP requirements to include the following information:

- ☐ Type of computer or operating system
- ☐ Format (IBM 360/370 General or ASCII)
- ☐ Method of delivery: File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
- ☐ Files you want to order
- ☐ Cut-off date or automatic file format delivery
- ☐ Your company's shipping address and contact phone number

Quality Control

Standard & Poor's maintains data quality through a series of rigorous validity and quality control measures. Several steps of manual and computer validity processing are used to ensure high-quality standards of accuracy and timeliness in the COMPUSTAT database.

Canadian Companies

Canadian Annual, Canadian Quarterly, and Canadian PDE are available in Canadian dollars only.

Returning Tapes

Within 30 days of delivery of new tapes, please return the older set of tapes (by Parcel Post or 4th Class Mail) to the following address:

Standard & Poor's Institutional Market Services
Attn: PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION
7400 South Alton Court
Englewood, CO 80112-2394

Subscription Agreement

In addition to your current set of files, you may retain a backup set of files from the previous production cycle. Within 30 days of delivery of the new files, please purge the older set of files.

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