Search Data Across Multiple Years

In the standard IECAM search, you are able to search on multiple early care and education variables, such as PFA, Head Start, or child care, and multiple demographic variables (population, poverty level). However, you may view them for only one year at a time.

In the multiyear search, you select only one early care and education or demographic variable, but you are able to select multiple years of data. The purpose of this search is to see the change in the selected variable over time.

Starting the Process

From the home page (http://iecam.illinois.edu), you can go to the Search Options page (see link on the far left of the screen).

Click on the link for the Search Multiple Years to get to the tables-only multiyear search feature.

You will find a brief description of the type of search you want to make, as well as instructions in text and video. You will also find the option to perform the search.

Performing the Search

Step 1

Click on the link for Search Data Across Multiple Years. Select one data variable, either an early care and education variable or a demographic variable.
Performing the Search

Step 2
Select a region, such as counties or townships.

Step 3
Select a specific instance of the geographic region, such as Clark County.

Step 4
Select the years for which you are interested in receiving data. Note that these are Fiscal Years.

Viewing the Search Results

Step 5
After all of these selections have been made, click on the Submit button. The search results are displayed.

The text above the results table details your search terms. The requested data are presented in the various columns. You can see that in Clark County, the number of PFA sites increased from 3 to 4 sites from FY2008 to FY2010. You can also see that there was an increase in proposed capacity each year.

Timely Tip
To select multiple areas, such as more than one county or township, hold down the CTRL key while selecting.

Timely Tips
1. The search results can be exported into Excel.
2. Once in Excel, the report can be reformatted to fit your own reporting requirements.

For more information on IECAM search features visit http://iecam.illinois.edu/search-options.html.

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