

Data suppression standard

Example 1: Summary enrolment data (rule of 10)

Note that percentages only need to be suppressed if the numerator or denominator is less than the specified threshold. Small percentages, in and of themselves, are not an identification risk.

Base data

School Code	New enrolments in Year 8	Total no. of students in Year 8	Percentage of new enrolments
S001	50	1000	5%
S002	20	500	4%
S003	30	400	7.5%
S004	2	400	0.5%
S005	80	1200	6.7%

With treatment using rule of 10

School Code	New enrolments in Year 8	Total no. of students in Year 8	Percentage of new enrolments
S001	50	1000	50%
S002	20	500	40%
S003	30	400	75%
S004	np	400	np
S005	80	1200	67%

As there is no total for this table, suppressing the single line is sufficient as we cannot use other data in the table to determine the suppressed information.

The percentage is suppressed as it could be used to calculate the numerator.

Data that is suppressed is represented as “np” (not provided).