## Helpful Hint \#17 - Retention Rate by County by Ethnicity

These instructions produce the retention rate, by county, by ethnic group using Access. A basic understanding of Access query design is assumed.

Prior to running queries on the workstation, ODBC (Open DataBase Connectivity) must be installed and properly configured to connect to the PRISM database (http:// URL desk manual). Microsoft Access ODBC configuration is required only once for each workstation. The connection will enable you to connect to PRISM tables needed for completing data analysis.

Create Access tables by linking to the following PRISM tables through ODBC.

1. PRISM.POST_OUTCOME_PERF_RPTS
2. PRISM.COUNTY

Import the Excel ethnicity table from the PRISM website located in Helpful Hints
3. ethnic_codes by category

Figure 1


Select tables 1, 2 and 3 for the query window

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Link tables: (Figure 2)
PRISM_POST_OUTCOME_PERF_RPTS.ETHNICITY to ethnic_codes by category.report_codes

PRISM.POST_OUTCOME_PERF_RPTS.COUNTY FIPS to PRISM.COUNTY.CTY

Select the following fields and criteria: (Figure 2)
PRISM.POST_OUTCOME_PERF RPTS table
OUTCOME_YEAR_QTR: Enter any year/quarter (yyyyq) between:
The earliest date - 20003 and
The latest date - eight quarters prior to today's current quarter
(CAF only)
UNSUBSIDIZED_PLACEMENT_YEAR_QTR: (enter the same yyyyq as above)
DESCR.PRISM_COUNTY
Report_codes.Ethnic_codes_by_category

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Figure 2


Compute the retention rate using a conditional iif statement.
Total Exited/Placed:
Sum(IIf([PRISM_POST_OUTCOME_PERF_RPTS]![POST_EPISODE_EMPLO YMENT_CODE]>"000",1,0))

Total Retained:
Sum(IIf([PRISM_POST_OUTCOME_PERF_RPTS!CONTINUOUS_EMPLOYM ENT_IND]="1",1,0))

Retention Rate: Format ([Total Retained]/[Total Exited/Placed],"Percent")

Run query for results: (Figure 3)
Figure 3


