## Is your exported raw data formatted incorrectly?

This can happen if you have auto-formatting turned on in Excel. This feature will try to do you a favor by recognizing data and applying an applicable format. For example, any numeric compatible with a MM-DD or MM-DD-YYYY format will show as a date. If Excel has made some assumptions that do not apply to your data you can fix this up easily!

## Manually Adjusting Incorrect Formatting for a Column

In Excel, right click the column and select Format Cells.

| A1 | $\div \otimes$ | $(-f x$ | 12/15/: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| t | Cut Copy | \&X | D |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | HC |  |
| 3 | Paste | HV |  |
| 4 | Paste Special... | ヘ |  |
| 5 |  | Insert |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Delete |  |  |
| $\stackrel{8}{9}$ | Clear Contents |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |
| 11 | Format Cells... $ٌ 1$ |  |  |
| 12 | Column Width... |  |  |
| 13 | Hide |  |  |
| $\frac{14}{15}$ |  |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |
| 16 |  |  |  |

Then select the correct formatting that you wish to apply.


## Turn Off the Auto-Formatting Feature

If you wish to turn off the auto-formatting feature altogether in Excel follow the below instructions and then retry opening your data:
https://support.office.com/en-au/article/Undo-or-turn-off-automatic-formatting-195c72fc-5e3f-43d5-a0c3-bf3606e2e58e

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