

This file lists some publicly available data sources commonly used in economics.

**ICPSR** ([www.icpsr.org](http://www.icpsr.org)) A user supported data repository at the University of Michigan that contains thousands of data sets. Most major universities subscribe to ICPSR and data is downloadable from the web site after registration.

**Census Public Use Micro Samples** ([www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)) 1 and 5 percent cross-sectional samples of the U.S. in census years. Requires registration, but it is free.

**Current Population Survey** ([http://www.nber.org/data/cps\\_index.html](http://www.nber.org/data/cps_index.html))

The CPS is a monthly labor market survey of about 60K households).

**Annual Demographic File (March) from the Current Population Survey**

The March CPS contains detailed questions about work experience and insurance coverage in the previous year). The data have been harmonized across years and can be found at [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)

**National Health Interview Surveys**

Annual survey of 60k households, designed to measure the stock of health in the U.S. available at [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys**

Detailed survey of the health of about 14K people including physical exams and many diagnostic tests; see <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm>

**Mortality and Natality detail data**

Census of all birth and death certificates in the U.S.; see <http://www.nber.org/data/>  
This data link also contains **many other data sets** collected by NBER members.

**National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY) 1979 and 1997**

A longitudinal data of young adults; see <http://www.bls.gov/nls/>

**Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)**

Longitudinal data set of 5,000 families beginning in 1969; see <http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/>

**Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS)**

A longitudinal data set of 7,200 families from Indonesia. Recent waves have interesting biomarker data; see <http://www.rand.org/labor/FLS/IFLS/>

**Survey of Consumer Finance (SCF)**

Cross sectional surveys done in 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, and 2004 by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, designed to measure the balance sheet, pensions, wealth and income of US households; see

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/oss/oss2/2004/scf2004home.html#scfdata2004>

Some organizations and initiatives that offer services of making data from published papers publicly available:

**Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) (US)**

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/> (cf. 'Find Data')

**GESIS-datorium (DE)**

<https://datorium.gesis.org/xmlui/?locale-attribute=en>

**DANS-EASY (NL)**

<https://easy.dans.knaw.nl/ui/deposit>

**UK Data Service ReShare (UK)**

<http://reshare.ukdataservice.ac.uk/>

Here is another list of free datasets:

<https://r-dir.com/reference/datasets.html>

Finally, more and more *Journals* have data archives such that you can directly download the data (and often also the code used to produce the main results in the paper) from the *Journal* website.