Useful data links

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The data you need is evidently question dependent. However, no matter your research question, focus on looking for publicly available data. Restricted data usually involves slow bureaucracy, which makes it hard to get in time for your project.

Some (potentially) useful sources of publicly available data are:

- IPUMS USA for Decennial Censuses from the United States (predominantly income, work and demographic data).
- IPUMS CPS for monthly data from the US Current Population Survey (predominantly income, work and demographic data).
- IPUMS International for census data from multiple countries (predominantly income, work and demographic data).
- DHS: demographic and health survey data for several developing countries.
- UK Data Service: for data from the UK. This includes the Quarterly Labour Force Survey, panel data, and lots of other datasets.
- Mexican Family Life Survey: multi-wave panel with rich information of Mexican Households.
- Indonesian Family Life Survey: multi-wave panel with rich information of Indonesian Households.

Most of these websites will require you to create an account with them, but you should be able to download most of the data once you are registered.