Opportunity Atlas

Publicly available dataset that provides estimates of the long-term outcomes of children who grew up in each Census tract, which are small geographic units that have an average population of 4,250 people.

Data

Three sources of data housed at the Census Bureau:

(1) the Census 2000 and 2010 short forms;

(2) federal income tax returns in 1989, 1994, 1995, and 1998-2015;

(3) the Census 2000 long form and the 2005-2015 American Community Surveys (ACS)

These datasets are linked by a unique person identifier called a Protected Identification Key(PIK) that is assigned by Census Bureau staff using information such as Social Security Numbers (SSN), names, addresses, and dates of birth