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Category: General

Title: U.S. Census

Overview: The Census Bureau conducts many censuses and surveys. The most well-known is the official population census of the United States, called the decennial census. It is conducted every ten years, most recently in 2000. During each decennial census, the Census Bureau collects data from every household in the U.S. and its territories. Its primary purpose is to provide the population counts that determine how seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are apportioned. Census data are used in many other ways. Since 1975, the Census Bureau has had responsibility to produce small-area population data needed to redraw state legislative and congressional districts. Most Census data are available for many levels of geography, including states, counties, cities and towns, ZIP codes, census tracts and blocks, and much more.

The Decennial Census has two parts, a short form and a long form. In the short form, a limited number of questions were asked of every person and housing unit in the U.S. In the long form, additional questions were asked of a sample of persons and housing units (generally 1 in 6 households). The results from Census 2000 are available in a number of data products that can be found on the Census Bureau's website.

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html>

Web Address: <http://www.census.gov/>

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Web Address: <http://www.census.gov>

Unit of Analysis: Individual and household.

Geographic Coverage: United States.

Sample Size: Varies.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1790-present

Scheduled Updates: Varies. 2010 for the decennial census.

- **Media:** There are many sources for census data. Census Bureau Data Access Tools webpage is a good starting place. In addition to the American FactFinder this web page offers links to many tools for accessing census and other government data.
<http://www.census.gov/main/www/access.html>

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Related Resources:

- **American FactFinder:** Besides the decennial census, the Census Bureau conducts nearly one hundred other surveys and censuses every year. Through the [American FactFinder](http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en) you can obtain data in the form of maps, tables, and reports from a variety of Census Bureau sources.
http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en
- **Davis Library GIS Services: Mapping Census Data**
There are many census data resources for GIS available through Davis Library, including TIGER files.
<http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/gis/census.html>
- **American Community Survey** is described on page 4.
- **The Economic Census** is described on page 8.
- **Public-Use Microdata Samples (PUMS)** is described on page 21.
- **The Triangle Census Data Research Center** is described on page 28.

Contact Information:

See Census website for options.

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/contacts.html>

Category: General

Title: American Community Survey

Overview: The American Community Survey (ACS) is a new nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. It will replace the long form in future censuses and is a critical element in the Census Bureau's reengineered 2010 census plan. The ACS collects information from U.S. households similar to what was collected on the Census 2000 long form, such as income, commute time to work, home value, veteran status, and other important data. The ACS will collect and produce population and housing information every year instead of every ten years. The ACS began in 1996 and has expanded each subsequent year. Data from the 2004 ACS are available for over 800 geographies, including 244 counties, 203 congressional districts, most metropolitan areas of 250,000 population or more, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia. By 2009, data should be available for all areas of 20,000 or more.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Web Address: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html>

Unit of Analysis: Household

Geographic Coverage: Random sample of households in the United States.

Sample Size: About three million households will be surveyed each year.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: Yearly 2000-present

Scheduled Updates: The national survey occurs every year, the next being 2007.

Media: Available online at: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_lang=en&_ts=143547961449

Related Resources:

- **ACS Handbook for State and Local Officials**
<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS04HSLO.pdf>

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Category: General

Title: General Social Survey

Overview: The General Social Survey (GSS) is an almost annual personal interview survey of U.S. households. The questionnaire contains a standard core of demographic and attitudinal variables, plus certain topics of special interest selected for rotation. The first survey took place in 1972 and since then more than 38,000 respondents have answered over 3,260 different questions. Previously an annual survey, the GSS became biennial in 1994. Key features of the GSS are its broad coverage, its use of replication, its cross-national perspective, and its attention to data quality. Since 1985, the GSS has taken part in the International Social Survey Program, a consortium of social scientists from 40 countries around the world. The ISSP asks an identical battery of questions in all countries; the U.S. version of these questions is incorporated into the GSS.

Producer/Source: National Opinion Research Center

Web Address: <http://www.norc.org/projects/gensoc.asp>

Unit of Analysis: Individuals age 18 or older.

Geographic Coverage: Random sample of households in the United States.

Sample Size: 1500 adults

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: Yearly 1972-1992 (except 1979, 1981, 1992); biennially 1994-present

Scheduled Updates: The national survey occurs every two years, the next being 2006.

Media: Available online at: <http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/GSS/>

Related Resources:

- **GSS Codebook and Publications**
<http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/GSS/>
- **International Social Survey Program**
<http://www.issp.org/homepage.htm>

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Category: General

Title: National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (“Add Health”)

Overview: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a school-based, nationally representative study that explores the causes of health-related behaviors of adolescents in grades 7 through 12 and their outcomes in young adulthood. Add Health postulates that families, friends, schools, and communities play roles in the lives of adolescents that may encourage healthy choices or may lead to unhealthy, self-destructive behavior. Data to support or refute this theory are collected from students, parents, school administrators, and others. Data at the individual, family, school, and community levels were collected in two waves between 1994 and 1996. In 2001 and 2002, Add Health respondents, 18 to 26 years old, were re-interviewed in a third wave to investigate the influence that adolescence has on young adulthood.

Producer/Source: UNC Carolina Population Center

Web Address: <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/addhealth>

Unit of Analysis: Individual

Geographic Coverage: United States

Sample Size: Varies. For more information, see:
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/designfacts>

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1994-1996; updates in 2001-2002

Scheduled Updates: N/A

Media: Public-Use data available in CD-ROM format from Sociometrics Corporation. See <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/data/publicdata> for more information. For limited online analysis and restricted-use contractual data available with special permission, see <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/data>.

Related Resources:

- **Codebook Indices**
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/codebooks/indexes>
- **AddHealth Publications and User Guides**
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/pubs>

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Category: General

Title: National Survey of America's Families

Overview: The National Survey of America's Families (NSAF) is a survey of the economic, health, and social characteristics of children, adults under the age of 65, and their families. The survey was administered three times, in 1997, 1999, and 2002. In each round, interviews were conducted with over 40,000 families, yielding information on more than 100,000 persons under the age of 65. Data collection for the third round of the survey was conducted from February 2002 through October 2002.

Producer/Source: Urban Institute

Web Address: <http://www.urban.org/center/anf/nsaf.cfm>

Unit of Analysis: Household, child, or adult, depending on measure.

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States

Sample Size: 40,000 families/100,000 people as a representative sample of civilian, non-institutionalized, non-homeless, under-65 population of the United States and of thirteen selected states ((Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin).

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1997, 1999, 2002

Scheduled Updates: N/A

Media: Available online at: <http://anfdata.urban.org/drsurvey/login.cfm>. Registration required. Online analysis also available at: <http://www.urban.org/center/anf/analysisprelogin.cfm>

Related Resources:

- **Welfare Rules Database**
<http://anfdata.urban.org/WRD/WRDWelcome.CFM>
- **NSAF Data Dictionary**
<http://anfdata.urban.org/nsaf/nsafdd/public/index.cfm>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: U.S. Economic Census

Overview: The Economic Census provides a detailed portrait of the Nation's economy once every five years, from the national to the local level. The 2002 Economic Census covers nearly all of the U.S. economy in its basic collection of establishment statistics. There also are several related programs, including statistics on minority- and women-owned businesses. Censuses of agriculture and governments are conducted at the same time.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Web Address: <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/>

Unit of Analysis: Business

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States. Various datasets available at state, metro, county, place, and ZIP code level. See <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/guide/geosumm.htm> for more details.

Sample Size: 7 million establishments with paid employees. Two series also include the 17 million small businesses without paid employees.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: yearly 1972-1992 (except 1979, 1981, 1992); biennially 1994-present

Scheduled Updates: The economic census occurs every five years, with the next sample in 2007.

Media: 1997 and 2002 available online at: <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/>. Other data may be purchased from same website.

Related Resources:

- **Guide to the 2002 Economic Census**
<http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/guide/index.html>
- **Guide to the 1997 Economic Census**
<http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/guide.html>
- **The Economic Census: What's In It For You?**
<http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/guide/WIIFY.pdf>
- **How People Use Economic Census Data**
<http://www.census.gov/epcd/ec02/uses.htm>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)

Overview: The PSID, launched in 1968, is a longitudinal study of a representative sample of U.S. individuals and the family units in which they reside. It emphasizes the dynamic aspects of economic and demographic behavior, but its content includes sociological and psychological measures. It provides data on income sources and amounts, employment, family composition changes, and residential location. PSID data can be used for cross-sectional, longitudinal, and intergenerational analysis and for studying both individuals and families.

Producer/Source: Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. Major sponsors include National Science Foundation, U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, and U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development.

Web Address: <http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu>

Unit of Analysis: Family unit, individuals

Geographic Coverage: Covering all 50 states. For more information on geographic coverage, see *Coordinate GIS Data*. *Lowest Level:* State; Census tract available with special contractual permission.

Sample Size: National and national cross-sectional samples of over 7,500 families.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: Available with special contractual permission. See <http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/FAQ.aspx#340> for more information.

Years Covered: Yearly from 1968 to 1997, biennial from 1999 to present.

Scheduled Updates: The national survey occurs every 2 years, the next being 2007. Data collected in 2005 will be released by December 31, 2006.

Media: Available online at <http://simba.isr.umich.edu/>.

Related Resources:

- **Cross-National Equivalent File 1980-2003: equivalently defined variables for several international panel studies, including those in U.S., Germany, UK, Canada**
http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/Cross-National-Equivalent-File_CNEF.cfm
- **PSID Online Guide**
<http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Guide/>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: Survey of Income and Program Participation

Overview: To collect source and amount of income, labor force information, program participation and eligibility data, and general demographic characteristics to measure the effectiveness of existing federal, state, and local programs; to estimate future costs and coverage for government programs, such as food stamps; and to provide improved statistics on the distribution of income and measures of economic well-being in the country. SIPP offers detailed information on cash and noncash income on a subannual basis. The survey also collects data on taxes, assets, liabilities, and participation in government transfer programs.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Web Address: <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/>

Unit of Analysis: Household

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States

Sample Size: The survey design is a continuous series of national panels, with sample size ranging from approximately 14,000 to 46,500 interviewed households. The duration of each panel ranges from 2 ½ years to 4 years. The 2004 panel consists of 46,500 households to be interviewed eight times.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1984-2004

Scheduled Updates: As data becomes available, 2004 survey results will be added to the SIPP website.

Media: Data available online at <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/access.html>; The complete databases are available as ZIP files at http://www.bls.census.gov/sipp_ftp.html.

Related Resources:

- National Bureau of Economic Research Web site (SAS, SPSS, and STATA setup files in addition to SIPP data files and document files from 1984 to 2004)
<http://www.nber.org/data/sipp.html>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: State of the Cities Data Systems (SOCDS)

Overview: The SOCDS consist of the following databases that cover metropolitan areas, central cities, and suburbs: Historical Census Data, demographic data on metropolitan central cities and suburbs; Current Employment Statistics, labor force data for all individual central cities and metropolitan areas in the U.S.; County Business Patterns Data, data on jobs, business establishments, and average pay on the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. plus 14 others so that each state is represented; FBI Crime Data, crime data for 542 metropolitan central cities and their associated suburbs; Building Permits Database, data on residential construction permits at the city level for all U.S. metropolitan areas; Urban Public Finance Data, data on public expenditures, revenues and employees for 541 metropolitan central cities (FY 1992 and 1997); and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data, data on housing problems and the availability of affordable housing.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; FBI;

Web Address: <http://socds.huduser.org/>

Unit of Analysis: Variable, depending on database.

Geographic Coverage: Data available for up to 331 metropolitan areas, 542 central cities, and 11,397 suburban places depending on specific data system and year. Building Permits Database includes approximately 19,000 permit-issuing jurisdictions in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. *Lowest Level:* Central city or city, depending on data system.

Sample Size: N/A; All metropolitan areas in the U.S.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: Census Data: 1970-2000; All others: approx. 1990-present.

Scheduled Updates: Building permits updated monthly. Other databases updated annually or as new data become available.

Media: Available online at <http://socds.huduser.org/>.

Related Resources:

- **All SOCDS information on particular cities:**
<http://socds.huduser.org/quicklink/screen1.odt>
- **State of the Nation's Cities Database**
<http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/cupr/sonc/sonc.htm>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: Neighborhood Change Database

Overview: The Neighborhood Change Database combines tract-level data from the decennial censuses (1970 – 2000). It is currently the only source of census data with variables and tract boundaries that are consistently defined across the census years. In addition to accessing the data for 1970, 1980, 1990, or 2000 in their census year tract boundaries, you can also access data for all four decades normalized to 2000 tract boundaries. Thus you can compare 1980 data with 1970, 1990, or 2000 data since they are all in the same boundaries. The NCDB was released in two stages, corresponding to the release of Census 2000 short and long form data. The *Short Form NCDB* contained only the basic population and housing characteristics from the short form questions and was replaced by the *Long Form NCDB* in October 2003. The *Long Form NCDB* contains data from the 1970, 1980, 1990 and the 2000 censuses and is based on the "long form" questions that were asked of about one out of every six households in the census. These data include additional detailed population, household, and housing characteristics, including income, poverty status, education level, employment, housing costs, immigration, and other variables of interest for research, social policy, and community building.

Producer/Source: Urban Institute and GeoLytics

Web Address: <http://www2.urban.org/nnip/ncua/index.htm>

Unit of Analysis: Census tract

Geographic Coverage: 65,232 U.S. census tracts

Sample Size: Approximately one out of six households in the U.S.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000

Scheduled Updates: None.

Media: See the following for acquisition costs:
<http://geolytics.com/USCensus,Neighborhood-Change-Database-1970-2000,Data,Order,Products.asp>

Related Resources:

- **Neighborhood Change Database User Guide**
<http://www2.urban.org/nnip/ncua/ncdb.html#userguide>

Contact Information:

The NCDB project is co-directed by Peter Tatian and Tom Kingsley at the Urban Institute. For more information, please contact them at ncdb@ui.urban.org.

Category: Economic Development

Title: Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality, 1992-1994 (Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, & Los Angeles)

Overview: The Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality was designed to broaden the understanding of how changing labor market dynamics, racial attitudes and stereotypes, and racial residential segregation act singly and in concert to foster contemporary urban inequality. This data collection comprises data for two surveys: a survey of households and a survey of employers. Questions on labor market dynamics included industry, hours worked per week, length of time on job, earnings before taxes, size of employer, benefits provided, instances of harassment and discrimination, and searching for work within particular areas of the metropolis in which the respondent resided. Questions covering racial attitudes and attitudes about inequality centered on the attitudes and beliefs that whites, Blacks, Latinos, and Asians hold about one another, including amount of discrimination, perceptions about wealth and intelligence, ability to be self-supporting, ability to speak English, involvement with drugs and gangs, the fairness of job training and educational assistance policies, and the fairness of hiring and promotion preferences. Residential segregation issues were studied through measures of neighborhood quality and satisfaction, and preferences regarding the racial/ethnic mix of neighborhoods. Demographic information on household respondents was also elicited, including length of residence, education, housing status, monthly rent or mortgage payment, marital status, gender, age, race, household composition, citizenship status, language spoken in the home, ability to read and speak English, political affiliation, and religion.

Producer/Source: Russell Sage Foundation, Ford Foundation

Web Address: <http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR-STUDY/02535.xml>

Unit of Analysis: Household or employer

Geographic Coverage: Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Detroit, MI; and Los Angeles, CA metropolitan areas. *Lowest Level:* Census tract

Sample Size: 8,916 households and 3,510 employers within Atlanta,GA, Boston,MA, Detroit,MI, and Los Angeles,CA.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1992-1994

Scheduled Updates: N/A.

Media: Requires computer on campus. Available online at <http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR-STUDY/02535.xml>
For more information, contact [Diane Ramsey](#) at [Odum Institute](#).

Category: Economic Development

Related Resources:

- **The Atlanta Paradox**
<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/record=b3544281>
- **The Boston Renaissance**
<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/record=b3544265>
- **Prismatic Metropolis: Inequality in Los Angeles**
<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/record=b3774222>
- **Stories Employers Tell: Race, Skill, and Hiring in America**
<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/record=b3814598>
- **Urban Inequality: Evidence from Four Cities**
<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/record=b3929188>

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Category: Economic Development

Title: Woods & Poole Complete U.S. Database

Overview: Historical and projected economic and demographic variables for 1969-2030 for all counties, states, MSAs, and regions in the U.S. The database includes more than 1,600 variables for each county and geographic area. The Complete Database on CD-ROM has every year of data from 1969 to 2030, including gross regional product data for U.S. counties and has the population data by gender, race and single year of age.

Producer/Source: Woods & Poole Economics

Web Address: <http://www.woodsandpoole.com/>

Unit of Analysis: Counties, states, MSAs, and regions

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States

Sample Size: N/A

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1969-2030

Scheduled Updates: Projections are updated annually.

Media: Available on CD-ROM in Davis Library

Related Resources:

Contact Information:

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Washington, DC 20009-2808
Phone: (800)786-1915 Fax: (202)332-6466

Category: Geographic

Title: GIS Data Finder, Davis Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Overview: Davis Library Reference department actively collects spatial data from governmental sources (federal, state, and local) and commercial vendors. The GIS Data Finder is a finding aid created to help library patrons find and evaluate spatial data to use in their research. Data available for a fee elsewhere may be available through Davis Library for free. The GIS Data Finder includes the spatial data holdings of all libraries on the UNC-CH campus, and the spatial data acquired by ITS. The libraries on campus that have spatial data include the F. Stuart Chapin, Jr. Planning Library and the Geological Sciences Library.

Producer/Source: Various

Web Address: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/gis/datafinder/index.html>

Scheduled Updates: As additional data is acquired.

Media: Data listed in the GIS Data Finder can be obtained either from the campus network or from a library. UNC affiliates can access spatial data on the campus network (AFS). Data can also be downloaded to a CD from one of the public GIS computers at Davis Library.

Related Resources:

- **Davis Library GIS Reference Links**
http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/quick/index.php?display=print_items&item_id=122
- **Davis Library Online Spatial Data Links**
Provides links to many data portals such as the [USGS](#), [National Atlas of the United States](#), and [the United Nations Environment Programme](#).
<http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/gis/onlinedata.html>
- **Davis Library GIS Services: Mapping Census Data**
<http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/gis/census.html>

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Category: Geographic

Title: U.S. Geological Service Seamless Data Distribution System (SDDS)

Overview: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the EROS Data Center (EDC) are committed to providing access to geospatial data through The National Map. An approach is to provide free downloads of national base layers, as well as other geospatial data layers. Excellent source for many types of data including: Elevation, Land Cover, Orthoimagery, Transportation, Boundaries and Hydrography.

Producer/Source: Various Federal agencies.

Website: <http://seamless.usgs.gov/>

Scheduled Updates: As additional data is acquired.

Media: Available as free data downloads. To obtain products on media contact customer service via email at: seamless@usgs.gov

Related Resources:

- **GISDATA** is a site where USGS provides access to geospatial datasets that have been specially prepared for seamless access and delivery. Some data serve many applications and have national extent. Other data were prepared for a particular time or event, and usually for a limited region. USGS has tried to document the "authoritative source" so that users may locate the most up-to-date source for each data layer.
<http://gisdata.usgs.net/>
- **EarthExplorer.** Satellite images, aerial photographs, and cartographic products can be queried and ordered through the U.S. Geological Survey's EarthExplorer at:
<http://edcsns17.cr.usgs.gov/EarthExplorer/>
- **The National Map** is an online, interactive map service of USGS. The National Map is a consistent framework for geographic knowledge needed by the Nation. It provides public access to high-quality, geospatial data and information from multiple partners to help support decisionmaking by resource managers and the public. The National Map is the product of a consortium of Federal, State, and local geospatial data providers.
<http://nationalmap.gov/>

Title: Geospatial One-Stop

Category: Geographic

Overview: The Geospatial One-Stop is a geographic information system (GIS) portal, found at www.geodata.gov, that serves as a public gateway for improving access to geospatial information and data under the Geospatial One-Stop E-Government initiative. The geodata.gov portal is a catalog of geospatial information containing thousands of metadata records (information about the data) and links to live maps, features, and catalog services, downloadable data sets, images, clearinghouses, map files, and more. The metadata records were submitted to the portal by government agencies, individuals, and companies, or by harvesting the data from geospatial clearinghouses within the NSDI Clearinghouse Network. Use the geodata.gov portal to:

- gain quick access to featured relevant data in the data categories and current events,
- use search tools to access a wide variety of geographic information,
- save your search criteria and maps,
- apply a subscription service to selected areas,
- view metadata,
- interact with map services,
- publish data and search for partners for data collections and acquisitions.

Producer/Source: Various

Web Address: <http://www.geodata.gov>;

Geographic Coverage: Worldwide with a focus on the United States

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: N/A

Scheduled Updates: As additional data becomes available.

Media: Data available for downloading.

Related Resources:

- **Federal Geographic Data Committee**
<http://www.fgdc.gov/>
- **National Spatial Data Infrastructure Clearinghouse**
<http://fgdc.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/servlet/FGDCServlet>

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U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 590
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive,
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Category: Geographic

Title: North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NC CGIA)

Overview: The North Carolina Corporate Geographic Database (NCCGDB)consists of GIS data and metadata created by numerous agencies which are managed and distributed through NC CGIA. As a cost recovery state agency, NC CGIA charges a service fee for distribution of this data. The North Carolina Geographic Data Clearinghouse is a web browser interface which enables theme, participant name, and custom query searches for data from the NCCGDB and other state, regional, and local clearinghouse nodes. As part of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, the contents of the NCCGDB are searchable through the National Clearinghouse Gateway in Reston, VA.

Producer/Source: North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Web Address: <http://www.cgia.state.nc.us/cgia/cgiad.html>;
<http://www.cgia.state.nc.us/cgdb/>

Geographic Coverage: North Carolina

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: N/A

Scheduled Updates: As additional data becomes available. Many GIS layers updated between 2003 and present.

Media: Data available for purchase through NC Corporate Geographic Database. See above links.

Related Resources:

- **North Carolina Geographic Data Clearinghouse**
<http://www.cgia.state.nc.us/ncgdc/gdcintro.html>

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Category: Housing

Title: American Housing Survey (AHS)

Overview: The AHS (formerly Annual Housing Survey) is the largest, regular national housing sample survey in the United States. It provides data on housing units and householders, household characteristics, housing and neighborhood quality, housing costs, equipment, fuels, size of housing unit, and recent movers. The AHS conducts a national survey and a metropolitan area survey. The national survey gathers information on housing throughout the country. The metropolitan area survey consists of 47 metropolitan areas, where householders are interviewed every 6 years. The surveys are conducted in person and by telephone by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development & Research, and Division of Housing and Demographic Analysis

Web Address: <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/ahs.html>

Unit of Analysis: Housing unit

Geographic Coverage: The national survey covers the entire U.S. The Metropolitan area survey covers 47 metropolitan areas across the U.S. For more information, click [here](#). *Lowest Level:* Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Sample Size: Nationally drawn sample of 55,700 housing units are interviewed every two years in odd-numbered years.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: Unavailable

Years Covered: 1973 to present.

Scheduled Updates: The national survey occurs every 2 years, the next being 2007.

Media: Available online at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/ahs.html> or <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/access.html>.

Related Resources:

- **U.S. Census Bureau site for AHS**
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/ahs.html>
- **HUD site for AHS publications**
<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/ahs/ahsprev.html>
- **U.S. Census Bureau list of articles that use both the national and metropolitan sample**
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/bib.html>
- **Data extracts and custom tables from the U.S. Census Bureau's DataFerret system**
<http://dataferrett.census.gov/index.html>

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Category: Housing

Title: Public-Use Microdata Samples (PUMS)

Overview: PUMS files contain records for a sample (drawn from the long-form questionnaire) of housing units with information on the characteristics of each unit and the people in it. In order to protect the confidentiality of respondents, the Bureau of the Census excludes identifying information from the records. Within the limits of the sample size and geographic detail provided, the PUMS files permit users with special needs to prepare virtually any tabulations of the data they may desire. Microdata records identify no geographic area with fewer than 100,000 inhabitants.

Producer/Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Web Address: <http://www.census.gov/main/www/pums.html>

Unit of Analysis: Housing unit or person, depending on dataset

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States, delineated in geographic areas with no fewer than 100,000 residents as described above.

Sample Size: 1% and 5% samples of people and housing units in the entire United States.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000

Scheduled Updates: PUMS data will now be associated with the American Community Survey as the U.S. Census Bureau switches from decennial long-form surveys to yearly surveys. See American Community Survey for more information.

Media: 2000 data available online at: <http://www.census.gov/main/www/pums.html>. 1990 and 1980 data can be ordered through Census Bureau catalog online at: <https://censuscatalog.mso.census.gov/esales/>. Information on earlier data is available through the National Archives at <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/>.

Related Resources:

- **PUMS Technical Documentation**
<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/pums.pdf>
- **American Community Survey**
<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html>

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Category: Housing

Title: Assisted Housing: National and Local (A Picture of Subsidized Households)

Overview: This data set sketches a picture of nearly 5 million subsidized households across the United States. It includes: (1) Totals, (2) Indian Housing, (3) Public Housing, (4) Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers, (5) Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation, (6) Section 8 New and Substantial Rehabilitation, (7) Section 236, (8) Other HUD subsidies, and (9) Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC).

Producer/Source: U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development

Web Address: <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/assthsg.html>

Unit of Analysis: Household

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States and Territories
Lowest Level: Census tract

Sample Size: Entire United States, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1976-1977; 1993; 1996-1998.

Scheduled Updates: N/A.

Media: Available online at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/assthsg.html>.

Related Resources:

- **Qualified Census Tracts and Difficult Development Areas Data**
<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/qct.html>

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Title: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Database

Overview: The LIHTC database provides a comprehensive project-level look at LIHTC production. Although some data about the program have been made available by various sources, HUD's database is the only complete national source of information on the size, unit mix, and location of individual projects. The database includes project address, number of units and low-income units, number of bedrooms, year the credit was allocated, year the project was placed in service, whether the project was new construction or rehab, type of credit, and other sources of project financing. It may also help show how incentives to locate projects in low-income areas and other underserved markets are working. The database has been geocoded, enabling researchers to look at the geographical distribution and neighborhood characteristics of tax credit projects.

Producer/Source: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Web Address: <http://www.huduser.org:80/datasets/lihtc.html>

Unit of Analysis: LIHTC project

Geographic Coverage: Entire United States

Sample Size: 24,500 projects and 1,257,000 low-income housing units

Sample Type: Single Cross-Sectional Repeated Cross-Sectional Panel

Coordinate GIS Data: N/A

Years Covered: 1987-2003

Scheduled Updates: In March 2007, projects placed in service in 2004 will be added to the database.

Media: Data available for online manipulation at <http://lihtc.huduser.org>. The complete database is available as a ZIP file at www.huduser.org/datasets/lihtc/lihtcpub.zip.

Related Resources:

- **Qualified Census Tracts Data Set**
<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/qct.html>
- **HUD Median Family Income Limits Data Set**
<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html>

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Category: Additional Resources

Title: DataPlace

Overview: DataPlace provides access to data at geographic scales ranging from the neighborhood to the nation. The site offers free access to interactive maps, charts, tables and rankings that describe conditions on the ground in local neighborhoods across the USA. The site currently contains data from the 1990 and 2000 Censuses (demographic, economic, housing, and social characteristics), Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (home mortgage applications and loans), Section 8 Expiring Use database (neighborhood- and property-level data on federally assisted housing at risk of loss), and Consolidated Plan special tabulations (data on housing needs by household income level). DataPlace's data library will expand in the coming months to include information on topics such as business establishments from the Census Bureau's ZIP Business Patterns database and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Producer/Source: DataPlace is developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation in conjunction with [Vinq, LLC](#); the [Urban Institute](#); [Placebase](#); and [EconData.Net](#).

Web Address: <http://www.dataplace.org/>

Related Resources:

- Site also offers links to additional housing and demographic data resources that are available on the web. http://www.dataplace.org/web_data_links.html

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Title: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Overview: The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), established in 1962, is an integral part of the infrastructure of social science research. ICPSR maintains and provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction, and offers training in quantitative methods to facilitate effective data use. To ensure that data resources are available to future generations of scholars, ICPSR preserves data, migrating them to new storage media as changes in technology warrant. In addition, ICPSR provides user support to assist researchers in identifying relevant data for analysis and in conducting their research projects.

Producer/Source: Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Web Address: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/index.html>

Related Resources:

- **ICPSR Data Use Tutorial**
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/help/newuser.html>
- **ICPSR Research**
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/research.html>

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Category: Additional Resources

Title: Statistical Data Finder, Reference Department, Davis Library, UNC

Overview: Davis Library offers a variety of research services and tools related to datasets. The Statistical Data Finder is a unique tool that allows you to locate statistics and data sets. Resources include databases licensed by the University Library, sources freely available via the Internet, and print materials. These items were selected by subject specialists in the Reference Department of Davis Library at UNC-Chapel Hill and cover the following subjects: crime, economics, education, energy, environment, government, health, housing, military, politics and elections, population/demographics, social statistics, and transportation.

In addition to sites with individual datasets, the Statistical Data Finder also includes metasites. These metasites are essentially gateways to multiple sites and can offer a great deal of information.

Producer/Source: Various

Web Address: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/reference/datafind/>

Contact Information: Davis Reference (919) 962-1151 or reference@unc.edu

Category: Additional Resources

Title: Odum Institute for Research in Social Science

Overview: The Odum Institute maintains one of the oldest and largest archives of machine-readable data in the U.S. Its [Louis Harris Data Center](#) is the exclusive national repository for Louis Harris public opinion data. The Institute has an extensive collection of U.S. Census data, including one of the most complete holdings for 1970 Census files. Other major sources of data include the [North Carolina State Data Center](#), which distributes North Carolina census data; and the National Center for Health Statistics. Its [National Network of State Polls](#) archive is recognized as the largest available collection of state-level surveys. Also available are data from studies conducted by UNC social science faculty. More information about these data collections, which include national and international economic, electoral, demographic, financial, health, public opinion, and other types of data to meet a variety of research and teaching needs, is provided below.

In addition, the Institute provides assistance to UNC-CH faculty in locating and ordering data from other locations, including the [Roper Center for Public Opinion Research](#), which provides access to a large collection of nonproprietary public opinion data, and the [Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\)](#), which stores and distributes data from both individual researchers and many federally funded social science studies.

Producer/Source: Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, UNC-Chapel Hill

Web Address: <http://www2.irss.unc.edu>

Related Resources:

- **Odum Institute Catalog of Data Holdings**
http://www2.irss.unc.edu/data_archive/catsearch.html

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Title: Triangle Census Research Data Center

Overview: The Triangle Census Research Data Center (TCRDC) is a newly established partnership between the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) and [Duke University](#) with additional support from the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) and [NC State University](#). Under this partnership, the Census Bureau offers qualified researchers restricted access to unpublished microdata from the Bureau's economic and demographic censuses and surveys. Unpublished microdata includes respondent-level information and allows for data linking not possible with aggregates – both cross-survey linkages and longitudinal linkages. Persons wishing to conduct research at a Research Data Center must submit a research proposal through the Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies website www.ces.census.gov.

Producer/Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#)

Web Address: <http://www.econ.duke.edu/tcrdc/>

Related Resources:

- [Center for Economic Studies](#). The Center for Economic Studies is a research unit of U.S. Bureau of the Census, established to encourage and support the analytic needs of researchers and policy makers throughout government, academia, and business.

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Title: The U.S. Long Term Ecological Research Network

Overview: The National Science Foundation established the Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) program in 1980 to support research on long-term ecological phenomena in the United States. The LTER Network is a collaborative effort involving more than 1800 scientists and students investigating ecological processes over long temporal and broad spatial scales. The LTER Network seeks to inform the LTER and broader scientific community by creating well designed and well documented databases and to provide fast, effective, and open access to LTER data via a network-wide information system designed to facilitate data exchange and integration. Currently, the LTER Data Catalog contains entries for over 3000 ecological datasets from 26 LTER Network research sites, in addition to numerous other ecological field stations and research institutions.

Data on five core research themes is collected at regular intervals over space and time to establish and understand the existing conditions in an ecosystem. The five core areas are: 1) primary production (plant growth), 2) population (organisms) studies, 3) movement of organic matter, 4) movement of inorganic matter, and 5) disturbance patterns.

Producer/Source: Various NSF-funded research projects and other research institutions.

Web address: <http://www.lternet.edu/>

Related Resources:

- LTRE Data Bits: The Information Management Newsletter of the LTER Network
<http://intranet.lternet.edu/archives/documents/Newsletters/DataBits/06spring/>

Contact Information: <http://www.lternet.edu/contact/>

Category: Additional Resources

Title: The North Carolina State Data Center

Overview: The North Carolina State Data Center (SDC) is a consortium of state and local agencies established in cooperation with the US Bureau of the Census to provide the public with data about North Carolina and its component geographic areas. The SDC lead agency in North Carolina is located in the Data Services Unit, Office of State Budget and Management. The Data Services Unit provides extensive resources on the Web for retrieving statistical and related data. In addition to maintaining all the decennial and economic census products, the State Data Center receives many other data products from various federal, state, and private agencies. These include the Bureau of Economic Analysis' income and employment estimates, Current Population Surveys for the state, an indexed set of national and state polls, privately produced data products on subjects such as business, County Business Patterns, geographic data layers, School District Data, and statistical publications of state agencies. Media for the data include CD-ROM, magnetic tape, diskettes, microfiche, printed reports, and an on-line database called [Log Into North Carolina \(LINC\)](#). Training on how to use and interpret the products is available from various agencies within the Data Center network. Data locator services are available through the use of products such as the *North Carolina State Government Statistical Register* and national indexes.

Media for the data include CD-ROM, magnetic tape, diskettes, microfiche, printed reports, and an on-line database called Log Into North Carolina (LINC). LINC includes over 1300 data items from state and federal agencies, historical data and projections (1960s to 2030), state, county, municipality, township, tract, block group, and block coverage, customized report capabilities, and preformatted topic reports, including census profiles.

Producer/Source: Various

Web Address: <http://sdc.state.nc.us/>
LINC homepage: <http://linc.state.nc.us/>

Related Resources:

- North Carolina State Library
<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/ncslhome.htm>

Contact Information:

See website for local affiliate contact information.
http://sdc.state.nc.us/frame_start_contacts.html

Category: Additional Resources

Title: For-Profit Data Providers

Overview: There are a number of private companies that offer demographic data and targeted marketing information about the population, consumer behavior, consumer spending, households and businesses within geographic market areas of the U.S as well as other services. Many others offer economic and financial data. Several of these private companies are listed below. These companies may be able to provide data packages quickly for a fee.

[Claritas](#) offers demographic data and target marketing information about the population, consumer behavior, consumer spending, households and businesses within any specific geographic market area in the United States.

[GeoLytics](#) provides demographic data for social researchers and business marketing, including normalized Census data to account for changes in geographies over time, geocoding services, custom built datasets, and database compression. NOTE: Davis Library has some GeoLytics Census products available.

Private companies like [Dun & Bradstreet](#) and [Standard & Poor's](#) offer data products and services about financial markets, global commercial business information, and the U.S. and world economy.

Web Address: Click on company names above.

Category: Additional Resources

Title: TranStats, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Overview: TranStats is a new website for transportation researchers and analysts, aimed at providing “one stop shopping” for transportation data. TranStats offers analysts several valuable features:

- **A searchable index** of over 100 transportation-related data bases across every mode of transportation — with many social and demographic data sets that are commonly used in transportation analysis.
- **Selective download**—the ability to choose variables of interest and download the data directly to your PC for analysis using any data base, spreadsheet, or statistical package.
- **Online data documentation**—profiles on each data base, summary information about the tables that comprise a data base, data definitions and code information for data variables.
- **Interactive analytical tools**—the ability to do simple statistical summaries, create time series or cross tabulations, generate graphics online, and cut/paste results into reports.
- **Interactive mapping** to help visualize geographic data
- **A mapping center** with the full National Transportation Atlas Data Base, as well as applications for easily mapping DOT Grants and several other key data sets.

Producer/Source: Various

Web Address: <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/>

Category: Additional Resources

Title: Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP)

Overview: CTPP 2000 is a special tabulation of responses from households completing the Census long form. The special tabulation is intended to provide data to support a wide range of transportation planning activities. CTPP provides tabulations of households, persons and workers. It summarizes information by place of residence, by place of work, and for worker-flows between home and work. It is the only source of information with summary tabulations available for traffic analysis zones (TAZ's) that have been defined by State and regional transportation agencies. CTPP 2000 is a cooperative effort sponsored by the State Departments of Transportation under a pooled funding arrangement with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Producer/Source: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Census Bureau, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration

Web Address: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ctpp/about.htm>

Related Resources:

- **Data Products**
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ctpp/dataprod.htm>
- **Profile Sheets**
<http://ctpp.transportation.org/home/default.htm>
- **Transportation Research Board Subcommittee on Census Data for Transportation Planning**
<http://www.trbcensus.com/>

Contact Information:

CTPP Hotline: 202-366-5000

For a list of contacts: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ctpp/contact.htm>

Category: Additional Resources

Title: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

Overview: BEA is an agency of the Department of Commerce. Along with the Census Bureau and STAT-USA, BEA is part of the Department's Economics and Statistics Administration. BEA produces economic accounts statistics that enable government and business decision-makers, researchers, and the American public to follow and understand the performance of the Nation's economy. To do this, BEA collects source data, conducts research and analysis, develops and implements estimation methodologies, and disseminates statistics to the public.

The cornerstone of BEA's statistics is the national income and product accounts (NIPAs), which feature the estimates of gross domestic product (GDP) and related measures.

- **National Accounts** - BEA's national economic program provides a quantitative view of US domestic production, consumption, and investment, of exports and imports, and of national and domestic income and saving. Each month, BEA releases updated estimates of GDP for the previous quarter and new estimates of personal income and outlays for the previous month. Estimates of the Nation's stock of fixed assets and consumer durable goods are prepared and published annually.
- **Regional Accounts** - This program produces detailed data on economic activity by region, State, metropolitan area, and county. Estimates of personal income by State are released each quarter. Estimates of personal income by county and metropolitan area are prepared annually. BEA also prepares annual estimates of gross State product by industry.
- **Industry Accounts** - BEA's Industry Economic Program produces the input-output tables, which show how industries interact to provide input to, and take output from, each other. Comprehensive, benchmark input-output tables are prepared every 5 years, and they are updated in less detail by annual input-output tables.
- **International Accounts** - This BEA program produces the quarterly balance of payments accounts and the monthly services estimates, which provide a detailed view of economic transactions between the United States and other countries.

Web Address: <http://www.bea.gov/beahome.html>

Related Resources:

- **STAT-USA/Internet**, a service of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), is a single point of access to authoritative business, trade, and economic information from across the Federal Government. A fee is charged for access.
<http://www.stat-usa.gov/>

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