

DATA CONSORTIUM AND GENERAL LISTING

- 1) **ICPSR** (Inter-University Consortium For Political and Social Research)
<http://www.icpsr.com/>
 - Tons of data set are available for you for free. Type a particular topic in the “search” field. You will find a listing of available data set (usually surveys) related to the topic. To download the data you must sign up (free in charge). To find out the content of the data set, read the summary and codebooks.

- 2) **ASA** (American Sociological Association)
<http://www.asanet.org/page.wv?section=Research+and+Stats&name=Available+Data+Sources>
 - ASA is the national association for sociologists in the U.S. This web address will lead you to a list of most popular data sets used by professional sociologists.

- 3) **OPR** (Office of Population Research) at Princeton Sociology (Wallace Hall)
<http://opr.princeton.edu/archive/>
 - This site consists of most data collected by the Sociology faculties at Princeton. Download is free but you need to sign up. Data sets include the Mexican Migration Project, the National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen, the Latin American Migration Project, the Texas Higher Education Opportunity Project, and the Fragile Family. It is advisable to contact the responsible faculty members if you use of these data.

- 4) **CMD** (Center of Migration and Development) at Princeton Sociology (Wallace Hall)
<http://cmd.princeton.edu/data.shtml>
 - CMD site contain mostly data sets on immigrants from Latin America.

- 5) **Digital Map and Geospatial Information Center at Princeton**
<http://www.princeton.edu/~geolib/gis/index.html>
 - This center is located in the Lewis Library (Ivy Lane and Washington Road). If you are interested in analyzing the spatial relations of social processes, you should check this center out. Staff can show you available data, and they can teach you how to use ArcGIS, a program to analyze spatial data and make maps.

TOPICS (Listed BY the Princeton Data & Statistics Services)

Click this link for a specific topic <http://dss.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/dataresources/guides.cgi>):

- [Arts & Culture](#)
- [Businesses](#)
- [Children & Families](#)
- [Community & Urban Studies](#)
- [Conflicts, Aggression, Wars, Terrorism](#)
- [Consumer Spending](#)
- [Crime & Justice](#)
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- [Frequently used data](#)
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- [Income & Employment](#)
- [Longitudinal Surveys](#)
- [Macroeconomic Statistics](#)
- [Politics, Elections, Governing Bodies](#)
- [Population, Demography, Fertility](#)
- [Public Opinion Polls](#)
- [Race, Ethnicity, Ethnic relations](#)
- [Religion](#)
- [Science, Technology, Computers, Internet](#)
- [Sexual Attitudes, Orientation & Behavior](#)
- [Social Attitudes & Values](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Women & Gender](#)
- [Young Adults](#)

POPULAR DATA SITES

6) GSS (General Social Survey)

<http://www.norc.org/GSS+Website/>

- GSS has been conducting (almost) annual survey of several thousand American adults since 1972. The data set is very good for research of attitudes toward public issues and all kinds of social activities. Because the survey asks more or less consistent questions, you can also compare patterns over time. Each year a module is also devoted to a specific topic (environment, popular culture, religion, national identity, social inequality, etc.). Download the data is free, but DSS has the data too.

7) **ANES** (American National Election Studies)

<http://www.electionstudies.org/>

- One of the most popular data set for political scientists, ANES produces data on voting, public opinion, and political participation.

8) **ADDHEALTH** (The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health)

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth>

- AddHealth data concern issues of health, risk behaviors, attitudes, sexuality, families and schools of more than 10,000 adolescents. The dataset consists of several waves, following the same individual over time—thus a good opportunity to see changes in individual lives.

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

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

- PSID follows 9,000 families over 30 years. It concerns mostly on the issues of income, consumption, economic inequality, and health. Many social scientists also use PSID to study marriage, family formation, and other social behaviors over time.

10) **WLS** (The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study)

<http://www.disc.wisc.edu/>

- WLS is a 43 year-old study of the social and economic life course among 10,000 men and women who graduated from Wisconsin high schools in 1957, and who have been followed up at ages 25, 36, and 53-54. Issues concerned include youthful and adult aspirations, schooling, military service, family formation, labor market experience, and social participation.

11) **US Census Bureau**

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

- Census data are usually about the entire U.S. For selected topics, the Census Bureau conduct regular survey (based on a sample of the entire population). In this census website one can usually download summarize tables on the distribution of age, race, sex, residence, marriage, occupation. These tables can be divided by states. All in all, these tables are already prepared for you, so you just to print them out. Since you don't have much control over summarized tables, they can be limiting. If you want to do independent analysis on the original census data, you need to access to the "microdata"—which are the data before they aggregate into summarized tables. You can use Data Ferret to retrieve data: http://www.thedataweb.org/what_ferrett.html

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12) **Current Population Survey (CPS)**

<http://www.census.gov/cps/>

- CPS is similar to the census, but it is a monthly survey on a sample of 50,000 household rather than the entire population of the U.S. It has a "table creator"

so that you can create your own table by age, sex, race, occupation, education, etc.: http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps_table_creator.html

12) Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)

<http://www.bls.gov/cex/>

- Conducted annually by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this is a good data set for anyone interested in how people spend their money. Respondents not only answer questionnaires but also keep a diary on the spending behavior.

13) National Center for Education Statistics

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/IAED/studies.html>

- Tons of data on education, schools, students. Need to sign up, but data are free.

14) The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)

<http://www.thearda.com/>

- Tons of data on religion. Free download, some no need to sign up. National Congregations Study (a Panel Dataset) is part of this archive.

15) Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/data/>

- Data on employment, unemployment, productivity, inflation, time spend, etc.

16) US Department of Agriculture

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/>

- data about food, agricultural production, rural communities, price, the environment.

17) Department of Energy

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

- Energy statistics, data on the environment

18) Bureau of Justice Statistics

<http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/dtdata.htm>

- data on crime, arrests, correction,

Note: The above list is not exhaustive. You should contact DSS or a faculty member who may share an interest in your research topic. Ask her or him for advice on locating an appropriate data set.