

Department of Economics
New Grad Students
Getting Started with IT
Computational and Data Resources

I. Datasets Available:

These datasets are available, free of charge, to individuals in the Social Sciences Division of the University of Chicago and the Academic Research Areas of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) through the UChicago network.

a. SSCS Data Archive:

- [Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\)](#)
- [Roper Center for Public Opinion Research](#)
- [LexisNexis Academic](#)
- [LexisNexis Congressional Publications](#)
- [LexisNexis State Capital Search Forms](#)
- [LexisNexis Statistical Insight](#)
- [Fedstats](#)
- [Historical Statistics of the United States Millennial Edition](#)
- [U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Abstracts](#)
- [SSCS Nesstar data server](#)

These datasets are outside of SSCS Data Archive. Special arrangements with data owners may be required.

b. Other Datasets That May be of Interests to Social Scientists

- Chicago Census Research Data Center:
 - a. The [Chicago RDC](#) provides data in collaboration between the Census Bureau and a consortium of the Argonne National Laboratory, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois. Economic, demographic, and mixed data are available. To access the Chicago Census Research Data Center, please contact Frank Limehouse ([CRDC](#)) at: flimehouse@frbchi.org, (312) 322-6002. Access requires a proposal submitted to the sponsoring government agency (Census, NCHS, or AHRQ). Frank Limehouse can assist with the development of full proposals, from preliminary proposal ideas by interested researchers.
- [Wharton Research Data Services \(WRDS\)](#):
 - a. The WRDS is a web-based business data research service from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania that provides researchers with instant access to financial, economic, and marketing data through a uniform, web-based

interface. To access to WRDS, please contact Julie Less at: jless@uchicago.edu,
Extension: 2-8254.

- Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) data products:
 - a. Stock
 - b. Indices
 - c. Cap-based portfolios
 - d. CRSP/COMPUSTAT Merged Database
 - e. Treasuries
 - f. Mutual funds
 - g. CRSP/Ziman Real Estate Data Series
 - h. Customized CRSP datasets
- Conference Board Data Series:
 - a. Consumer Confidence
 - b. Employment Trends Index
 - c. Help-Wanted Online
 - d. Leading Economic Index
 - e. Measure of CEO Confidence
- Sociometrics Data Archives:
 - a. HIV/AIDS/STI
 - b. Teen Pregnancy
 - c. Aging
 - d. Family
 - e. Child Poverty
 - f. Alternative Medicine
 - g. Contextual
 - h. Disability
 - i. Maternal Drug Abuse
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics Datasets:
 - a. Aging
 - b. Philanthropy
 - c. Food related issues
 - d. Children and youth data
- Center for Population of Economics Datasets:
 - a. Union Army
 - b. U.S. Colored Troops
 - c. Public Health
 - d. Examination Sample

- Chapin Hall Longitudinal Data Analytics Publications:
 - a. Improving Indicators of Child Well-Being
 - b. Chicago Children and Youth 1990-2010
 - c. Foster Care Dynamics 2000-2005
- Other datasets available through Booth School Research and Learning Centers:
 - f. Accounting Research Center
 - g. The Becker Center on Chicago Price Theory
 - h. Center for Decision Research
 - i. Center for Population Economics
 - j. Center for Research in Security Prices
 - k. Chicago Energy Initiative
 - l. George J. Stigler Center for the Study of Economy and the State
 - m. The Initiative on Global Markets
 - n. James M. Kilts Center for Marketing
 - o. Michael P. Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship
 - p. The Milton Friedman Institute for Research in Economics