ResearchDataGov.org (RDG) User Guide
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About ResearchDataGov.org

ResearchDataGov.org (RDG) is a product of the federal statistical agencies and units, created in response to the *Foundations of Evidence-based Policymaking Act* of 2018. The site provides a single portal for discovery of restricted data in the federal statistical system. The participating agencies and units have provided detailed descriptions of each data asset. The catalog may be searched by topic, agency, and keywords. ResearchDataGov.org is built by and hosted at ICPSR at the University of Michigan, under contract and guidance from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics within the National Science Foundation.

The data described in ResearchDataGov.org are owned by and accessed through the agencies and units of the federal statistical system. Data access is determined by the owning or distributing agency and is limited to specific physical or virtual data enclaves. Although all data assets are listed in a single inventory, they are not all available for use in the same location(s). Please note the access modality of the data in which you are interested and seek guidance from the owning agency about whether assets in the same location can be linked or otherwise used together.

Participating Agencies and Units

The U.S. federal statistical system comprises 13 agencies and three programs or units. For brevity, the term "agency" will be used to cover both agencies and the units within them. Not all 16 of the entities have data assets in the inventory yet, but all will use the standard application process built into RDG to receive and review restricted-data applications.

Agency	Contact for application questions
Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)	SpecialSwornResearch@bea.gov
Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)	askbjs@usdoj.gov (Please include "Standard Application Process" in the subject line)
Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	RDA_admin@bls.gov
Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)	Restricted Data and Standard Application Process (SAP)
Census Bureau	CED.FSRDC.INFO@census.gov
Energy Information Administration (EIA)	EIA.GOV/about/contact/
Federal Reserve Board (FRB): Microeconomics Survey Unit	Kevin.B.Moore@frb.gov
Internal Revenue Service (IRS): Statistics of Income (SOI) Division	SIS@irs.gov
National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)	IESData.Security@ed.gov
National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)	RDCA@cdc.gov
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)	NCSES_Licensing@nsf.gov

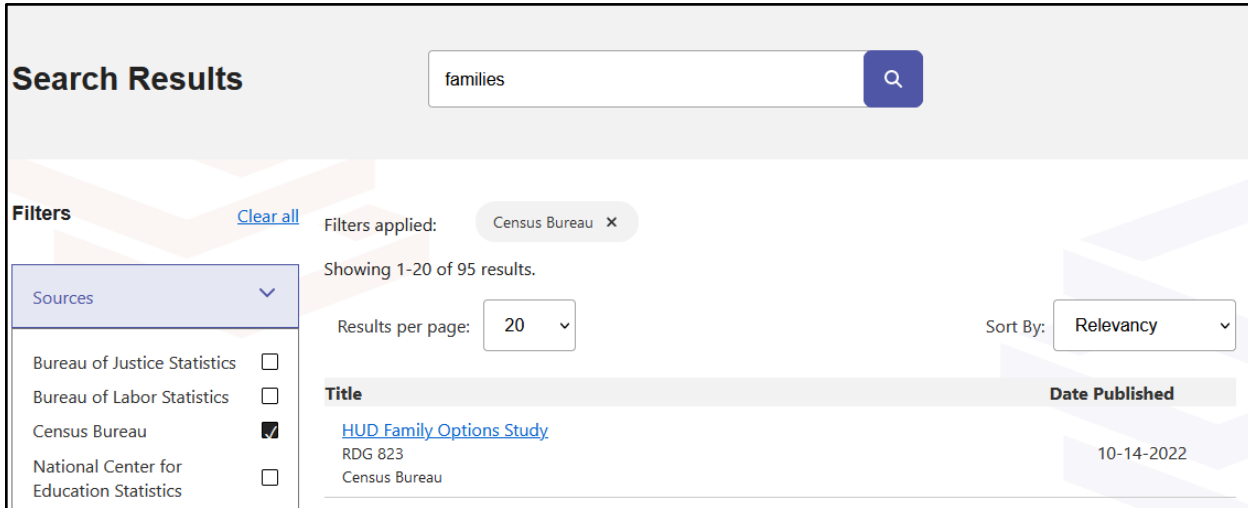| Agency	Contact for application questions
Social Security Administration (SSA): Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (ORES)	Joyce.Nicholas@ssa.gov
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality	RDCA@samhsa.hhs.gov
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): Economic Research Service (ERS)	Antonio.Rizzo@usda.gov
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	SM.NASS.Data.Lab@usda.gov
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS)	NAHMS@usda.gov

Using ResearchDataGov

Most RDG users will visit the site for one or more of the following reasons:
- Search for data for a specific project or to see more generally what is available
- Evaluate the utility of selected data for their needs by reading the information provided on the asset pages
- Create a basket of data to include in an application
- Complete and submit a restricted-data application
- Review applications for a participating agency
- View the determination and comments from the reviewers

This guide will focus on use of the site by applicants and potential applicants, there is a similar guide for reviewers.

Finding data

You can search for data by keyword, topic, agency, or a combination of these. Once in the search results, you can also filter by several other metadata fields, as shown in the image below. In the example, we have searched for the keyword "families" in data from the Census Bureau.
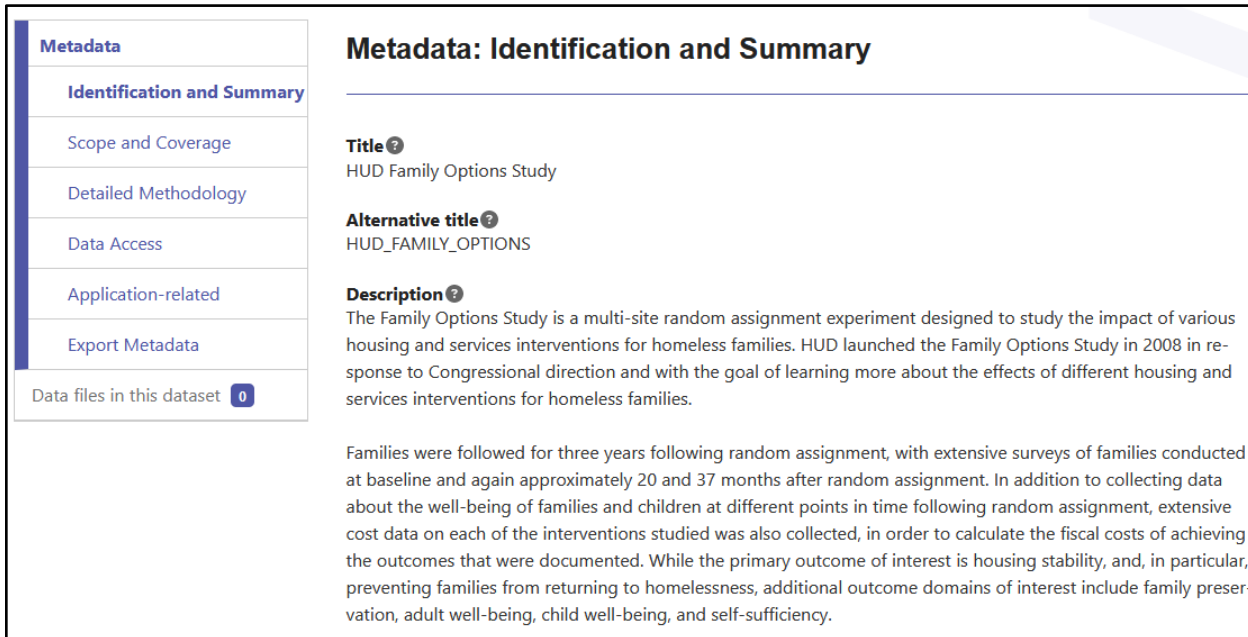
You can also browse the catalog by leaving the search box empty and clicking the purple icon.

Once you have found data that look interesting, click on the hyperlinked title and view the information provided. Use the navigation on the left of the resulting page to view information about the data collection, data coverage, where the data can be accessed, and more.

Adding data to your request

A button at the top of the dataset homepage (shown below) will add the data to your basket. You may add multiple datasets, from multiple agencies, to your basket for inclusion in a single application. Note that you may apply for multiple datasets in the same application, but each will be provided via the access modality noted on the "Data Access" tab of the dataset homepages – that is, data will not be made available in a single location just because they are requested together.

ResearchDataGov
Application Portal for Restricted Data for Federal Statistics

HUD Family Options Study ⊹ Dataset

Description

The Family Options Study is a multi-site random assignment experiment designed to study the impact o...
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🔒 Request access

Begin an application for these data by adding them to your request.

Metadata	**Metadata: Identification and Summary**
Identification and Summary	

Starting an application

When you have added a dataset to your application, you will be prompted to log in. After logging in, you will be taken to a cart screen that lists all datasets you have selected as well as the owning agency for each.

From this page, you may continue to add more datasets, or you can begin your application by selecting "Start Application."

You must add all data to your application **before** you press "Start Application." If you need to add or remove data from an application in progress, you will need to start a new application. The ability to add or remove data when in the application itself is planned for a future iteration of the site.

Completing an application

The application requests information about the research team and the project. Exact questions are provided in the appendix. Most fields are text boxes, but some fields instead require a PDF upload. The fields requiring a PDF upload are those that may need formatting, such as tables and formulas, that would be challenging to put into a text box.

Please note: We strongly recommend that the principal investigator (PI) create the application. The application will only show on the PI's dashboard, but if the email address listed for the PI is different from the one used to begin the application, the PI will not receive the notification about the application creation or be able to view or edit the application until it has been completed and submitted.

Additional details about the application itself and the review process can be found on the page (shown below) that appears once you click "Start Application." Agency-specific information that might be useful as you work through an application, such as the maximum project duration for a given agency or the characteristics required of researchers, is found at the end of this guide as well as with the relevant questions in the application.

You do not need to finish the application in one session, your answers will be automatically saved after some amount of time (specified by your browser). You are also able to save your work using the "Save and Continue" button at the bottom of the screen. Note that it can only be saved after you have completed all required fields in the section.

Submitting the application

Once all required sections have been completed and the application has been submitted, you will see a "congratulations" screen (below) that includes notes about how long the review will take. You will also receive an email with a link back to the application. You will not be able to edit the application further unless asked to do so by one of the reviewing agencies. When the agency or agencies complete the review, you will receive an email notifying you to visit your application in the portal.

Agency reviewers will make one of three determinations upon completing the review: accept, revise and resubmit, or reject. If the agency has requested revisions, you will be able to edit the application fields for which they have requested changes.

Congratulations!

Thank you for your request! Your application "JTA test 9/17/22 (36)" has been successfully submitted!
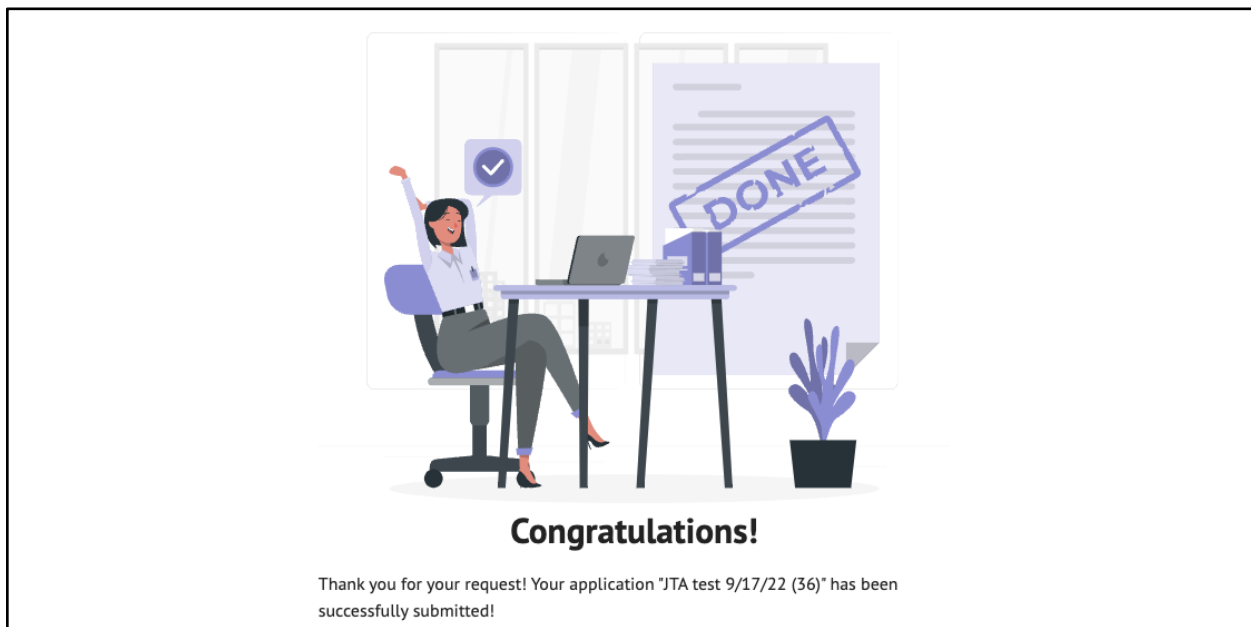
Review process and reporting

The standard application system replaces the processes and forms previously used by the participating agencies. Applications will be reviewed by agency staff responsible for granting access to restricted data, and you may be asked to revise and resubmit to provide additional information. Finally, this is the **beginning** of the process of requesting access, there may be additional steps (e.g., training, background check) or documentation, such as an IRB approval or signed restricted data use agreement, required upon approval.

In order to ensure transparency in the process, the following information will be reported for all applications submitted: date of receipt, status of the application, data requested including owning agency and method of accessing each. Once the application is reviewed, the determination and the date on which it was made will be added to the report. For rejected applications, reported rationale for the decision and the review criteria found to be lacking will be provided. All of this is done without revealing the names of the researchers or the project proposed. Approved applications, however, will be reported with project title, abstract, and the names of the researchers involved.

Getting Help

For questions about the data (including potential linkages), access modalities, and expected responses to application questions, please contact the agency providing the data using the information on the "Contact"

page. If you need help using the site or have trouble with the application system itself (e.g., uploading files or submitting the application), please contact help@researchdatagov.org. You may also provide feedback on the site or report a bug using the "Feedback" form linked here and from the FAQs and Contact page..

Agency-specific Information

Eligibility requirements

Applicants for data from some agencies must meet specific requirements as shown below.

Agency	Eligibility requirements
BEA	US Citizenship
BJS	Affiliation with an educational institution, research arm of a government agency, or non-profit entity and evidence of fulfillment of human subjects requirements
BLS	Affiliation with a US educational institution or non-profit entity
Census	Resided in the U.S. for three out of the last five years if not a US citizen
EIA	US Citizenship Affiliation with a US educational institution or US non-profit entity Resided in the U.S. for three out of the last five years
FRB	US Citizenship
IRS SOI	US Citizenship Affiliation with a US educational institution or US non-profit entity
NASS	Research must be conducted in the U.S. Graduate students are not eligible to be principal investigators
NCES	Affiliation with a US educational institution or non-profit entity Resided in the U.S. for three out of the last five years
NCSES	Affiliation with a US educational institution or non-profit entity Resided in the U.S. for three out of the last five years

Access modalities

The "access modality" is the place where the requested data can be accessed and used. Some are physical locations and others are virtual. This table provides a list of the access modalities, including the agencies who use and software available within each.

Modality	Description	Agencies	Software Available
NCES Remote Access	The Administrative Data Research Facility (ADRF) is a secure cloud-based computing platform designed to promote collaboration, facilitate documentation, and provide information about data use to the agencies that own the data. The ADRF has provided secure access to over 100 confidential government datasets from 50 different agencies at all levels of government. More information on ADRF is available at https://coleridgeinitiative.org/adrf/.	NCES	ArcGIS, Matlab, Mplus, Python, R and RStudio, SPSS, Stata, and Stat/Transfer
Requester Secure Site	Data can be used by the researcher(s) at their institutions via a method and following requirements set by the agency owning the data. These might include a non-networked computer, a secure office, or other provisions deemed necessary to ensure security.	BJS, NCES, SSA	
BEA Network	Researchers share four secure workstations at BEA's headquarters at the Suitland Federal Center in Suitland, MD. Workstation use is by appointment only. Due to pandemic-related restrictions that currently prevent access at the physical data enclave, BEA is temporarily providing access at the user's domicile. A security clearance is required to access the BEA network.	BEA	MS Office, Python (coming soon), R and RStudio, SAS, Stata, and Stat/Transfer
BLS Onsite	BLS Onsite access is available in a researcher room at the BLS national office in Washington, DC. Researchers with approved projects can reserve time during normal business hours to use BLS workstations connected to an internal server where all data and project files are stored. More information is available at www.bls.gov/rda/onsite-at-bls.htm.	BLS	Anaconda, Python, R and RStudio, SAS, and Stata
BLS Virtual Data Enclave	BLS offers offsite limited remote access to restricted data through a Virtual Data Enclave for two survey files: NLSY Geocode and CFOI-Masked data. More information is available at www.bls.gov/rda/offsite.htm.	BLS	Python, R and RStudio, SAS, SPSS, Stata, and Stat/Transfer
FRB Onsite	Access via a physical data enclave at the Federal Reserve Bank headquarters in Washington, DC	FRB	Python, R and RStudio, SAS, Stata, and Stat/Transfer
FSRDC	Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (FSRDCs) are Census Bureau facilities, housed in partner institutions, that meet all physical and information security requirements for access to restricted–use micro data of the agencies whose data are accessed there. Remote access via secure Virtual Desktop Interface (VDI) is permitted for researchers working with selected data, at the discretion of the data-owning agency. All FSRDC researchers must obtain the Census Bureau's Special Sworn Status and successfully complete a thorough background investigation prior to accessing a RDC.	BEA, BJS, BLS, Census, NCSES, NCHS, SAMHSA	Anaconda, Gurobi, Intel Composer, Knittro, MADD, Mathematica, Matlab, OpenGeoda, R and Rstudio, SAS, Stat/Transfer, Stata, Stata-MP, SUDAAN, and Tomlab
IRS-issued Laptop	Remote access to the IRS network via secure VPN line using government laptop issued and configured by IRS IT.	IRS	Python, R, SAS, and Stata

Modality	Description	Agencies	Software Available
IRS Onsite	Access at IRS Headquarters, Submission Processing Center, or other satellite (field) offices.	IRS	Python, R, SAS, and Stata
NCHS RDC	Researchers may access restricted-use National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data at Research Data Centers (RDCs) located in Hyattsville, MD, Atlanta, GA, Rockville, MD, and Washington DC (government employees only). The NCHS RDCs are open by appointment only during regular business hours. The NCHS RDC computers are not connected to the Internet, and they have standard statistical software. An RDC Analyst will review all materials brought into the RDC and will review any notes, code, or output the researcher may want to take out of the RDC. Electronic devices (e.g., cellphones and laptops) are not permitted in the RDC. Some NCHS projects are authorized to access NCHS data at Federal Statistical RDCs (FSRDC). Non-US Citizens: In general, non-US citizens are not granted access to NCHS RDCs and are encouraged to use Federal Statistical RDCs to access restricted-use NCHS data.	NCHS, SAMSHA	SAS, Stata, and SUDAAN
NCSES Secure Data Access Facility	NCSES Secure Data Access Facility (SDAF) houses NCSES restricted-use data and provides secure remote access to researchers. After researchers have submitted a restricted-use data application, received approval from NCSES, and have been trained on how to use the SDAF, they can login using an approved computer and a private internet connection. Each researcher has access to their own, personal file space and to a suite of software that can be used to store, access, and analyze data. For more information on accessing NCSES restricted-use data, please visit https://ncses.nsf.gov/about/licensing.	NCSES	Jupyter Notebook/Github, Microsoft Suite (e.g., Word, Excel, Access), R and RStudio, SAS, Stata, and Stat/Transfer
USDA Virtual Data Enclave	USDA offers offsite remote access via a secure internet connection using the researcher's own computer and web browser to approved datasets for data analysis within the Data Enclave. Each researcher has access to their own personal file space and to a suite of software that can be used to store, access, and analyze data.	ERS, NASS, USDA	DBeaver, Jupyter Lab with Python and R kernels, LaTeX, LibreOffice, MS Office, Python, PyCharm, R, RStudio, SAS, SQL Server Management Studio, Stata, and SVN
BTS Virtual Data Enclave	Remote access through a virtual data enclave.	BTS	
SSA Onsite	Access via a physical data enclave at the Social Security Administration in Washington, DC.	SSA	COBOL, Excel software (to access and store data), and SAS
ICPSR Physical Data Enclave	The ICPSR physical data enclave is located in the Perry Building on the campus of the University of Michigan.	BJS	R for Windows and RStudio, SAS, SPSS (including AMOS), Stat/Transfer, and Stata/MP
ICPSR Virtual Data Enclave	The ICPSR virtual data enclave allows users access to restricted data via their own computers using a virtual desktop.	BJS	ArcGIS Desktop,Matlab, Mplus, Python, R and RStudio, SAS, SPSS (including AMOS), Stat/Transfer, Stata, and SUDAAN

Required agency-specific attachments

Some agencies require documents beyond the application itself, as listed below.

Agency	Required Documents
BEA	Curriculum Vita (CV) for each applicant Permission to use proprietary data Detailed timeline
BJS	CV for each applicant Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Census	Permission to use proprietary data
NASS	Signed MOU List of requested variables (*Census of Agriculture* requests only)
NCHS	CV for each applicant Permission to use proprietary data Table Shells Data dictionary for non-NCHS data
SAMHSA	List of requested variables

Project duration

Participating agencies differ in the length of time for which they allow access to restricted-use data. The chart below provides the maximum duration allowed for each.

Agency	Project duration (months)
BEA	60
BJS	48
BLS	48
Census	60
EIA	60
ERS	60
FRB	60
IRS	60
NASS	36
NCES	60
NCHS	36
NCSES	60
SAMHSA	36
SSA	60

Variables requested

The following agencies require lists of specific variables requested. Please refer to the dataset's data dictionary to review the variables available. The agency will determine whether the proposed use of variables is appropriate and evaluate project feasibility based on the variables requested.

Agency	Requirement
NASS	For Census of Agriculture projects, complete the spreadsheet for all variables needed from NASS and email to SM.NASS.Data.Lab@usda.gov. Refer to the data dictionary for the dataset to see the available variables.
NCHS	List all variables needed from NCHS. Refer to the data dictionary for the dataset to see the available variables.
SAMHSA	List all variables needed from SAMHSA. Refer to the data dictionary for the dataset to see the available variables.

Agency benefits

Applicants requesting data must demonstrate how their projects will benefit the agency(ies) providing data. Agency-specific criteria for evaluating the applicant's answers are listed with these questions in the appendix.

Appendix

Standard Application Questions

The questions from the application are provided here so you know what you will need before you begin the application process. All questions, along with any help text or links, are included here, even though some are agency-specific and might not appear on the application you complete. An asterisk (*) designates required items and the question format, whether it is answered within the application (in app) or via file upload (upload) is noted for each.

Additional documents may be required depending on the data selected – these are typically presented for download, completion, and upload. Documents such as IRB approval or security plans may be requested by the data owners upon approval of the application.

Field Label	Field Wording	Format
Researcher Information		
PI/Lead Researcher*[1]	Name of principal investigator or lead researcher.	in app
Institutional Affiliation*	Name of employer or affiliate.	in app
Title*	Primary position type.	in app
Email*	Email address. Once the application is submitted, this address will receive all communications about the application and the individual with this address will be the primary person to act upon the application using his/her account.	in app
Phone Number*	Phone number.	in app
Citizenship*	Is this person a U.S. citizen?	in app
Special Sworn Status*	Does this person have active special sworn status (SSS) with the U.S. Census Bureau?	in app
Data Access*	Will this person access the data listed under "Data Requested" in the sidebar of this application? Note: Some options may require follow up with the data provider. Select Yes if this person needs a security clearance to obtain an enclave seat or access point to do statistical work or needs a security clearance to participate in discussions involving unvetted output in a secure location (this option is only available for some data providers). Select No if this person does not need a security clearance and is only supporting the research project in ways that involve access to information that has been cleared for disclosure.	in app
Graduation Date*[2]	Expected graduation (MM/YYYY).	in app

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[1] The questions listed for the PI from "Name" through "Data Access" are repeated for the rest of the research team, with the addition of the "Grad Date" and "Role" fields that were not asked of the PI. The help text for the "Email" field for additional researchers is also shortened to "Once the application is submitted, this address will receive all communications about the application."

[2] Only asked of graduate students.

Field Label	Field Wording	Format
Researcher Role*	Role on project.	in app
Research Description		
Project Title*	Title of project.	in app
Project Duration*	How long is your proposed project, in months? Make sure there is sufficient time to achieve project objectives and that the duration is not greater than the data provider's maximum duration. Requests for extensions beyond the initial proposed duration depend on the practices of the providing agency. Refer to the document below for the maximum length allowed by the agency from whom you are requesting data. (A table of maximum durations for each agency is provided.)	in app
Funding*	Please list any grants, FSRDC funding, university funding, and any other sources of funding for this project. If none, enter "None."	in app
Timeline*	What is the timeline for completing project tasks?

Projects that use data from the U.S. Census Bureau are required under Title 13, U.S.C. to contribute to the Census Bureau's mission. These contributions are called "benefits." The development of the timeline requires linking Census benefits to each of the project activities. Assistance from an FSRDC administrator will greatly reduce the need for future revisions to the timeline after submission. To find an FSRDC administrator near you, please check the list of FSRDC contacts. If you are unsure which FSRDC to contact or have a general question, please reach out to the Census Bureau at ced.fsrdc.info@census.gov. (An example timeline is provided.) | upload |
| Research Questions* | What are the proposed research questions? | in app |
| Demonstrated Need* | Explain why the research questions can only be addressed using the requested restricted-use microdata.

Be as specific as possible, including listing key variables or methodological advantages of the restricted file compared to a public-use file (where available). | in app |
Study Population*	Briefly describe the study population or universe and how it relates to the research questions.	in app
Project Abstract*	Provide a project abstract of approximately the length that would be published for a journal article. The abstract should broadly describe the purpose of the research, the type of data to be used, and the hypotheses to be tested.	in app
Time, Geographic, and Other Units Requested	Some datasets are made available only for the specific years or states that you need for your project. For each dataset you're requesting, look at the "Application-related" tab on the main dataset page. If there are "Provisioned by…" fields, please list the years, states, or other units you are requesting for each dataset, indicating why these specific data are necessary for your research. If you have multiple datasets provisioned this way, list the dataset name and other information for each. If the "Application-related" tab shows no "Provisioned by" fields, you may skip this question.	in app
Work Location*	Where will the data be accessed? If you and, if applicable, other members of the research team plan on using data in multiple places, please mark all that apply. Note that there are often fees for accessing data in a Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC), please contact the FSRDC location you intend to use for more information. Other data may have fees for access as noted in the "Fees" field in the "Data Access" section of the information about the asset.	in app
Data Linkages	Discuss data linkages planned for the research, if any. Please specify datasets to be linked,	upload

Field Label	Field Wording	Format
	whether linkages are at the record level (e.g., person, household, business), the purpose of the linkage (e.g., geographic/industry context), and provide basic information on how the linkages are to be performed. Expected length, for projects including linkages only: 2-5 pages.	
User-provided Data[3]	If you are planning to provide other data for use in this project, please describe those data below. Enter information about one dataset at a time, using the "Add User-provided Data" button to include additional sources.	upload
Name and Description of Data	Provide the name of the dataset, a brief description of its contents, and the approximate size of the file.	in app
Ownership	Please indicate whether these data are publicly available or proprietary and provide the source (including URL) from whom you obtained the data.	in app
Anonymized	Will personal identifiers be removed – that is, will the data be anonymized?	in app
Linkage	Will you be linking these to other data at the record (e.g., person, household, business) level?	in app
Protected Identification Keys (PIKs)	Will you require Census protected identification keys (PIKs) to be applied to these data in order to link to other Census Bureau data?	in app
Software Requirements	If your project requires statistical software other than that which is currently available in the location in which you will access the data, please indicate that here. (Table of software by location is provided.)	in app

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[3] The following five questions are only applicable when additional data from outside of ResearchDataGov.org will be included in the project.

Field Label	Field Wording	Format
Methodology*	Explain the methodology that will be used for the project. The methodology should be clearly stated and appropriate for the research questions. The metadata catalog, agency publications and statistical products, agency web pages describing the restricted access data, and agency contacts are valuable resources for background information for drafting a strong methodology. Expected length: 5-10 pages. Your methodology may include, but is not limited to the following information, as appropriate • How each requested data set will be used • Model equations to be estimated • Estimation methods • How previous research supports the feasibility of the methodology of the project • How model variables will be constructed • Strategies for addressing data quality issues • Expected sample size and subsamples • Unit of analysis including level of geography • Ability to link datasets • Availability of the study population in the data • Use of sample weights, design variables, and adjustments for use of complex survey design • Expected outcomes Projects that use data from the U.S. Census Bureau are required under Title 13, U.S.C. to contribute to the Census Bureau's mission. These contributions are called "benefits." The development of the timeline requires linking Census benefits to each of the project activities. Assistance from an FSRDC administrator will greatly reduce the need for future revisions to the timeline after submission. To find an FSRDC administrator near you, please check the list of FSRDC contacts (*linked in the application*). If you are unsure which FSRDC to contact or have a general question, please reach out to the Census Bureau at ced.fsrdc.info@census.gov.	upload
List of References*	List any publications referenced in this application as well as any other works that are of importance to this project. Expected length: 2-5 pages.	upload
Project Products*	What are the anticipated journal articles, books, working papers, conference presentations, technical memoranda, dissertations, government reports, or other products for this project? Please include the names of journals.	in app
Requested Output*	Describe the anticipated output for this project, including regression/modeling output, summary statistics, and any other output you intend to submit for disclosure review as well as anticipated methods to meet disclosure requirements (e.g., noise infusion). Please check with the agency contact if you are unsure of the agency's output and disclosure requirements. • For modeling output include descriptions of the samples you anticipate using and variables you plan on reporting results on, including descriptions of categorical variables. • For tabular output, describe the output needed for the project products in detail, including examples when applicable (i.e., state groupings, levels of output and how you will display restricted-use data, analytic methods to reduce disclosure, etc.). Each agency will assess this section based on its disclosure requirements. Some agencies' disclosure requirements only allow for projects that emphasize regression/modeling output and a limited number of summary statistics that support this output, while others require table shells of requested output be included in the application. Expected length: 2-15 pages.	upload

Field Label	Field Wording	Format
Census Benefits*[4]	Projects that use data from the U.S. Census Bureau are required under Title 13, U.S.C. to contribute to the Census Bureau's mission. These contributions are called "benefits." List each proposed criteria, explaining how the benefit will be achieved. The development of Census benefits that will be accepted during the application review process can be challenging for many researchers. Assistance from an FSRDC administrator will greatly reduce the need for future revisions to your benefit statements after submission. Assistance from an FSRDC administrator will greatly reduce the need for future revisions to your benefit statements after submission. To find an FSRDC administrator near you, please check the list of FSRDC contacts (*linked in the application*). If you are unsure which FSRDC to contact or have a general question, please reach out to the Census Bureau at ced.fsrdc.info@census.gov. (List of the criteria with details about each is provided.)	in app
Agency Benefits*	List the proposed benefits to the agency from whom the data are being requested, explaining how the proposed work will achieve those benefits. Some agencies have specific guidance for describing benefits. The Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Statistics of Income Division of the IRS have provided additional guidance (*linked in application*).	in app

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[4] The benefits questions depend upon the data requested, each application will have at least one of the two.