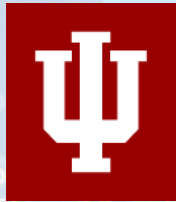## RDC Consortium

The Kentucky Research Data Center (KRDC) is a collaboration between the University of Kentucky and the U.S. Census Bureau established by a grant from the National Science Foundation in 2016. KRDC is maintained by a regional consortium of leading research institutions including:

UK University of Kentucky

IU THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Benefits of Consortium Membership

For researchers at one of the consortium institutions, costs for use of the facility are governed under the KRDC consortium agreement. There are no fees charged to approved members of consortium institutions, except for those additional fees assessed by the NCHS, BLS, and BEA for their data products. If you are not a researcher at one of the KRDC consortium institutions, fees for using the KRDC depend on the amount of time you will need to complete a project. Direct your inquiries to the KRDC Executive Director for usage fees.

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What is the Kentucky Research Data Center?

The Kentucky Research Data Center (KRDC) is part of the nationwide system of Federal Statistical Research Data Centers whose mission is to expand the data infrastructure available to qualified scholars and students. KRDC provides access to restricted individual- and firm-level data from participating federal statistical agencies. The lab is located on the University of Kentucky campus in the Gatton College of Business and Economics Building.

What does KRDC offer researchers?

KRDC offers researchers the opportunity to use restricted-access federal data to conduct advanced research in fields such as economics, management, business, demography, health, epidemiology, geography, environment, urban planning, political science, sociology, criminology, and more. The primary federal partners of data in KRDC are the U.S. Census Bureau, Internal Revenue Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. The advantages of restricted-access data include larger samples, finer levels of geography (in some cases census block and tract levels), additional variables, and more detailed coding of key variables. In addition, many datasets are linked to records from administrative databases.

Popular business and demographic datasets
- Longitudinal Business Database (LBD)
- Census of Manufactures (CSM)
- Longitudinal Employer–Household Dynamics (LEHD)
- American Community Survey (ACS)
- Current Population Survey (CPS)
- Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

Popular health statistics datasets
- Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
- National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)
- National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)

Interested in KRDC research?

Researchers wishing to use KRDC must develop a project proposal, receive approval for the project, and undergo a security clearance. Visit the KRDC Web site (krdc.uky.edu) for an overview of the proposal process and description of available data. Contact the KRDC Administrator with any questions. The KRDC Administrator will help researchers prepare and submit materials for review, and can assist researchers in determining data availability and in preparing high-quality proposals.

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