

Public Affairs 804
Winter 2010
Evaluation Design Due Dates and Guidelines

(1) DUE DATES

Session 4 – February 1: Two deliverables are due before the beginning of class (1:30pm). Please get these in on time. Your final project grade will be penalized 1 point per hour late, per deliverable.

1. What is the evaluation question you will be addressing in **your** outcome/impact design for this class?

E-mail your question(s) to me as soon as you have formulated it.

A “good” question is:

- A. One for which data are available to answer the question;
- B. One for which previous evaluations exist. These extant evaluations can deal with the same or related questions. The preference is for evaluations in peer-reviewed academic journals, GAO reports, or other credible sources. Evaluations conducted by the program on itself are used only as a last resort);
- C. One which is appropriate to the program you are evaluating.
- C. One about which you possess intellectual curiosity.

In our email exchanges I will ask you questions about your question. The purpose of my questions will be to help you sharpen the focus of the question. Come to class on February 1 prepared to discuss your evaluation question.)

2. What specific dataset will enable you or someone else to address your research question and ultimately implement the evaluation you will design by the end of this class? Where is the dataset available? What variable or variables from this dataset will you use?
3. What are the relevant journals for the literature review portion of your outcome/impact design?

Submit your list in MS Word to the Carmen dropbox before class on February 1. Please do not email this list.

Session 9 – March 8: One deliverable is due at the beginning of class (1:30pm), a document that contains:

1. Your evaluation question(s) stated clearly and precisely.
2. Your dataset identified, including the source
3. Indication of key variables in your dataset, i.e., indication of how you will define and measure outcomes/impacts.
4. Indication of how you will address the counterfactual (i.e., what would have happened in the program's absence) and the control variables you will use to reduce the nonequivalence of the treatment and comparison group(s).
5. Indication of your evaluation design, using X and O notation.

Please get this in on time. Your final project grade will be penalized 1 point per hour late.

Submit to Carmen dropbox by 1:30pm on March 8. Also, bring 3 hard copies to class on March 8. Do not email this to me. Be clear and succinct. The document should not exceed one page and must respond to 1-5 above. Do not provide your entire paper.

March 15 by 5:00pm: Outcome/impact designs are due.

Papers must be delivered in the Carmen dropbox by 5:00pm on March 15. Please use MS Word, double space, Times New Roman font size 12, 1 inch margins.

Please get this in on time. Your final project grade will be penalized 1 point per hour late.

(2) GUIDELINES

Students will devise an outcome/impact evaluation design for a program of their choosing. The program may be a local, state, national, or international program/intervention/initiative/expenditure of time, money, and resources for which data are available to assess its outcomes/impact. It can be a program within a public or nonprofit organization.

Again, data availability (for both treatment and comparison groups) and previous evaluations of the same/similar program are necessary conditions for the program to be an acceptable focus for this project. Data from previous

evaluations of the same program can serve as supplemental, but not as primary, data for your evaluation design.

The design should not exceed six double-spaced pages. You must use 12-pt Times New Roman font with 1 inch margins.

The design will:

- Clearly state the evaluation question;
- Critically assess previous evaluations of the same or similar topic, including but not limited to the design, data used, treatment of the counterfactual, internal and external validity of those evaluations (indicating why threats are more or less plausible) and the choice of outcome measures used;
- Develop valid, reliable outcome measures and explain their rationale, including consideration of other outcomes, both intended and unintended;
- Propose an evaluation design using notation discussed in class;
- Indicate how you will address the counterfactual and relevant control variables;
- Critically assess the strength of the proposed design with respect to internal and external validity; be specific about alternative explanations for the outcome rendered less plausible by the design; and
- Identify data sources that would be used in the evaluation. You do not need to collect the data but the actual data need to exist to answer the evaluation question you pose.

The following checklist – adapted from *Assessing Social Program Impact Evaluations: A Checklist Approach* (General Accounting Office 1978) and *Public Policy Analysis* (Dunn 1981) – provides a practical guide for critically assessing and developing program evaluations. Items in **boldface font** are required in your design. The paper, however, should not consist simply of answers to these questions.

PLANNING

1. **What is the evaluation question(s) to be answered through execution of the evaluation design?**
2. Why is the evaluation being done?
3. Who is conducting the evaluation?
4. Whose outcomes are being considered? Why? Whose outcomes could have been considered?
5. **What outcome measures are employed? Enumerate and justify them.**
6. **Priority of outcomes to be used in the evaluation?**

7. **Temporal ordering (long-term vs. short-term) of outcomes to be used in the evaluation?**
8. **What unintended consequences could occur as a result of the program?**
9. **How will you recognize them in your evaluation design?**
10. Has the evaluability of the program been determined?
11. Has the problem the program is supposed to resolve been described?
12. Has the "theory" underlying the program been established?
13. Are there consensual, plausible, and measurable program objectives?
14. Is there steady state implementation of the program?
15. **What conclusions can one draw from previous peer-refereed evaluation research efforts in this particular substantive area? What designs were used? What data are used? What method was used for identifying the counterfactual? What threats to internal validity are more/less plausible? Why? What are the threats to external validity? What outcome measure(s) is employed? (You need a minimum of four previous evaluations.)**
16. **What evaluation design are you proposing? Use X and O notation. Provide a key to identify the intervention (X) and all outcomes (O). Make clear the time interval between outcome measurements.**
17. **What are its strengths and weaknesses with respect to internal and external validity?**
18. **What will be used as a base for comparison of the results obtained from your design when executed? Why?**
19. **What control variables have you identified?**
20. **What specific alternative explanations for policy outcomes have been identified?**
21. What is the method for sample selection?
22. What provisions have been made to accommodate possible bias?
23. What sample sizes are required?
24. What incentives are there for participants to cooperate?
25. What mechanisms for measuring attrition have been established?
26. **What data should be collected? You do not need to collect the data but data do need to exist and be accessible to researchers. Provide source for data. (Data from previous true experiments can serve as supplemental, but not primary, data.) If you indicate that you will collect data through a survey instrument, you must provide a copy of the instrument in the appendix. (A web review will yield many social sciences/humanities databases that might be helpful.)**
27. How will their validity and reliability be established?
28. Has the feasibility of performing the evaluation been examined?
29. How much time will the evaluation take?
30. How many and what kinds of resources are necessary to conduct the evaluation?
31. Have legal constraints been identified and accommodated?
32. What provisions have been made for human subjects review?

33. Have political influences been identified? How will they be handled?
34. Do the potential benefits of the evaluation outweigh the costs?

DATA COLLECTION

35. Have procedures for quality control of data been identified and implemented?
36. Have data collection instruments been pilot tested?
37. Have data collectors been provided with the necessary training?
38. Have assignment procedures been established and adhered to?
39. Have procedures been implemented for monitoring data collected as the program progresses?

DATA ANALYSIS

40. What statistical methods for analyzing data are proposed? What is the rationale for their use?

REPORTING RESULTS

40. Have the findings been presented clearly, completely, and fairly?
41. Have all significant results of the analysis been discussed in terms of the needs of stakeholders?
42. Have all assumptions been made explicit?
43. Has the evaluation approach been described in sufficient detail for users to understand what was done and why?
44. Have issues and questions, which need further study and consideration, been identified and explained?
45. Have follow-up provisions been made to assist decision makers in using the report?

DATA DISCLOSURE

46. Has adequate documentation been maintained?
47. Have the purpose and sources of data and the methods and circumstances of their collection been documented?
48. Have the content and organization of the documentation been clearly described?
49. Have obstacles to the utilization of information been identified and accommodated?
50. Has a procedure been established for release of data for audit or re analysis?
51. Have the location of data and officials authorized to release it been identified?
52. Have conditions for release of data been specified?

Selected Data Sources

Tools	http://www.census.gov/main/www/access.html	Census Bureau Access Tools
	http://webprod.aspensys.com/socds/	State of the Cities
		State of the Nations Cities
housing	http://www.huduser.org/datasets/qct.html	HUD data sets
***	http://econdata.net/	Links to all econ and business data INCLUDING RIMS
**EDU	http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/govs/www/school.html	Census School Districts Financial Data
Govt	http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/govs/www/	1992 Census of Governments [Local] US Census: Government page – local gov't info
	http://ferret.bls.census.gov/	Data FERRET: data archive tool of US Census plus other agencies
		IHDP Adolescent Pathways Project, Infant Health and Development Program
Survey Data		PSID Panel Study of Income Dynamics
Survey Data		NLSY National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth
		Community 2020 Project
		Interagency Council on Statistical Policy
		National Spatial Data Infrastructure – Federal Geographic Data Committee's
Census		American Community Survey
Ag	http://www.usda.gov/nass/	National Agricultural Statistics Service; wide range of national, regional, international data
Bus	http://www.doc.gov/	US Dept of Commerce
Bus	http://www.fdic.gov/databank/index.html	Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.(FDIC); Banking and Real Estate statistics; International Trade Commission
Bus	http://www.fedstats.gov/cgi-bin/mapstats/LinkLookup	County Business Patterns Profiles
Bus	http://www.nber.org/	National Bureau of Economic Research [NBER]
Bus	http://www.nber.org/nberprod/	NBER-CES/Census Manufacturing Industry Productivity Database
Bus	http://www.sec.gov/edgarhp.htm	EDGAR database of corporate information
Canada	http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_econmy/engdoc/homepage.html	Canada Council: Economic Analysis and Statistics
Canada	http://www.statcan.ca/start.html	Stats Canada
Census	http://fisher.lib.Virginia.EDU/census/	US Historical Census Data Browse - state and county data from 1790 through 1970
Census	http://tier2.census.gov/cbp/index.html-ssi	County Business Patterns Data Access
Census	http://www.census.gov/	Census Bureau home page
Census	http://www.census.gov/acs/www/	Census – American Community Survey
Census	http://www.census.gov/datamap/www/index.html	US State and County Census Maps

Census	http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/econ97.html	Census Bureau, economic census
Census	http://www.census.gov/population/www/copro/fscpe.html	FSCPE The Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates
Census	http://www.census.gov/statab/www/	Statistical Abstract of the United States
Census	http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html	County and City Yearbook
Census	http://www.census.gov/statab/www/county.html	USA Counties
Census	http://www.ipums.umn.edu/~pipums/intro.html	Integrated Public Use Microdata Series – Univ of Minn.
Cities		Center for Urban Policy Research's "State of the Nation's Cities" database
Communications	http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Reports/FCC-State_Link/soc.html	Statistics of Communications Common Carriers
Communications	http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats	Federal Communications Commission
Crime	http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/	Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics
Crime	http://www.fbi.gov/crimestats.htm	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Crime	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/archive.html	National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD)
Crime	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/	Bureau of Justice Statistics
Econ	http://netec.wustl.edu/WebEc/webec8d.html	WebEC Guide to Data Sets *****
Econ	http://www.bea.doc.gov/	US Bureau of Economic Analysis; national, regional, international data. Survey of Current Business
Econ	http://www.census.gov/cecon/www/ceshome.html	The Center for Economic Studies (US Census)
Econ	http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/econ97.html	1997 Economic Census
Econ	http://www.dismal.com/data/data.stm	Dismal Scientist
Econ	http://www.econ.ag.gov/	Economic Research Service
Econ	http://www.econ.ag.gov/prodsrvs/dataprod.htm	Economic Research Service
Econ	http://www.gpo.ucop.edu/catalog/econind.html	Council of Economic Advisors; Economic Indicators Monthly
Econ	http://www.ita.doc.gov/cgi-bin/otea_ctr?task=otea	Office of Trade & Economic Analysis
Econ	http://www.nuff.ox.ac.uk/Economics/Growth/datasets.htm	Economic Growth Data Sets from the UK
Econ	http://www.stls.frb.org/fred/	Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)
Econ	http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html	White House Economic Statistics Briefing Room
Edu	http://nces.ed.gov/	NCES National Center for Education Statistics
Edu	http://nces.ed.gov/	NCES National Center For Education Statistics
Edu	http://nces.ed.gov/data.html	National Centre for Education Statistics Dept of Health & Human Services
Edu	http://www.amstat.org/publications/jse/	Journal of Statistics Education (with data sets)
Edu	http://www.ed.gov/	US Dept of Education
Edu	http://www.ed.gov/pubs/stats.html	Dept of Education
Edu	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/IAED/	Int'l Archive Of Education Data

Energy	http://www.eia.doe.gov/	Energy Information Administration
Environ	http://www.epa.gov/	Environmental Protection Agency
Environ	http://www.epa.gov/ceis/	Environmental Protection Agency(EPA); environmental profiles at county level
Fed	http://govinfo.kerr.orst.edu/index.html	Government Information Sharing Project
Fed	http://govinfo.kerr.orst.edu/index.html	Government Info Sharing Project links to finding counties
Fed	http://www.fedstats.gov/	FedStats – one stop shopping
Fed	http://www.fedstats.gov/map.html	FedStats – links to agencies producing data and description of their programs.
Fed	http://www.fedstats.gov/regional.html	FedStats Regional Data Links
Fed	http://www.fedstats.gov/regional.html	FedStats – Regional Statistics
Fed	http://www.fedstats.gov/toolkit.html	FedStats Access Tool Kit
FEd	http://www.fedstats.gov/toolkit.html	FedStats Data Access Tools
Fed	http://www.gpo.ucop.edu/	Source of Government Info Gateway
Fed	http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/tax_stats/index.html	Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Income statistics
Fed	http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm	Tariff Affairs and Related Matters; self-extracting files
Fed	http://www.ustreas.gov/pubs.html	Treasury Bulletins, Statements
Fed Reserve	http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/releases/	Federal Reserve Board - releases and historical data
Food	http://www.econ.ag.gov/epubs/pdf/sb965/	Food Consumption, Prices, and Expenditures, 1970-97
Health	http://www.ahcpr.gov/data/	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
Health	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/index.htm	National Center for Health Statistics
Health	http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/default.htm	National Center for Health Statistics
Health	http://www.cdc.gov/scientific.htm	CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Health	http://www.gla.ac.uk/Library/Depts/MOPS/Stats/medstats.html	Sources of Medical Statistics, Glasgow
Health	http://www.hcfa.gov/stats/stats.htm	Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)
Int'l	http://cansim.epas.utoronto.ca:5680/pwt/pwt.html	The Penn World Tables, Univ. of Toronto
Int'l	http://www.auckland.ac.nz/lbr/stats/OFFSTATsubject.htm	OFFSTATS – list of free, accessible data sets
Int'l	http://www.ciesin.org/IC/wbank/sid-home.html	Social Indicators of Development (Int'l)
Int'l	http://www.isds.duke.edu/sites/archive.html	Links to lots of international statistics
Labor	http://stats.bls.gov/	US Bureau of Labor Statistics- consumer expenditure surveys
Links	http://allison.clark.net/pub/lshank/web/eco_stats.html	Link to annotated list by Larry Schankman of Mansfield University
Links	http://dpls.dacc.wisc.edu/govus.html#indicators	Links at Data and Program Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Links	http://ppm.ohio-state.edu/ppm/~greenbaum/class/880/glink.html	PPM 880 data links
Links	http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/maxpages/classes/psc693/links.html	PPM822 link

Links	http://www.oswego.edu/~economic/data.htm	PPM 822 data links
Links	http://www.ppm.ohio-state.edu/ppm/%7Egreenbaum/home/index.html	Prof Greenbaum's website data links
List	http://www.stats.ox.ac.uk/links/schoenfield.htm	Schoenfield's List of Data Archives
Neighborhood	http://www.urban.org/nnip/	National Neighborhood Indicators Project Center for Urban Poverty and Social Change Mandel School for Applied Social Science Case Western Reserve University is a member
Neighborhood	http://www.urban.org/nnip/activities.html#3	NNDS National Neighborhood Data System
NP	http://fdncenter.org/	Foundation Center
NP	http://musedata.stanford.edu/	Center for Computer Assisted Research in the Humanities
NP	http://nccs.urban.org/links.htm#Technology	National Center for Charitable Statistics Important link: all arts policy non-profit stuff
NP	http://nccs.urban.org/product.htm	National Center for Charitable Statistics Data Bases
NP	http://www.aafc.org/	American Association of Fundraising Counsel
NP	http://www.culturalpolicy.org/resources/biblio.htm	Center for Arts and Culture
NP	http://www.give.org/	National Charities Information Bureau
NP	http://www.indepsec.org/	Independent Sector
NP	http://www.qual990.org/	Quality 990 – review of IRA 990 site
SBA	http://www.sba.gov/ADVO/special/indicators/	Small Business Administration; Small Business Economic Indicators
SBA	http://www.sba.gov/ADVO/special/indicators/	Small Business Admin – data files
SBA	http://www.sba.gov/ADVO/special/indicators/	Small Business Administration; Small Business Economic Indicators
Science	http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm	National Science Foundation - Database access and data on R&D, Scientists, Engineers
Social	http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/98trends/trends98.htm	Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth
Social	http://ferret.bls.census.gov/	Data Ferret - data from Current Population Survey (CPS), Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), National Health Interview Survey and other surveys
Social	http://odwin.ucsd.edu/idata/	link to University of California, San Diego, Social Sciences Data on the Net
Social	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/	ICPSR Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
Social	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/gss/	General Social Survey
Social	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/gss/about/gss/intro.htm	GSS General Social Survey including data extraction
Social	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/index.html	Inter-university consortium for political and social research, Univ. of Michigan
Social	http://www.ssa.gov/policy/	Social Security Administration Office of Policy
Social	http://www.ssa.gov/statistics/ores_home.htm	Social Security Administration

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Social	http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html	White House Social Statistics Briefing Room
Spatial	http://www.fgdc.gov/nsdi/	NSDI National Spatial Data Infrastructure
Spatial	http://www.pasda.psu.edu/	PASDA The Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access system
Stats	http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/	StatLib at Carnegie Mellon
Stats	http://www.execpc.com/~helberg/statistics.html#books	Big statistic links page
Stats	http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/stats.html	Link to the University of Michigan Documents Center for their comprehensive list of statistical websites by subject
Stats	http://www.stat.cmu.edu/DASL/	DASL (pronounced "dazzle") is an online library of data files and stories that illustrate the use of basic statistics methods.
Tools	http://plue.sedac.ciesin.org/plue/geocorr/	MABLE '98/Geocorr v3.0 Geographic Correspondence Engine
Tourism	http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/research/index.html?ti_cart_cookie=19990113.201009.04850	Tourism Industries; "Free basic statistics" and "Monthly statistics"
Tourism	http://www.world-tourism.org/	World Tourism
Trans	http://www.bts.gov/	UD Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Urban	http://www.urban.org/srfellows/index.htm	Urban Institute senior fellows
US	http://factfinder.census.gov/java_prod/dads.ui.homePage.HomePage	American FactFinder
US	http://www.census.gov/prod/3/98pubs/98statab/cc98statab.htm	Statistical Abstract of the United States
US	http://www.census.gov/statab/www/smadb.html	State and Metropolitan Area Data Book - 5th Edition
US	http://www.stat-usa.gov/	STAT-USA -- Internet; full access to National Trade Data Bank (NTDB) and State of the Nation for subscribers only
US	http://www4.nas.edu/cbsse/cnstat.nsf	Committee on National Statistics
xmisc	http://www.brook.edu/scholars/aalist.htm	Scholars of the Brookings Institution webpage
xmisc	http://www.brook.edu/scholars/aasubj.htm	Brookings scholars by subject area

Ohio Research Data

Cols	http://auditor.ci.columbus.oh.us/taxforms.html	Columbus City Auditor
Cols	http://city.net/countries/united_states/ohio/___/cih.columbus.ohio.us	Ohio – Columbus
Cols	http://www.ci.columbus.oh.us/mayor.html	Columbus, OH Office of Mayor
Cols	http://www.columbus.or/	Columbus SuperSite
Cols	http://www.columbus-chamber.org/	The Virtual Chamber (of Commerce)
Cols	http://www.lsy.com/	Lord, Sullivan & Yoder – Major marketing in Cols
News	http://sites.ohio.com/	Ohio.com: The Beacon Journal
News	http://www.gongwer-oh.com/	Gongwer News Service
News	http://www.ohio.com/bj/	Ohio.com –Akron Beacon Journal

News	http://www.ohiomagazine.com/	Ohio Magazine
OH	http://cglg.org/pub/wrkforce/oh.html	Council of Great Lakes Governors; Report on Workforce
OH	http://centralohio.thesource.net/COBRG/bizres.html	Central Ohio (Business) Resource Guide
OH	http://centralohio.thesource.net/COBRG/bizres.html	Central Ohio Resource Guide
OH	http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/state/oh-gov.html	Central Ohio Source Ohio State & Local Government
OH	http://www.aok.state.oh.us/	Alliance of Ohio Community Arts Agencies
OH	http://www.bizsites.com/Toolkit/Adlinks/BPOH.html	Ohio Partners/Ohio Chamber of Commerce
OH	http://www.bobcupp.org/schlfng/RNDTBLE.html	Ohio Business Roundtable
OH	http://www.connectohio.com/	ConnectOhio
OH	http://www.eskimo.com/~cure/fessler.htm	Ohio Report - Ohio Education Requirements
OH	http://www.ind-tech.org/	Industry & Technology Council of Central Ohio
OH	http://www.ipr.uc.edu/sordc/odrn/	Ohio Data Resource Network Affiliate Database
OH	http://www.ode.ohio.gov/	Ohio Dept of Education
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/	Ohio Dept. of Development
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/ez/	Ohio Enterprise Zone Program
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/osr/data.htm	Ohio Office of Strategic Research
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/osr/dataline.htm	Ohio – Data Line Ohio
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/osr/MapsLink.htm	Ohio Department of Development Office of Strategic Research - Maps
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/osr/regional.htm	OH Economic Development Regions Map
OH	http://www.odod.ohio.gov/tech/edison/	Ohio Dept of Development Thomas Edison Program
OH	http://www.ofee.org/	Ohio Foundation for Entrepreneurial Education
OH	http://www.ohioventure.org/	Ohio Venture Association
OH	http://www.resourceohio.com/	Resource Ohio
OH	http://www.state.oh.us/obes/	Ohio Bureau of Employment Services (statistics)
OH	http://www.state.oh.us/obm/	Ohio Office of Budget & Management
OH	http://www.yourradioplac.com/mapohio.htm	Map of Ohio
OH	http://www.odod.state.oh.us/osr/profiles/default.htm	Ohio County Profiles – Ohio Department of Development
OSU	http://www.osu.edu/units/ucomm/Glenn/index.html	John Glenn Institute
OH	http://www.ocjs.state.oh.us/UCR/ucrfront.htm	Office of Criminal Justice Services (Ohio) – Data site
OH	http://www.stateline.org/state.cfm	Stateline.org – OHIO – gives OH data and comparisons

News	http://www.stateline.org/	Stateline.org – regional issue news, esp. land use...
Reports	http://www.heritage.org/library/	Heritage Foundation Data Analyses

Additional sources:

Crime: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Education: <http://www.nces.ed.gov/>

STAR: <http://www.heros-inc.org/star.htm>

Environment/Natural Resources

ARS: <http://hydrolab.arsusda.gov/arswater.html>

EPA: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/Data.html>

GRID: <http://grid2.cr.usgs.gov/datasets/datalist.php3>

Multiple: <http://www4.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-win/wwcgi.dll?wwDI~datasetlist>

NASS: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

NWI: <http://enterprise.nwi.fws.gov/index.html>

WATSTORE: <http://water.usgs.gov/nawdex/wats/intro.html>

USGS: <http://water.usgs.gov/>

Health

BRFSS: <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/>

Medicaid: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/msis/mstats.asp>

Medicare: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/statsdata.asp>

Multiple: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/ftpser/ftpdata/ftpdata.htm>

<http://www.hhs.gov/reference/index.shtml>

Housing: <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/pdrdatas.html>

Labor/Social/Welfare

CPS: <http://www.nber.org/cps/>

Head Start: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core/ongoing_research/hs/dataarch.html

NLS: http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

NSAF:

<http://www.urban.org/Content/Research/NewFederalism/NSAF/Overview/NSAFOverview.htm>

PSID: <http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/psid/>

SIPP: <http://www.bls.census.gov/sipp/>

Health data for all 50 states: <http://www.statehealthfacts.org>

Social, Behavioral and Health Sciences Data

<http://www.ipr.uc.edu/Services/DataArchive.cfm>