Compendium of Family Self-Sufficiency Surveys and Databases

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Introduction

Purpose of this Compendium
The compendium provides overviews of surveys and databases that include information that can be used by the three key user groups of the Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse: practitioners, policymakers and researchers. For instance, a large number of national, state and other large-scale surveys and administrative records databases are included, which can be analyzed by researchers in the conduct of studies focusing on topics related to the self-sufficiency of low-income populations. It also includes several easy-to-use databases that can be used by all three key user groups, such as the Welfare Rules Database and the KIDS COUNT database. The Welfare Rules Database provides up-to-date information on state welfare policies and regulations and the KIDS COUNT database allows users to find national and state-level statistics on children’s economic well-being among other indicators.

While many of the surveys cited in this compendium are largely targeted to researchers, as they require technical skills and understanding of research nomenclature, many of the publications produced through these surveys can be used by practitioners, policymakers and researchers. For example, Child Trends has produced several research briefs, fact sheets and papers targeting all three key user groups using the National Survey of Children’s Health on a variety of topics including public assistance and child development outcomes, maternal emotional support and child well-being, and the strengths of economically disadvantaged families. For ease of use and accuracy, the information provided for each survey/database is adapted from the respective publisher’s description of the survey/database.

Background on the Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse
The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE), through the development and implementation of a Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse (SSRC), seeks to make connections between research, policy and practice with respect to the study and practice of self-sufficiency for low income and vulnerable populations. In establishing the SSRC, OPRE will provide researchers, practitioners and policymakers with a Web-based repository of information—a “one stop” portal—to promote sharing of knowledge surrounding the self-sufficiency field, supportive programs, and policy implementation. The SSRC operates like a virtual library and includes access to peer-reviewed research and evaluation studies, high quality resource materials and policy briefs, as well as other resources targeted for key stakeholders in the self-sufficiency arena. The intent of the SSRC is to encourage dialogue and facilitate communication among research, practice, and policymaking groups, as well as others serving in fields related to self-sufficiency.

In the years leading up to and following the passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) in 1996, the federal and state governments and foundations supported numerous research and evaluation studies about the effects of welfare reform, employment programs, and earned income subsidy programs on family and child well-being. An array of research and evaluation studies on these topics exists, including random assignment evaluations, implementation studies, analyses of survey data, and meta-analyses, as well as practice-based perspective pieces about programs and practices that seem to work.
The team selected to design and implement the Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse (SSRC) includes senior research and management staff from ICF International, Child Trends, Urban Institute and The Finance Project. With support from OPRE, the team is utilizing proven technologies to create the clearinghouse. The SSRC team has benefited from the input of a Technical Working Group (TWG), whose members were essential in guiding and shaping the development of the SSRC. The TWG includes researchers and practitioners with expertise on self-sufficiency, TANF and other public assistance programs, poverty, low-income employment programs, and family and child well-being. Drawing on these diverse perspectives, TWG members have provided guidance on all aspects of SSRC development, including the identification of key topics; potential sources for research and evaluation studies; the criteria used for selecting, categorizing, and identifying research; information dissemination strategies; and input into the Web site design.
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| **Target audience** | Policymakers and researchers |
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| **Target audience** | Policymakers and researchers |
American Time Use Survey (ATUS)

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<td>Data collected from over 98,000 Americans to get nationally representative sample; households that have completed final month of CPS are eligible. One person over age 15 from household is selected to answer questions about time usage.</td>
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| **Relevant content** | Healthcare/access, health insurance, health risk behavior |
| **Target audience** | Practitioners, policymakers and researchers |
## Census Population Estimates and Projections (PEP)

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| **Relevant content** | Demographic changes |
| **Target audience** | Policymakers and researchers |
## Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES)

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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Income, consumer expenditures |
| **Target audience** | Policymakers and researchers |
## Current Population Survey (CPS)

### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The Current Population Survey (CPS), sponsored jointly by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is the primary source of labor force statistics for the population of the United States. The CPS provides numerous high-profile economic statistics, including the national unemployment rate, and includes data on a wide range of issues relating to employment and earnings. The CPS also collects extensive demographic data that complement and enhance the understanding of labor market conditions in the nation overall, among many different population groups in the states and in sub-state areas. |
| Population | Sample of 60,000 households for nationally representative sample. Basic survey administered with some individual follow-up calls. |
| Periodicity | Conducted monthly since 1940 – major redesign occurred in 1994. |
| Type of database/Study design | Cross-sectional |
| Publisher/Agencies | United States Census Bureau |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Employment/unemployment, income, health, benefits |
| Target audience | Researchers, policymakers and practitioners |
### Decennial Census

#### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the decennial census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in Federal funds to local communities. |
| Population | Nationally representative sample is surveyed (as of 2010 using short-form version of survey) and actual counts of persons dwelling in residential structures are used to derive population numbers. Estimates and statistical models are then based off of additional surveys administered. 2010 resident population is 308,745,538. |
| Periodicity | Data collected every 10 years. Data available for 1790-2010 (next survey date is 2020). |
| Type of database/Study design | Cross-sectional |
| Public URL | [http://www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/) |
| Sources | Not applicable |
| Publisher/Agencies | United States Census Bureau |

#### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Income, education, homeownership, employment, health, public assistance |
| Target audience | Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners |
**Early Childhood Longitudinal Study – Birth Cohort (ECLS-B)**

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<td>The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) was designed to provide policy makers, researchers, child care providers, teachers, and parents with detailed information about children's early life experiences. Data collected for the ECLS-B focus on children's health, development, care, and education from birth through kindergarten entry.</td>
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<td><strong>Population</strong></td>
<td>Nationally representative sample of 14,000 children born in 2001 (and from diverse socioeconomic and racial/ethnic backgrounds, oversampled Asian children), followed from birth through kindergarten entry (2006-2007). Birth certificates are used to establish parents’ backgrounds. Parents interviewed about themselves and children at all waves; children observed and participated in assessments; child care and early education providers were interviewed; teachers provided information at kindergarten level.</td>
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<td><strong>Periodicity</strong></td>
<td>Data collected when children were ~nine months old (2001-2002), two years old (2003-2004), four years old (2005-2006), kindergarten level or higher (2006), not yet in kindergarten or higher (2007).</td>
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| **Relevant content** | Educational attainment, child well-being/development, race/ethnicity |
| **Target audience**  | Researchers |
## Educational Longitudinal Study (ELS)

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| **Relevant content** | Educational attainment, employment outcomes, earnings/income |
| **Target audience** | Researchers |
### Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (Fragile Families)

#### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study was designed to address four primary questions: (1) What are the conditions and capabilities of unmarried parents, especially fathers?; (2) What is the nature of the relationships between unmarried parents?; (3) How do children born into these families fare?; and (4) How do policies and environmental conditions affect families and children? |
| Population | Cohort of ~5,000 children born between 1998-2000, in 20 large U.S. cities (population of 200,000 or more). Mothers and fathers interviewed at birth, then ages one, three, and five, and in-home assessments conducted at age three and five. |
| Periodicity | Data available for birth, age one, three, and five collection periods. Nine-year follow-up data collected between 2007-2010, not yet available |
| Type of database/Study design | Longitudinal |

#### Publisher/Agencies

Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Health, child well-being/development, employment, child care, educational attainment |
| Target audience | Researchers |
General Social Survey (GSS)

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| **Target audience** | Researchers  |
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| **Relevant content** | Income, employment, assets, health, health insurance, disabilities |
| **Target audience** | Researchers |
## KIDS COUNT

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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Child well-being, educational attainment, poverty, employment, single-parent families |
| **Target audience** | Practitioners, policymakers, and researchers |
### Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

#### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) is an innovative program within the U.S. Census Bureau which uses modern statistical and computing techniques to combine federal and state administrative data on employers and employees with core Census Bureau surveys while protecting the confidentiality of people and firms that provide the data. |
| Population | Data from Census Bureau merged with state-reported unemployment and business-establishment records (all 50 states are currently in LED partnership as of 2010). |
| Periodicity | Data started being collected in 1998-1999. States supply quarterly data each year. |
| Type of database/ Study design | Longitudinal |
| Public URL | [http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/](http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/) |
| Sources | Not applicable |
| Publisher/Agencies | United States Census Bureau |

#### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Employment |
| Target audience | Researchers |
## Making Connections

### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | Making Connections is the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s long-term, multi-site effort to demonstrate that poor results for children and families in tough neighborhoods can be changed for the better. The 10-year initiative, which began in 1999, is in a transition phase as the knowledge garnered and lessons learned are translated into practical tools, products, and technical assistance. |
| Population | Sites in Denver, Des Moines, Hartford, Indianapolis, Louisville, Milwaukee, Oakland, Providence, San Antonio, and Seattle. Aimed at improving outcomes of children and families in tough/isolated neighborhoods and communities, as well as outcomes for the communities as a whole. |
| Periodicity | Started in 1999, 10 year initiative. Data collected periodically throughout each year. |
| Type of database/Study design | Longitudinal |
| Sources | How to Get Access to the Data: [http://mcstudy.norc.org/data-access/](http://mcstudy.norc.org/data-access/)

| Publisher/Agencies | Annie E. Casey Foundation |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Child well-being, poverty, educational attainment, income, assets, child health |
| Target audience | Practitioners, policymakers and researchers |

View a list of the numerous publications and presentations which have been developed using Making Connections data here: [http://mcstudy.norc.org/publications/](http://mcstudy.norc.org/publications/) |
### Monitoring the Future Survey (MTF)

| **Overview of Survey/Database** |
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| **Description** | Monitoring the Future (MTF) is an ongoing study of the behaviors, attitudes, and values of American secondary school students, college students, and young adults. |
| **Population** | Nationwide sample of 50,000 eighth, tenth, and twelfth graders are surveyed. |
| **Periodicity** | Survey administered annually starting in 1975. Data available through 2010 collection period. |
| **Type of database/Study design** | Cross-sectional |
| **Public URL** | [http://monitoringthefuture.org/](http://monitoringthefuture.org/) |
| **Sources** | Purpose and Design: [http://monitoringthefuture.org/purpose.html](http://monitoringthefuture.org/purpose.html) |
| **Publisher/Agencies** | University of Michigan |

| **Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users** |
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| **Relevant content** | Work, income, financial security, demographic and family background characteristics, family structure |
| **Target audience** | Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners |
### National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)

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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Child well-being, health |
| **Target audience** | Researchers |
### National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS: 88)

#### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS: 88) collects data on topics such as school, work, and home experiences; educational resources and support; the role in education of their parents and peers; neighborhood characteristics; educational and occupational aspirations; and other student perceptions. For the three in-school waves of data collection (when most were eighth-graders, sophomores, or seniors), achievement tests were also administered in reading, social studies, mathematics, and science. |
| Population | Nationally representative sample of students who were in eighth grade in 1988. Sample of these respondents were resurveyed at four follow-ups in 1990, 1992, 1994, and 2000. Teachers, parents, and school administrators also surveyed to add further detail to data. |
| Type of database/Study design | Longitudinal |
| Publisher/Agencies | National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences |

#### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Educational attainment, work, family and environment, substance use/abuse |
| Target audience | Researchers |
### National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

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# National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

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## Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content**          | Health, access to healthcare, child health/well-being, disabilities |
| **Target audience**           | Researchers |
## Overview of Survey/Database

**Description**

The National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) provides descriptive data on the educational activities of the U.S. population and offers researchers, educators, and policymakers a variety of statistics on the condition of education in the United States. The NHES surveys cover learning at all ages, from early childhood to school age through adulthood. The most recent data collection in 2007 consisted of two surveys: Parent and Family Involvement in Education and School Readiness.

**Population**

The NHES is designed to survey a representative sample of the non-institutionalized civilian population in the United States. Between 45,000 and 60,000 households are sampled in the original screening. Data is collected through one-on-one phone interviews. Different surveys are administered for specific topic areas over multiple years (ex. school readiness measured in 1993, 1999, 2007).

**Periodicity**


**Type of database/Study design**

Cross-sectional

**Public URL**


**Sources**


**Publisher/Agencies**

National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences

## Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

**Relevant content**

Study includes survey items on: employment, income, educational attainment, receipt of Medicaid, CHIP, WIC, Food Stamps, etc.

**Target audience**

Researchers

**Selected publications**

## National Immunization Survey (NIS)

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# National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health)

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<td>The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (also known as Add Health, the Add Health Study, and the Add Health Survey) is a nationally representative study originally designed to examine how social contexts (such as families, friends, peers, schools, neighborhoods, and communities) influence teens' health and risk behaviors. The study is now examining how health changes over the course of early adulthood.</td>
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<td>Nationally representative sample of ~90,000 students in grades seven through 12 during the 1994-1995 school year initially selected. In-home interviews then conducted at four waves of data collection: baseline, one-year later, when the participants were age 18-26, and most recently in 2008 when the participants were age 24-32.</td>
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<td>Data collection began during 1994-1995 school year. Wave one, two, three, and four data available.</td>
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<td>National Institute of Health, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development</td>
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## Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

### Relevant content
(behavioral) health, achievement outcomes, barriers

### Target audience
Researchers, practitioners, and policymakers

### Selected publications
National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 (NLSY97)

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**Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users**

| Relevant content | Youth employment history, income and assets, educational experiences, time use, participation in government assistance programs, youths’ early child care, and custody arrangements |
| Target audience | Researchers, practitioners, and policymakers |
# National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)

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## Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Health and physical well-being, cognitive and school performance, mental health, behavior problems, and social functioning and relationships. |
| **Target audience** | Researchers |
### National Survey of Children (NSC)

#### Overview of Survey/Database

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<th>The National Survey of Children (NSC) was designed to assess the physical, social, and psychological well-being of American children, to develop a national profile of the way children in the United States live, to permit analysis of the relationships between the conditions of children's lives and measures of child development, and to examine the effects of marital disruption on the development of children and on the operation of single and multi-parent families. Information is provided on the child's well-being, family, experiences with family disruption, behavior, physical health, and mental health.</th>
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### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description                                                                 | The National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) examines the physical and emotional health of children. Special emphasis is placed on factors that may relate to well-being of children, including medical homes, family interactions, parental health, school and after-school experiences, and safe neighborhoods. |
| Population                                                                  | Children aged zero to 17 years in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. |
| Type of database/Study design                                               | Cross-sectional |
| Public URL                                                                  | [http://www.childhealthdata.org/learn/NSCH](http://www.childhealthdata.org/learn/NSCH) |
| Publisher/Agencies                                                         | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content               | Child well-being, parental health, Medicaid, SCHIP |
| Target audience                | Practitioners, policymakers, and researchers |
### Overview of Survey/Database

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<th>This survey explores the extent to which children with special health care needs (CSHCN) have medical homes, adequate health insurance, access to needed services, adequate care coordination, and that parents are satisfied with their child’s care. Other topics may include functional difficulties, transition services, and questions.</th>
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| Publisher/Agencies | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau |

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### National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) provides national and state-level estimates on the use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit drugs (including non-medical use of prescription drugs) and mental health in the United States.</td>
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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content**           | Substance use and health |
| **Target audience**            | Practitioners, policymakers, and researchers |
### National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH)

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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Family formation and family structure |
| **Target audience** | Researchers |
# National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)

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<th>The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) is a periodic survey initiated to provide current information on fertility and infertility, family planning, childbearing, contraceptive practice, and other aspects of maternal and child health and to gauge the effects of these processes on population growth.</th>
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<td>Cycles one through five of the survey were administered through in person interviews with only women, ages 15-44. Cycle six involved interviews with 12,571 participants, including both men and women, ages 15-44. Cycle seven involved interviews with 22,682 participants, including both men and women, ages 15-44, to give a nationally representative sample. Cycle eight is expected to include ~5000 interviews annually.</td>
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## New Immigrant Survey (NIS)

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<th>The New Immigrant Survey (NIS) provides a public use database on new legal immigrants to the United States and their children that will be useful for addressing scientific and policy questions about migration behavior and the impacts of migration.</th>
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<td>The baseline survey was conducted from June 2003 to June 2004. A survey pilot project (NIS-P) was carried out in 1996 to inform the fielding and design of the full NIS. The follow-up interview (NIS-2003-2) was conducted from June 2007 to December 2009.</td>
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## Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)

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### Panel Study of Income Dynamics-Child Development Supplement (PSID-CDS)

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## Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS)

### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS) collects data on teacher demand and shortage, teacher and administrator characteristics, school programs, and general conditions in schools. SASS also collects data on many other topics, including principals' and teachers' perceptions of school climate and problems in their schools; teacher compensation; district hiring practices; and basic characteristics of the student population. |
| Population | 2007-2008 survey design involved a mail-based survey, and both telephone and in-person/field follow-up to both administrators and teachers. For 2003-2004, the sample consisted of 45,000 teachers, 9,000 schools, and 4,700 school districts. |
| Periodicity | Data collected every three to four years. Data is currently available for collection periods from 1987-2008. |
| Type of database/Study design | Cross-sectional |
| Publisher/Agencies | National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Educational attainment, school content and design |
| Target audience | Policymakers and researchers |
Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)

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Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

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| **Sources** | Frequently Asked Questions: [http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/about/faq.html](http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/about/faq.html) |
| **Publisher/Agencies** | United States Census Bureau |

**Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users**

| **Relevant content** | Income, poverty |
| **Target audience** | Researchers, practitioners, and policymakers |
## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Data System

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### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Program usage, food stamps, benefits |
| **Target audience** | Practitioners, policymakers, and researchers |
### Overview of Survey/Database

| Description | The main objective of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is to provide accurate and comprehensive information about the income and program participation of individuals and households in the United States, and about the principal determinants of income and program participation. SIPP offers detailed information on cash and noncash income on a sub-annual basis. The survey also collects data on taxes, assets, liabilities, and participation in government transfer programs. SIPP data allow the government to evaluate the effectiveness of federal, state, and local programs. |
| Population | Continuous series of panels each have nationally representative sample size of 14,000 to 37,000 households. Multistage stratified sample is comprised of U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population, respondents being household members 15 years and up. |
| Type of database/Study design | Longitudinal/panel study |
| Public URL | [http://www.census.gov/sipp/](http://www.census.gov/sipp/) |
| Publisher/Agencies | United States Census Bureau |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| Relevant content | Income, program participation, child care, health care |
| Target audience | Researchers |
### Overview of Survey/Database

| **Description** | The Food Atlas assembles statistics on three broad food environment factors: food choices, health and well-being, community characteristics. The two objectives of the Atlas are to assemble statistics on food environment indicators to stimulate research on the determinants of food choices and diet quality, and to provide a spatial overview of a community’s ability to access healthy food. |
| **Population** | Uses data from various sources and years to create maps of indicators of the food environment by state or by county. |
| **Periodicity** | Data is from 1999-2010 depending on the indicator and the source. |
| **Type of database/Study design** | Cross-sectional |
| **Publisher/Agencies** | Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture |

### Additional Information Relevant for SSRC Users

| **Relevant content** | Food choices, health and well-being, community characteristics |
| **Target audience** | Practitioners, policymakers, and researchers |
| **Selected publications** | Not available |
### Welfare Rules Database

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<th>The Welfare Rules Database provides a comprehensive, sophisticated resource for anyone comparing cash assistance programs between states, researching changes in cash assistance rules within a single state, or simply looking for the most up-to-date information on the rules governing cash assistance in one state.</th>
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| Population | Nationally representative sample of students in grades nine through 12 (2005 included grades six through eight) from majority of states (47 in 2009), identified through cluster sampling. 2005 national sample included 13,953 participants. |
| Periodicity | Data available from 1991-2009 |
| Type of database/Study design | Cross-sectional |
| Public URL | [http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm) |
| Sources | Frequently Asked Questions: [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/faq.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/faq.htm) |
| Publisher/Agencies | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Department of Health and Human Services |

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