

Census-Enhanced Health and Retirement Study Restricted Data Crosswalk

Application Procedures

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A beta version of the Census-Enhanced Health and Retirement Study (CenHRS) restricted data crosswalk is available to the research community through Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (FSRDCs). With required approvals, researchers can conduct research and construct new variables using the full scope of Census economic and business data.

Before beginning the application process, researchers should reach out to the CenHRS team (CenHRSinfo@umich.edu or Joelle Abramowitz at jabramow@umich.edu).

After consulting with the CenHRS team, researchers contact their local FSRDC administrator to develop a proposal. Interested researchers will ultimately need to submit a proposal to the Census Bureau via the ResearchDataGov portal. Proposals should request access to the CenHRS crosswalk as well as any HRS and Census data they would like to link.

Any proposals requesting to use the crosswalk will need Census, IRS, CenHRS, and HRS approval.

Proposals submitted via the ResearchDataGov portal will be forwarded to Census, IRS, and CenHRS for review. HRS maintains its own portal for applying for access to restricted HRS data: researchers will need to concurrently set up a portal account and apply via the HRS portal. Discussions are underway to streamline this process through the ResearchDataGov portal.

Once the proposal is approved by the Census Bureau, researchers will need to obtain Special Sworn Status (SSS).