

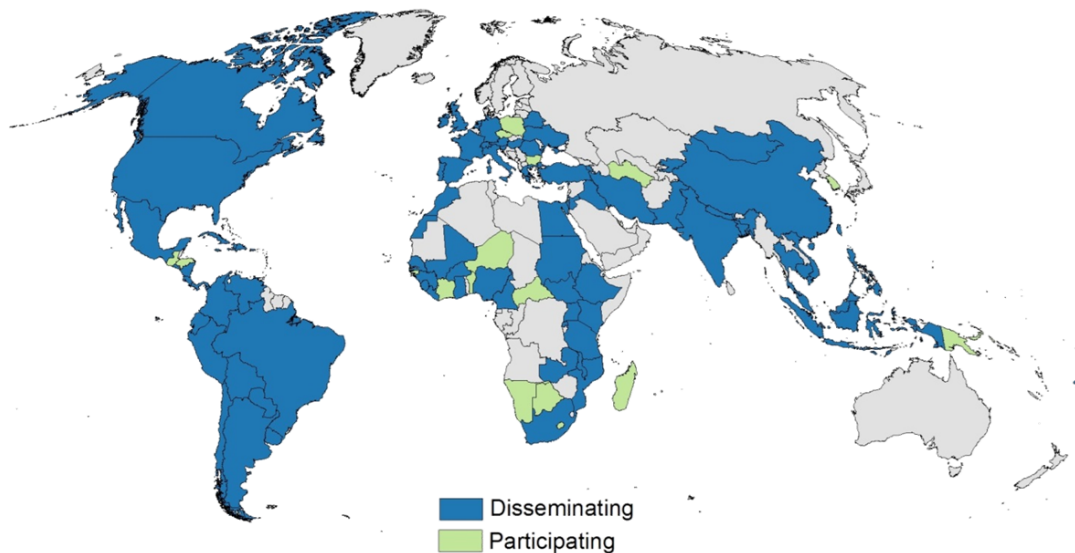
**IPUMS International Workshop:
Promoting Understanding of Statistics about Society
with free online data from international censuses**

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The Integrated Public Use Microdata Series-International (IPUMS International) is a data infrastructure project which disseminates high-precision census microdata samples to researchers world-wide free of cost. The samples in IPUMS are drawn from the very data source used to create official statistics by each country for policy and planning purposes. In partnership with most of the world's national statistical agencies, as well as data archives, research centers, and international organizations, IPUMS International has assembled the most comprehensive collection of census microdata in the world (Figure 1). The microdata records describe more than one-half billion persons nested within families and households, spanning five continents and more than 80 percent of the world's population (Appendix A). IPUMS-International lowers barriers to cross-national and cross-temporal research and teaching by converting international census microdata to a uniform format, providing comprehensive documentation, and making custom downloadable data files available through a user-friendly Web-based access system.

For each person, data include detailed information about geographic location, demographic characteristics, and economic activities. Individuals are nested within families and households, thereby preserving information about inter-relationships within residential groups. The data cover a broad range of population characteristics, including education and literacy, fertility history, child mortality, migration and place of former residence, marital status and consensual unions, disabilities, characteristics of the building (floor, roof, etc.), and a host of other characteristics.

Figure 1. IPUMS-International disseminates population data from 82 countries and 277 censuses



IPUMS-International converts census microdata for multiple countries into a consistent format, supplying comprehensive documentation and making the data available through a web-based data dissemination system. Along with supplying unique access to these nationally representative datasets, the principal advantage of IPUMS-International is its replacement of sample-specific variable codes with new integrated codes that are consistent across time and space. This "variable integration" ensures that identical concepts have identical codes, simplifying comparative analysis of multiple samples. More than 700 integrated variables are included in the IPUMS-International database, and the website displays at a glance which variables are included in each sample. Original or "source" variables are also available.

Guidelines from international organizations encourage consistency in census question wording and coding. However, each country's statistical office ultimately decides the subjects covered, the question wording, who was asked a question (i.e., the question universe), and the response categories included in their national census. Inevitably, then, other issues of comparability not covered by IPUMS-International's variable harmonization arise for researchers doing comparative analysis of census data. Sample descriptions and variable-specific documentation on the IPUMS-International website are designed to highlight possible comparability problems, so users can make informed judgments or adjustments and avoid inadvertent errors.

Workshop activities

Participants at the IPUMS-International workshop were trained in navigating the interactive metadata system, building customized datasets using the web dissemination system, analyzing census data online with the data tabulator, and other IPUMS tools designed specifically for classroom use. The User Guide (Appendix B) provides additional instructions and helpful tips for accessing data through the IPUMS International website.

Interactive metadata

IPUMS-International provides harmonized English-language documentation on each sample. This documentation covers enumeration procedures and instructions; definitions of households, dwellings, group quarters, and other enumeration units; guidance on the variability in sample design; and scanned images of original-language versions of the questionnaires. IPUMS also provides descriptions of the sources for each variable, including question wording and instructions (in the original and translated into English), universe definitions, frequency distributions, and variable codes. Comparability discussions describe any deviations of particular censuses from the standard variable definition and address differences over time and across countries. Participants at the workshop explored sample documentation and navigated the variable metadata system, which allows users to filter the information displayed to only those elements relevant to a given research project, as defined by the user. Participants were provided with metadata-related exercises designed to encourage responsible research and informed dataset creation. Exercises highlighted the value of variable documentation and the importance of considering issues of comparability in cross-national and cross-temporal research.

Customized data downloads

The IPUMS data access system allows users to merge datasets, select variables, define population subsets, and draw subsamples tailored to their specific needs. Workshop participants learned to build customized datasets containing the samples, variables and cases of their choosing. They were shown how to select cases based on individual and household characteristics and draw representative subsamples.

Workshop participants also learned how to best take advantage of their personal IPUMS portals. Each registered user of IPUMS-International has a private, password-protected extract history page. This page contains the statistical package syntax files and data for download of recent extract requests, as well as the extract syntax file and description (if user provided) for each data order ever requested by that user. With one click on the "resubmit" button, a researcher can regenerate the same extract. The "Revise"

button opens the syntax file so the researcher can modify the data request. This is particularly useful in the classroom where a complex classroom exercise or exam can be re-used for a new class by modifying the data request with a different country or year.

Online tabulator

Workshop participants were trained in the IPUMS-International online data tabulator.

The IPUMS International website features a robust online tabulation system available to registered IPUMS International data users. Researchers can quickly analyze data files for individual samples, pooled samples from multiple census years within a country, or all pooled samples from a world region. The data tabulator supports descriptive and inferential analyses, including frequencies and cross-tabulations, comparison of means, and regression analysis. The interface allows users to recode existing variables, construct new variables, or exclude specified values.

Classroom features

The IPUMS-International workshop highlighted IPUMS-International features of special interest to statistics educators, including classroom accounts and the value of harmonized data for teaching. The IPUMS international user register system also includes a classroom feature. Course instructors can apply to register a class for a specified duration of time. Upon approval, the instructor receives a code for their students. Students get facilitated registration and are automatically assigned to membership in the class. Instructors can push common data extracts to students enrolled in the class. Students also have full IPUMS user capabilities for the duration of the quarter or semester and can also make their own customized data extracts.

Educators also find the uniform variables and coding schemes in IPUMS useful in teaching. Uniform coding means that a statistical algorithm developed to answer a question with one sample (country and year), can be readily applied to other samples. This feature is useful for facilitating student exploration of new contexts. It can also come in handy for developing exam materials, since a problem set used for an exam one semester can be re-run to output a different set of answers (using a different sample) for the same exam in a different semester.

With a few tools to aid statistical educators in understanding the data, IPUMS can be used to effectively engage students in accessing real-world data to understand social problems. Students will be interested in how to critically evaluate news reports involving statistics and, importantly, in how to make sure their own analyses are rigorous enough to qualify as accurate. Students and instructors may have to be prepared to consult references and conduct investigations outside the mathematical world of traditional statistical instruction in order to fully explore the questions raised by examining statistics about the social world, even those as simple as the age distribution comparisons shown in this paper. That alone makes teaching with real world data both exciting and daunting. Partnerships between statistically trained subject matter scholars and statistics educators are fertile ground for engaging students and training well-rounded social statisticians. For more information, visit <https://international.ipums.org>.

Appendix A. IPUMS Integrated Microdata Samples
<https://international.ipums.org> 86 countries 675 million person records (+ = 2016 launch)

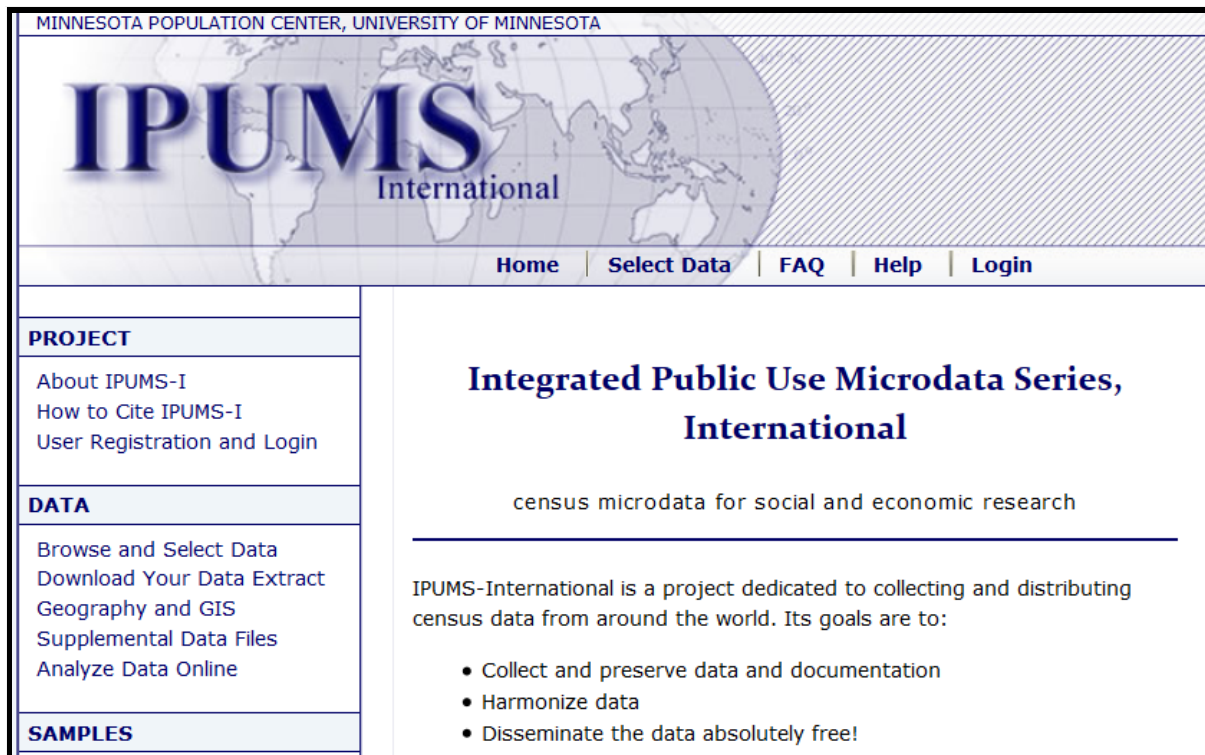
Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons
1970 Argentina	2	466,892	1960 Chile	1	88,184	1962 France	5	2,320,901	2005 Indonesia-cont.	0.5	1,090,892
1980	10	2,667,714	1970	10	890,481	1968	5	2,487,778	2010	10	23,603,049
1991	10	4,286,447	1982	10	1,133,062	1975	5	2,629,456	2006 Iran	2	1,299,825
2001	10	3,626,103	1992	10	1,335,055	1982	5	2,631,713	2011+	2	1,482,000
2010	10	3,966,245	2002	10	1,513,914	1990	4.2	2,360,854	1997 Iraq	10	1,944,278
2001 Armenia	10	326,560	1982 China	1	10,039,191	1999	5	2,934,758	1971 Ireland	10	296,878
2011	10	301,831	1990	1	11,835,947	2006 (RR)	33	19,973,287	1979	10	337,686
1971 Austria	10	749,894	2000+	1	11,804,000	2011	33	20,541,337	1981	10	344,291
1981	10	756,556	1964 Colombia	2	349,652	1970 Germany	5	3,094,845	1986	10	355,020
1991	10	780,512	1973	10	1,988,831	1971 DR	25	4,089,856	1991	10	353,149
2001	10	803,471	1985	10	2,643,125	1981 DR	25	4,278,563	1996	10	365,323
2011	10	839,501	1993	10	3,213,657	1987	5	3,160,224	2002	10	410,688
1991 Bangladesh	10	10,580,904	2005	10	4,006,168	1984 Ghana	15	1,309,352	2006	10	440,314
2001	10	12,442,115	1963 Costa Rica	6	82,345	2000	10	1,894,133	2011	10	474,535
2011	5	7,205,720	1973	10	186,762	2010	10	2,466,289	1972 Israel	10	315,608
1999 Belarus	10	990,706	1984	10	241,220	1971 Greece	10	845,483	1983	10	403,474
2009+	10	941,000	2000	10	381,500	1981	10	923,108	1995	10	556,365
1976 Bolivia	10	461,699	2011	10	430,082	1991	10	951,875	2001 Italy	5	2,990,739
1992	10	642,368	2002 Cuba	10	1,118,767	2001	10	1,028,884	1982 Jamaica	10	223,667
2001	10	827,692	1960 Dominican Rep	6.6	201,556	2011+	10	1,057,000	1991	10	232,625
1981+ Botswana	10	97,000	1970	6.8	272,090	1983 Guinea	10	457,837	2001	10	205,179
1991+	10	133,000	1981	8.5	475,829	1996	10	729,071	2004 Jordan	10	510,646
2001+	10	169,000	2002	10	857,606	1971 Haiti	10	434,869	1969 Kenya	3.3	659,310
2011+	10	202,000	2010	10	943,784	1982	2.5	128,770	1979	5	1,033,769
1960 Brazil	5	3,001,439	1962 Ecuador	3	136,443	2003	10	838,045	1989	5	1,074,098
1970	5	4,953,759	1974	10	648,678	1970 Hungary	5	515,119	1999	5	1,407,547
1980	5	5,870,467	1982	10	806,834	1980	5	536,007	2009	10	3,841,935
1991	5.8	8,522,740	1990	10	966,234	1990	5	518,240	1999 Kyrgyzstan	10	476,886
2000	6	10,136,022	2001	10	1,213,725	2001	5	510,502	2009	10	564,986
2010	5	9,693,058	2010	10	1,448,233	2011+	5	497,000	1974 Liberia	10	150,256
1985 Burkina Faso	10	884,797	1986+ Egypt	15	6,799,000	1983 India - NSSO	0.1	623,494	2008	10	348,057
1996	10	1,081,046	1996	10	5,902,243	1987	0.1	667,848	1987 Malawi	10	798,669
2006	10	1,417,824	2006	10	7,282,434	1993	0.1	564,740	1988	10	991,393
1998 Cambodia	10	1,141,254	1992 El Salvador	10	510,760	1999	0.1	596,688	2008	10	1,341,977
2008	10	1,340,121	2007	10	574,364	2004	0.1	602,833	1970 Malaysia	2	175,997
1976 Cameroon	10	736,514	1984 Ethiopia	10	3,404,306	2010+	0.1	460,000	1980	2	182,601
1987	10	897,211	1994	10	5,044,598	1971 Indonesia	0.5	634,642	1991	2	347,892
2005	10	1,772,359	2007	10	1,772,359	1976	0.2	281,170	2000	2	435,300
1971 Canada	1	214,019	1966 Fiji Islands	10	47,579	1980	5	7,234,577	1987 Mali	10	785,384
1981	2	486,875	1976	10	57,214	1985	0.3	605,858	1998	10	991,330
1991	3	809,654	1986	10	72,158	1990	0.5	912,544	2009	10	1,451,856
2001	2.5	801,055	1996	10	77,382	1995	0.3	718,837	(continued)		
2011+	3	926,000	2007	10	84,323	2000	10	20,112,539			

Table 1. IPUMS Integrated Microdata Samples <https://international.ipums.org> (continued)

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Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons	Census	%	Persons
1960 Mexico	1.5	502,800	1993 Peru	10	2,206,424	2008 Sudan	17	5,066,530	1963 Uruguay	10	256,171
1970	1	483,405	2007	10	2,745,895	1970 Switzerland	5	312,538	1975	10	279,994
1990	10	8,118,242	1990 Philippines	10	6,013,913	1980	5	317,803	1985	10	295,915
1995	0.4	332,061	1995	10	6,864,758	1990	5	342,797	1996	10	315,920
2000	11	10,099,182	2000	10	7,417,810	2000	5	364,086	2006	6	256,866
2005	10	10,284,550	1978+ Poland	10	3,577,000	1988 Tanzania	10	2,310,424	2011	10	328,425
2010	10	11,938,402	1988+ coming	10	3,894,000	2002	10	3,732,735	1971 Venezuela	10	1,158,527
2015+	10	11,292,000	2002+ September	10	3,824,000	2011+	10	4,497,000	1981	10	1,441,266
1989 Mongolia	10	190,631	2011+ 2016	5	2,000,000	1970 Thailand	2	772,169	1990	10	1,803,953
2000	10	243,725	1981 Portugal	5	492,289	1980	1	388,141	2001	10	2,306,489
1982 Morocco	5	1,012,873	1991	5	491,755	1990	1	485,100	1989 Vietnam	5	2,626,985
1994	5	1,294,026	2001	5	517,026	2000	1	604,519	1999	3	2,368,167
2004	5	1,482,720	2011	5	528,870	1970+ Trinidad & T	10	69,000	2009	15	14,177,590
1997 Mozambique	10	1,551,517	1970 Puerto Rico	1	27,212	1980+	10	105,000	1990 Zambia	10	787,461
2007	10	2,047,048	1980	5	160,219	1990+	10	113,000	2000	10	996,117
2001 Nepal	11	2,583,245	1990	5	177,655	2000+	10	112,000	2010	10	1,321,973
1960 Netherlands	1.2	143,251	2000	5	189,828	2011+	10	117,000	Candidates for 2017 and beyond:		
1971	1.2	159,203	2005 (PRCS)	1	35,416	1985 Turkey	5	2,554,364	2010 round censuses		
2001	1.2	189,725	2010	1	36,032	1990	5	2,864,207	More countries/places		
1971 Nicaragua	10	189,469	1977 Romania	10	1,937,021	2000	5	3,444,456	Angola		
1995	10	435,728	1992	10	2,238,578	1991 Uganda	10	1,548,460	Australia		
2005	10	515,485	2002	10	2,137,967	2002	10	2,497,449	Belgium		
2006 Nigeria - GHS	0.1	83,700	2011+	10	1,990,000	2001 Ukraine	10	4,889,288	Benin		
2007	0.1	85,183	1991 Rwanda	10	742,918	1991 UK	1	541,894	Bulgaria		
2008	0.1	107,425	2002	10	843,392	2001	3	1,843,525	Cote d' Ivoire		
2009	0.1	77,896	2012+	10	1,038,369	1960 USA	1	1,799,888	Finland		
2010	0.1	72,191	1980 Saint Lucia	10	11,451	1970	1	2,029,666	Guatemala		
1973 Pakistan	2	1,453,332	1991	10	13,382	1980	5	11,343,120	Guinea Bissau		
1981	10	8,433,058	1988 Senegal	10	700,199	1990	5	12,501,046	Honduras		
1998	10	13,102,024	2002	10	994,562	2000	5	14,081,466	Japan		
1997 Palestine	10	259,191	2004 Sierra Leone	10	494,298	2005 (ACS)	1	2,878,380	Korea, Republic of		
2007	10	227,067	2002 Slovenia	10	179,632	2010	1	3,061,692	Madagascar		
1960 Panama	5	53,553	1996 South Africa	10	3,621,164	1963 Uruguay	10	256,171	Mauritius		
1970	10	150,473	2001	10	3,725,655	1975	10	279,994	Myanmar		
1980	10	195,577	2007	2	1,047,657	1985	10	295,915	Namibia		
1990	10	232,737	2011	10	4,418,594	1996	10	315,920	Niger		
2000	10	284,081	2008 South Sudan	7	542,765	2006	6	256,866	Nigeria PES		
2010	10	341,118	1981 Spain	5	2,084,221	2011	10	328,425	Papua New Guinea		
1962 Paraguay	5	90,236	1991	5	1,931,458	1971 Venezuela	10	1,158,527	Russia		
1972	10	233,669	2001	5	2,039,274	1981	10	1,441,266	Tunisia		
1982	10	301,582	2011	10	4,107,465	1990	10	1,803,953	Turkmenistan		
1992	10	415,401				2001	10	2,306,489	Yemen		
2002	10	516,083							Zimbabwe, etc.		

Appendix B

User's Guide



Register for access

Original census forms, enumerator instructions, harmonized variable codes and descriptions, and other critical metadata are available to everyone in an interactive web system. Access to the microdata is restricted to registered users. Follow the directions below to become a registered user.

- Click **User Registration and Login** on the IPUMS-I home page.
- To preview the application form, click **View application form**.
- When you have collected the needed information, click **Apply for Access**.
- Submit your email address and password, which takes you to the application form.
- Briefly describe your research plan. Show that you have a non-commercial research project that requires access to international census microdata, as required by our partner legal agreements.
- Click each tick box and agree to all terms and conditions for access to the data, such as protecting confidentiality, not sharing the data, and citing the data properly.
- Submit the application for review.

Notification of approval (or denial) is emailed within a few days, after the application is reviewed.

Study the online integrated metadata

- For information on sampling and censuses, click **Sample Descriptions**.
- **Source Documents** provides original forms and instructions and their English translations.
- If only some countries or years interest you, in the **Select Data** browsing window, use the **Select Samples** option to limit the information displayed.

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How to make a data extract

You can make as many extracts as you need. In each extract, include only variables required for one project, to simplify your analysis.

- After login, click **Select Data** (on top menu bar), then click **Select Samples**.
- Click a box for each sample (country and year) you need, then click **Submit sample selections**.
- To see the variables in each sample, browse in the **Select Data** window and choose **Household** or **Person** variable display. From the drop-down menu, choose a variable group (e.g., **Demographic**).
- Click the variable name (e.g., EDATTAIN) for more information, such as codes, question wording, comparability, and universes. To add a variable to your extract, check the yellow circle to the left of the variable name or click the **add to cart** box in the variable's description.
- Repeat until all variables of interest are selected. Review selections by clicking **View Cart**.

Figure 1.
Study the metadata



Figure 2.
Select samples & variables

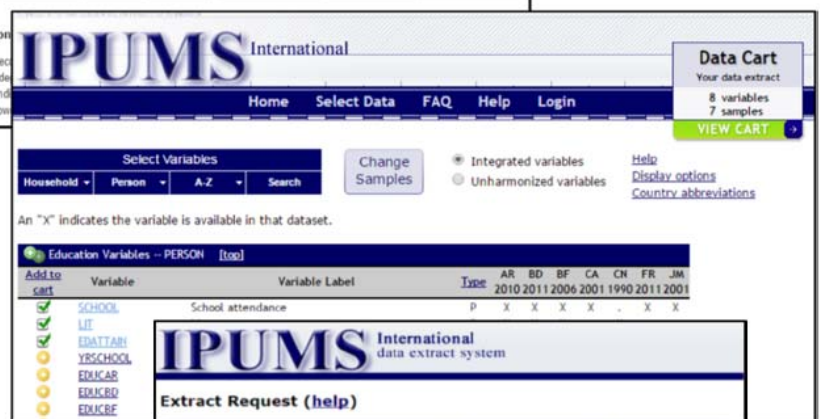


Figure 3. Customize & submit extract



Review & submit your extract request:

- On the **Extract Request** menu, click **Submit extract**. You may customize sample size, select cases, or attach characteristics (see Tips & Tools on the back).
- To obtain an extract in SPSS, SAS, Stata or cvs format, click **Change** on the **Data Format** line, click the desired option, and click **Submit**.
- Describe your extract so you remember its contents later (in case you want to resubmit the job).
- When everything is as you like it, click **Submit extract**.

How to download & use your data

Retrieve your microdata extract for analysis:

You will receive an email at your registered-user address when your extract is ready. Click **Download data extract** or the link in the email notice. Enter your email and password. You will be taken to your private data carrel, which records all your extract requests (see Figure 4).

- Download the data extract, codebook and, if desired, a SAS, Stata, or SPSS syntax file.
- Unzip the data (which requires WINZIP, 7z, RAR, or similar software).
- Open the SPSS, SAS, Stata, or ASCII (.dat) file. If ASCII, construct the database with the syntax file provided.
- Edit the top of your command file to tell the program where you have stored the data.

Figure 4. Personal Data Carrel

Extract Number	Date	Formatted Data	Fixedwidth Text Files	Codebook	Revise	Resubmit	Description (click to edit)	Hide selection	Download
22	2016-07-11	SPSS	Data SPSS SAS STATA	Back DOI	revise		Revision of (Educational attainment for young adults (age 18-35) in the 2010 round censuses.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	2016-06-30	--	Data SPSS SAS STATA	Back DOI	revise		Educational attainment for young adults (age 18-35) in the 2010 round censuses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	2016-05-30				revise	resubmit	10p1-prelim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	2013-08-27				revise	resubmit	Test for educational attainment in Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	2012-09-21				revise	resubmit	REVISE 9-21: Cambodia & Thailand to redo the API-Bangkok analysis for PAA abstract submissions: SELECT PROVINCE NOT REGION FOR THAILAND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To resubmit or revise an extract:

From the main menu, click on **Download Your Data Extract**, which brings you to your virtual data carrel (Figure 4). To replicate your original extract, click on **resubmit**. To change your original extract request, click on **revise**, make your new variable/sample selections and click **Submit extract**.

Follow good data analysis practices:

- Use the weights (expansion factors) that are automatically included in every extract. Not all samples share the same design. To make correct inferences, use weights.
- Use proper statistical techniques. Take into account response biases and errors in census operations as well as sampling errors.
- Remember that IPUMS-I sample statistics may differ from official figures for many reasons (e.g., loss of portions of original data, omission of collective households).
- Honor all conditions of use. Protect statistical confidentiality, cite properly, report publications. (https://bibliography.ipums.org/user_submissions/new).

For more information:

- Click **help** on pages throughout the website and read the **FAQ**.
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Tips & Tools

Unharmonized variables: These are variables for which codes have not been harmonized across countries or years. Therefore, variables with similar content, such as "sex," may have different codes and labels from one sample to the next.

To reduce the size of an extract: If your extract size is too large, you have several options.

- Customize sample size. Change the percent or number of cases for each sample.
- Eliminate variables or samples: **revise** your extract, click on **Samples** and/or **Variables**, and make your selections. To deselect a sample or variable, simply click on the checked box.
- Restrict cases: Click on **Select cases**, choose a variable and select one or more values for that variable. For example, eliminate persons under 15 and over 68 if you are studying paid labor.

To analyze data online: If you want to make a table without downloading a data extract, you can use the online data tabulator (Figure 5.) This tool provides minimal information about the variables so be sure to use the web metadata to determine exactly what you want before running a table.

In addition to making tables, this tool also can generate additional statistical output. Be sure to click on the **weighted** box under **N of cases to display** since all data in IPUMS-International are sample data.

To attach characteristics: For each variable in your extract, you can create new variables by household **Head**, **Father**, **Mother**, or **Spouse**. The extract system then attaches the value for that person (e.g., spouse's age, mother's years of schooling) to each individual record in the household. Note: Attached characteristics are assigned only when the relevant reference person (spouse, parent) is present within the household. Otherwise, the new variable will have missing values.

More features: Access these additional tools and datasets from the left menu of the home page.

- **Variance Estimation.** Documentation on the IPUMS-I stratified sample design.
- **Geography and GIS.** Downloadable boundary files for each country, as well as additional information on geography variables.
- **Supplemental Data Files.** Available for a subset of samples, contain downloadable data on mortality, migration and/or fertility events for households for a period preceding a census.
- **Bibliography.** Citations of publications by researchers (Project: "IPUMS-International").

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When your project is complete, cite both national statistical office(s), which provided the data, as well as IPUMS-International, which harmonized and disseminated the data. Proper citation language is provided on the home page at **How to Cite IPUMS-I**.

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Figure 5. Online Data Tabulator