Per 45 CFR 46.101, research using certain publicly available data sets does not involve “human subjects”. The data contained within these specific data sets are neither identifiable nor private and thus do not meet the federal definition of “human subject” as defined in 45 CFR 46.102. Therefore these research projects do not need to be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board, (IRB).

The following list of data sets have been determined to be publicly available:

- American College of Surgeons National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) [https://www.facs.org/quality%20programs/trauma/ntdb](https://www.facs.org/quality%20programs/trauma/ntdb)
- American Sociological Association Data Files
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS; public data only) [http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/)
- CDC Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER) [http://wonder.cdc.gov/](http://wonder.cdc.gov/)
- Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS; public data only) [http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/DataReportingandRetrieval/HospitalInpatientDatabaseCHARS](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/DataReportingandRetrieval/HospitalInpatientDatabaseCHARS)
- Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research Data Archive [https://ciser.cornell.edu/](https://ciser.cornell.edu/)
- Demographic Health Survey (DHS), Standard and Interim Surveys [http://dhsprogram.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Types/DHS.cfm](http://dhsprogram.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Types/DHS.cfm)
- General Social Survey (GSS) [http://www3.norc.org/GSS+Website/](http://www3.norc.org/GSS+Website/)
- Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (H-CUP) healthcare databases [https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/databases.jsp](https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/databases.jsp)
  - The Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS)
  - The Kids’ Inpatient Database (KID)
  - The State Inpatient Databases (SID)
  - The State Ambulatory Surgery Databases (SASD)
  - The State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD)
  - The Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS)
- Home Mortgage Data Act (HMDA) [https://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/hmdaproducts.htm](https://www.ffiec.gov/hmda/hmdaproducts.htm)
- Hospital Compare [http://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/Data/About.html](http://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/Data/About.html)
- Integrated Public Use Microdata Series International (IPUMS) [https://international.ipums.org/international-action/variables/group](https://international.ipums.org/international-action/variables/group)
- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) – public use data only [https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/index.jsp](https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/index.jsp)
- National Latino and Asian American Study (NLAAS) – public use data only
- Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) [http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data_files.jsp](http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data_files.jsp)
  - Household Component Full-Year files
  - Household Component Event files
  - Household Component Point-in-time files
  - Pooled Linkage files
Approved Sources of Public Use Data

- Milwaukee Property Records (MPROP)  
  http://city.milwaukee.gov/DownloadTabularData3496.htm#.VVOOZ_JVhBc
- National Center for Health Statistics http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/surveys.htm
  - Life Tables
  - LSOAS: Longitudinal Studies of Aging
  - NHANES: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
  - NHCS: National Health Care Survey
  - NHIS: National Health Interview Survey
  - NIS: National Immunization Survey
  - NSFG: National Survey of Family Growth
  - SLAITS: State & Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey
- National Center for Education Statistics http://nces.ed.gov/datatools/
- National Election Survey http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/download/datacenter_all_NoData.php
- National Longitudinal Survey (NLSY) Publicly available datasets http://www.bls.gov/nls/#order
- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/nlsy97
- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79) https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/nlsy79
- NLSY79 Children and Young Adults https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/nlsy79-children
- National Longitudinal Survey of Young Women and Mature Women https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/mature-and-young-women
- National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men and Mature Men https://www.nlsinfo.org/content/cohorts/older-and-young-men
- National Survey of Children’s Health (public version) http://www.nschdata.org/
- National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (public version)  
  http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/slaits/cshcn.htm
- Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/converge/data/
- Roper Center for Public Opinion Research http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/CFIDE/cf/action/catalog/
- School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS) http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/shpps/data.htm

**State Publicly Available data files**
- Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/scf/scfindex.htm
- Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/
- Census PUMS file http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/public_use_microdata_sample/

**Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System (WIBRS)**
- Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) non-DNA Survey Data http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/wlsresearch/data/
- Wisconsin Public Instruction Data http://dpi.wi.gov/data-media
- World Health Organization Global Health Observatory Data Repository (WHO GHO Data Repository)  
  http://apps.who.int/gho/data/?theme=main
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/data/

All Public Use Data Files available through Federal Agencies not already named