

# Overview of IPUMS USA

## Module 2: Using Data for Immigrants in the Gulf Region

# What is IPUMS USA?



- IPUMS USA provides census and survey data for social and economic research.



- It includes microdata samples from U.S. censuses and the American Community Survey (ACS).



- Data is harmonized over time to facilitate longitudinal research.

# Why Use IPUMS USA?

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- Access to high-quality, harmonized data from 1850 to present.
- Enables detailed analysis of individuals and households.
- Customizable datasets tailored to research needs.
- Free access for academic and educational purposes.



# Focus on the Gulf Region

- Gulf Region includes states like Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

- Immigrant populations in this region are vital to key industries (e.g., agriculture, oil, and gas).

- ACS data (2001-2022) provides insights into demographic trends, employment, and socioeconomics.

# Getting Started

- 1. Visit the IPUMS USA website:  
[usa.ipums.org](http://usa.ipums.org)
- 2. Create a free user account.
- 3. Explore variables and samples in the Data Extract Builder.



The screenshot shows the IPUMS USA website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IPUMS USA logo on the left and links for HOME, SELECT DATA, MY DATA, and SUPPORT on the right. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal strip of six small images depicting various people in different settings, such as a classroom, a person working at a computer, a family moving, and an elderly man with a child. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a vertical menu with sections: IPUMS USA (with sub-links: ABOUT, REGISTER, DONATE TO IPUMS), DATA (with sub-links: BROWSE AND SELECT DATA, ANALYZE DATA ONLINE, IPUMS ABACUS, DOWNLOAD OR REVISE MY DATA), SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (with sub-links: GEOGRAPHY & GIS, LINKED CENSUS DATA: 1850-1950, SLAVE SAMPLES: 1850-1860, FULL COUNT DATA: 1790-1840, FEDERAL STATISTICAL RDC), and DOCUMENTATION (with sub-links: USER GUIDE, SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS). The right column features the heading "U.S. CENSUS DATA FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH RESEARCH" followed by a paragraph describing the data collection and access. Below this is the slogan "USE IT FOR GOOD -- NEVER FOR EVIL". At the bottom of the right column, there are two large buttons: "CREATE YOUR CUSTOM DATA SET" with a "Get Data" sub-button, and "ONLINE TOOL FOR ANALYSIS" with an "Analyze Data Online" sub-button. A link for "WHAT IS IPUMS?" is located at the very bottom of the page.