

# Some Hints and Suggestions for Doing RDC-based Research

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# External Resources (Cornell-based)

- The Virtual RDC <http://www2.vrdc.cornell.edu/news/>
- INFO 7470 Understanding Social and Economic Data
  - Ph.D. course with many useful lectures
  - <http://www.vrdc.cornell.edu/info7470/>
  - SPOC (small private online course) coming
  - Will be offered in distance learning format Spring 2016
- The Cornell node of the NSF-Census Research Network
  - <https://www.ncrn.cornell.edu/>
  - Extensive metadata CED<sup>2</sup>AR  
<http://www2.ncrn.cornell.edu/ced2ar-web/search>

# External Resources (Outside Cornell)

- Websites of all RDCs <http://www.census.gov/fsrdc>
- NCRN [www.ncrn.info](http://www.ncrn.info)
- Social Explorer

# Suggestions

- Use one of these
  - Longitudinal Business Database
    - SynLBD
  - Decennial census/ACS
    - ICPSR has codebooks
    - Cornell CED2AR has metadata library
    - Most things can be prototyped using PUMS
  - SIPP SIPP/linked to IRS
    - Synthetic SIPP (SSB)
  - Single industry
- Go in, get it done