

# Data Access Instructions

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## 1. Overview

The data used in this project are administrative and confidential, and cannot be publicly shared as part of the replication package. Access to these data is regulated by strict data protection and statistical confidentiality rules.

Researchers interested in replicating the analysis can request access to similar data directly from the Statistical Institute of Catalonia (Idescat).

## 2. Data Used in the Paper

The empirical analysis relies on administrative data provided by Idescat. These data sources are described in detail in Section 2 (Data) and Appendix B (Data Sources and Cleaning) of the paper.

The dataset used in this project was constructed by linking these sources using anonymized identifiers provided by Idescat. The raw data were cleaned following the procedures described in Appendix B, and the final variables were constructed as described in Section 2.2 of the paper.

## 3. Access through Idescat

Access to confidential microdata for scientific purposes is managed centrally by Idescat. The procedure and required documentation are described on the official webpage:

<https://www.idescat.cat/serveis/dades/?lang=en>

## 4. Application Procedure

Researchers must submit a formal application including a research proposal, institutional support, CVs, and data security safeguards. Approval requires confidentiality agreements and acceptance of potential costs. Approved users access the data through a secure transfer system.

## 5. Replication Considerations

The dataset used in this project is not a pre-existing dataset, but was constructed by combining multiple administrative sources and applying project-specific data cleaning procedures. Researchers must reconstruct the dataset following the procedures in the paper.

## **6. Additional Notes**

Access to and use of confidential data are governed by European and Catalan statistical confidentiality regulations.