

Category	Who created the data?	Why was the data created?	Where was the data created?	How credible is the data?	Could the data be found in 200 years (yes/no)	What are the challenges with using the data?
Parental status	Hospital administrators	Establish legal relationship	Minneapolis	Can locate spouse or children in other records	No	Only shows family connections, not the type of relationship with family.
Body measurement	Doctor's office	Yearly checkup	Minneapolis	Likely accurate within a few ounces	No	Weight changes over lifetime and medical records are private and likely to be destroyed upon death.
Employment title	Normandale Community College	Title from faculty contract	Bloomington	If taken from website, possible inaccuracy due to web publishing problems.	No	Titles often do not indicate that type of work performed.
Shoe size	Shoe store	To sell appropriately-sized shoe	Minneapolis	Depends on device used and experiences of person who measured feet.	Perhaps from foot bones.	Shoe sizes can vary based on what socks are being worn, the time of day the measurement is taken, and the age of the person.
Marital status	Hennepin county	Registration of marriage with state	Hennepin County Court House	Marriage and divorce records have not national database.	If the originating marriage certificate remains	May require finding named spouse.
Eye color	Driver's License	To allow state officials to police citizens.	State of MN	Self-reported data	No	Self-reported data is often inaccurate.
Distance travelled to work	Driver/biker	To evaluate personal fitness and gas usage.	Hennepin County Court House	GIS measurement has reasonable accuracy.	No	GIS needs to be turned on and recording accurately. User error can invalidate data.