

Requesting An Electronic Data Exchange With SSA

If you wish to enter into a data exchange with SSA, we need specific information to determine if we can approve your request.

You must provide:

- what information you are requesting and why,
- what legal authority supports your request,
- the anticipated volume and frequency of your request,
- what security measures you have in place to protect the data you receive from us, and
- if you currently have, or previously had, a data exchange agreement with SSA.

All disclosures from SSA must be in accordance with applicable law, including the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a; section 1106 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1306; and SSA's disclosure regulations, 20 C.F.R. Part 401. We review all requests for information to determine whether SSA has applicable legal authority for the disclosure requested.

In addition, Federal laws require SSA to protect information in our records. Such laws include but are not limited to the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Federal Information Security Management Act, 44 U.S.C. Part 35. Thus, data security is often an essential factor in evaluating data exchange requests. Where appropriate, we conduct ongoing compliance reviews of our information exchange partners.

Finally, reimbursement for developing and maintaining the exchange is generally required.

If your Federal, State, or local agency, tribal organization, or private entity is interested in entering into a data exchange agreement with SSA for programmatic or research purposes, complete the [data exchange request form](#) (SSA-157) and email it to ORDP.Data.Exchange@ssa.gov.

If you are interested in requesting the full Death Master File, refer to the instructions for [Requesting the Full Death Master File](#).

If you are interested in requesting vital status data for epidemiological research, please refer to the information and instructions for our [Service to Epidemiological Researchers to Provide Vital Status Data on Subjects of Health Research](#) as you complete the [data exchange request form](#) (SSA-157).

All others, [email us at ORDP.Data.Exchange@ssa.gov](mailto:ORDP.Data.Exchange@ssa.gov). Provide as much detailed information as possible, to include; contact information (i.e., name, address, email, and phone number), description and purpose of your data exchange request.

A Data Exchange Liaison will respond to your email as soon as possible.

NOTE

The timeframe to establish an exchange with SSA can vary significantly depending upon the nature of your request and SSA priorities. Some exchanges are routine while others may require additional time to be approved and implemented. During the review and implementation stages, we will keep you apprised of the status of your request.