

2009-2010 Annual Usage and Service Report

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Introduction

Founded in 1972, the Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) is the oldest of the disciplinary councils in the California State University system. With representatives from each of the CSU campuses, the Council is dedicated to assisting students and faculty in their learning, teaching, and research by:

- Facilitating access to social science data and computer-related instructional and research materials
- Promoting quantitative social science research by students via the annual SSRIC student research conference
- Initiating and conducting training programs
- Recommending computerized social science projects in the CSU curriculum
- Providing a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products
- Advising CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction

Data

The SSRIC is the CSU systems' clearinghouse for social science data, notably data from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), The Field Institute and the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. These data sources provide data to support quantitative social science teaching, research and service by students, staff and faculty, and well as sponsored programs and grant development by CSU research centers.

All the functions described above are performed by faculty representatives as a service. Dues requested of individual campuses primarily defray data subscription costs.

ICPSR

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is the largest social science data repository in the world. It is the primary source of social science data for every research-oriented university and nearly every other university and college in the United States. Data access is online and interactive under the *ICPSR Direct* system. During academic year 09-10, 16786 datasets (774.853 gigabytes of data) were downloaded from ICPSR by CSU students, faculty, and staff. These totals represent a substantial increase in usage from past years. The following table summarizes utilization by campus for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and the 2009-10 academic years.

Usage data always requires one important proviso. A single download may be used in a class with many students, but only shows on the usage chart as a single download. Additionally, a single faculty member may download a study to be used for research by multiple faculty members.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research								
Campus	Total Data Sets Downloaded				Gigabytes Downloaded			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Bakersfield	247	613	737	124	8.337	30.391	3.392	6.353
Channel Islands	212	61	129	122	13.223	0.784	13.268	28.222
Chico	317	335	516	556	5.486	27.941	27.450	23.692
Dominguez Hills	13	15	14	19	2.133	.442	.632	.491
East Bay	298	289	512	460	21.480	7.568	14.366	28.710
Fresno	182	436	99	69	13.134	5.427	1.420	4.847
Fullerton	729	290	724	755	22.124	7.443	31.131	13.462
Humboldt	140	75	124	335	5.147	1.226	3.215	18.164
Long Beach	870	942	927	1,736	41.188	22.476	39.198	51.157
Los Angeles	286	534	346	1,335	19.292	14.893	5.716	60.808
Monterey Bay	975	38	5	16	17.538	3.040	.021	.791
Northridge	147	1,114	2,955	6,490	3.943	28.327	245.573	207.707
Pomona	275	258	525	246	3.732	12.215	23.328	2.788
Sacramento	451	621	653	1,170	14.596	29.852	27.719	94.171
San Bernardino	201	6	42	575	13.451	1.240	.634	19.967
San Diego	640	325	612	1,816	16.661	17.647	19.100	57.909
San Francisco	704	229	1,130	71	37.511	28.819	9.457	54.299
San Jose	380	*	*	119	8.166	*	*	28.269
San Luis	370	386	361	35	9.754	25.600	18.718	5.072

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San Marcos	70	103	187	350	1.574	3.384	21.243	53.961
Sonoma	39	160	36	54	3.420	18.025	2.284	9.442
Stanislaus	413	573	72	333	8.721	9.770	.827	4.576
Total	7,959	7,403	10,706	16,786	290.61	296.51	508.68	774.853

*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09.

ICPSR maintains a series of topical archives that allow the user to analyze data using the SDA which was written at UC Berkeley. SDA is an online program that allows individuals to access particular studies that have been set up for this program. Information is only available for the CSU system and is not broken down by campus.

Fiscal year	Number of times accessed
2006-07	1,369
2007-08	1,310
2008-09	1,454
2009-10	1,501

ICPSR also offers an extensive summer program in quantitative analysis. Our membership in ICPSR allows us to distribute a portion of our membership fee to cover tuition for participants in the summer program. The following table summarizes the number of faculty and students (primarily faculty) that were enrolled in the ICPSR's summer program in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Summer	Number of enrollees
2006	7
2007	2
2008	7
2009	14
2010	4

Roper Center for Public Opinion

The Roper Center provides public opinion data for the nation and the world. More than half of the Roper holdings are international. Studies go back many decades providing the opportunity to do longitudinal research. The CSU established a system wide membership in the Roper Center in October, 2004. From October, 2004 through September, 2005 the CSU was limited to 50 data sets per year and data had to be ordered through one point of contact. Starting in October, 2005, CSU students, faculty, and staff could download Roper data directly to their desktop through Roper Express (similar to ICPSR Direct). This resulted in a large increase in utilization of Roper data.

The following table summarizes the number of data sets that were downloaded from the Roper Center archive during 2006-07 through 2009-10 by CSU students, faculty, and

staff. In 2009-10, 531 datasets were downloaded.

The Roper Center also offers iPOLL which is a data base of survey questions which can be used for trend analysis and to select data sets for downloading. This table also reports the number of times that students, faculty, and staff used iPOLL. In 2009-10, iPOLL was accessed 720 times, echoing the sharp increase in usage seen in 2008-09. The following table summarizes utilization by campus for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 academic years.

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research								
Cam pus	Data Sets Downloaded				iPOLL Sessions			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Bakersfield	29	14	57	64	25	6	31	24
Channel Islands	0	3	4	6	1	10	17	9
Chico	15	0	36	3	10	3	74	4
Dominguez Hills	2	21	444	362	65	57	427	443
East Bay	13	2	2	2	15	3	2	1
Fresno	8	9	2	37	19	18	10	52
Fullerton	40	13	53	11	41	21	59	22
Humboldt	8	18	10	5	19	21	8	16
Long Beach	21	64	4	6	32	37	22	17
Los Angeles	9	2	0	1	29	1	0	3
Monterey Bay	1	6	0	0	1	16	1	0
Northridge	4	7	2	0	8	28	5	11
Pomona	3	3	9	12	6	40	23	23
Sacramento	20	1	4	4	31	3	7	24
San Bernardino	12	0	3	17	18	0	1	23
San Diego	89	11	15	7	84	19	7	10
San Francisco	6	40	4	6	4	51	5	3
San Jose	5	*	*	0	53	*	*	9
San Luis Obispo	17	0	7	4	17	0	1	6
San Marcos	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	2
Sonoma	18	30	4	0	9	46	4	1
Stanislaus	12	4	2	0	17	15	6	0
Unknown	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	17
Total	332	248	662	531	505	399	716	720

*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09.

The Field Institute

The CSU maintains a membership in the Field Institute which provides our students, faculty, and staff access to both current and past Field polls. The Field Institute is one of several state polls that provide current political opinion data for the state on issues of interest to policy makers, researchers, and students. In addition to access to these polls, our membership in The Field Institute provides one faculty member with the opportunity to place 12 questions per year on a Field Poll.

The CSU contracts with UC Berkeley to provide access to the data sets we receive from the Field Institute. The following table provides information on the number of times that students, faculty, or staff accessed the Field archive at Berkeley. The table below shows the number of times that a person logged onto the Field archive to look for or download data for the 2005-06 through 2009-10 academic years. During academic year 2009-10, 926 Field data sets were accessed.

The Field Institute					
Campus	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Bakersfield	293	0	0	0	1
Channel Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Chico	401	1268	519	361	232
Dominguez Hills	317	0	0	0	0
East Bay	4	32	0	18	18
Fresno	78	11	70	28	48
Fullerton	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	333	394	385	449	181
Long Beach	1	256	11	0	0
Los Angeles	9	273	150	0	0
Monterey Bay	69	97	0	0	0
Northridge	0	23	0	0	1
Pomona	513	366	268	96	37
Sacramento	457	525	72	23	158
San Bernardino	1	78	1	0	37
San Diego	6	122	2	6	4
San Francisco	47	105	375	3	156
San Jose	0	0	*	*	0
San Luis Obispo	65	83	13	0	51
San Marcos	135	5	0	0	0
Sonoma	28	1	3	0	0
Stanislaus	0	70	207	0	0
Unknown campus	105	0	0	0	2
Total	2862	3709	2076	984	926
*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09.					

Student Research Conference

The SSRIC sponsors an annual student research conference for both undergraduates and graduates where students can present their research in a supportive setting. For many students, this is their first opportunity to present their research at a professional conference. The 2007 conference was held in Northridge with 36 student presentations from 13 CSU campuses. The 2008 conference was held in Long Beach with 47 presentations from 8 participating campuses. The 2009 conference was held in Sacramento with 43 presentations (including 50 students) from 12 participating campuses. The 2010 conference was held in Pomona with 33 presentations (including 37 students) from 9 participating campuses.

Training Workshops

Volunteer SSRIC representatives led seven training workshops on five campuses during the 2009-10 academic year, with a total of 46 participants. Those campuses were Bakersfield, Fresno, Fullerton, Los Angeles and San Bernardino. These workshops are intended to promote the use of data and teaching modules and to instruct participants in how to access these resources. Most of those attending were faculty although there were some graduate students. More workshops are planned on campuses this coming academic year.

Website

The SSRIC Web site is online at www.ssrlic.org. The site consolidates and expands information previously scattered on servers at the Bakersfield, Los Angeles, and Pomona campuses. The new site makes it much easier to communicate information about resources, events, and services provided to students, faculty, and staff through the Council. The site offers among other things:

- Announcements of upcoming events
- A contact list of Council representatives from each campus
- Information for research-oriented social science faculty throughout the CSU
- Comprehensive information about the annual SSRIC Student Research Conference
- Instructions for downloading ICPSR, Field, and Roper data
- Information about the Field Fellowship program
- Information about the ICPSR Summer Program
- Curriculum materials contained in the SSRIC Teaching Resources, including various modules and exercises and an SPSS primer
- Curriculum materials contained in POWERMUTT, an online text for teaching research methods in political science and cognate disciplines.