

# **2010-2011 Annual Usage and Service Report**

## **2010-2011 Social Sciences Specialty Center (SSSC) Annual Report**

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### **Introduction**

Founded in 1972, the Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) is the oldest of the affinity groups 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 10-11, 15,365 datasets (606.4 gigabytes of data) were downloaded from ICPSR by CSU students, faculty, and staff. These totals represent a substantial increase in usage from 2006 thru 2009. There was a slight decrease from 2009-10 to 2010-11. The following table summarizes utilization by campus for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 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				
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Bakersfield	247	613	737	124	2,429
Channel Islands	212	61	129	122	11
Chico	317	335	516	556	350
Dominguez Hills	13	15	14	19	16
East Bay	298	289	512	460	231
Fresno	182	436	99	69	248
Fullerton	729	290	724	755	1,109
Humboldt	140	75	124	335	160
Long Beach	870	942	927	1,736	664
Los Angeles	286	534	346	1,335	441
Monterey Bay	975	38	5	16	81
Northridge	147	1,114	2,955	6,490	1,597
Pomona	275	258	525	246	354
Sacramento	451	621	653	1,170	891
San Bernardino	201	6	42	575	873
San Diego	640	325	612	1,816	1,749
San Francisco	704	229	1,130	71	387
San Jose	380	*	*	119	164
San Luis Obispo	370	386	361	35	2

San Marcos	70	103	187	350	302
Sonoma	39	160	36	54	400
Stanislaus	413	573	72	333	2,906
Total	7,959	7,403	10,706	16,786	15,365
*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09					

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research					
Campus	Gigabytes Downloaded				
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Bakersfield	8.3	30.4	3.4	6.4	62.6
Channel Islands	13.2	0.8	13.3	28.2	0.4
Chico	5.5	27.9	27.5	23.7	22.2
Dominguez Hills	2.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8
East Bay	21.5	7.6	14.4	28.7	3.6
Fresno	13.1	5.4	1.4	4.8	9.0
Fullerton	22.1	7.4	31.1	13.5	19.8
Humboldt	5.1	1.2	3.2	18.2	4.2
Long Beach	41.2	22.5	39.2	51.2	43.8
Los Angeles	19.3	14.9	5.7	60.8	11.6
Monterey Bay	17.5	3.0	0.0	0.8	5.9
Northridge	3.9	28.3	245.6	207.7	64.0
Pomona	3.7	12.2	23.3	2.8	7.6
Sacramento	14.6	29.9	27.7	94.2	73.7
San Bernardino	13.5	1.2	0.6	20.0	29.9
San Diego	16.7	17.7	19.1	57.9	36.7
San Francisco	37.5	28.8	9.5	54.3	41.9
San Jose	8.2	*	*	28.3	10.1
San Luis Obispo	9.8	25.6	18.7	5.1	0.1
San Marcos	1.6	3.4	21.2	54.0	28.9
Sonoma	3.4	18.0	2.3	9.4	37.4
Stanislaus	8.7	9.8	0.8	4.6	91.2
Total	290.6	296.5	508.7	774.9	606.4
*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. The table below shows the number of times that SDA data files in the ICPSR were accessed by CSU campuses.

Fiscal year	Number of times accessed
2006-07	1,369
2007-08	1,310
2008-09	1,454
2009-10	1,501
2010-11	1,311

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 one participant 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, 2010 and 2011.

Summer	Number of enrollees
2006	7
2007	2
2008	7
2009	14
2010	9
2011	7

## **Roper Center for Public Opinion**

The Roper Center provides public opinion data for the nation and the world. 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 RoperExpress (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 2010-11 by CSU students, faculty, and staff. In 2010-11, 872 datasets were downloaded. This represents a substantial increase in usage from prior years.

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 2010-11, iPOLL was accessed 625 times, representing a slight decrease in usage compared to 2008-09 and 2009-10. The following table summarizes utilization by campus for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years.

Roper Center for Public Opinion										
Campus	Data Sets Downloaded					iPOLL Accesses				
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Bakersfield	29	14	57	64	44	25	6	31	24	40
Channel Islands	0	3	4	6	41	1	10	17	9	3
Chico	15	0	36	3	21	10	3	74	4	13
Dominguez Hills	2	21	444	362	483	65	57	427	443	342
East Bay	13	2	2	2	3	15	3	2	1	1
Fresno	8	9	2	37	16	19	18	10	52	13
Fullerton	40	13	53	11	30	41	21	59	22	21
Humboldt	8	18	10	5	39	19	21	8	16	24
Long Beach	21	64	4	6	0	32	37	22	17	4
Los Angeles	9	2	0	1	0	29	1	0	3	0
Monterey Bay	1	6	0	0	0	1	16	1	0	0
Northridge	4	7	2	0	14	8	28	5	11	8
Pomona	3	3	9	12	12	6	40	23	23	9
Sacramento	20	1	4	4	22	31	3	7	24	8
San Bernardino	12	0	3	17	4	18	0	1	23	46
San Diego	89	11	15	7	27	84	19	7	10	15
San Francisco	6	40	4	6	66	4	51	5	3	8
San Jose	5	*	*	0	3	53	*	*	9	9
San Luis Obispo	17	0	7	4	0	17	0	1	6	30
San Marcos	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	2	0
Sonoma	18	30	4	0	0	9	46	4	1	1
Stanislaus	12	4	2	0	5	17	15	6	0	3
Unknown	0	0	0	7	42	0	0	0	17	27
Total	332	248	662	531	872	505	399	716	720	625

\*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 2010-11 academic years. During academic year 2010-11, 1,010 Field data sets were accessed. This represents an increase compared to 2008-09 and 2009-10.

The Field Institute						
Campus	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Bakersfield	293	0	0	0	1	0
Channel Islands	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chico	401	1268	519	361	232	78
Dominguez Hills	317	0	0	0	0	1
East Bay	4	32	0	18	18	0
Fresno	78	11	70	28	48	19
Fullerton	0	0	0	0	0	255
Humboldt	333	394	385	449	181	337
Long Beach	1	256	11	0	0	1
Los Angeles	9	273	150	0	0	0
Monterey Bay	69	97	0	0	0	0
Northridge	0	23	0	0	1	1
Pomona	513	366	268	96	37	40
Sacramento	457	525	72	23	158	40
San Bernardino	1	78	1	0	37	3
San Diego	6	122	2	6	4	0
San Francisco	47	105	375	3	156	75
San Jose	0	0	*	*	0	65
San Luis Obispo	65	83	13	0	51	93
San Marcos	135	5	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	28	1	3	0	0	0
Stanislaus	0	70	207	0	0	0
Unknown campus	105	0	0	0	2	0
Total	2862	3709	2076	984	926	1010

\*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. The 2011 conference was held in San Jose with 14 presentations from 4 participating campuses. The following table summarize student research conference activity for the years 2007-2011.

Student Research Conference			
Year	Host Campus	Student Presentations	Campuses Participating
2007	Northridge	36	13
2008	Long Beach	47	8
2009	Sacramento	43	12
2010	Pomona	33	9
2011	San Jose	14	4

SSRIC has changed the date of the conference for 2012 to avoid conflict with other conferences in an effort to increase the number of students and campuses participating.

## **Training Workshops**

Volunteer SSRIC representatives led ten training workshops on three campuses during the 2010-11 academic year, with a total of 147 participants. Those campuses were Dominguez Hills, Fresno and Humboldt. These workshops are intended to promote the use of data and teaching modules and to instruct participants in how to access these resources. Both faculty and graduate students attended these workshops. More workshops are planned on campuses this coming academic year.

## **Website**

The SSRIC Web site is online at [www.ssrlic.org](http://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.