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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 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. The following table summarizes utilization by campus from 2006-07 through 2012-13.

During academic year 2012-13, 5,524 datasets (485.2 gigabytes of data) were downloaded from ICPSR by CSU students, faculty, and staff. These totals represent a substantial decrease in usage, especially since 2009-2010. . This is the third straight year of decline and may be due in part to a decline in the number of data base workshops provided to campuses by the SSRIC. This decline is, in turn, the result of a near zeroing out of the Council's travel budget.

In addition, 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	11-12	12-13
Bakersfield	247	613	737	124	2,429	1221	377
Channel Islands	212	61	129	122	11	55	11
Chico	317	335	516	556	350	398	324
Dominguez Hills	13	15	14	19	16	3	2
East Bay	298	289	512	460	231	92	27
Fresno	182	436	99	69	248	187	167
Fullerton	729	290	724	755	1,109	1342	245
Humboldt	140	75	124	335	160	436	61
Long Beach	870	942	927	1,736	664	482	1040
Los Angeles	286	534	346	1,335	441	448	105
Monterey Bay	975	38	5	16	81	142	60
Northridge	147	1,114	2,955	6,490	1,597	2276	682
Pomona	275	258	525	246	354	73	258
Sacramento	451	621	653	1,170	891	1289	521
San Bernardino	201	6	42	575	873	247	54
San Diego	640	325	612	1,816	1,749	1012	910
San Francisco	704	229	1,130	71	387	287	161
San Jose	380	N/A	N/A	119	164	221	33
San Luis Obispo	370	386	361	35	2	232	165
San Marcos	70	103	187	350	302	542	103
Sonoma	39	160	36	54	400	71	36
Stanislaus	413	573	72	333	2,906	187	182
Total	7,959	7,403	10,706	16,786	15,365	11243	5524
Note: San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09							

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research							
Campus	Total Gigabytes Downloaded						
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
Bakersfield	8.3	30.4	3.4	6.4	62.6	18.6	13.9
Channel Islands	13.2	0.8	13.3	28.2	0.4	81.0	1.8
Chico	5.5	27.9	27.5	23.7	22.2	30.6	30.4
Dominguez Hills	2.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.8	0.2
East Bay	21.5	7.6	14.4	28.7	3.6	5.5	2.2
Fresno	13.1	5.4	1.4	4.8	9.0	18.7	14.0
Fullerton	22.1	7.4	31.1	13.5	19.8	50.0	21.9
Humboldt	5.1	1.2	3.2	18.2	4.2	7.5	4.2
Long Beach	41.2	22.5	39.2	51.2	43.8	20.4	65.7
Los Angeles	19.3	14.9	5.7	60.8	11.6	14.1	44.4
Monterey Bay	17.5	3.0	0.0	0.8	5.9	20.2	2.4
Northridge	3.9	28.3	245.6	207.7	64.0	100.0	24.6
Pomona	3.7	12.2	23.3	2.8	7.6	0.5	87.9
Sacramento	14.6	29.9	27.7	94.2	73.7	107.1	40.6
San Bernardino	13.5	1.2	0.6	20.0	29.9	15.6	4.7
San Diego	16.7	17.7	19.1	57.9	36.7	82.5	78.2
San Francisco	37.5	28.8	9.5	54.3	41.9	9.2	3.9
San Jose	8.2	N/A	N/A	28.3	10.1	52.3	4.5
San Luis Obispo	9.8	25.6	18.7	5.1	0.1	16.0	4.8
San Marcos	1.6	3.4	21.2	54.0	28.9	26.6	16.0
Sonoma	3.4	18.0	2.3	9.4	37.4	2.8	2.5
Stanislaus	8.7	9.8	0.8	4.6	91.2	5.4	16.6
Total	290.6	296.5	508.7	774.9	606.4	685.4	485.2
Note: 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. While SDA usage in 2012-2013 declined from the previous year, it was nonetheless higher than in any other prior year going back to 2006-2007.

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
2011-12	2,611
2012-13	1,531

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 from 2006 through 2013. The number enrolling in 2013 was the second highest going back to 2006.

Summer	Number of enrollees
2006	7
2007	2
2008	7
2009	14
2010	9
2011	7
2012	9
2013	12

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 2012-13 by CSU students, faculty, and staff. In 2012-13, 461 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. The table also reports the number of times that students, faculty, and staff used iPOLL. In 2012-13, iPOLL was accessed 141 times, representing a substantial increase in usage from all previous years. Both numbers for the past year, especially the number of iPOLL

accesses, represent substantial declines form recent years. This appears to be mostly due to 1) the fact that the number of iPOLL accesses for 2011-2012 was clearly an outlier, and 2) a sharp decline in usage at one campus which had, from 2008-2009 through 2011-2012, been far and away the heaviest user of this data source., The following table summarizes utilization by campus from 2006-07 through 2012-13.

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research														
Campus	Datasets Downloaded							IPoll Accesses						
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
Bakersfield	29	14	57	64	44	55	102	25	6	31	24	40	12	30
Channel Islands	0	3	4	6	41	0	0	1	10	17	9	3	1	0
Chico	15	0	36	3	21	0	12	10	3	74	4	13	145	0
Dominguez Hills	2	21	444	362	483	361	143	65	57	427	443	342	662	5
East Bay	13	2	2	2	3	0	0	15	3	2	1	1	16	0
Fresno	8	9	2	37	16	3	38	19	18	10	52	13	12	9
Fullerton	40	13	53	11	30	7	0	41	21	59	22	21	35	26
Humboldt	8	18	10	5	39	5	8	19	21	8	16	24	12	0
Long Beach	21	64	4	6	0	0	27	32	37	22	17	4	355	14
Los Angeles	9	2	0	1	0	1	3	29	1	0	3	0	259	7
Monterey Bay	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	16	1	0	0	0	0
Northridge	4	7	2	0	14	38	31	8	28	5	11	8	808	13
Pomona	3	3	9	12	12	0	5	6	40	23	23	9	10	0
Sacramento	20	1	4	4	22	4	6	31	3	7	24	8	4	0
San Bernardino	12	0	3	17	4	0	0	18	0	1	23	46	93	10
San Diego	89	11	15	7	27	8	22	84	19	7	10	15	44	0
San Francisco	6	40	4	6	66	0	8	4	51	5	3	8	4	0
San Jose	5	N/A	N/A	0	3	12	0	53	*	*	9	9	469	2
San Luis Obispo	17	0	7	4	0	0	10	17	0	1	6	30	434	1
San Marcos	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	1	4	0	2	0	95	0
Sonoma	18	30	4	0	0	18	10	9	46	4	1	1	254	24
Stanislaus	12	4	2	0	5	0	31	17	15	6	0	3	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	7	42	0	0	0	0	0	17	27	0	0
Total	332	248	662	531	872	519	461	505	399	716	720	625	3724	141
Note: 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 public 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 2012-13 academic years. During academic year 2012-13, 360 Field data sets were accessed. This represents a sharp decline from previous years, and most of activity was concentrated at just a few campuses.

The Field Institute								
Campus	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
Bakersfield	293	0	0	0	1	0	0	70
Channel Islands	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Chico	401	1268	519	361	232	78	153	115
Dominguez Hills	317	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
East Bay	4	32	0	18	18	0	1	0
Fresno	78	11	70	28	48	19	13	12
Fullerton	0	0	0	0	0	255	34	0
Humboldt	333	394	385	449	181	337	211	23
Long Beach	1	256	11	0	0	1	1	1
Los Angeles	9	273	150	0	0	0	9	0
Monterey Bay	69	97	0	0	0	0	0	1
Northridge	0	23	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pomona	513	366	268	96	37	40	33	0
Sacramento	457	525	72	23	158	40	28	1
San Bernardino	1	78	1	0	37	3	2	0
San Diego	6	122	2	6	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	47	105	375	3	156	75	49	116
San Jose	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	65	500	21
San Luis Obispo	65	83	13	0	51	93	34	0
San Marcos	135	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	28	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	0	70	207	0	0	0	14	0
Unknown campus	105	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Total	2862	3709	2076	984	926	1010	1082	360
Note: 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 2013 conference was held at San Francisco State with about 30 presentations from about 8 participating campuses. The 2014 conference will be held at CSU Fullerton. The following table summarizes student research conference activity for the years 2007-2013.

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
2012	Los Angeles	52	9
2013	San Francisco	30	8

Note: Numbers for 2013 (San Francisco) are approximate

Website

The SSRIC Web site is online at www.ssric.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.