

2014-2015 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 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 Social Science Student Symposium (S⁴)
- 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 2014-15.

During academic year 2014-15, 9,888 datasets (731.3 gigabytes of data) were downloaded from ICPSR by CSU students, faculty, and staff. These totals represent a substantial increase in usage from the prior year, which represents the low point in the series. This ended three straight years of decline which may have been 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. The growth was a notable "return to form" for some of the larger campuses (Fullerton, Long Beach & Northridge), which offset declines at other large or medium campuses (notably Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego).

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

Total Data Sets Downloaded

Campus	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Bakersfield	247	613	737	124	2,429	1,221	377	138	393
Channel Islands	212	61	129	122	11	55	11	45	26
Chico	317	335	516	556	350	398	324	392	375
Dominguez Hills	13	15	14	19	16	3	2	340	34
East Bay	298	289	512	460	231	92	27	7	138
Fresno	182	436	99	69	248	187	167	445	1,135
Fullerton	729	290	724	755	1,109	1,342	245	1,061	1,649
Humboldt	140	75	124	335	160	436	61	37	123
Long Beach	870	942	927	1,736	664	482	1,040	1,664	1,234
Los Angeles	286	534	346	1,335	441	448	105	27	130
Monterey Bay	975	38	5	16	81	142	60	0	6
Northridge	147	1,114	2,955	6,490	1,597	2,276	682	2,676	1,123
Pomona	275	258	525	246	354	73	258	521	8
Sacramento	451	621	653	1,170	891	1,289	521	380	309
San Bernardino	201	6	42	575	873	247	54	95	32
San Diego	640	325	612	1,816	1,749	1,012	910	271	539
San Francisco	704	229	1,130	71	387	287	161	106	1,643
San Jose	380	*	*	119	164	221	33	58	84
San Luis Obispo	370	386	361	35	2	232	165	59	256
San Marcos	70	103	187	350	302	542	103	83	534
Sonoma	39	160	36	54	400	71	36	53	30
Stanislaus	413	573	72	333	2,906	187	182	306	87
Total	7,959	7,403	10,706	16,786	15,365	11,243	5,524	8,764	9,888

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

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Total Gigabytes Downloaded

Campus	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Bakersfield	8.3	30.4	3.4	6.4	62.6	18.6	13.9	9.0	75.5
Channel Islands	13.2	0.8	13.3	28.2	0.4	81.0	1.8	20.6	5.5
Chico	5.5	27.9	27.5	23.7	22.2	30.6	30.4	38.7	43.0
Dominguez Hills	2.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.8	0.2	9.9	6.0
East Bay	21.5	7.6	14.4	28.7	3.6	5.5	2.2	0.7	3.7
Fresno	13.1	5.4	1.4	4.8	9.0	18.7	14.0	22.7	132.7
Fullerton	22.1	7.4	31.1	13.5	19.8	50.0	21.9	133.8	75.5
Humboldt	5.1	1.2	3.2	18.2	4.2	7.5	4.2	1.4	3.4
Long Beach	41.2	22.5	39.2	51.2	43.8	20.4	65.7	90.1	84.9
Los Angeles	19.3	14.9	5.7	60.8	11.6	14.1	44.4	1.3	21.6
Monterey Bay	17.5	3.0	0.0	0.8	5.9	20.2	2.4	0.0	0.0
Northridge	3.9	28.3	245.6	207.7	64.0	100.0	24.6	118.1	76.1
Pomona	3.7	12.2	23.3	2.8	7.6	0.5	87.9	27.6	0.7
Sacramento	14.6	29.9	27.7	94.2	73.7	107.1	40.6	30.2	30.7
San Bernardino	13.5	1.2	0.6	20.0	29.9	15.6	4.7	2.6	1.4
San Diego	16.7	17.7	19.1	57.9	36.7	82.5	78.2	17.2	52.9
San Francisco	37.5	28.8	9.5	54.3	41.9	9.2	3.9	10.4	46.1
San Jose	8.2	*	*	28.3	10.1	52.3	4.5	3.6	5.5
San Luis Obispo	9.8	25.6	18.7	5.1	0.1	16.0	4.8	2.2	22.3
San Marcos	1.6	3.4	21.2	54.0	28.9	26.6	16.0	20.1	41.0
Sonoma	3.4	18.0	2.3	9.4	37.4	2.8	2.5	1.4	1.5
Stanislaus	8.7	9.8	0.8	4.6	91.2	5.4	16.6	7.1	1.5
Total	290.6	296.5	508.7	774.9	606.4	685.4	485.2	568.7	731.3

*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. With the exception of the 2011-12 academic year, SDA use continues to slowly grow, with 2014-15 having the second highest usage in the series.

Fiscal year	Number of datasets 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
2013-14	1,687
2014-15	1,845

ICPSR also offers an extensive summer program in quantitative analysis. The following table summarizes the number of faculty and students that were enrolled in the ICPSR's summer program from 2006 through 2015. The number enrolling in 2015 was the the highest since 2009.

Summer	Number of enrollees
2006	7
2007	2
2008	7
2009	14
2010	9
2011	7
2012	9
2013	12
2014	10
2015	14

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 2014-15 by CSU students, faculty, and staff. In 2014-15, 1,106 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 2014-15, iPOLL was accessed 855 times. In 2014-15 dataset usage was at its highest point since joining the Roper Center.

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	13-14	14-15	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Bakersfield	29	14	57	64	44	55	102	5	1	25	6	31	24	40	12	30	4	0
Channel Islands	0	3	4	6	41	0	0	0	0	1	10	17	9	3	1	0	0	0
Chico	15	0	36	3	21	0	12	2	5	10	3	74	4	13	145	0	33	0
Dominguez Hills	2	21	444	362	483	361	143	44	13	65	57	427	443	342	662	5	12	13
East Bay	13	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	15	3	2	1	1	16	0	0	0
Fresno	8	9	2	37	16	3	38	260	677	19	18	10	52	13	12	9	77	587
Fullerton	40	13	53	11	30	7	0	0	4	41	21	59	22	21	35	26	11	2
Humboldt	8	18	10	5	39	5	8	0	1	19	21	8	16	24	12	0	0	0
Long Beach	21	64	4	6	0	0	27	42	4	32	37	22	17	4	355	14	9	13
Los Angeles	9	2	0	1	0	1	3	48	1	29	1	0	3	0	259	7	17	0
Monterey Bay	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northridge	4	7	2	0	14	38	31	6	1	8	28	5	11	8	808	13	0	7
Pomona	3	3	9	12	12	0	5	28	1	6	40	23	23	9	10	0	19	7
Sacramento	20	1	4	4	22	4	6	0	1	31	3	7	24	8	4	0	0	0
San Bernardino	12	0	3	17	4	0	0	1	11	18	0	1	23	46	93	10	0	4
San Diego	89	11	15	7	27	8	22	2	2	84	19	7	10	15	44	0	0	25
San Francisco	6	40	4	6	66	0	8	0	54	4	51	5	3	8	4	0	0	0
San Jose	5	*	*	0	3	12	0	2	13	53	*	*	9	9	469	2	0	0
San Luis Obispo	17	0	7	4	0	0	10	22	10	17	0	1	6	30	434	1	9	11
San Marcos	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	4	0	1	4	0	2	0	95	0	0	0
Sonoma	18	30	4	0	0	18	10	0	0	9	46	4	1	1	254	24	0	185
Stanislaus	12	4	2	0	5	0	31	382	307	17	15	6	0	3	0	0	2	1
Unknown	0	0	0	7	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	27	0	0	0	0
Total	332	248	662	556	872	519	461	850	1,106	505	399	710	720	625	3724	141	193	855

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 2014-15 academic years. During academic year 2014-15, 2,063 Field data sets were accessed. This represented an increase from recent years, and most 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	13-14	14-15
Bakersfield	293	0	0	0	1	0	0	70	0	0
Channel Islands	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Chico	401	1268	519	361	232	78	153	115	184	120
Dominguez Hills	317	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
East Bay	4	32	0	18	18	0	1	0	25	0
Fresno	78	11	70	28	48	19	13	12	110	1,179
Fullerton	0	0	0	0	0	255	34	0	0	0
Humboldt	333	394	385	449	181	337	211	23	3	0
Long Beach	1	256	11	0	0	1	1	1	0	16
Los Angeles	9	273	150	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Monterey Bay	69	97	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Northridge	0	23	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Pomona	513	366	268	96	37	40	33	0	115	0
Sacramento	457	525	72	23	158	40	28	1	36	4
San Bernardino	1	78	1	0	37	3	2	0	0	0
San Diego	6	122	2	6	4	0	0	0	13	13
San Francisco	47	105	375	3	156	75	49	116	10	130
San Jose	0	0	*	*	0	65	500	21	0	0
San Luis Obispo	65	83	13	0	51	93	34	0	0	0
San Marcos	135	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	28	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	0	70	207	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Unknown campus	105	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2862	3709	2076	984	926	1010	1082	360	496	1,463
*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 2014 conference was held at Fullerton with 79 presentations from 16 participating campuses. The 2015 conference was held Sacramento with 72 presentations from 16 participating campuses. The following table summarizes student research conference activity for the years 2007-2015.

Student Research Conference			
Year	Host Campus	Student Presentations	CSU 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	28	10
2014	Fullerton	79	16
2015	Sacramento	72	16

*approximate

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 Social Science Student Symposium (S⁴)
- 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 for versions 19 and 22.
- Curriculum materials contained in POWERMUTT, an online text for teaching research methods in political science and cognate disciplines.
- Links to various sites that have useful research information.