

2015-2016 Annual Usage and Service Report

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Introduction

The Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) is a collaboration of 22 CSU campuses with administrative support from the CSU Chancellor's Office. Founded in 1972, SSRIC is the oldest of the officially recognized affinity groups in the California State University system. With representatives from each of the CSU campuses, the Council assists learning, teaching and research in the social sciences through access to archival database resources as well as an online repository of teaching materials, a student research symposium, and workshops for faculty.

With representation and guidance from all 22 participating campuses, the SSRIC:

- Facilitates access to social science database subscriptions and online resources, including instructionally-related and research-related materials
- Works with the Chancellor's Office and data providers to obtain these high-quality resources at a reasonable cost to the campuses
- Promotes quantitative social science research by students via its annual Social Science Student Symposium (S⁴)
- Provides opportunities for training and professional development of faculty, staff, and students through teaching, research, scholarly, and creative activities
- Provides a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products
- Advises CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction, while advancing best practice across campuses
- Represents the collective interests of the CSU campuses to external stakeholders on matters pertaining to social science research and instruction

The teaching resources section of the website includes exercises, modules, and online textbooks. In 2014-15, these materials were viewed **20,155** times. In 2015-16, they were viewed **34,338** times.

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 Research Corporation, 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 professional service. Dues requested of individual campuses primarily defray data subscription costs.

ICPSR Usage

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 2006-2007 through 2015-2016.

ICPSR Dataset Downloads by Files and Size

During academic year 2015-16, **10,587** datasets (**892.4** 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 and three successive years of increase.

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.

Table 1: Number of Total Data Sets Downloaded

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Total Data Sets Downloaded										
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Bakersfield	247	613	737	124	2,429	1,221	377	138	393	197
Channel Islands	212	61	129	122	11	55	11	45	26	380
Chico	317	335	516	556	350	398	324	392	375	226
Dominguez Hills	13	15	14	19	16	3	2	340	34	51
East Bay	298	289	512	460	231	92	27	7	138	9
Fresno	182	436	99	69	248	187	167	445	1,135	1,423
Fullerton	729	290	724	755	1,109	1,342	245	1,061	1,649	901
Humboldt	140	75	124	335	160	436	61	37	123	43
Long Beach	870	942	927	1,736	664	482	1,040	1,664	1,234	443
Los Angeles	286	534	346	1,335	441	448	105	27	130	58
Monterey Bay	975	38	5	16	81	142	60	0	6	2
Northridge	147	1,114	2,955	6,490	1,597	2,276	682	2,676	1,123	3,068
Pomona	275	258	525	246	354	73	258	521	8	1,224
Sacramento	451	621	653	1,170	891	1,289	521	380	309	516
San Bernardino	201	6	42	575	873	247	54	95	32	79
San Diego	640	325	612	1,816	1,749	1,012	910	271	539	645
San Francisco	704	229	1,130	71	387	287	161	106	1,643	141
San Jose	380	*	*	119	164	221	33	58	84	142
San Luis Obispo	370	386	361	35	2	232	165	59	256	426
San Marcos	70	103	187	350	302	542	103	83	534	309
Sonoma	39	160	36	54	400	71	36	53	30	9
Stanislaus	413	573	72	333	2,906	187	182	306	87	295
Total	7,959	7,403	10,706	16,786	15,365	11,243	5,524	8,764	9,888	10,587
*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09.										

Table 2: Number of Total Gigabytes Downloaded

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research										
Total Gigabytes Downloaded										
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Bakersfield	8.3	30.4	3.4	6.4	62.6	18.6	13.9	9.0	75.5	17.3
Channel Islands	13.2	0.8	13.3	28.2	0.4	81.0	1.8	20.6	5.5	31.0
Chico	5.5	27.9	27.5	23.7	22.2	30.6	30.4	38.7	43.0	33.2
Dominguez Hills	2.1	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.8	0.2	9.9	6.0	5.2
East Bay	21.5	7.6	14.4	28.7	3.6	5.5	2.2	0.7	3.7	0.1
Fresno	13.1	5.4	1.4	4.8	9.0	18.7	14.0	22.7	132.7	73.3
Fullerton	22.1	7.4	31.1	13.5	19.8	50.0	21.9	133.8	75.5	129.9
Humboldt	5.1	1.2	3.2	18.2	4.2	7.5	4.2	1.4	3.4	8.7
Long Beach	41.2	22.5	39.2	51.2	43.8	20.4	65.7	90.1	84.9	31.4
Los Angeles	19.3	14.9	5.7	60.8	11.6	14.1	44.4	1.3	21.6	14.0
Monterey Bay	17.5	3.0	0.0	0.8	5.9	20.2	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Northridge	3.9	28.3	245.6	207.7	64.0	100.0	24.6	118.1	76.1	278.9
Pomona	3.7	12.2	23.3	2.8	7.6	0.5	87.9	27.6	0.7	10.1
Sacramento	14.6	29.9	27.7	94.2	73.7	107.1	40.6	30.2	30.7	107.2
San Bernardino	13.5	1.2	0.6	20.0	29.9	15.6	4.7	2.6	1.4	3.9
San Diego	16.7	17.7	19.1	57.9	36.7	82.5	78.2	17.2	52.9	72.2
San Francisco	37.5	28.8	9.5	54.3	41.9	9.2	3.9	10.4	46.1	12.8
San Jose	8.2	*	*	28.3	10.1	52.3	4.5	3.6	5.5	10.5
San Luis Obispo	9.8	25.6	18.7	5.1	0.1	16.0	4.8	2.2	22.3	21.0
San Marcos	1.6	3.4	21.2	54.0	28.9	26.6	16.0	20.1	41.0	26.8
Sonoma	3.4	18.0	2.3	9.4	37.4	2.8	2.5	1.4	1.5	0.9
Stanislaus	8.7	9.8	0.8	4.6	91.2	5.4	16.6	7.1	1.5	4.0
Total	290.6	296.5	508.7	774.9	606.4	685.4	485.2	568.7	731.3	892.4
*San Jose did not subscribe in AY 2007-08 and 2008-09.										

ICPSR Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA)

ICPSR maintains an archive of nearly 800 data sets that use SDA (Survey Documentation and Analysis) which was written at UC Berkeley. SDA is an online program that allows individuals to access 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.

Table 3: Number of SDA Datasets Accessed

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
2015-16	1,457

ICPSR Summer Programs

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 2016.

Table 4: Number of CSU ICPSR Summer Program Participants

Summer	Number of enrollees
2006	7
2007	2
2008	7
2009	14
2010	9
2011	7
2012	9
2013	12
2014	10
2015	14
2016	11

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research

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 2015-16 by CSU students, faculty, and staff. In 2015-16, 744 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 2015-16, iPOLL was accessed 344 times.

Table 5: Number of Roper Datasets Downloaded and iPoll Accesses

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research																				
	Datasets Downloaded										iPOLL Accesses									
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Bakersfield	29	14	57	64	44	55	102	5	1	17	25	6	31	24	40	12	30	4	0	17
Channel Islands	0	3	4	6	41	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	17	9	3	1	0	0	0	0
Chico	15	0	36	3	21	0	12	2	5	43	10	3	74	4	13	145	0	33	0	56
Dominguez Hills	2	21	444	362	483	361	143	44	13	2	65	57	427	443	342	662	5	12	13	0
East Bay	13	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	2	1	1	16	0	0	0	0
Fresno	8	9	2	37	16	3	38	260	677	586	19	18	10	52	13	12	9	77	587	199
Fullerton	40	13	53	11	30	7	0	0	4	25	41	21	59	22	21	35	26	11	2	0
Humboldt	8	18	10	5	39	5	8	0	1	0	19	21	8	16	24	12	0	0	0	0
Long Beach	21	64	4	6	0	0	27	42	4	26	32	37	22	17	4	355	14	9	13	0
Los Angeles	9	2	0	1	0	1	3	48	1	6	29	1	0	3	0	259	7	17	0	59
Monterey Bay	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	20	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Northridge	4	7	2	0	14	38	31	6	1	0	8	28	5	11	8	808	13	0	7	0
Pomona	3	3	9	12	12	0	5	28	1	0	6	40	23	23	9	10	0	19	7	0
Sacramento	20	1	4	4	22	4	6	0	1	0	31	3	7	24	8	4	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	12	0	3	17	4	0	0	1	11	0	18	0	1	23	46	93	10	0	4	0
San Diego	89	11	15	7	27	8	22	2	2	4	84	19	7	10	15	44	0	0	25	1
San Francisco	6	40	4	6	66	0	8	0	54	0	4	51	5	3	8	4	0	0	0	0
San Jose	5	*	*	0	3	12	0	2	13	4	53	*	*	9	9	469	2	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	17	0	7	4	0	0	10	22	10	4	17	0	1	6	30	434	1	9	11	2
San Marcos	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	4	0	7	1	4	0	2	0	95	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	18	30	4	0	0	18	10	0	0	0	9	46	4	1	1	254	24	0	185	5
Stanislaus	12	4	2	0	5	0	31	382	307	0	17	15	6	0	3	0	0	2	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	7	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	27	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	332	248	662	556	872	519	461	850	1,106	744	505	399	710	720	625	3,724	141	193	855	344
*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 Poll 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 DATA at 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 files were downloaded from the Field archive at Berkeley. During academic year 2015-16, **1,100** files were downloaded.

Each year the SSRIC selects one faculty member as the Field Faculty Fellow. The recipient can then place twelve questions on a Field Poll. The data can be used for research papers and conference presentations.

Table 6: Number of Field Dataset Downloads

The Field Institute California Field Polls										
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Bakersfield	0	0	0	1	0	0	70	0	0	0
Channel Islands	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chico	1,268	519	361	232	78	153	115	184	120	39
Dominguez Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
East Bay	32	0	18	18	0	1	0	25	0	0
Fresno	11	70	28	48	19	13	12	110	1,779	1,014
Fullerton	0	0	0	0	255	34	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	394	385	449	181	337	211	23	3	0	0
Long Beach	256	11	0	0	1	1	1	0	16	0
Los Angeles	273	150	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Monterey Bay	97	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Northridge	23	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pomona	366	268	96	37	40	33	0	115	0	0
Sacramento	525	72	23	158	40	28	1	36	4	4
San Bernardino	78	1	0	37	3	2	0	0	0	0
San Diego	122	2	6	4	0	0	0	13	13	23
San Francisco	105	375	3	156	75	49	116	10	130	0
San Jose	0	*	*	0	65	500	21	0	0	20
San Luis Obispo	83	13	0	51	93	34	0	0	0	0
San Marcos	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	70	207	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Unknown Campus	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,709	2,076	984	926	1,010	1,082	360	496	2,063	1,100
*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 symposium rotates between northern and southern campuses each year.

Students can compete for awards by submitting a research paper and presenting at the symposium. Over the past three years, student symposium participation has increased, in part, due to the generous financial support from Dr. Gene Geisler—professor emeritus of political science at San Francisco State and who is one of the council’s founders. These funds (\$20,000 for each of the past three years) provide for the SSRIC student paper awards and student travel.

The 2016 conference was held at San Diego State with 63 presentations from 13 participating campuses. The following table summarizes student research conference activity for the years 2007-2016.

Table 7: Number of Student Presentations and Participating Campuses

Student Research Conference			
Year	Host Campus	Student Presentations	CSU Campuses Participating
2007	East Bay	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
2014	Fullerton	79	16
2015	Sacramento	72	16
2016	San Diego	63	13

*Approximate values.

Social Science Research and Instructional Center 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
- 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 Faculty 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 22 and 23
- 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

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