

About ICPSR

What is openICPSR?

openICPSR is a research data-sharing service for the social and behavioral sciences. It allows the public to access research data usually at no charge.

Why has ICPSR launched a public-access data-sharing service?

openICPSR assists researchers in meeting requirements for public access to federally funded research data. It ensures that data depositors fulfill public-access requirements of grant and contract RFPs. It is available to any researchers who wish to make their data available to the public via a sustainable archive.

What is unique about openICPSR?

openICPSR provides:

- **Immediate distribution through an established network of over 740 research institutions** that has powerful search tools and a data catalog indexed by major search engines
- **Reliability of a trusted, sustainable organization** with over 50 years' experience storing research data
- **Metadata review** by professional social and behavioral science data curators
- **The ability to accept and disseminate sensitive or restricted-use data** in the public-access environment

What We Do

ICPSR is the world's largest archive of behavioral and social science research data. We support researchers, instructors, students, and policy makers who:

- Conduct secondary research and write articles, papers, or theses
- Preserve primary research data
- Teach or study statistical methods
- Develop funding proposals for grants or contracts that require a data management plan

Value-Added Data Resources

ICPSR's professionally curated products feature:

- Analysis-ready data in R, SAS, SPSS, & Stata formats
- Online data analysis tools
- *Bibliography of Data-related Literature*

Data Management and Curation

Our experts organize, describe, clean, enhance, and preserve data to add value, maximize access, and ensure long-term viability. We can create restricted-use versions of sensitive datasets. Archiving data with us can fulfill funding agencies' data management plan requirements.

Membership in ICPSR

Our growing membership includes over 740 educational and research institutions worldwide. Individuals at member institutions have free access to ICPSR's data archive of over 8,000 studies.

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Sharing at ICPSR

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Recognized. Cited. Trusted. Secure.

What are openICPSR's deposit options?

1. Self-Deposit Package:

Enables research scientists to deposit data quickly and provide immediate public access. Depositors prepare all files and metadata. When data are published, depositors get a DOI and a data citation. openICPSR conducts a metadata review to maximize exposure in ICPSR's extensive data catalog. Package fee: \$600.

2. Professional-Curation Package:

Enables research scientists to tap all of ICPSR's expert curation services including full metadata generation and bibliography search, statistical package conversion, and user support. Depositors must call for pricing. The fee to depositors depends upon data complexity.

3. Full Topic Archive:

Enables an agency, foundation, university department, or large project with many datasets to disseminate data publicly. In addition to professional curation, the Full Topic Archive option includes premium services such as dedicated staff specialists, an exclusive website and customized data tools, data community outreach and promotional materials, and acquisitions and compliance reporting. Project managers, officers, and agencies should call for a proposal.

Why is there a charge for deposits?

Deposit fees sustain the openICPSR service and assure access to data. There are paid professionals involved and storage costs for multiple copies to ensure data are kept secure.

What happens to the data deposits?

openICPSR provides bit-level preservation and public access for at least 10 years. Depositors can supply further funding to extend preservation and access. Unfunded deposits transfer to the ICPSR membership.

**openICPSR
was created to help
research scientists be
recognized, cited, and credited,
to impart confidence that their data
will be protected and sustained, and to
provide a sharing service for those
who require restricted-use data
dissemination.**

How will openICPSR accept and disseminate restricted-use data?

At launch, openICPSR will accept restricted-use data for deposit at the same fee levels as public-use data. Researchers will receive DOIs and data citations. We plan to begin disseminating the data in late 2014 via a Virtual Data Enclave. Data users accessing restricted-use data will be charged an administration fee.

Can research scientists still deposit with ICPSR?

Absolutely. Depositors are welcome to continue to donate their data to the ICPSR membership for curation for no fee. Those data are accessible to the membership.

How do ICPSR members benefit?

openICPSR complements ICPSR membership by meeting the needs of member data depositors who require public access yet desire to share and preserve their data with a highly trusted social and behavioral sciences repository.

ICPSR members using openICPSR also receive:

- 10X the storage space for openICPSR deposits
- Access to selected fully curated openICPSR deposits
- Ability to request selected openICPSR deposits be fully curated for the membership

ICPSR members continue to receive:

- Access to the holdings of the world's largest archive of behavioral and social science data — over 64,000 datasets with sample points from as early as 423 BC and many data series for longitudinal and comparative analyses
- Access to fully curated datasets complete with professionally generated metadata, statistical package conversion, variable-level search, standardized codebook, related publications, and other data tools
- Access to openICPSR data that have gone beyond the public-access funding period
- Data-driven tools for teaching and instruction
- Discounted ICPSR Summer Program tuition