About ICPSR

ICPSR is the world's largest archive of digital social science data. We acquire, preserve, and distribute original social science research data.

What We Do
ICPSR is a vital partner in social science research and instruction. We support students, faculty, researchers, and policymakers who seek to:

• Write articles, papers, or theses to fulfill undergraduate or graduate requirements
• Conduct secondary research to better understand study results, support findings of primary research, or generate new findings
• Study or teach statistical methods in quantitative analysis
• Preserve and disseminate primary research data.

Value-added Data Resources

• Bibliography of Data-Related Literature with links to full-text articles and reports
• Analysis-ready data in multiple software formats including SPSS, SAS, Stata, and SDA (the Survey Documentation and Analysis online software package).

Online Data Analysis
A significant number of ICPSR studies include online data analysis (SDA) tools. SDA allows users to run analyses, recode, and compute new variables with no requirements for additional software. SDA is a solid package for students who need to explore data or run analyses to complete in-class or homework assignments.

Data Preservation and Dissemination
Archiving data with ICPSR ensures the long-term safekeeping of data, protecting them from obsolescence, loss, or deterioration. Our trained staff are available for user support, removing that responsibility from the original research team. Researchers can fulfill funding agency requirements by archiving data with ICPSR.

Membership in ICPSR

Our membership consists of approximately 700 educational and research institutions around the world. Members include universities and colleges, national data archives, statistical and research agencies, government departments, and nonprofit organizations.

Individuals at member institutions have direct, free access to all of ICPSR's data resources and user support. They also receive discounted tuition rates to attend the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.

Membership is available to all institutions. Fees are based on a university's Carnegie classification. Associate memberships are also available for nonacademic institutions.

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Our data holdings offer a wealth of **analysis opportunities** in sociology, including:

- Surveys of values, attitudes, behavior, health, race, religion, and the roles of women, youth, and the elderly around the world
- Studies of family and household structure and function
- Surveys of consumer and income expenditures
- Data on crime, punishment, drug use, and mental health.

**Our research tools** include:

- Faceted searching and multiple ways to browse the ICPSR collection
- The Publication-Related Archive, a repository of data and command files used in published works
- The Social Science Variables Database, allowing users to search a large portion of ICPSR’s collection at the variable level. This simplifies the process of finding the best dataset for a particular analysis. The database also provides a quick way to explore question wording, response options, and resulting frequency distributions over many surveys.

ICPSR holds topic-specific **thematic collections** on sociology subjects:

- The Integrated Fertility Survey Series, a dataset harmonized from 10 surveys over 50 years focused on family and fertility
- The National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging, containing hundreds of datasets on gerontology
- The National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, including resources on crime, corrections, and law enforcement
- Data Sharing for Demographic Research, providing access, tools, and instruction for archiving or using data, including complex data, from major collections in demography
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive, offering data on behavior, treatment, and outcomes
- The Resource Center for Minority Data, including data on African Americans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, immigrants, and other U.S. minority populations
- The Center for Population Research in LGBT Health, a collection focusing on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

**ICPSR is an essential partner in sociology, providing data on a variety of relevant subjects.**

Our **study holdings** number in the thousands. Some of our most popular sociology studies are:

- National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health
- General Social Surveys
- Latino National Survey
- National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States
- National Survey of American Families
- Detroit Area Studies
- Welfare, Children, and Families: A Three-City Study
- National Education Longitudinal Study
- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth
- Current Population Surveys
- National Crime Victimization Surveys
- Monitoring the Future
- ABC and CBS News Polls.

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**Resources for Teaching and Training in Sociology**

ICPSR offers robust opportunities for in-class instruction using data, as well as advanced training in quantitative methods.

ICPSR’s **instructional resources** give professors and students access to lesson plans and in-class exercises meant to improve quantitative literacy and familiarity with social science research data:

- The Online Learning Center ([www.icpsr.umich.edu/OLC](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/OLC)) provides numerous self-contained lessons using predefined online analyses of ICPSR data.
- Teaching With Data ([TeachingWithData.org](http://TeachingWithData.org)) is a one-stop shop for faculty, with links to exercises and activities, simplified data and datasets, and pedagogical information.

These **classroom-ready modules** focus on questions with direct bearing on sociology:

- Investigating Community and Social Capital, a series of lesson plans teaching research concepts and basic analyses using Robert Putnam’s 2000 book *Bowling Alone* as a case study
- Exploring Data through Research Literature, exercises that use ICPSR’s Bibliography of Data-Related Literature to provide a unique approach to teaching students about the production of social research.

ICPSR’s **Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research** offers courses in social science methodology including research design, statistics, and data analysis.

Instruction is for beginning or advanced students of quantitative methods. The program attracts university faculty and researchers, graduate students, and nonacademic research scientists.

Members of ICPSR receive discounted tuition.

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