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Our Purpose

DSDR provides access to demographic data and resources for secondary data analysis.

DSDR supports demographic researchers — both those who collect data and those who use data.

DSDR offers consultation for data producers who deal with complex data and data requiring special security.

Archiving Public-Use Data

Researchers may archive and disseminate their data with DSDR. There are several benefits in working with DSDR to disseminate data:

- Long-term preservation
- User support for data users
- Data are available in multiple statistical packages (SPSS, Stata, SAS)
- An online Bibliography of publications that utilize DSDR data

Archiving Restricted-Use Data

DSDR can help data producers in the development and implementation of restricted data user agreements. We can perform disclosure review of data to identify the risk of the disclosure of sensitive information or respondent identity. In addition, DSDR can provide restricted-data access through contractual agreements, custom subsetting, and enclave services.

Tools for Data Producers

DSDR provides tools to research investigators and research staff to facilitate data sharing and archiving. We provide

- Tools and resources for dissemination of public-access data
- Tools and strategies for dissemination of restricted-access data
- Long-term secure archiving of public-use and restricted-use data
- Qualitative data anonymization tools

Data Users

DSDR helps data users locate, access, and analyze data by providing

- An index of key demographic datasets
- Access to public-use and restricted-use data
- Data in SPSS, Stata, or SAS formats
- Assistance in meeting security requirements when applying for restricted-use data
- User support
- Online data analysis: SDA and Nesstar
- Training in data use

Services for Data Producers

We help investigators who are creating datasets make data public in a way that is efficient for them, useful for other researchers, and productive in the long term. DSDR staff is available for consultation about designing data files and data dissemination procedures. We assist data producers in the creation of effective and informative metadata. In addition, DSDR provides consultation to investigators about disclosure risk and the steps to be undertaken to avoid breach of confidentiality through disclosure. We provide

- Data preparation assistance and consultation
- Complex data dissemination and consultation
- Immediate dissemination, delayed dissemination, or preservation-only data archiving options
- State-of-the-art training in the preparation and dissemination of public- and restricted-use data and metadata

Data Users

DSDR has available data from the Nang Rong Projects (ICPSR 4402), the Chitwan Valley (Nepal) Family Study (ICPSR 4538), and the Great Plains Population and Environment Data project (ICPSR 4296 and 4254).
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