ICPSR is the world’s largest archive of digital social science data. Located at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, ICPSR acquires, preserves, and distributes original social science research data.

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Resources for educators, researchers, and students

Really Cool Resource Center for Minority Data (RCMD)

Additional Resources

Researcher Interviews

Listen to or read transcripts of interviews with selected data producers conducted by RCMD staff to:

- Acquire more information about the respective dataset
- Gain valuable insights from some of the top researchers in the field
- Learn about each Principal Investigator’s unique research experience when conducting the study
- Connect with others who share similar research interests

Summer Program Courses

To raise awareness of data resources about racial and ethnic minority populations, ICPSR offers an interdisciplinary course covering such fields as sociology, psychology, political science, and economics. Topics include:

- Reliable and valid measurement of racial and ethnic variables in major survey studies
- Innovative sampling strategies for diverse populations
- Race-related measurement errors in data collection
- Analytical approaches and trends within various social/behavioral science fields

Find more information at www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog.
About the Project

RCMD seeks to assist in the public dissemination and preservation of quality data to generate more “good science” for years to come. RCMD is part of an interactive community interested and involved in minority-related issues and investigations, broadening the scope of research endeavors and examinations.

Promoting Data Sharing

“Research cannot flourish if data are not preserved and made accessible … a research project’s success is measured not just by the publications it produces, but also by the data it makes available to the wider community.”


Learning

- Tutorials and webinars
- User and learning guides
- Video tours
- Online learning modules
- User support documentation

RCMD datasets are linked with Data Driven Learning Guides (DDLGs) that are designed for faculty to use in class demonstrations or to assign as additional activities to improve students’ quantitative literacy.

Data

RCMD provides listings of:
- Most-downloaded studies
  > Latino National Survey (LNS), 2006
  > National Neighborhood Crime Study (NNCS), 2000
  > Latino National Survey (LNS)—New England, 2006
  > Immigrant Second Generation in Metropolitan New York
- Most-cited studies
- Recently released studies
- U.S. government sponsored studies like the American Housing Survey
- Recently updated studies
- Studies for which online analysis is available

RCMD also provides:
- Dynamic search filtering
- SAS, SPSS, and Stata files
- Capability for R users to read the data in through tab-delimited files or by importing another package’s files.

RCMD is constantly searching for new data and encourages depositors to submit quantitative and qualitative data so that others can benefit from their work.

Tools

- Variable level searching across studies to compare answers to similar questions.
- Bibliographic searching to find publications resulting from the data.
- Searching by study number, keyword, geographic region, release date, and time period.
- Additional online analysis functionality for new users.
  > Sample Characteristics, Subsetting, and Syntax Generation tools for assessing data and creating and saving recode or subset syntax.

Access

Users can create a MyData account or use Facebook or Google accounts. The system provides such features as:
- Prior download history
- An update notification service that alerts users when a study they have previously downloaded is updated

Resources:
- Data Use Tutorial
- User Help Center
- Resources for New Users
- Glossary of Terms

The mission of the Resource Center for Minority Data (RCMD) is to provide educators, researchers, and students with data resources to analyze issues affecting racial and ethnic minority populations in the United States.

RCMD provides access and analytic tools for use with the vast array of minority data available from ICPSR. RCMD enhancements facilitate the effective analysis of data on underrepresented populations.

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