

Illinois Data Bank Access and Use Policy

Purpose of this Policy

The document outlines the Illinois Data Bank's commitment to facilitating access and use of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign research data, describes the mechanisms the Illinois Data Bank implements to fulfill this commitment, and provides those accessing Datasets from the Illinois Data Bank guidance on determining usage rights associated with each Dataset.

Dissemination of Content

The goal of ensuring dissemination of Datasets published in the Illinois Data Bank is fundamental to the Illinois Data Bank's mission. In order to uphold the Illinois Data Bank's commitment to facilitating access and use of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign research data, the Illinois Data Bank disseminates its contents through as many means as possible including:

- Facilitating the indexing of Descriptive Metadata by search engines.
- Providing persistent URLs and assigning Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for reliable citing and discovery of published Datasets.
- Registering Descriptive Metadata with the DataCite Metadata Store (<https://www.datacite.org/services/metadata-store.html>) for discovery of the content by harvesters and individuals seeking public information about Datasets.

The Illinois Data Bank is committed to investigating and implementing new methods for further dissemination of its contents as warranted.

Access to Content

Datasets published in the Illinois Data Bank are discoverable and openly available to anyone with access to the World Wide Web. Data Files and Metadata Files are provided at least in the original format deposited. When appropriate, items in proprietary formats may be converted to formats that can be opened and read using freely available software. When Data Files and/or Metadata Files in a Dataset are made available in a converted format, Research Data Service staff will document the conversion in the Dataset's associated Descriptive Metadata and/or Metadata File(s).

Tracking Use of Content

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- Google Analytics privacy policy (<http://www.google.com/analytics/learn/privacy.html>)
- Google Analytics opt-out browser add-on (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/181881>)
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[Contact Research Data Service staff](#) with questions or to request an addition or revision to this policy.

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