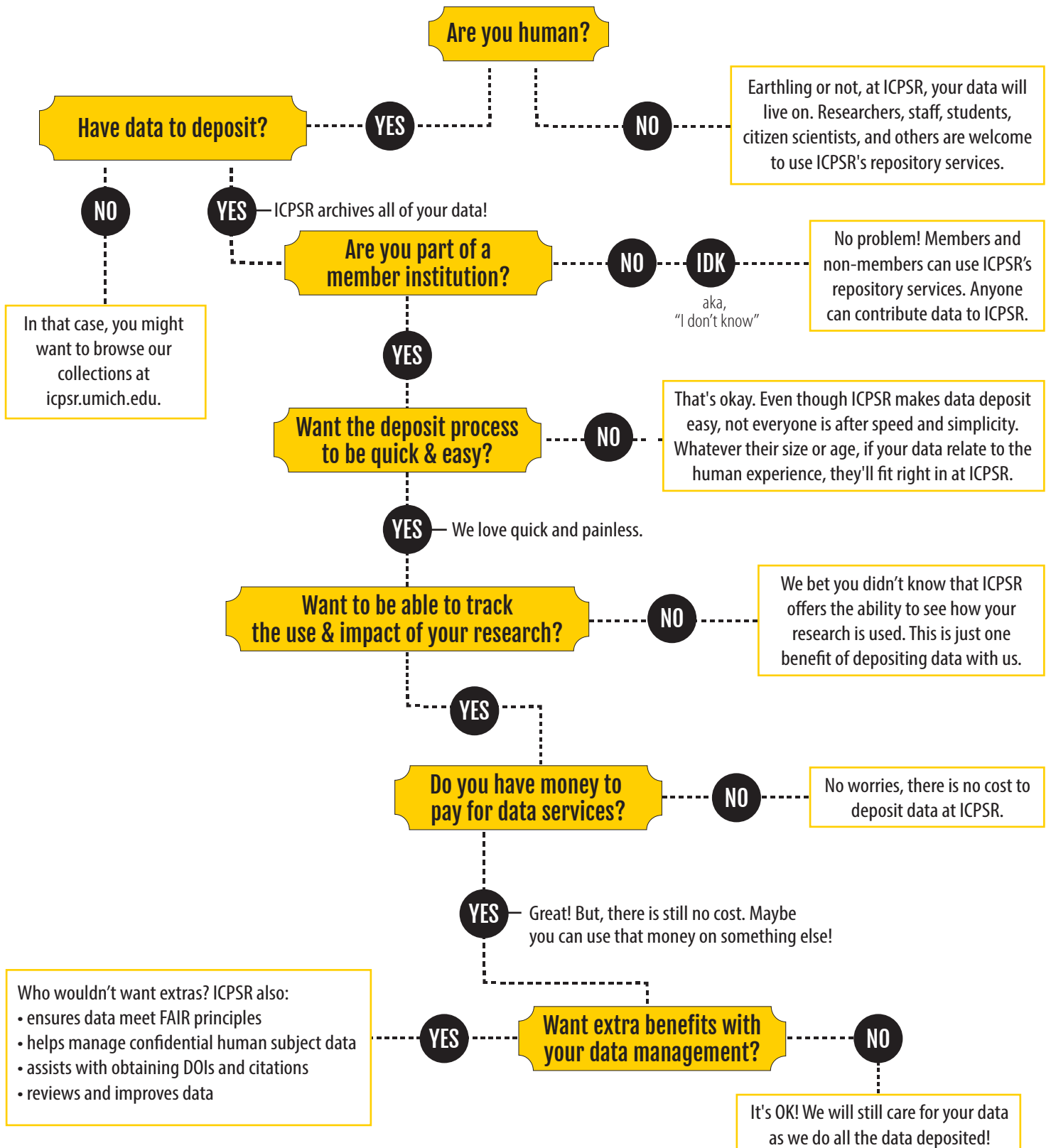


Depositing Data with ICPSR: Who, What, Why, and How Much Is It?

Follow our decision tree to find out more.



ICPSR Deposit Services

Depositing Public-use Data

When data are deposited at ICPSR, staff review the data and develop a plan for curating the data so that it can be fully de-identified. Typically, individuals (e.g., a principal investigator) sign a deposit agreement that provides ICPSR the right to archive and disseminate a copy of the data. During the curation process, staff review, improve, and ensure the usability of the data. Public-use data are then available for public download through the ICPSR website. Deposit of the data is free and data are then curated for the membership collection or one of ICPSR's topical, sponsored archives (e.g., National Archive of Criminal Justice Data). After curation, membership collection data are available to anyone at a member institution at no charge and to others (non-member institutions) for \$550 per study. Data that are part of a topical, sponsored archive are available at no charge to all persons regardless of membership.

Public-use Data FAQs

Do I have to be at a member institution to deposit data?

No, ICPSR accepts data from those at member and non-member institutions.

Who are ICPSR members?

ICPSR has approximately 780 member institutions. Most research-intensive academic institutions are members as are other universities and colleges who seek to support faculty and students in their research training and pursuits. ICPSR has international memberships in over 40 countries.

Are data and documentation free for everyone to use?

Usually. Data in a sponsored archive (i.e., National Archive of Criminal Justice Data) at ICPSR are free for everyone. Data in the membership archive are available for free for members and \$550 per study for others. Membership archive data can be made free for all to use if the cost of curation is covered by the depositor or another funding entity. Codebooks are always made available freely to all so that potential users may explore the contents of the data and the study methodology before getting access to the data.

How much does it cost to get the data curated?

Typically, funding provided by ICPSR's membership and various external sponsors is used to cover the curation services for data deposited at ICPSR. For services beyond what ICPSR agrees to provide, costs depend upon the data (e.g., the number of variables, completeness of variable-level and study-level documentation, disclosure risk).

Depositing Restricted-use Data

Data that cannot be fully de-identified or when de-identification would affect the analytic utility of the data are accepted by ICPSR and considered restricted-use. The depositor can request data be restricted-access and ICPSR staff will review and make a determination. Restricted-use data stay in the secure repository infrastructure at ICPSR. Restricted-use data can be accessed only by those who have an executed Restricted Data Use Agreement with ICPSR and meet all of the criteria outlined by ICPSR.

Restricted-use Data FAQs

What kind of agreement is used to transfer restricted-use data to ICPSR?

For data with disclosure risks, ICPSR recommends that depositors' institutions and the University of Michigan enter into a Restricted-use Data Deposit and Dissemination Agreement signed by both institutions.

What if I don't know if my data should be restricted?

ICPSR will make an independent determination about the disclosure risks in your data. Our staff have training and experience to assess disclosure risk.

Will ICPSR alter my data?

Where possible, ICPSR staff will modify the data to reduce disclosure risk if the analytic value of the data is not reduced. It is possible that ICPSR will create a fully de-identified public-use version of the data files while also retaining a restricted-use version of the data for researchers who meet the access requirements for working with restricted-use data.

Do data users need to pay to use restricted-use data?

Sometimes, there may be a small fee associated with accessing a restricted-use study. This varies by archive. Please contact ICPSR User Support for questions regarding this matter.

Have Questions?

Contact ICPSR User Support at
icpsr-help@umich.edu

Find out more!

Go to
www.icpsr.umich.edu/deposit