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ICPSR Direct

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UNT faculty members and students can now directly download Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) data from the consortium's Website. Thanks to the new program *ICPSR Direct*. The consortium new program allows students and faculty of the member institutions to download ICPSR data sets directly from their site, without going through the Official Representative.

With ICPSR Direct, any user with an authorized IP address from a member institution may download data from ICPSR. An authorized IP address refers to the address where resides any UNT machine connected to the on-campus network. Examples are computers at the General Access Labs, or a networked machine at the faculty member's office.

To access the data, just launch a Web browser from a UNT machine, visit the [ICPSR Website](#), search for the data needed, and click on the download link. ICPSR requires an email address from the user and there onward allows the user to download data. This service is dedicated to users at ICPSR member institutions.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cgi-bin/surveys.prl?study=3131&path=ICPSR>. The page content includes the ICPSR logo and navigation menu on the right, and the main text area on the left. The main text area contains the following information:

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Most ICPSR codebooks are available electronically and can be read and searched on the ICPSR Web site. In addition, the UNT Library keeps print copies of many of the codebooks. You may request access to the printed codebooks from the Willis Library.

If the codebook is not available electronically nor the UNT Library, you may contact the RSS office to acquire a copy from ICPSR.

For local assistance with the process of downloading and using your data, you may contact the Research and Statistical Support Office at rss@unt.edu.

Most ICPSR datasets are provided with machine-readable documentation in the form of codebooks. When

Despite the new development, Research and Statistical Support Office (RSS) continues to provide data and support services to the ICPSR data, particularly for those who need batch downloading of multiple data sets. Please contact the RSS office (565-4066, 565-2140) if you have any question regarding our data support service.