

The Research Data Centers (RDCs) and Data Service Centers (DSCs) in Germany at a Glance



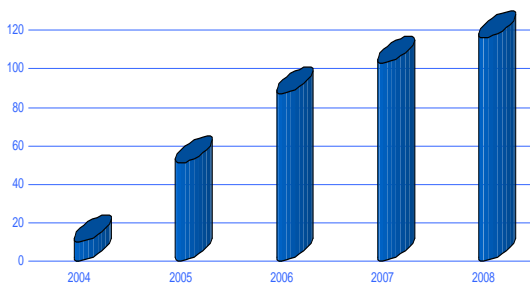
All information based on the evaluation of the following RDCs and DSCs by EvaConsult (2009):

- Research Data Center of the Federal Statistical Office
- Research Data Center of the Statistical Offices of the Länder
- Research Data Center of the Federal Employment Agency at the Institute for Labor Market and Occupational Research
- Research Data Center of the German Pension Insurance
- Service Center for Microdata (GML) of the German Social Science Infrastructure Service (GESIS)
- International Data Service Center of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

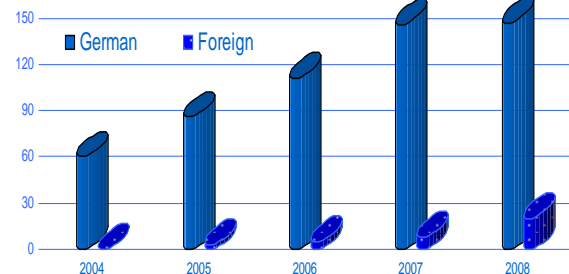
The new RDCs at IQB and BiBB have not been included.

More data available

Datasets available



Institutes requesting RDC / DSC data

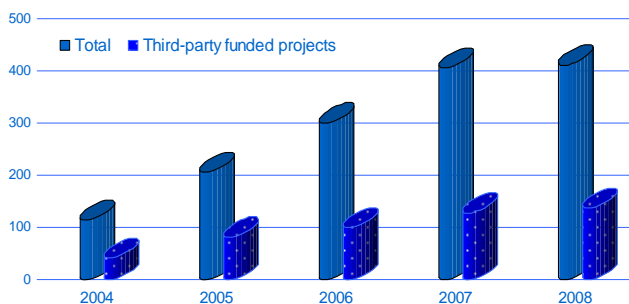


One of the main goals of the RatSWD is to enhance the provision of data relevant to research via its affiliated Research Data Centers and Data Service Centers. A sustainable growth in the number of available official datasets can be observed.

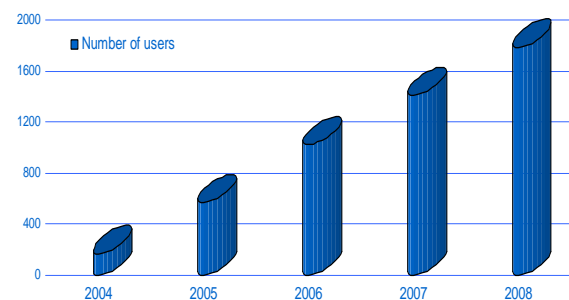
RDC / DSC data is used for research in a growing number of institutes worldwide. (Multiple requests out of the same institution (e.g., a university) are counted as one institution.)

More scientists use more data for more projects.

Projects using RDC / DSC data



Number of scientists using RDC / DSC data



The number of research projects is growing steadily. In particular, researchers have been able to successfully compete for third-party funds, handing in empirical project proposals using RDC / DSC data.

The number of scientists making use of a better research data infrastructure has grown significantly. Please note: one individual scientist may be counted more than once if ordering different data sets. The RatSWD keeps in mind that only an excellent training of young scholars will guarantee broad use of RDC / DSC data in the future.