

Accessing Data at KOSSDA is Easy and Convenient

- Integrated search for data and literature
- Data download
- Online data analysis
- Qualitative data preview
- Access to K-Poll data
- Access to electronic journals
- Document delivery service

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Korea Social Science Data Archive

KOSSDA is
an Integrated Digital Archive of
Korean Social Science Data and
Literature



LEE INPYO FOUNDATION

About KOSSDA

KOSSDA is a non-profit social science data archive established by the Lee Inpyo Foundation in 1983. KOSSDA was founded as a social science library, and has developed into an integrated digital archive of Korean quantitative and qualitative data and literature.

On the KOSSDA website (www.kosdda.or.kr), users may conduct an integrated search for data and literature, download and analyze data online, and access electronic journals. KOSSDA's other major activities include conducting research on data archiving and service development, constructing social science database for the National Research Foundation of Korea, and providing training courses on data analysis methods and library service.

Major Activities

Data and Library Service

- Acquisition of Korean social science data and literature
- Construction and preservation of integrated digital database
- Data download service
- K-Poll data service
- Provision of online quantitative data analysis tool (NESSTAR)
- Document delivery service
- Library service

Research

- Research on data archiving and service development
- Social science database construction for the National Research Foundation of Korea

Education

- Workshops on social science methodology
- Seminar on methods of data collection and utilization
- Lectures on online data search

DATA HOLDINGS

Quantitative Data

The quantitative data collection holds about 1,400 survey data sets, including longitudinal and international comparative surveys, and over 1,300 statistical tables.

Surveys

Korean General Social Survey (10)	Business & Technology (18)
ISSP Annual Topical Module Survey (11)	Industrial Safety & Health (42)
Gallup Omnibus Survey (22)	Media & Communication (65)
Values & Attitudes (44)	Cultural & Leisure Activities (63)
Population (16)	Deviance & Crime (100)
Family & Gender (31)	Juvenile Delinquency (29)
Elderly (17)	Criminal Justice & Judicial System (93)
Youth (105)	Politics & Public Opinion (123)
Education (46)	Public Administration (73)
Inequality (20)	Social Order & Social Cohesion (22)
Labour & Employment (113)	Health & Welfare (64)
Migrant Workers (25)	Quality of Life (27)
Labour Relations (26)	Community & Urban Studies (72)
Organizational Management (50)	Others (24)

Statistical Tables

Social Trends (689)	Economic Growth 1910-1945 (95)
Regional Statistics (58)	Int'l Comparative Statistics (ISSP) (469)

Qualitative Data

KOSSDA has collected about 139 qualitative data files including documents, fieldnotes, and interview and narrative history data.

Population (16)	Overseas Korean (5)
Local Community (40)	Migrant Workers (5)
Political and Social Movement (30)	Social Research Documents (6)
Poverty (12)	Others (25)

Literature

KOSSDA's literature holdings come largely from the Korea Social Science Library collection of 25 years, and include printed and electronic journals as well as research monographs.

Printed journals (1,500)	Dissertations (6,100)
Electronic journals (2,600)	Research monographs (87,000)

DATA ACQUISITION & SERVICE

Data Acquisition and Processing

KOSSDA acquires data mainly through deposit agreements with various data-producing organizations, such as university research institutes, government-funded research institutes, survey research companies, private research institutes, and public and civic organizations.

Acquired data are processed and uploaded to the KOSSDA DB system, after careful assessment. Data processing includes cleaning and correction of errors, construction of metadata files, and protection of confidential and private information.

Data Search and Access

Integrated search of quantitative and qualitative data and literature can be conducted using research subjects, thesaurus, and keywords. Variable search and preview functions are also available for survey and qualitative data respectively.

Users can search and download micro data files as well as documents such as metadata and survey questionnaire, and conduct online statistical analysis utilizing NESSTAR software. Electronic journals can be accessed online. DDS (Document Delivery Service) is available for printed journals and research monographs.

Research and Education

For the service enhancement, KOSSDA conducts research on data acquisition and dissemination, database construction, and DB system improvement.

To encourage and support effective social science data utilization, KOSSDA offers summer/winter workshops and spring/fall short courses on statistical data analysis. These programs provide training in quantitative or qualitative data analysis and survey research methods using selected datasets. KOSSDA also offers free lectures on data searching at the request of educational or research institutes.

Major Data Depositors

Center for Social Sciences, Seoul National Univ.

Chungbuk Research Institute

Daegu-Gyeongbuk Development Institute

Daejeon Development Institute

East Asia Institute

Employment Development Institute

Gallup Korea

Gangwon Development Research Institute

Gwangju Development Institute

Gyeonggi Research Institute

Gyeonggido Family & Women's Research Institute

Gyeongnam Development Institute

Hankook Research

Hyundai Research Institute

Incheon Development Institute

Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul
National Univ.

Institute for Social Development and Policy Research,
Seoul National Univ.

Institute for Social Development Studies, Yonsei Univ.

Jeju Development Institute

Jeonbuk Development Research Institute

Jeonnam Research Institute

KBS Broadcast Research Institute

Korea Center for City and Environment Research

Korea Culture & Tourism Institute

Korea Development Institute

Korea Information Society Development Institute

Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs

Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade

Korea Institute of Public Administration

Korea Labor Institute

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Training

Korea Rural Economic Institute

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Ministry of Employment and Labor

National Assembly Research Service

National Human Rights Commission of Korea

National Information Society Agency

National Youth Policy Institute

Science and Technology Policy Institute

Seoul Broadcasting System

Seoul Development Institute

Seoul Welfare Foundation

Statistics Research Institute

Strategic Planning & Research Office, JoongAng Ilbo

Survey Research Center, Sungkyunkwan Univ.

Workers' Compensation Research Center, Korea

Workers' Compensation & Welfare Service

Membership

Membership subscription, either individual or institutional, is required to access KOSSDA services including data downloading, searching for electronic journals, and document delivery service. Corporate bodies or their affiliates including university libraries and research institutes may apply for institutional membership. International membership benefits are provided free of charge through the support of the Korea Foundation.

ORGANIZATION

KOSSDA's governance structure consists of the Board of Trustees, the Consortium of Data-depositor Institutions, and the Executive Committee elected by the representatives of consortium institutions. The executive committee arranges and executes major activities of KOSSDA through three units: Planning and Management, Data Development, Research and Education.

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FOUNDATION

KOSSDA was established by the Lee Inpyo Foundation. Mr. Lee Inpyo, the founder of Esquire Corporation, set up the foundation in 1983 with the vision of establishing a world-class social science information center in Korea. The foundation established the Korea Social Science Library in 1983 and the Korea Survey Data Archive in 2003. In 2006 the foundation integrated the two organizations creating KOSSDA, and has supported its subsequent developments.

The foundation has supported KOSSDA's development of a comprehensive database system along with its extensive collection of Korean data, research reports, and journals. The board of trustees, consisting of 9 members, is the top decision-making body, and the office of the foundation supports the general affairs of KOSSDA.

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