About Odesi

What is Odesi?

Odesi is a web-based data exploration, extraction and analysis tool. It is the product of a unique partnership between university libraries, business, and government, which greatly improves access to statistical data for researchers, teachers, and students. Odesi provides researchers the ability to search for survey questions (variables) across thousands of datasets held in a growing number of collections. Odesi supports basic tabulation and analysis online, and allows for the downloading of most datasets into statistical software for further analysis. Odesi provides unprecedented access to extensive collections of polling and social survey data. Key polling data collections include: Canadian Opinion Research Archive (CORA) , Canadian Gallup, and Ipsos Reid. Statistics Canada's public-use survey data forms the core of Odesi's social survey data holdings. Odesi is expanding its survey data to include other national and international data sources.

Odesi is of benefit to both the experienced and beginning researcher. It introduces undergraduates to data literacy and data discovery at an early stage in their careers; it provides the experienced researcher the ability to search immediately across hundreds of datasets and collections, allowing for faster and more meaningful data reviews, and instant access to data for further study.

Odesi was developed from 2007 to 2009 as a jointly funded project between the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) and OntarioBuys. As of October 2009, the Odesi project becomes an ongoing service within the highly successful Scholars Portal model.

Contact Us

For any questions/help regarding Odesi, contact us odesi@scholarsportal.info

Contributors

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