Global Data Sharing Trends*

Over 4,600 Wiley authors from 112 countries completed our 2016 Wiley Open Science Researcher Insights Survey

By collating results of our Wiley authors from surveys on Open Science topics in 2013, 2014, and 2016, we have started to build a valuable dataset for analysis and trend identification. Despite geographical and subject-level differences among authors, there are underlying commonalities in Open Science practices. The insights reported by our respondents show a willingness to move forward with open initiatives, but confusion around the best ways to do so.



More than two thirds of Wiley researchers reported they are now sharing their data. Though this varies geographically and across research disciplines we are seeing that more researchers are sharing their data and taking efforts to make it reproducible. Archiving in institutional repositories, public repositories, and personal web pages has almost doubled since 2014.

Top 4 researcher motivationso for sharing data



Increase the impact and visibility of my research



Public benefit Transparency and re-use



requirement

Data accessibility trends -----o



Spent a large amount of time to make their data reproducible



Used other researchers' publicly available data



Checked another paper's source data

Top 4 reasons why researcherso are hesitant to share their data

- 50% Intellectual property or confidentiality issues
- 23% I am concerned about misinterpretation or misuse of my research
- 31% Ethical concerns
- 22% I am concerned that my research will be scooped

Ways data is sharedo



As supplementary material in a journal



Discipline-specific data repository (e.g. GenBank, OpenEI, Protein Data Bank, TreeBASE)



Personal, institutional, or project webpage



General-purpose data repository (e.g. Dryad, figshare)



Institutional data repository (i.e. university or institute-sponsored)

Researchers also report sharing their data in other ways including: 49% are sharing their data at conferences while 34% of researchers share their data upon informal request (email, direct contact, etc).



