



Annual Report

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OBJECTIVES

NSD is a national archive for research data, one of the largest of its kind in the world. Its principal objective is to improve the conditions for research that requires access to data. NSD collects, processes, prepares, archives and disseminates data to the research community, thus ensuring that data are available without heavy legal, financial or practical costs to users. NSD provides advice to researchers and students regarding data acquisition and analysis, methodology, privacy protection and research ethics.

ORGANISATION

NSD is a limited company owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research (KD). The members of its board of directors encompass a wide range of professional skills, in line with NSD's statutes and its mandate from the Ministry. NSD is required to ensure that data and services are made available to the research sector.

NSD'S SERVICES

These cover the storage and dissemination of data from a large number of national and international data collections, social surveys and registers. NSD also develops software and provides consultancy services and data protection service for the research sector.

Research and higher education statistics

NSD's Database for Statistics on Higher Education (DBH) is a core source of information about universities, colleges and vocational colleges, libraries and student welfare organisations. Data and data services provided by NSD form the basis of a wide range of guidance data for policy formation in this sector. DBH contains data and statistics on students, education, research, personnel, museums, as well as financial and company data. These data are publicly available for research and for planning, both to government ministries and at local level for individual institutions. The reporting of data from Norwegian educational institutions is coordinated with Statistics Norway (SSB), the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT), the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund and the Norwegian Directorate of Health. Services that offer key figures and ready-made graphic presentations have been developed, and these can be downloaded automatically from DBH and presented on the educational establishments' own web-sites. Specially adapted statistics and web services have been developed for NOKUT, the Directorate of Health and the Ministry of Education and Research, among other instances.

ERIH PLUS

The European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH) is an academic authorisation list established by the European Science Foundation (ESF).

The register was first published in 2008, but with the reorganisation of the ESF, it was no longer possible for the organisation to continue this work.

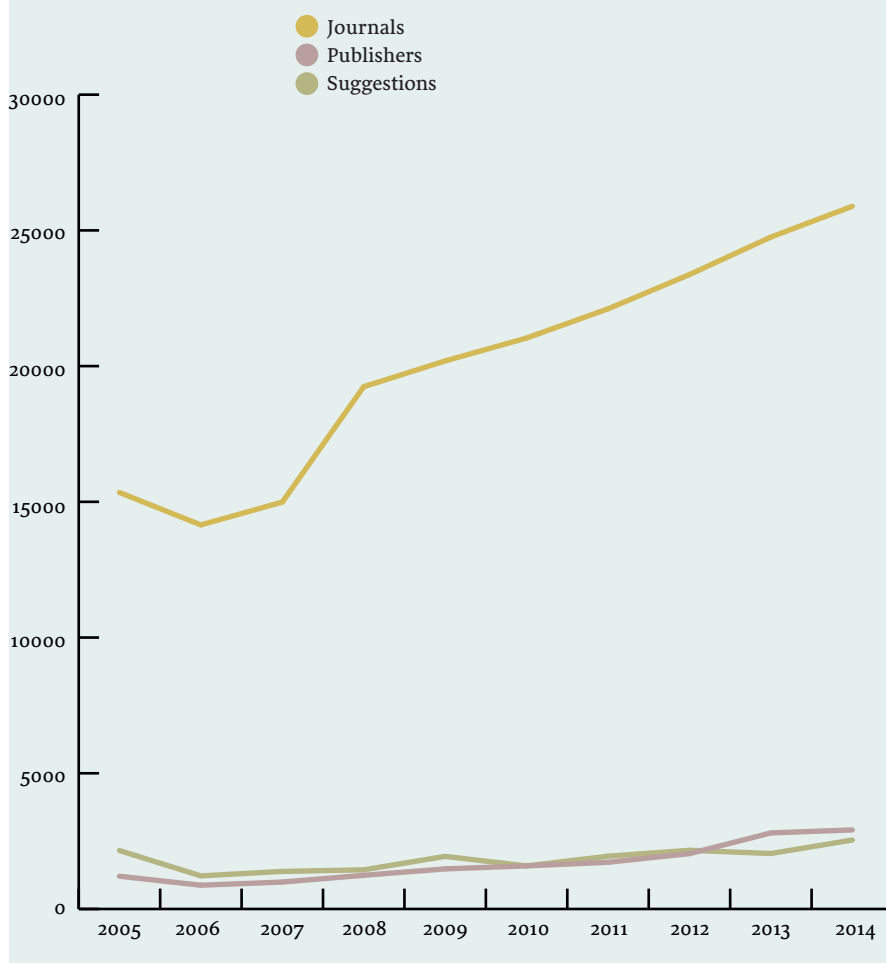
In 2013, NSD was asked to assume responsibility for ERIH, and the register was republished on NSD's web-site in July 2014. At that time, the social sciences were also incorporated in the register, which was renamed ERIH PLUS. The register is now adapted to Norwegian criteria and proposal systems, and its operation is largely coordinated with NSD's register of authorised publishing channels. Since the ERIH PLUS register was set up in July 2014, it has received more than 2000 suggestions regarding new European channels.

Register of authorised publishing channels

The register of authorised publishing channels administered by NSD comprises a list of journals, series and publishers that are regarded as being of academic relevance.

Other Nordic countries have built up similar registers of publishing channels following the Norwegian model. The Nordic countries are currently in joint contact with a view to identifying cooperative interfaces that can simplify the work of these registers.

DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLISHING CHANNELS

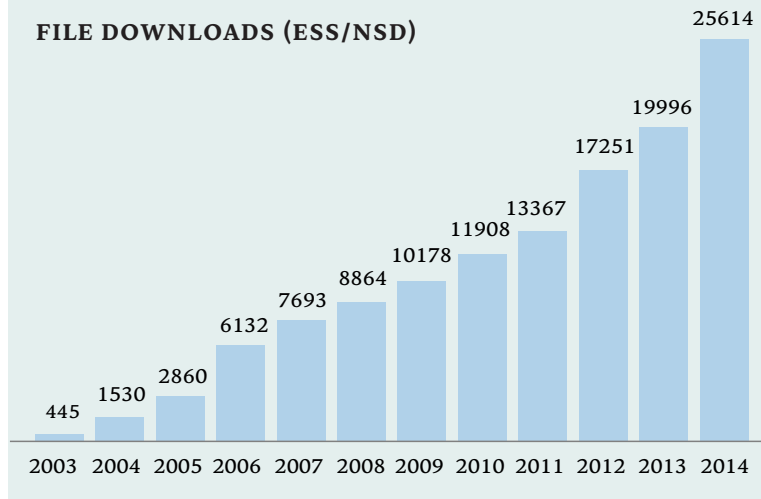


European Social Survey (ESS)

The comparative social study known as the European Social Survey (ESS) has been carried out every second year since 2002, and a total of 36 nations have participated in these surveys. Sixteen countries including Norway have carried out the first six rounds of the survey. Ever since it started, Norway has participated in the central organisation and operation of ESS as data archive and disseminator, and is responsible for the development and operation of ESS's e-infrastructure. In 2014, the use of data from ESS reached its highest level ever. In the course of the year, more than 25 000 data files were downloaded by 12 000 individual users. In 2013, the corresponding figures were 20 000 downloads by 9 800 users.

In 2014, NSD's work with ESS was characterised by a high level of publishing activity. The final edition of ESS round 6 (including methodological data), which included 29 countries, was published in May. In October, the ESS Multilevel Data resource was updated to include round 6, and in November the cumulative file of data from the first six rounds was published.

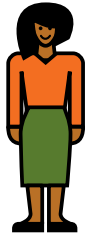
FILE DOWNLOADS (ESS/NSD)



International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)

Since 1989, NSD has participated in the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP), an international collaboration that carries out annual comparative questionnaire surveys of central topics in the social sciences. Forty-eight countries all over the world are currently enrolled in this cooperative effort. Since 1989, a significant time series of data covering a period of more than 20 years has been built up, offering researchers a unique opportunity to analyse changes in attitudes and values over time. Norwegian time series from the ISSP surveys now include:

- Work Orientations: 1989, 1997 and 2005
- Role of Government: 1990, 1996 and 2006
- Religion: 1991, 1998 and 2008
- Social Inequality: 1992, 1999 and 2009
- Environment: 1993, 2000 and 2010



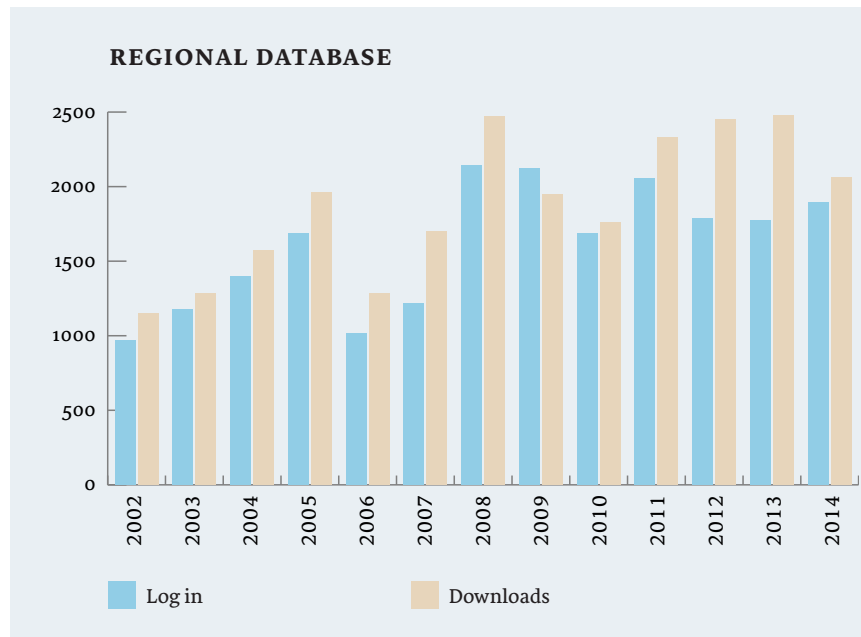
- Family and Changing Gender Roles: 1994, 2002 and 2012
- National Identity: 1995, 2003 and 2013.

In 2015, the Work Orientations survey will be carried out for the fourth time.

Regional data

NSD's Regional Database is regularly updated with new data, and at the turn of the year 2014/15, held more than 363 000 variables concerning all Norwegian municipalities from 1769 until the present day (primarily from the period before the Municipalities Act of 1838), with most weight being placed on more recent data.

The database has now developed a collection of files with geographical coordinates that enable maps to be published for each point in time at which a boundary change has taken place, all the way back to Norway's first census in 1769. Plans are also being made to publish more detailed maps illustrating the development of towns.



State administration data and data on the political system

The state administration database provides a thorough and detailed overview of the organisation of, and changes in, the Norwegian state administration, and of changes in the state administration since 1947 until the present. All units in government ministries and all state entities that have been attached to ministries are registered, and state-owned companies and foundations are also surveyed. Data on the political system cover the Storting (Parliament), the government and political parties, and also include data on organisations, academics and manifestos. The past few years have seen a comprehensive reorganisation of the data collections in order to make them more accessible via the Internet.

NSD stores data for the National Archives of Norway

In May 2014, the Director General of the National Archives of Norway signed a contract with NSD regarding the archival of research data, with the objective of dividing tasks related to storage of research between the two institutions, while ensuring that research data are accessible for use within the framework of the provisions of the Archives Act and other current legislation. In practice, this means that the National Archives agrees that research data that are required to be deposited under the terms of the Archive Act can be stored at NSD.

The agreement helps to consolidate NSD's role as the national archive for research data, and in the course of time, its efforts in the area of long-term storage of research data in Norway. NSD will be capable of offering a complete range of secure services for research institutions, the Research Council of Norway and government ministries.

Church data

NSD's Ecclesiastical Database comprises official statistics on church activities (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, burial services, etc.) at parish level, and data are collected via KOSTRA. The data are publicly accessible on the Internet, and are utilised by researchers and by employees of the Church of Norway to draw up reports. In 2013, a user group for church data was set up, and a process of re-designing the database's web-site has been initiated, with the aim of lowering the threshold for accessing church statistics.

NSD as a national archive

NSD is a national archive for research data, and offers to archive data from projects carried out by Norwegian researchers and students. This also means that NSD delivers a central national service that is long-term, professional and that secures data and documentation in a confidence-inspiring way. This supports and is in line with international efforts regarding research infrastructure, utilisation of research resources and open access to data.

Since 1981, one of NSD's tasks has been to archive data from projects financed by the Research Council of Norway. The requirement for researchers to archive their data has been incorporated in the conditions of their contracts. Data from projects in the social sciences, humanities, medicine, health and environment, and development research are to be transferred to NSD for storage and reutilisation. In accordance with agreements with the institutions involved, NSD's range of services also includes the archival of data from projects carried out by researchers at universities, university colleges and specialized university institutions. Similar agreements have been signed with national research institutes and other institutes that use NSD in connection with privacy protection. The range of archival services offered also includes secure storage of personal data.

In 2014, the Research Council of Norway formulated a policy regarding the archival and sharing of research data. In brief, this policy determines that "as a point of departure, research data should be accessible to relevant users, under equal conditions, at the lowest possible cost". This supports NSD's work as part of the national research infrastructure and research data archive. The practice of requiring research data to be archived as part of research contract ensures that research results can subsequently be tested and used for new research purposes in the future. The Research Council of Norway confirms NSD's role as an archive for data that have been generated using Research Council funds. Emphasis is also placed on the establishment and further development of good infrastructure for data storage and processing.

IT and technology

In 2014, NSD focussed on developing technology related to the Remote Access Infrastructure for Register Data (RAIRD) project, which aims to develop a full-scale web-based research tool for reg-

Data Seal of Approval

In the course of 2014, NSD carried out an internal evaluation of its procedures, routines and documentation related to the archival and re-utilisation of research-generated data. The evaluation led to certification via the Data Seal of Approval (DSA), which is part of a European framework for the evaluation and certification of digital storage services. Through the certification process and the efforts that underlie it, data generators and researchers can be assured that their data are stored and managed securely and reliably. The process ensures that data and data documentation will be available for re-research purposes for the foreseeable future, while also enabling users of archival services to evaluate the archive service's features and quality. In connection with the evaluation, it was therefore decided to develop completely new web-pages related to the archival and re-use of research data. The pages were launched in Norwegian and English in 2014, and provide complete access to the documentation of NSD's services in accordance with the requirements of the DSA.



ister data. RAIRD is a national research infrastructure that will provide research with simple and reliable access to register data in such a way as to fully protect personal privacy. The service will strengthen and promote high-quality research in the social sciences, health-related fields and economics. An important element of RAIRD is that both access to data and data security in connection with research will be improved.

Data that are made available for analysis via RAIRD have at least the same degree of up-to-dateness, quality, detail and relevance as data supplied on request.

In collaboration with the UK Data Archive, NSD is developing a software package for anonymising data sets for distribution and downloading. Technology and expertise from this work is being drawn into the RAIRD project.

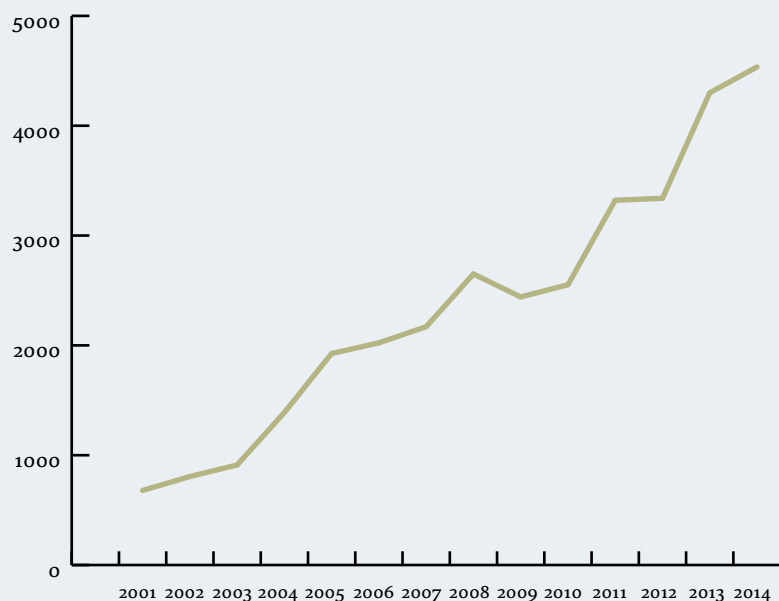
NSD has a large portfolio of on-line services, which it is continuously renewing and developing. Among other activities, we have focussed on making it easier for researchers to archive their data, and on simplifying access to data via user-friendly Internet solutions.

NSD Data Protection Services

NSD is the Data Protection Officer for Research for 146 research and educational institutions, including all of Norway's universities, research and state colleges, private colleges, several health institutions, hospitals and a number of independent research institutes and competence centres.

NSD Data Protection helps institutions to secure and consolidate personal confidentiality in the research sector. This is done by evaluating reported research projects, so that a researcher can

NUMBER OF REPORT FORMS RECEIVED BY NSD DATA PROTECTION SERVICES



New personal confidentiality legislation from the European Union

Three years ago, the European Union Commission proposed that a comprehensive reform and modernisation of the Commission's personal confidentiality legislation should be carried out. The proposal regarding regulations for the treatment and transfer of personal information will replace the current Personal Confidentiality Directive of 1995.

The aim of the change is to provide a harmonised set of regulations that incorporates the right of citizens to confidentiality in the new digital age, across European national borders. It is not yet clear when a final legislative proposal will be in place, but the Commission is aiming for a decision to be made in the course of 2015. If the provisions of significance for research, as these currently appear in the proposals from the European Parliament, are approved, they could involve more difficult conditions for the research sector. In particular, the possibility of carrying out research on health information, whether with or without the permission of the persons involved, will be significantly tightened up, in the present form of the proposal.

Research on other types of identifiable information could also become impossible, which could prevent important register research from being carried out. The research community throughout the whole of Europe has therefore expressed its serious concern regarding the consequences of the proposed personal confidentiality reform.

meet legal requirements as projects are launched, performed and finalised. Advice on internal control and descriptions of routines is provided. NSD also assists institutions to maintain overviews and perform controls of their own research via the net-based Report Archive system.

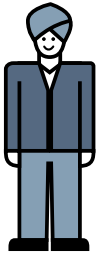
In 2014, NSD developed a solution for including health research projects in the Report Archive (projects reviewed by the regional committees for medical and health-related research ethics). To date, six institutions have agreed to take part in a pilot project. Based on the results of this testing process, NSD will develop a process that can be offered to all user institutions. The number of project reports has remained stable from the previous year. In the course of 2014, the personal confidentiality service received 4535 new report forms and 1855 reports of changes in previously reported projects.

NSD Data Protection provides advice to institutions, researchers and students on questions of personal confidentiality, and gave a number of speeches and talks on the subject. NSD has collaborated for many years with the National Research Ethics Committee for Social Science and the Humanities (NESH) and the National Research Ethics Committee for Science and Technology (NENT) in organising seminars on relevant subjects for the research community. In February 2014, the topic was research with a focus on the legal and ethical challenges related to the use of registry data.

Communication

In 2014, NSD's staff have maintained extensive contact with users, in the form of lectures, courses and seminars on research and personal confidentiality, special data offers and software solutions, among other topics. Several employees have given lectures, taught and produced written information material, for use both in Norway and abroad.





In autumn 2014, NSD engaged its first communications officer, who is responsible for leading and developing the organisation's communications efforts at strategic and operational level. Dissemination and communication lie at the core of NSD's social responsibilities. The objective here is to strengthen collaboration with the research community and to raise the profile of NSD, as a national infrastructure and data service for research, vis-à-vis both its users and the general public. A number of processes were launched during the second half of 2014, including new web-pages and graphic profile. NSD has also been highly visible in the media during this period, particularly where the results of the Norwegian part of ISSP are concerned (see page 5).

NATIONAL COLLABORATION

NSD stresses the importance of maintaining close collaboration with a wide range of institutions. This is essential to our ability to deliver a comprehensive, integrated and high-quality range of services to the research and educational community.

Cooperation with other organisations

In the course of time NSD has built up comprehensive research databases of information about individuals, regions and political and administrative systems from a number of sources. NSD's agreement with Statistics Norway regarding the dissemination of data for research purposes plays a central role in this respect. This cooperative effort is unique in an international context. By the employment of NSD to manage data, procedures that protect personal confidentiality while allowing for the extensive use of individual data for research purposes have been established. In 2014, NSD has collaborated with the following institutions, among others:

- *The Ministry of Education and Research*, on NSD's Database for Statistics on Higher Education, which contains data on universities, research and state colleges, art schools and vocational colleges.
- *The Norwegian Directorate of Education and Training*, which has commissioned NSD to act as national organiser and to be technically responsible for school elections from 2013 to 2021.
- *The Norwegian Directorate of Health*, which has commissioned NSD to run a data service for research on the GP system. The data are being made available by NAV (The Norwegian Directorate for Labour and Welfare).
- *The Norwegian Directorate of Public Administration and ICT – Difi*, on the development and operation of the Norwegian State Administration Database.
- *The Church of Norway National Council*, which has commissioned NSD to organise the annual parish statistics.
- *The Norwegian Directorate of Health and the Health and Social Services Ombudsmen*, which have supported NSD's efforts to develop a web-

New guidelines in the Research Council of Norway

In 2014, the Research Council of Norway adopted, for the first time, guidelines regarding open access to publicly financed research data. The new guidelines make it clear that as a point of departure, research data should be freely available to relevant users, on an equal basis and at the lowest possible cost. This is in line with the OECD's guidelines for publicly financed research data, which Norway has committed itself to follow.

based statistics system that contains information about the Ombudsmen's case procedures.

- One hundred and forty-six research and educational institutions, for which NSD provides personal confidentiality services.
- *The National Archives of Norway*, following an agreement signed in 2014 to archive research data.

NSD and the Research Council of Norway

Since the establishment of NSD, the Research Council of Norway, through its basic grants and financial support for individual projects, has played a central role in influencing both the scope and quality of the services that NSD offers its users. Since its establishment in 1971 and until 2003, NSD was institutionally related to the Research Council of Norway.

In 2014, the Research Council of Norway was among NSD's most important financial contributors. Its support has helped to establish a number of data offers and other infrastructure services for Norwegian research. Since it was established in 1971, NSD has provided archive-related services for the research sector. NSD is responsible for archiving data from projects financed by the Research Council of Norway for more than 30 years.

CESSDA

In 2013, the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) was established with Norway as host country. CESSDA AS is a continuation of the informal cooperation that had already developed among European social sciences data archives since the organisation was established in 1976. During its first phase, the organisation was run with the help of personnel on loan from NSD. In 2014, CESSDA opened its own office in Bergen. The aim of the European research infrastructure is to give researchers comprehensive access to research data and thereby new insight and knowledge, across organisations and national borders. During the initial phase, NSD provided its administrative services. NSD is the Norwegian service provider to CESSDA, like its sister organisations all over Europe.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Via its involvement in international organisations and its commitment to collaborate in a large number of projects, NSD is contributing to the development of a European and international infrastructure for the social sciences, humanities and health sciences. This cooperation ensures that NSD's Norwegian user community enjoys access to data and expertise, while also ensuring Norwegian participation in, and access to, resources that have been developed at international level. These collaborative efforts also contribute to making data about Norway more widely available as part of the data on which international analyses are based.

The most central international organisations of which NSD is a member:

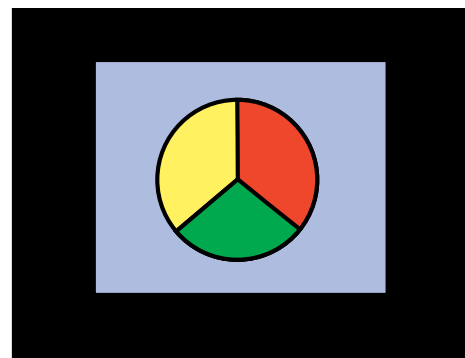
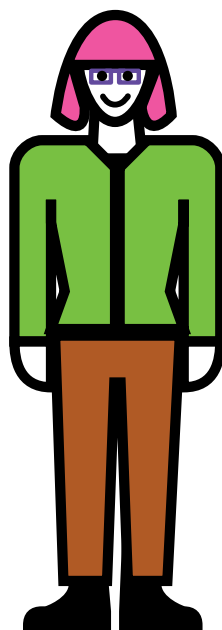
- *International Federation of Data Organizations for the Social Science (IFDO)*, www.ifdo.org
- *Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)*, www.icpsr.umich.edu
- *International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)*, www.issp.org
- *Data Documentation Initiative (DDI Alliance)*, ddialliance.org

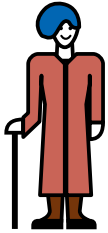
NSD participates in a number of international cooperative projects that aim to simplify the development of, access to and use of research data across national borders and languages:

- *Making Nordic Health Data Visible*, a network project with participants from the social science data archives in Denmark,

Finland, Norway and Sweden. The aim of this project is to study the requirements for a joint portal for Nordic health research data. The project is financed by Nordforsk and is led by NSD.

- *DASISH*, a European Union-financed cooperative project that has studied and found solutions for a number of challenges faced jointly by the five projects in the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructure (ESFRI) in the social sciences and the humanities (CESSDA, CLARIN, DARIAH, ESS and SHARE). The project has supported the establishment and development of the ESFRI projects into a set of permanent pan-European research infrastructure measures. This project came to an end on December 31, 2014.
- *Data without Boundaries (DwB)*, a European Union-financed cooperative project involving European public-sector statistics bureaux and social science data archives. The aim of the project is to ensure that European research groups will have the best possible access to official data across national borders.
- *The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)*, an international organisation established in 1984, with members from 48 nations, whose objective is to carry out a transnational interview-based study of a central topic in the social sciences every year.
- *The European Social Survey (ESS ERIC)*, a comparative interview-based study of values, attitudes and socioeconomic conditions in more than 30 European countries. NSD maintains the data archive and disseminates data for ESS.
- *The Current Research Information System (EuroCris)*, a forum for users of ICT in systems for research information.





REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 2014

Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD) was established in 1971 as a national research infrastructure, and since 2003 it has been organised in the form of a limited company owned by the Ministry of Education and Research (KD). The purpose of NSD is to manage data and provide services to the research sector. In collaboration with national and international organisations the company also develops new tools and methodologies in its sector. The company is headquartered in Bergen.

Activities

As in previous years, the point of departure of NSD's activities is its national responsibility for managing central data and infrastructure services for the Norwegian research community. NSD has operated on a broad national and international basis to ensure that researchers and students enjoy access to data and data services. In 2014, our efforts regarding register data made a major step forward thanks to our collaboration with Statistics Norway on the establishment of a new online mechanism for access to data. On the European level, NSD has a central place in a number of major European projects that are building a common infrastructure on the data side for the social sciences and humanities.

NSD's turnover rose by 16.9% from 2013 to 2014. The organisation generated 78 work-years, including those of part-time students. The corresponding figure in 2013 was 75.

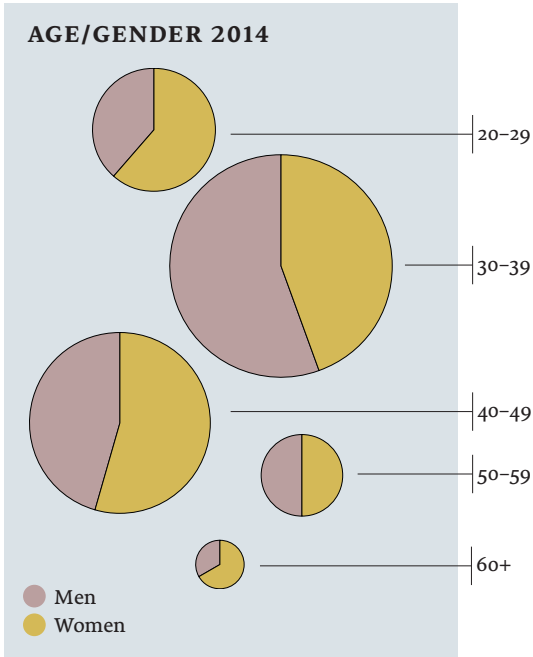
Financing

NSD is financed by several different sources, and our financial structure is stable. Our most important financial support comes from the Research Council of Norway, government ministries, the university and college sector and the European Union. The Research Council of Norway financed 17% of our activities through its basic grant, and 28.4% of our total support when we include the project support provided by the Research Council. In 2014, the distribution of funding received from various sources was as follows (2013 figures in parentheses): Research Council of Norway 28.4% (35.8%), ministries 24.0% (27.1%), other public- and private-sector sources 31.1% (29.6%), and European Union projects and other sales and contract income 16.5% (7.5%).

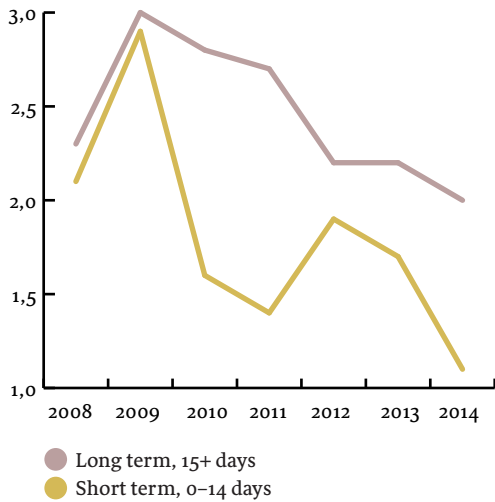
Professional activities and dissemination

The main remit of NSD is to provide information about and disseminate data, and orient its users about various aspects of data use. In order to do so, it is essential for NSD's staff to work in close contact with users as part of their day-to-day activity. NSD's staff also frequently participate in courses and seminars as lecturers and speakers, and contribute to the training of staff and students in universities and colleges, for example in methodology, ethics and personal data protection. We stress the importance of user

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contact in order to ensure that NSD's activities are in accordance with the needs of the research community.

The Internet is NSD's most important channel of communication, and lies at the core of the services that we exist to provide.

Work environment and external environment

NSD's staff occupy an office environment, with computer systems as their most important tools. In 2014, short-term sick-leave was somewhat lower than in the previous year, but long-term sick-leave remained stable. Short-term sick-leave was 1.1% in 2014, compared to 1.7% in 2013, while long-term sick-leave was 2.0% as against 2.2% the previous year. No injuries or accidents were registered. The organisation has not contaminated the external environment.

Staff by age and gender

The gender distribution of our staff displays a slight overrepresentation of men (53%). NSD's management group comprises four women and seven men. NSD aims to achieve equal representation of both genders. NSD takes diversity seriously, and encourages qualified candidates to apply for positions within the organisation, irrespective of their age, cultural or ethnic background.

Annual accounts and allocation of surplus

The Board expresses great satisfaction with the professional performance for 2014. The annual result for 2014 is positive. NSD is in a good financial position, and the prospects for the future of the company are good. The Board confirms that the conditions for continued operation are present. The Board wishes to strengthen NSD's equity capital position, and therefore proposes that the company's result of NOK 13 520 217 for 2014 should be allocated to Other Equity. The 2014 result is extraordinarily high, largely due to a reduction in pension obligations entered in the balance sheet, which are entered in the profit and loss account (see this point in the notes to the annual accounts). As required by our statutes, no dividend will be paid.

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Chair of the Board

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Member of the Board

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Member of the Board

LIS TENOLD
Member of the Board

BJØRN HENRICHSEN
Director

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

	NOTE	2014	2013
OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES			
Operating income	8	62 987 975	53,905,690
Total, operating income		62 987 975	53,905,690
Salaries and social costs	2,9	41 904 520	43,159,838
Deprecation tangible fixed assets	3	303 240	403,853
Other operating expenses	2	9 189 398	9,019,685
Total, operating expenses		51 397 158	52,583,377
Operating profit		11 590 817	1,322,314

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Interest income		1 180 663	1,131,218
Other financial income		768 335	1,559,274
Interest expenses		130	296
Other financial expenses		19 467	29,435
Net financial items		1 929 400	2,660,761
Profit/loss for the year		13 520 217	3,983,075

ALLOCATION OF PROFIT/LOSS

Provisions to cover previously uncovered loss			
Bringing forward to other equity		13 520 217	3,983,075
Total, allocation of profit/loss	4	13 520 217	3,983,075

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31

	NOTE	2014	2013
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets			
Fixtures and fittings	3	796 983	733,344
Total, tangible and fixed assets		796 983	733,344
Financial fixed assets			
Payment in advance	7	388 903	563,926
Total, financial fixed assets		388 903	563,926
Total, non-current assets		1 185 886	1,297,270
Current assets			
Debtors			
Trade debtors		7 023 368	5,657,305
Other debtors	10	284 640	121,737
Total, debtors		7 308 008	5,779,042
Bank deposits, cash in hand etc.	5	62 123 106	54,763,881
Total, current assets		69 431 114	60,542,923
Total assets		70 616 999	61,840,193

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31

	NOTE	2014	2013
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Paid in equity			
Share capital	4	5 000 000	5 000 000
Reserve for valuation	4	2 378 127	2 378 127
Total, paid in equity		7 378 127	7 378 127
Retained earnings			
Other equity	4	22 448 849	8 928 633
Total, retained earnings		22 448 849	8 928 633
Total, equity		29 826 976	16 306 760
Liabilities			
Accounting allocations			
Provisions for pensions	9	12 277 546	17 539 599
Total, accounting allocations		12 277 546	17 539 599
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors		1 293 495	2 279 315
Public duties payable		2 867 727	2 874 178
Other short-term liabilities	6, 10	24 351 254	22 840 341
Total, current liabilities		28 512 476	27 993 834
Total, liabilities		40 790 023	45 533 433
Total, equity and liabilities		70 616 999	61 840 193



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Chair of the Board



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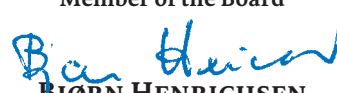
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NOTE 2 PAYROLL EXPENSES, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, LOANS TO EMPLOYEES, ETC.

Payroll expenses consist of:

<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	2014	2013
Salaries	33 828 329	31 021 867
Accrued holiday allowances	4 201 902	3 993 378
Social security tax	5 384 482	4 456 007
Pension costs incl. negotiated pensions	-2 074 626	2 632 704
Other benefits	564 433	444 436
Sum	41 904 520	43 159 838
Work-year equivalents	78	75

Remuneration to managerial staff	SALARY	PENSIONS	OTHER BENEFITS
Director	1 077 886	20 429	5 456
Styret	330 000	0	0

Neither the director nor the Board have a right to a bonus, percentage of surplus or options, nor to special payments in the event of termination of employment or elected positions.

Auditor

A fee of NOK 56 670 has been entered in the books for legally required audit, plus NOK 7642 for other services.

NOTE 3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	INVENTORY	IT EQUIPMENT	SUM
Acquisition cost per 01.01.	1 531 837	2 675 418	4 207 255
Additional acquisitions	0	366 878	366 878
Acquisition cost per 31.12.	1 531 837	3 042 296	4 574 133
Accumulated depreciation per 31.12.	1 217 250	2 559 902	3 777 152
Book value per 31.12.	314 588	482 395	796 983
Depreciation for the year	112 964	190 276	303 240
Economic lifetime	10 år Lineær	3 år Lineær	

NOTE 4 EGENKAPITAL

<i>Amount in NOK</i>	SHARE CAPITAL	SHARE PREMIUM FUND	OTHER EQUITY CAPITAL	SUM
Equity capital per 01.01.	5 000 000	2 378 127	8 928 632	16 306 759
Profit/Loss for the year			13 520 217	13 520 217
Equity capital per 31.12.	5 000 000	2 378 127	22 448 849	29 826 976

The share capital consists of 5 000 shares, each with a face value of NOK 1 000. The Ministry of Education and Research owns 100% of the shares.

NOTE 5 BONDED DEPOSITS

Of NSD's bank deposits, NOK 2 059 878 are bonded deposits in connection with tax deductions.

NOTE 6 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

<i>Amount in NOK</i>	2014	2013
Unpaid holiday pay	4 102 194	3 904 409
Project accruals	18 732 591	17 782 129
Other current liabilities	1 516 469	1 153 803
Sum	24 351 254	22 840 341

NOTE 7 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

NSD has paid rent in advance as a means of financing the refurbishment of the premises that the company rents.

The advance is entered in the profit and loss accounts for the duration of the lease, which is 15 years.

<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	2014	
Advance paid in connection with refurbishment	9 013 609	
Unused refurbishment funds returned to NSD	-256 677	
Grants received from the Research Council of Norway		-7 500 000
Net	1 256 932	
Share of rent for previous years	-797 320	
Share of rent, 2014	-70 709	
Advance payments per 31.12. 2014	388 903	
Other advance payments of operating costs	208 207	
Total advance payments	597 110	

NOTE 8 BREAKDOWN OF INCOME

<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	2014	2013
Funding from the Research Council of Norway	17 900 560	19 315 890
Funding from government ministries	15 110 000	14 628 000
Other public and private sector grants	19 581 375	15 929 238
Income from sales and contracts	10 396 041	4 032 562
Sum	62 987 975	53 905 690

NOTE 9 PENSION

<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	2014	2013
Earned pensions for the year	3 411 945	2 824 288
Effects of year's changes in pension plans	-5 211 890	0
Interest paid on pension liabilities	2 063 827	1 642 350
Anticipated return on pension funds	-1 526 092	-1 280 297
Administrative costs	126 057	122 066
Net pension costs before employment tax	-1 136 153	3 308 408
Employment tax on pension costs	-160 198	466 486
Pension costs before adjustments entered in profit and loss account	-1 296 351	3 774 894
Actuarial losses entered in profit and loss account	69 638	-333 512
Life expectancy adjustment entered in profit and loss account for 1943 - 1953 age-group	0	0
Changes in calculation of old age pensions, entered in profit and loss account	0	0
Cost of pensions, entered in profit and loss account	-1 226 712	3 441 382
Of which employment tax on adjustments entered in profit and loss account		0
<i>Amounts in NOK</i>	2014	2013
Pension liabilities per 31.12.	62 669 002	54 209 659
Pension assets per 31.12.	36 937 271	33 354 074
Employment tax on net pension liabilities	3 628 174	2 940 637
Net pension liabilities including employment tax	29 359 905	23 796 222
Actuarial profit not entered in profit and loss account	-14 971 393	-5 483 456
Estimated deviation from employment tax	-2 110 966	-773 167
Pension liabilities, including employment tax, entered in balance sheet	12 277 546	17 539 599
<i>The following conditions have been used as a basis for these calculations</i>	2014	2013
Discount rate	2,50 %	4,00 %
Return on pension funds	3,20 %	4,40 %
Salary growth	2,75 %	3,75 %
Annual anticipated adjustment of old age pensions under payment	1,75 %	2,75 %
Annual anticipated adjustment of G-rate	2,50 %	3,50 %
Employment tax	14,10 %	14,10 %
Expected remaining time in employment	11	12

CHANGES IN PENSION PLANS IN 2014

In accordance with the Norwegian Accountancy Standard 5, paragraph 4, when an item in the estimated accounts is altered, the effects of the change are to be entered in the profit and loss account for the period during which the estimate was modified. NSD's actuary has incorporated changes in pension plans in this year's pension costs and in the pension liabilities entered in the balance sheet.

NOTE 10 SPECIFICATION OF RECEIVABLES AND LIABILITIES

Receivables that fall due later than 12 months ahead: NOK 0..

Liabilities that fall due more than five years after the end of the accounting year: NOK 0.

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