

About the SSC

Founded in 1983, the Statistical Services Centre is a not-for-profit body attached to the Department of Applied Statistics at the University of Reading. All activities are run on a self-financing basis and the staff are paid out of income from external work.

The Centre has nine statisticians, plus administrative and computing staff. Staff have a broad range of experience both in a training capacity and as consultants.

Our experience makes us well placed to offer assistance to, for example, the research and development arms of a range of industries, agricultural research institutes, animal health clients, environmental bodies and developing world projects.

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Training

The **SSC** can offer you help with

- your own training requirements
- the training requirements of your colleagues

We run an annual advertised programme of short courses covering a range of statistical and data management topics.

Some courses are geared towards statisticians and assume that participants are qualified at least to degree level. They offer suitable development training for recent graduates. These courses would also be appropriate for updating the skills of less recently graduating statisticians.

Our other courses are for scientists and technologists who either need to acquire the skills necessary to carry out some of their own statistics, or else need to have a basic understanding of statistics. Their aim is to furnish participants with a good level of statistical competence using reliable statistical software.

Visit our website for further details, or contact our short course administrator by email at statistics-courses@lists.rdg.ac.uk or phone +44/0 118 378 8689 to receive our short course brochure.

Commissioned courses

Where a company or institute has several staff members with a common training requirement the **SSC** can provide training that is targeted to address specific needs.

- course content, pace, timing and duration are determined in discussion with the client
- course materials include examples based on the client's own data
- if appropriate, practical work is carried out using the client's software package

If you have several colleagues who need some statistical training or training in data management, we can run a commissioned course for you either at your premises or at our own well-equipped training centre here at Reading.

The **SSC** can offer to a company, institute or organisation an unbiased assessment of their training needs. This is without any obligation to contract us for the subsequent training.

Contact us for further details.

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With almost 200 person-years of professional experience the Statistical Services Centre is able to offer a comprehensive range of statistical and data management training and consultancy services...

Our services

If you work in industry, a research establishment or a government department in either the developed or developing world, the **SSC** can offer you support in dealing with data.

Our range of services includes both **consultancy** and **training** in the aspects of data management and statistical analysis.

We can

- help you when you have too much statistical analysis or data management work or an urgent deadline to meet
- give you one-off or regular assistance or advice of a statistical nature
- undertake, or assist you with, training

We encourage personal contact and will be happy to discuss ways in which we can possibly address your needs.

Consultancy

Our consultancy support services can range from as little as a 1-hour discussion to a large contract involving several weeks of work.

Activities include

- assistance or advice on good data management
- a full or partial statistical analysis of data from designed experiments, surveys or observational studies
- advice or assistance on the design of experiments, surveys or observational studies which will meet their research objectives in a cost-effective manner
- an independent review of statistical reports, or reports with a statistical component
- advice on the use of some specialised statistical methods
- provision of a regular on-site statistics "help-desk"