

Results of the 2008 USC IRB Survey

The results of the 2008 Annual IRB Satisfaction Survey follow. The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) uses an annual survey to evaluate and improve the Human Subjects Protection Program. Survey participation is voluntary and responses are anonymous. The 2008 survey is comprised of four sections.

The survey was designed by the OPRS, and incorporated suggestions/improvements from previous years. The goal was to evaluate all aspects of the Human Subjects Protection Program including staff, the IRB committees, iStar (online IRB application system), education, websites, and overall customer satisfaction.

The survey was administered through surveymonkey.com and distributed via the Human Subjects Listserv to over 4,000 subscribers; 308 completed the survey.

- [Results from Health Sciences Campus \(HSC\) Participants](#)
- [Results from University Park Campus \(UPC\) Participants](#)

Demographics of Survey Participants:

I submit applications or interact most with the:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Health Sciences IRB/STAFF (Biomedical Research)	60.9%	246
University Park IRB/STAFF (Social / Behavioral Research)	39.1%	158

I am a USC:						
Answer Options	Response Percent			Response Count		
	Overall	UPC	HSC	Overall	UPC	HSC
Faculty member	32.4%	27.8%	35.4%	131	44	87
Research/Clinical staff	18.8%	8.9%	25.2%	76	14	62
Staff member	22.0%	15.8%	26.0%	89	25	64
Student	23.0%	45.6%	8.5%	93	72	21
Affiliate	3.7%	1.9%	4.9%	15	3	12

Are you new to the USC Human Subjects Protection Program (HSPP)?						
Answer Options	Response Percent			Response Count		
	Overall	UPC	HSC	Overall	UPC	HSC
Yes	24.6%	29.9%	21.1%	98	47	51
No	75.4%	70.1%	78.9%	301	110	191