

Final WebCASPAR Virtual Tour Script

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Welcome to the virtual tour of the WebCASPAR Integrated Science and Engineering Resources Data System Website.

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The WebCASPAR database provides easy access to a large body of statistical data resources for science and engineering (S&E) at U.S. academic institutions. WebCASPAR emphasizes S&E, but its data resources also provide information on non-S&E fields and higher education in general.

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Let's begin our tour by exploring the main features of the home page.

The WebCASPAR homepage can be divided into 5 separate sections:

1. Registration and Login
2. The Navigation toolbar
3. The Table Builder
4. The Help features, and
5. The common NSF features located in the footer

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Registered users can login by supplying the required username and password information in the appropriate boxes at the top of the page and then selecting the "Login" button.

New users wishing to register can do so by clicking on the word "Register" in the upper right-hand corner of the page and then completing the form on the new screen.

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Be sure to complete each item marked with an asterisk, and answer as many of the optional questions as you like.

Once you have completed the form select "Save" to continue.

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If you should encounter any problems while logging on to WebCASPAR click on either of the help features to resolve your problem.

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The navigation toolbar makes it easy to move from one part of the site to another and provides access to valuable features such as the “What’s New,” “Data Map” and Tutorial sections.

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The “What’s New” page provides up-to-date information about the WebCASPAR databases and related variables utilized by WebCASPAR.

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New users in particular might find the “Data Map” useful in helping to define the data that you are looking for.

The data map can be used to identify available data sources or to identify variables to build a table.

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In order to become more familiar with using the Table Builder we suggest that new users view one or both of the tutorials for creating single data source and multiple data source tables in WebCASPAR.

More experienced users might also find the tutorials useful, particularly when it comes to formatting and exporting their tables.

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The Table Builder is the main feature of WebCASPAR, and allows users to select and modify survey data collected from both the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES).

To begin creating a table simply select one or more of the surveys and click on the “Select Data Source(s)” button.

To learn how to use the Table Builder please view the WebCASPAR tutorials.

The WebCASPAR system also has a set of predefined tables based on common requests that you can access from this page.

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There are a number of robust help features built into WebCASPAR.

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Clicking the word “Help” located throughout the application provides users with detailed information about a particular data source including, source surveys, contact persons for each specific survey, as well as information about which years of data are currently available for each survey.

Also, please note that there are question marks (such as the one appearing on screen in the pop-up window) strategically located throughout the Table builder that will also provide access to the built-in help features.

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Finally, we come to the additional links found on the WebCASPAR homepage.

Here you will find links to all the items on the WebCASPAR navigation toolbar, the Science Resources Statistics division homepage, and to NSF privacy and Web policies.

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This concludes our tutorial on the WebCASPAR homepage.

For more information about WebCASPAR please contact the Division of Science Resources Statistics at the National Science Foundation.

Thank you.

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