

2015 Data Summary



THE
IRIS
CENTER™

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Serving: Higher Education Faculty • PD Providers • Practicing Educators
Supporting the preparation of effective educators with the
knowledge and skills to use evidence-based practices to improve
outcomes for all children, especially those with disabilities.

What Is IRIS?



Funded by: U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs



Primary objective: To develop and disseminate free online instructional resources about evidence-based practices for use in personnel preparation and professional development programs



Resources: IRIS resources address important instructional and classroom issues. Aligned with professional standards and high-leverage evidence-based practices, IRIS Modules, Case Study Units, Activities, Information Briefs, and more are used by educators to improve the learning and behavioral outcomes of all children, especially those with disabilities. Highlights of free online resources from the IRIS Center include:



Services: The IRIS Center provides a wide range of tiered services designed to help college faculty and PD providers integrate information about effective evidence-based practices into their courses and training activities. IRIS services also help practicing educators who are working independently to upgrade their skills and knowledge.



Who Uses IRIS?

VISITS BY YEAR

2015 saw the largest number of visitors to the IRIS Website ever.

- > **1.4 million visits** to our Website, an increase of **17%** over the previous year
- > Over 14.9 million hits
- > Average duration of visit: 17 minutes
- > Average number of pages viewed per visit: 10

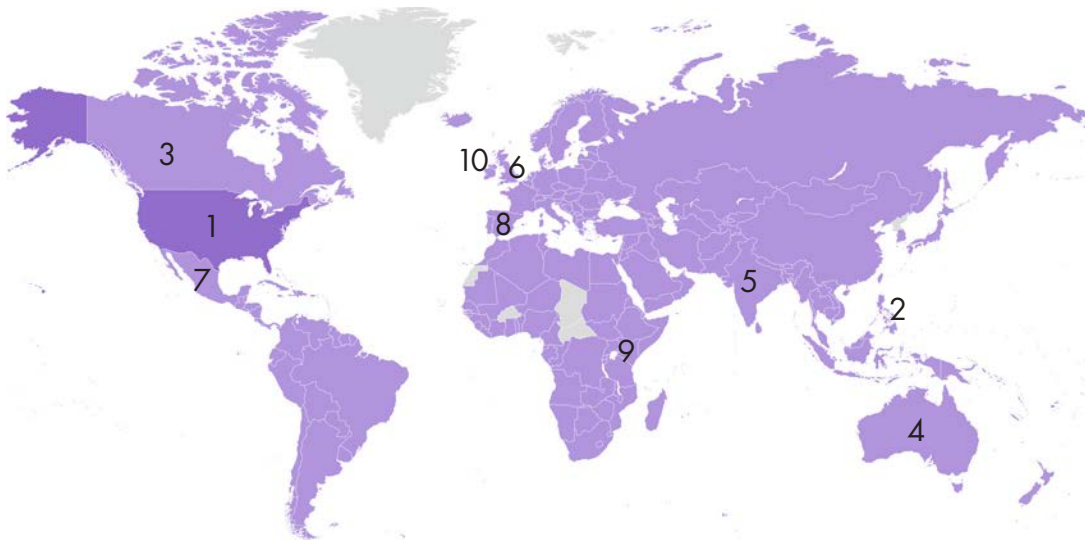
I use IRIS Modules ALL the time! My students love them and so do I. I appreciate all that your Center does for education.

University Faculty



GLOBAL USAGE

IRIS resources are now used in 225 of the 230 countries and territories reported by Google Analytics.



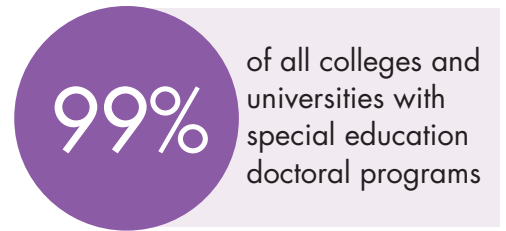
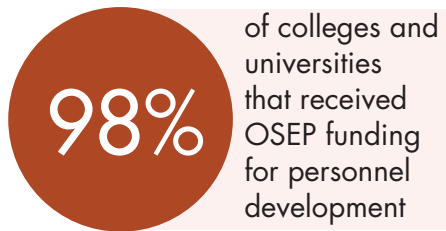
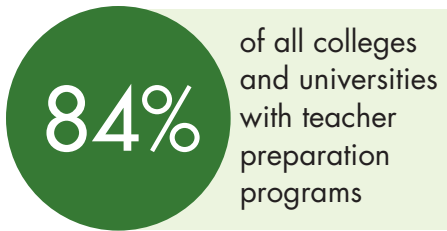
Top Users

1. United States
1,317,681
2. Philippines
15,419
3. Canada
11,468
4. Australia
9,620
5. India
8,606
6. United Kingdom
6,350
7. Mexico
5,481
8. Spain
3,789
9. Kenya
3,038
10. Ireland
3,017

Who Uses IRIS?

USE AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

There are **888** colleges and universities with both general education and special education teacher preparation programs in the United States. **How many use IRIS?**

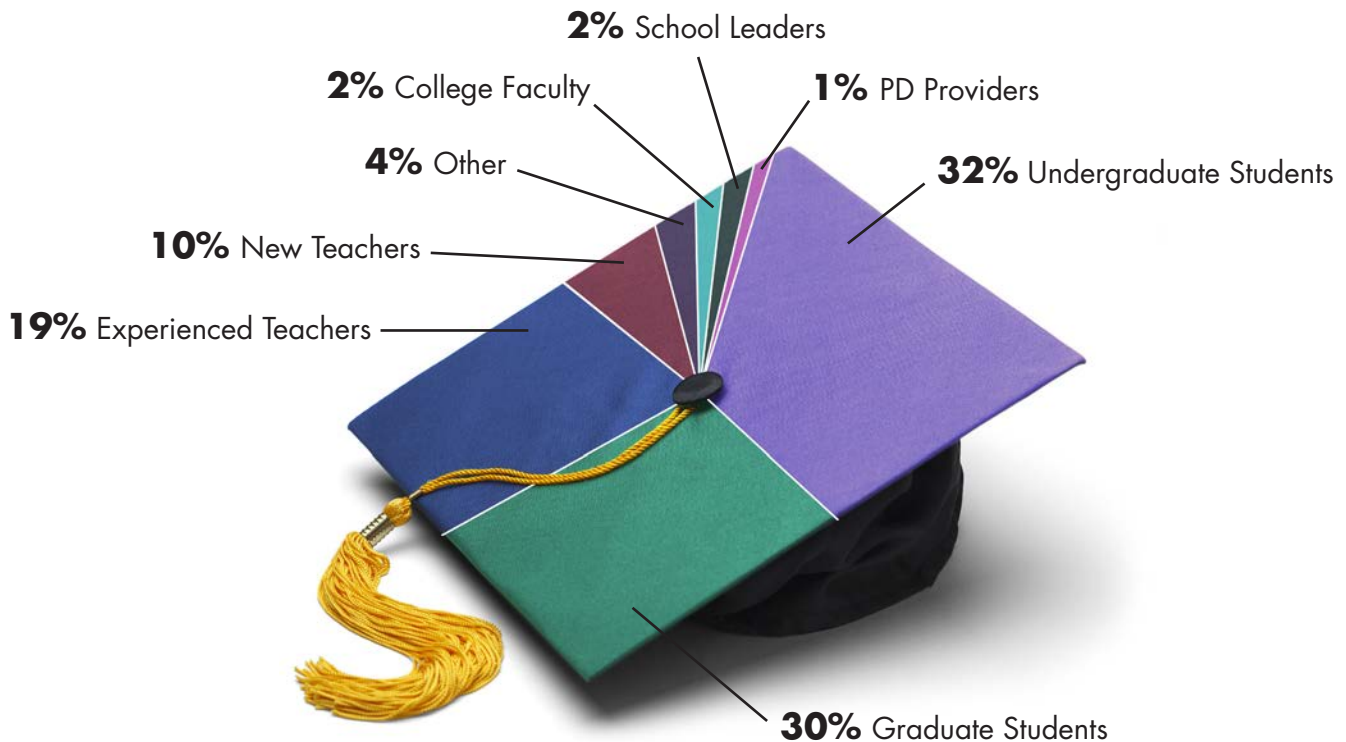


Thank you very much for this wonderful opportunity today; IRIS is always on my favorites list when it comes to ease of use, versatility and relevance. We use the Modules in our classes—so keep them coming, please.

*Webinar Participant
Director, University Graduate Program*

MODULE USERS

Our Online Module Feedback Form collects ratings, comments, and suggestions from a variety of IRIS users.



What Do They Use?

MOST POPULAR IRIS RESOURCES

IRIS STAR Legacy Modules remain our most sought-after product.

Rank	Resource	# of Visits
1	Modules	1,086,028
2	Module Outlines	97,625
3	Case Studies	56,845
4	Information Briefs	35,659
5	Activities	33,781
6	Film Tool	20,501
7	Video Vignettes	16,534
8	Evidence-Based Practice Summaries	10,343
9	Sample Syllabi	6,377
10	Glossary	4,239



As a faculty member in higher education I just want to say, "THANK YOU FOR THE IRIS RESOURCES!!" With each new special education faculty member I hire, I share this invaluable Website. I appreciate the fact that the Website is updated on a continuous basis with the current, best-practices research and is easily accessible to those of us in higher education.

These are federal dollars well spent in preparing highly qualified educators in the field of special education. Continue this excellent work!!!

*University Faculty
Chair, Department of Educational Specialties*

MOST POPULAR IRIS MODULES

Google Analytics data reveal which Modules are used the most.

Rank	Resource	# of Visits
1	Functional Behavioral Assessment	75,437
2	Differentiated Instruction	73,198
3	Universal Design for Learning	69,630
4	RTI (Part 1): An Overview	63,030
5	Classroom Management (Part 1)	61,537
6	Teaching English Language Learners	50,009
7	Cultural and Linguistic Differences	37,417
8	Classroom Assessment (Part 1)	34,314
9	Addressing Disruptive and Noncompliant Behaviors (Part 1)	33,005
10	Assistive Technology	32,695

Our Signature Product

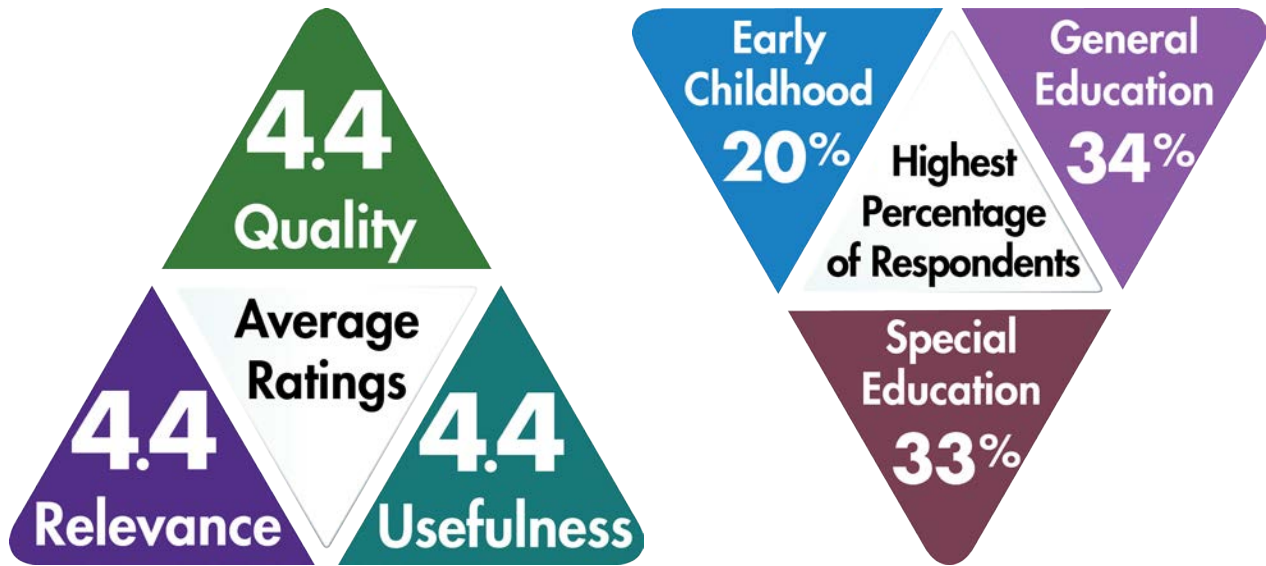
IRIS STAR Legacy Modules are grounded in a research-based adult-learning theory and address high-leverage, evidence-based instruction and intervention practices.

How Does IRIS Rate?

MODULE RATINGS

IRIS collects feedback from users through our Online Module Feedback Form. Last year, 3,068 respondents offered ratings on the quality, relevance, and usefulness of those resources (the scores below are on a 5-point scale).

- › Highest ratings: College faculty and professional development providers gave us the highest ratings.



IRIS Is...Trustworthy

IRIS earned top ratings in a research study evaluating Websites that disseminate information on evidence-based practices. The findings were published in *Exceptional Children* (2015).

IRIS Is...Inclusive

IRIS has broad appeal. It is heavily used by general education, special education, and early childhood professionals.

TRAINING EVENT RATINGS

Participants offer extremely high ratings for IRIS resources and trainings for quality, relevance, and usefulness (the scores below are on a 5-point scale).

	Quality	Relevance	Usefulness
IRIS Resources	4.8	4.8	4.8
Training Events	4.7	4.7	4.7
Training Materials	4.8	4.8	4.8



of all colleges and universities with a teacher preparation program have taken part in face-to-face training events (e.g., Faculty Seminars, Work Sessions).

NEW RESOURCE TOPICS

In 2015, IRIS developed resources on:

- › Autism Spectrum Disorder
- › Dual Language Learners
- › Early Childhood Behavior Management
- › Early Childhood Environments
- › Intensive Intervention

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES



PD
Hours Store

The IRIS Center now offers certificates for professional development hours. The IRIS PD Hours Store is an affordable, practical, and flexible way to earn hours to apply toward your PD, the perfect solution for today's busy educators. Visit our PD Hours Store to:

- › Select from a wide variety of IRIS Modules
- › Work through the Module of your choice at your own pace
- › Take a post-test to demonstrate your knowledge
- › Receive a certificate of completion

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