# RDA Data Usage Metrics WG Recommendations

## The Challenge:

Standards for normalizing data usage (views, downloads) had not existed and community conversations around data metrics had been centered around data citation. It is essential for the development of data metrics and assessing research data that the community prioritize ways to reliably count and report data usage at repositories.

## What is the solution?

This WG worked in collaboration with Make Data Count to disseminate the COUNTER Code of Practice for Research Data, a new standard for normalizing the generation and distribution of data usage metrics. . It also fostered community conversations about the benefits, limitations, and use cases around adoption of data usage metrics.

## What is the impact?

This document outlines next steps and recommendations for widespread adoption of normalized data usage metrics, as well as hurdles and limitations to be prioritized going forward. Repositories that utilize these recommendations will help drive a better understanding of data usage and contribute towards the development of research data assessment metrics.

**Find out more about the Recommendation from the Data Usage Metrics WG**

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