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**Computing resources**

- Installed statistical software
  - Stata
  - SPSS (now PASW)
  - SAS
  - MATLAB
  - R
- Conversion software
  - Stat/Transfer
- Compression software
  - 7-Zip (freeware)
- OCR text recognition software
  - OmniPage (This is only on computer DSS11 attached to the scanner. You must bring a USB drive to extract files)

**Hours**

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