

WRDS Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5)

Name of Product/Version:

Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS)

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Product Description:

WRDS democratizes data access so all disciplines can easily search for concepts across the data repository.

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Notes:

Please refer to the Product Roadmap starting on Page 9 for the estimated resolution of issues found.

Evaluation Methods Used:

Assistive technologies used in this evaluation included VoiceOver and NVDA, as well as exclusive use of the keyboard to navigate and operate the site content and functionality. Automatic tests were performed using the WAVE browser extension.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

WCAG 2.1 Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Partially Supports	The site provides sufficient text alternatives for most instances of non-text content. Exceptions include: • When graphs are rendered through HighCharts, there is limited support for assistive technology. • PDF documents supplied by third-party vendors may not be accessible.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain prerecorded audio-only or video-only media.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	All videos with audio have captions provided or the ability for auto-captions to be enabled.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain prerecorded video content that would require audio description or a media alternative.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	Visual structure and relationship information is provided through object information or is available in text.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	The site content is presented in a meaningful sequence.

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1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	Instructions do not rely solely on sensory characteristics.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	Site content and functionality does not convey information through color alone.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain audio that plays automatically.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	Site functionality can be accessed and operated using a keyboard.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	The site does not include keyboard traps.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The site does not provide character key shortcuts.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site does not include time limits.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	The site supports all pause, stop, and hiding.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Not Applicable	The site does not have flashes.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	A link to skip to the main content is provided.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	The site's web pages are titled.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Site's components receive focus in a meaningful order.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	Links can be determined from the link text alone.

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2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Site does not rely on multipoint or path-based gestures.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The site functions that use a single pointer are completed when the user releases the pointer.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The accessible name of each user interface component that includes a visible text label corresponds to that label text.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	The site does not have functionality operated by device motion or user motion.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	The default language of the site's webpage is identified using the lang attribute in the html element.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	Most of the site's components do not initiate a change of context when focused.
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	Most changes of context do not occur automatically on user input.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	Errors are automatically detected, error is identified, and an error message is provided. A label is provided for each of the site's input fields.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	Labels and Instructions are provided.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer 'Supports' WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	The site's web pages uses semantically correct markup for all interface elements; has complete start and end tags; and has tags with unique ID values.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	User interface components in the site provide programmatic name, role, and/or state information.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain live synchronized media.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain prerecorded video content that would require audio description.
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The content of the site does not restrict its view and operation to a single display orientation.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	The site does not contain input fields that require the user to enter personally identifiable information.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	Text in the site meets minimum contrast requirements.
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	The site supports the ability to resize text.
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	The site uses text instead of images of text.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The content on the site's web pages support reflow.

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1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Meaningful non-text content elements in the site have sufficient contrast.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The spacing between letters, words, lines of text and/or paragraphs can be adjusted in the site's webpage.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The site does not contain content elements triggered by hover or focus.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	The site provides multiple ways to locate web pages via site search, homepage link listings, and sidebar navigations.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	Headings and labels in the site are descriptive.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	Most focusable elements in site have a visible keyboard focus indicator.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports	Within the site's webpage, the language of each portion of the page is programmatically determinable.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	The site provides consistent and repeatable navigation.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Components that have the same functionality within the site are identified consistently.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	When an error is automatically detected within a data entry form in the site, the resulting error message provides suggestions for correction.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	No forms within the site submit actions that cause legal commitments or financial transactions to occur, nor do any forms submit actions that modify or delete user-controllable data in data storage systems.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Status messages can be programmatically determined.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes: Not applicable. WRDS was not evaluated for WCAG 2.1 Level AAA conformance.

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Product Roadmap

Issue	Noted in	Expected Resolution Date
Inaccessible PDF Content	1.1.1 Non-text Content	1Q 2026