

Re: Google Group scistatmath

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Richard Ulrich <Rich.Ulrich@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
<news:In4tk2t9jki6ufvs7vrkjv620u0b4otgn8@xxxxxxxx>:

On 4 Nov 2006 21:23:58 -0800, "Reef Fish"
<large_nassua_grouper@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

[snip]

When I did a search of the STATISTICS about the two groups at present, I found that there are not 18 subscribers to scistatmath, while there are 1926 subscribers to sci.stat.math.

That 1292 suggests that there **are** still 100 lurkers who never post, for every poster in a month, since it reflects only the minority who read through Google-groups.

That estimate is flawed. A bit like using telephones as sampling strategy in 1932. Many people read newgroups using "real" newsclients drawing from "real" newsservers. They would not be in the Google counts. They would not necessarily even be countable by the newsservers. Subscription is an action performed at the client level.

Here is a question for anyone -- Is "scistatmath" from Google going to be a Google-only group? My Usenet provider lists over 100,000 groups, including a variety of mis-spellings, but it did not include scistatmath when I last checked.

Yep. Belongs to Google scistatmath will never be on USENET. Google does not push its group content out into the real USENET.

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