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Usage report.

The table below presents a comparison of Terminal usage figures for the periods September-December 1970 and September-December 1971. The usage category is that chosen by the user as he signs on. New categories were assigned this fall so exact comparisons are not available. Significant decline in usage appears in the category formerly titled "Physical Science and Math." The explanation appears to be that fewer students are now using the computer in statistics classes. This was an intentional course modification. The decline in total usage (connect time) is nearly 12%, based on the revised 1970 usage reported below.

Category	No. of Users		No. of CPU Sec.		No. of Connect Min.	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Computer Science	17	42	11,410	20,975	4,799	10,207
Physics	75	9	62,290	7,047	19,869	1,657
Chemistry		9		2,928		1,686
Math		17		14,588		5,646
Biology	3	7	16	2,005	9	682
Psychology	29	10	4,000	2,838	2,500	2,383
Social Science	0	0	269	0	429	0
Arts and Humanities	1	1	265	16	67	23
Research and Administration	15	9	20,354	22,234	5,478	3,992
Other		10		5,060		3,033
	97*	75*	98,604	77,691	33,151	29,309

Research, Administration and Other.

These two categories are less well defined than the others. The usage under Research and Administration is at least 90% accounted for by research in psychology, use for institutional research and computer center administration (record analysis and program development). The other category is even less well exemplified. However, one half of this time was logged by Swift Black, independently learning to program. Another major usage in this category was the preparation of some plotter drawings for the contest last fall.

*indicates different users.