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## Lessons from Website Analysis: Learning the value of referred users and social media

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## Web analytics

- Common measures of online performance:
  - Sessions (formerly “visits”)
  - Users (formerly “visitors”)
  - User behaviour
    - Pageviews per session
    - Bounce rate
    - Time on site (session duration)

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## User behaviour – overall traffic

Metric	Fiscal Year		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Visits	92,404	120,288	143,311
Unique Visitors	61,868	165,884	192,191
Pageviews	349,753	416,826	478,329
Pages / Visit	3.79	2.52	2.49
Avg. Visit Duration	00:04:02	00:03:17	00:02:34
Bounce Rate	54.95%	59.12	61.93
% New Visits	52.65%	71%	73%
File Downloads	10,942	15,126	19,516
Video views	874	11,869	14,045

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## Using website analytics to inform communications strategies

NCCMT

### Website analytics

- Common measures of performance

### Trends at NCCMT

### Closer look at key traffic sources

### Acting on what we've learned

### Potential application for other organizations

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## Sessions and Users

Fiscal Year	Sessions (visits)	Users (unique visitors)
2007-08	1806	1270
2008-09	784	13846
2009-10	9355	17091
2010-11	19331	35681
2011-12	34959	58851
2012-13	61886	92404
2013-14	120293	165584
2014-15	149773	200845

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## Taking a closer look at traffic sources

### Organic Search

- Search engine (e.g., Google)

### Direct

- Bookmark

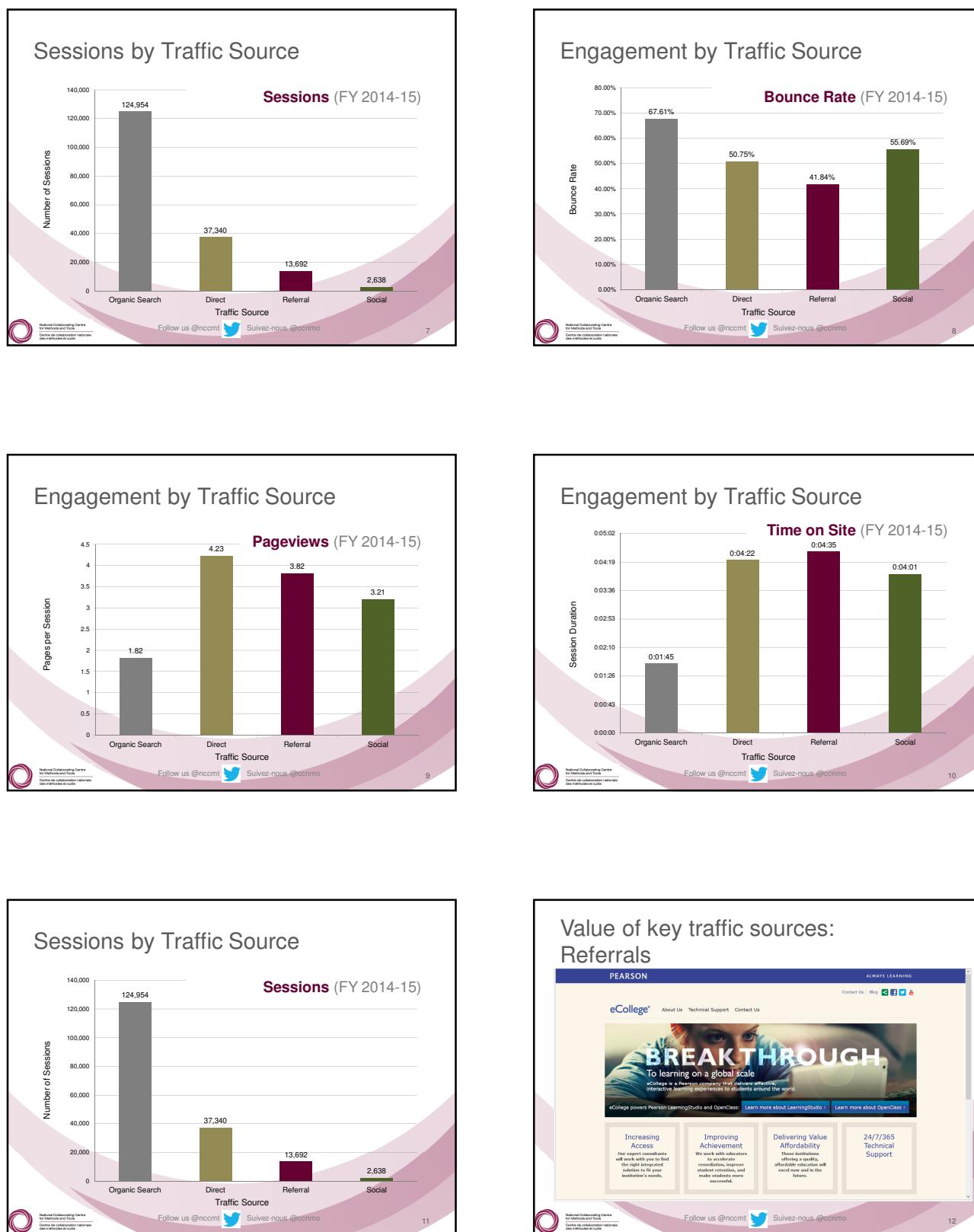
### Referral

- Third-party referrals
- Weekly Round-up

### Social Media

- Twitter (primarily)

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## Acting on what we've learned

- Focus on referral sources**
  - Renew efforts to reach out to and engage "like" organizations and invite cross-promotion
- Increase social media efforts:**
  - Increase frequency of Twitter activity
  - Always include link to website/resource
  - Acknowledge Twitter exchanges
  - "Go fishing"
  - Other social media platforms
  - Tweet invitation to subscribe to NCCMT
- Review/ revise website**
  - Increase visibility of social media icons
  - Make option to subscribe to Round-up more obvious



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The screenshot shows the NCCMT website homepage. At the top right, there is a purple navigation bar with links: Home, Resources, Professional Development, Outreach & Networking, About NCCMT, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled "building capacity for evidence-informed public health". On the left, there is a sidebar with a "Quick Links" section containing links to "About NCCMT", "Join NCCMT / Subscribe", and other resources. A yellow arrow points to the "Join NCCMT / Subscribe" button. On the right, there is a "News" section with several news items listed. Another yellow arrow points to the first news item.

## Potential for other organizations:

- Look at traffic patterns, trends
- Are some users more engaged than others?
- Identify and connect with similar organizations
- Fish where the fish are (social media training, search hashtags, listen to the chatter)
- Make valuable sources easy for users to connect with (e.g. easy to subscribe, feature social media activity on website)



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