P1 The statistics of WRF.

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The oversight effort for the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model by NCAR includes research on metrics to attempt to quantify the scope of the use and impact of the model. From these it can be argued that WRF is the world's most popular NWP model, in terms of the numbers of registered users and their associated countries. Presented are a variety of current statistics revealing the continuing strength and impact of the WRF system. The information reveals that new model registrations are continuing at high levels, explaining why the demand for WRF help services is undiminished. An analysis of user institutions provides an impressive picture of the breadth of this model's support of atmospheric research globally. Furthermore, the user statistics bear out that the extensive application of the model is translating to publications.