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Epicollect5

The Insider's Guide

Free mobile and web data collection from Oxford University



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among form and survey tools, read from Epicollect5's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Epicollect5's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Epicollect5's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 142 of the 148 other form and survey tools we grade

Epicollect5 is a free mobile and web platform for collecting data, developed by a team at the Oxford University Big Data Institute. Projects are built in a web form builder and filled in through Android and iOS apps, with GPS and media capture. Data can be viewed on a central server and exported as CSV or JSON.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Epicollect5**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Its own docs suggest other tools for mission-critical projects.**
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> From our report card of Epicollect5

1 **Best for free field data collection from a university team**

It has no limits beyond a fair usage policy, but the team says it is not a commercial company and gives no guarantees.

2 **It is free**

Epicollect5 has no paid plan at all. Free to use without limits, subject to a fair usage policy; as many projects and entries as you want.

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, Android and iOS.

4 **Form builder**

Create projects and multi-form questionnaires in the web app, then download them to a device.

5 **Mobile collection**

The app runs on Android 10+ and iOS 15.6+, collecting GPS locations and media.

6 **Central views**

Entries can be viewed on a map, in tables and in charts on the project site.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 142 of 148**

That is against the other form and survey tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

Epicollect5 is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Epicollect5 at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, iOS, Android
MADE BY Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance	CATEGORY Forms & Surveys
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for free field data collection from a university team

Epicollect5 is free, from a team at the Oxford University Big Data Institute, with web and Android and iOS apps. It has no limits beyond a fair usage policy, but the team says it is not a commercial company and gives no guarantees. Its own docs suggest other tools for mission-critical projects.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Epicollect5	Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free with as many projects and entries as you want, under a fair usage policy. Nothing in forms tools costs less, and you need no server.
Free plan and trial	A	Free outright, with no cap a normal project would reach.
Features	C	Form builder, mobile collection, exports, an API and logic. The docs point to KoboToolbox, ODK or Google Forms for mission-critical work.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You design each project in the form builder.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web plus Android and iOS apps with GPS and media capture, an export API and Google Maps and Earth links. No desktop app.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Epicollect5 is for

- ✓ Fits if you need a free tool for a research or survey project
- ✓ Works for field teams with phones and GPS

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if the work is mission-critical, as the team says it is provided as-is with no guarantees
- ✕ Watch out: a fair usage policy applies, and it is not designed for free media storage
- ✕ Too light for case management or in-depth reporting
- ✕ Skip it if you need support or a service agreement, as it is not a commercial company

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Researchers, students and citizen science projects on a zero budget
- ✓ Small teams collecting GPS-tagged data in the field

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The team says it is not a commercial company and provides the service as-is, with no guarantees.
- ⓘ For mission-critical projects the docs suggest alternatives such as KoboToolbox, ODK or Google Forms.
- ⓘ A fair usage policy applies, and Epicollect5 is not designed as free media storage.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Free

No paid plan at all

Epicollect5 is free to use.

> **Free with as many projects and entries as you want, under a fair usage policy.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

$0

100% free service with unlimited projects and entries, provided as-is under a fair usage policy.

The free plan

Free to use without limits, subject to a fair usage policy; as many projects and entries as you want.

Read from docs.epicollect.net on Nov 13, 2026.

PART 03 · FEATURES

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Free mobile and web data collection from Oxford University. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, public API, forms, surveys.

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Form builder, mobile collection, exports, an API and logic.

From our grade for features

Form builder

Create projects and multi-form questionnaires in the web app, then download them to a device.

Mobile collection

The app runs on Android 10+ and iOS 15.6+, collecting GPS locations and media.

Central views

Entries can be viewed on a map, in tables and in charts on the project site.

Export and API

Data exports as CSV and JSON, and a developer API is documented.

Logic

Jumps, branches, groups and double-entry verification are documented in the form builder.

Where it runs

Web iOS Android

What it works with

Google Maps Google Earth Microreact

Epicollect5 is made by Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

142/148

Other form and survey tools it is graded above

Epicollect5's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 142 of the 148 other form and survey tools we grade, and level with 3.

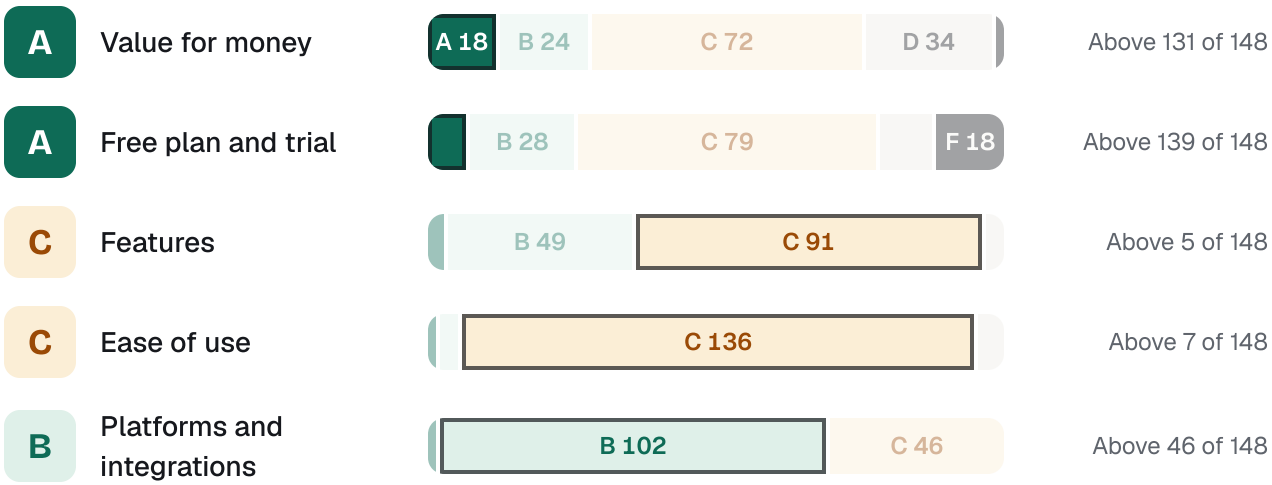
It stands best on free plan and trial (A, above 139 of 148) and worst on features (C, above 5).

Epicollect5 has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

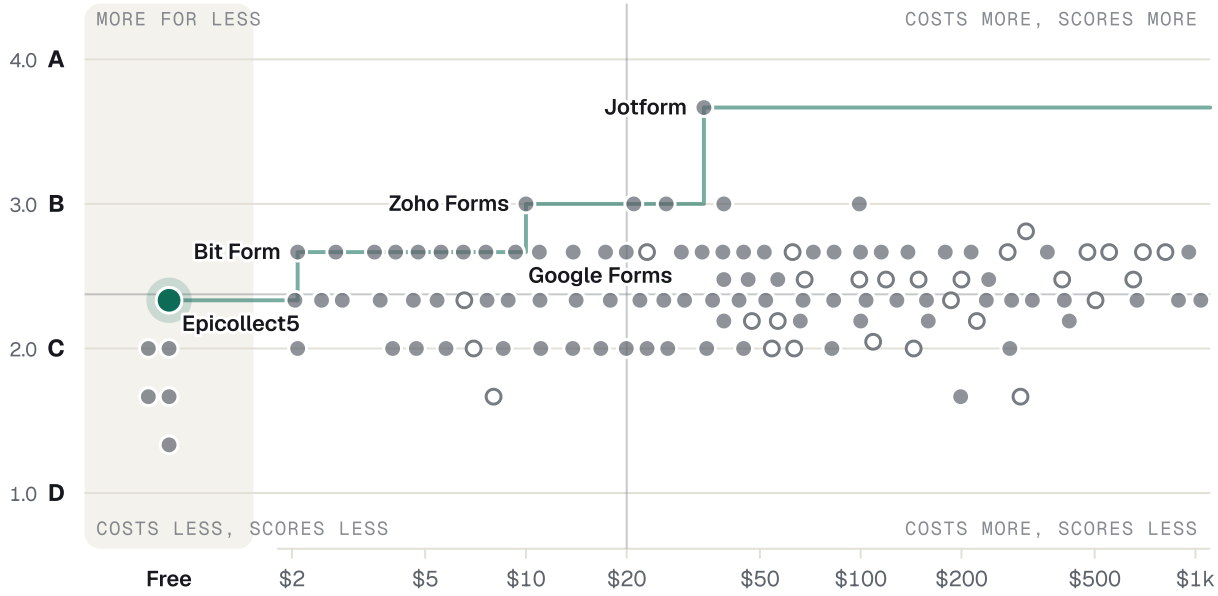
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 149 form and survey tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Epicollect5's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 121 form and survey tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Epicollect5 is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

Epicollect5 is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 142 of the 148 other form and survey tools we grade.

What you could make

- Forms and surveys: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

- It plugs into other products, Google Maps, Google Earth and Microreact among them, and has an API.

What this rests on. Epicollect5's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



KoboToolbox, Open Data Kit, Enketo, Ona and Google Forms

The 5 tools Epicollect5 is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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KoboToolbox

Free plan · from $21/mo

Open-source data collection for field surveys, online or offline.

- Only Epicollect5 lists an iOS app.
- KoboToolbox is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- KoboToolbox also covers reports.

Epicollect5 and KoboToolbox compared in full

2.0 GPA

Open Data Kit

Free plan · from $199/mo

Open-source mobile and web data collection.

- Only Epicollect5 lists an iOS app.
- Open Data Kit is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Epicollect5 and Open Data Kit compared in full

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Enketo

Free

Open-source web forms that work offline.

- Only Epicollect5 lists Android and iOS apps.
- Enketo is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Epicollect5 and Enketo compared in full

2.0 GPA

Ona

Free plan · from $199/mo

Mobile data collection with forms, maps and charts.

- Only Epicollect5 lists Android and iOS apps.
- Ona also covers dashboards.

Epicollect5 and Ona compared in full

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Google Forms

Free plan · from $7/mo

Form, survey and quiz builder that comes with a Google Account.

- Only Epicollect5 lists Android and iOS apps.
- Google Forms also covers templates and reports.

Epicollect5 and Google Forms compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Epicollect5 free?

Yes. Epicollect5 is free to use.

How much does Epicollect5 cost?

Epicollect5 lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Epicollect5 work on?

Epicollect5 is available on Web, Android and iOS.

Does Epicollect5 have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Epicollect5 is listed for Web, Android and iOS.

Does Epicollect5 have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Epicollect5 is listed for Web, Android and iOS.

Is Epicollect5 open source?

Epicollect5 is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Epicollect5 work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

Does Epicollect5 have an API?

Yes. Epicollect5 offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Epicollect5 integrate with?

Epicollect5's listing names Google Maps, Google Earth and Microreact. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Epicollect5?

Epicollect5 is made by Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance.

What are the alternatives to Epicollect5?

The closest alternatives to Epicollect5 in our directory are KoboToolbox, Open Data Kit, Enketo, Ona and Google Forms.

How does Epicollect5 compare with other form and survey tools?

Epicollect5's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 142 of the 148 other form and survey tools we grade, and level with 3.

Is Epicollect5 good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Epicollect5 A for value for money. Epicollect5 has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Epicollect5?

Epicollect5 is free, so making your own would save you nothing. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 142 of the 148 other form and survey tools we grade.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Epicollect5's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Epicollect5's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance. Prices change, so check five.epicollect.net before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Epicollect5, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/epicollect5

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Forms & Surveys Insider's Guide

Every one of the 149 form and survey tools we grade, compared

Formester Insider's Guide

Form builder with unlimited forms and responses on the free plan

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Formgrid Insider's Guide

Form builder with unlimited forms and responses on the free plan

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Google Forms Insider's Guide

Form, survey and quiz builder that comes with a Google Account

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