

Finding Statistics

Search Techniques: Easy Ways to Search for Statistical Data

Agencies that collect and publish statistics

* A list of major federal agencies that collect statistics, with descriptions of the statistics they provide and links to their websites, is available via **FedStats**.

* **Federal Statistics Sites**, a section of this web page, has comments on specific federal agencies and their output, including links to some of the most popular sources from each agency discussed.

* Nationwide statistical databases from federal agencies can include data on states, counties, and cities. See Federal Statistics Sites for more detail and/or the examples below.

- o Statistics by Geography from U.S. Agencies (**FedStats**)
- o State of the Cities Data Systems (**HUD User**)
- o State and County **QuickFacts** (**Census Bureau**) including data for cities with populations over 25,000 as well as state and counties.
- o American **Factfinder**, especially its easy to use Fact Sheets (**Census Bureau**)

State and local government

* **Statistical Abstract**: State Abstracts

* **RAND California** provides easy access to statistics about California; some databases cover the entire United States..

* State and Local Governments (**Library of Congress**)

International/Foreign Countries

* **International Statistical Agencies (Census Bureau)**. Links to the official statistics of other countries and international organizations.

* **OFFSTATS**: Official Statistics on the Web (University of Auckland Library list organized by country name)

Internet search engines especially for government information

* **FedStats** gateway to statistics from over 100 United States federal agencies.

* **Google's U.S. Government Search**.

* **USA.gov**

* **SearchGov.com**

Other Federal Agency Statistical Sites

Many other federal agencies compile statistics or make them available to the public. Some of these are listed below.

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Economic data including the Survey of Current Business, Regional Economic Accounts and more.

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Site offers many interesting statistics on crime including the important compilations **Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics** and **The World Factbook of Criminal Justice Systems**, a factbook which provides narrative descriptions of the criminal justice systems of countries around the world.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Consumer Price Index plus other price indexes, employment/unemployment, average earnings, etc. This site also includes the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Includes TranStats, North American Transportation in Figures, and more.

Economic Research Service (Department of Agriculture)

Economic and other social science analysis and information on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America. State Fact Sheets and more.

Energy Information Administration

Energy statistics/topics.

Internal Revenue Service, Tax Statistics

There's a wealth of information about the financial composition of individuals, business taxpayers, tax exempt organizations and more. The same types of information you would find in the Statistics of Income Bulletin (SOI Bulletin).

National Agricultural Statistics Service

This agency (NASS) studies virtually every facet of U.S. agriculture--production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm aspects of the industry.

National Center for Education Statistics

Includes Tables & Figures Search along with much, much more.

National Center for Health Statistics

Choosing the Data Warehouse gets you to many statistics as well as to CDC Wonder. Try Fast Stats A-Z for frequently requested statistics.

National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Studies

Data on scientists and engineers in the United States.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Statistics on banks and the banking industry.

Federal Reserve Board

Includes their statistical releases and Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District (commonly known as The Beige Book) which reviews current economic conditions in the United States (see link at the bottom of the Beige Book page to access other years of this resource).

GPO Access

Site makes available many government resources including Economic Indicators and the Economic Report of the President.

Treasury Dept. Bureau of the Public Debt

Information on Treasury Bills, Notes, Bonds & Special Securities sold by the Bureau. Includes current as well as some historic rate information.

Statistical Programs of the United States Government

This publication from the Office of Management and Budget discusses budgets and plans for the federal programs that collect statistics; the appendices include a list of federal statistics websites.

Not all college and university libraries will have all of these references available, and some may have many, many more. However, most respected research institutions such as those found UC and CSU system offer a wide-array of materials to assist the scholar. If you don't see what you are looking for, ask the librarian!