

FINDING STATISTICS

Statistics are "numerical facts systematically collected" that can be used in the following ways:

1. to support a statement
2. to provide a basis for a theory (or thesis statement)
3. to compare and contrast
4. to show trends

Statistics can be found in many places—on the Internet, in periodical articles, reference books, and publications of state, federal, and international organizations. The following print and electronic sources provide detailed information on many topics.

The following sources contain statistics on a wide range of topics. We recommend that you consult them first as you begin your search for information.

- Ready Reference
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St29S
- State Rankings 2011: A Statistical View of the 50 United States.**
- This source provides over 550 tables that present state comparisons in the areas of income, taxes, housing, education, health care, crime, government spending, and much more.
- Ready Reference
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Un3S
- Statistical Abstract of the United States.** (Print and Electronic)
<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>
- A good first source to consult for U.S. and international statistics. Use index to locate the correct table number.
- Internet
- FEDSTATS.**
<http://www.census.gov/econ/www/index.html>
- Links to U.S. government Internet sites containing statistical information.

POPULATION -- U.S.

PRINT SOURCES

- R
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Un3C
- County and City Data Book.**
- Presents the latest available census figures for each county and for the larger cities in the United States.
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Un3H
- Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.**
- Provides historical data on major aspects of America's development.
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Un3H1
- Historical Statistics of the United States: Earliest Times to the Present.** (2006)
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ELECTRONIC SOURCES

U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/>

Provides comprehensive coverage of statistics related to population, housing, poverty, economy, foreign trade, and many more.

Changing America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being by Race and Hispanic Origin.

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eop/ca/pdfs/ca.pdf>

“...documents current differences in well-being by race and Hispanic origin and describes how such differences have evolved over the past several decades.”

Administration on Aging: Statistics on Older People.

<http://www.aoa.gov/index.aspx>

Government site providing information about the Older Americans Act and other legislation concerning older Americans. Provides links to additional resources.

ECONOMIC DATA

PRINT SOURCES

R **Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.**

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Un3H

Presents historical data on every major aspect of the nation's social and economic development.

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ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Survey of Current Business.

<http://bea.gov/scb/index.htm>

Online journal that provides descriptive and statistical material on basic income and trade developments in the U.S. Covers prices, foreign trade, commodities, industries, etc.

Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<http://www.bls.gov/data/home.htm>

Extensive information about U.S. economics, labor, occupations, demographics, and more.

Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<http://bea.gov/>

Up-to-date statistics about the U.S. economy. Provides links to Working Papers and other publications. Includes international data.

U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<http://www.usda.gov/>

Includes international and trade data.

Economic Data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

www.census.gov/econ/www/index.html

Detailed economic data based on the U.S. Census.

Monthly Labor Review.

www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/mlrhome.htm

Online periodical from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Includes archives back to 1982.

Statistical Releases.

www.federalreserve.gov/releases/

Data from the Federal Reserve Board.

The World Agricultural Information Centre.

http://www.fao.org/waicent/portal/about_en.asp

Data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

PRINT SOURCES

- R
312.058
D396D **Demographic Yearbook.** (2008)
UN data including official statistics from almost 220 geographic areas of the world.
- Ready
Reference
R
320.058
Eu74E **The Europa World Yearbook.**
Includes detailed information and statistics for European and non-European countries.
- R
961.048
M584M2 **The Middle East and North Africa 2005.**
Provides an overview of the political, social, and economic status of each country.
- Ready
Reference
R
320.058
St1 **Statesman's Yearbook: The Essential Political and Economic Guide to all the Countries of the World.**
Provides a comprehensive overview of every country in the world. Includes websites for national governments and international organizations.
- Ready
Reference
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W893 **World Almanac and Book of Facts.**
Contains social, industrial, political, financial, religious, educational, and other statistics. Up-to-date and generally reliable, it gives sources for many of the statistics. The index is located at the front of each volume.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Development Data.

www.worldbank.org/data/databytopic/databytopic.html

Current data on a wide variety of topics from the World Bank.

CIA World Factbook.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Current statistical information for many countries.

The World Agricultural Information Centre.

http://www.fao.org/waicent/portal/about_en.asp

Data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

U.S. Department of Commerce. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<http://bea.gov/>

Contains extensive data relating to economics.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PRINT SOURCE

- R
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Un3H1
- Historical Statistics of the United States; Colonial Times to the Present.** (2006)
Provides historical data on every major aspect of the nation's social development.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/NCSA>

Provides a "by-state profile of traffic safety data and information."

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.

<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/>

Government site providing access to a large amount of information about drugs, substance abuse, and addiction.

U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>

Provides information about drug trafficking, important cases, law enforcement, drug-related news releases, and much more.

Bureau of Justice Statistics.

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

Contains links to a wide variety of criminal justice and law enforcement statistics.

HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

PRINT SOURCES

- R
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Am35A **America at the Polls: A Handbook of American Presidential Election Statistics.**
Provides election statistics from each state from 1920 to 2004 given by county.
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Am35A **America Votes.**
Provides voting statistics arranged alphabetically by state, including elections since 1945 of presidents, governors, senators, and representatives.
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ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Statistical Abstract: Historical Statistics.

http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/hist_stats.html

Provides statistics on many aspects on American life from 1900 to 2002.

Historical Census Browser.

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Provides statistics on the population and economy of the United States and counties from 1790 to 1960.

EDUCATION

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

EdStats

<http://www.worldbank.org/education/edstats>

Education statistics from developing countries provided by the World Bank.

National Center for Education Statistics.

<http://www.nces.ed.gov/>

Provides detailed information about virtually all public and private schools. Also includes data from each state and from individual school districts and libraries.

Online Education Database.

www.oecd.org/education/database

International education statistics from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

HEALTH

PRINT SOURCE

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317.3
Un3H1 **Historical Statistics of the United States; Colonial Times to the Present.** (2006)
Presents historical data on every major aspect of U.S. social and economic development.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/>

Provides statistics on a wide variety of health-related issues in the United States.

World Health Organization.

<http://www.who.int/research/en/>

Provides comprehensive international statistical information.

ENVIRONMENT

PRINT SOURCE

- R
320.058
O43O **OECD Factbook 2006: Economic, Environmental, and Social Statistics.**
Published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Provides a global overview of economic, social, and environmental trends.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

UN Statistics: Environment

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/default.htm>

International statistics on factors related to the environment.

U.S. Department of the Interior.

www.doi.gov/

Provides statistics related to topics such as managing America's natural resources, Indian affairs, wildlife, national parks, public lands, and energy.

Fisheries Statistics & Economics.

<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/>

Provides data from domestic recreational fisheries, domestic commercial fisheries, and foreign commercial fisheries

The World Agricultural Information Centre.

<http://www.fao.org/corp/statistics/en/>

Provides worldwide data related to agriculture from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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