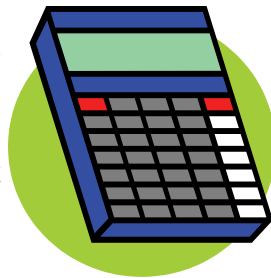


# Finding What You Need ... About Statistics

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‘Statistics’ is the collection, analysis, interpretation and presentation of numerical data. The sciences, social sciences and business use statistics to document the extent and nature of situations and problems, make comparisons and support theories.



## REFERENCE WORKS

**2000 CENSUS**—Although data from the 2000 is incorporated into books, the quickest way to get to the information now is to go to <http://www.census.gov>. Ask a reference librarian if you need help.

**\*Current editions of the following books are in reference; earlier editions are in the circulating collection.**

**For economic and demographic information about other countries -**

- \* 310.25 Sta Statesman's Yearbook
- \* 310 Sta Statistical Abstract of the World

**For information about the United States -**

- \* R 317.3 Cou City and County Extra: Annual Metro City and County Data Book  
For demographics ranked by city, state and county
- \* R 317.3 Pla Places, Towns and Townships  
For demographics about towns and townships.
- \* R 317 Sta Statistical Abstract of the United States  
An excellent Source of government statistics on health, demographics and

the economy.

**For New Jersey Demographics -**

\* R 307.76 New New Jersey Municipal Data Book

A source of New Jersey demographic information by city.

**Geographic Statistics**

R 919.3 Web Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary

**For Statistics on American life prior to 1970 -**

R 317.33 His Historical Statistics of the United States

**For general demographics -**

R 310 New New York Public Library Desk Reference

\* R 031.02 Wor World Almanac

**For economic, business and sales indicators—**

New Jersey Economic Indicators—a monthly periodical discussing the status of the state's economy.

**For going to extremes**

R 032 Gui Guinness Book of Records

**BOOKS**

Use the online catalog to find books

- Try adding 'statistics' to your search term.
- The 'Information Plus' series on current topics contains statistical information. To find books in this series, use the 'Word or Phrase' search option; add 'Information Plus' to your search term.

**PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ONLINE INFORMATION**

Articles in science, social science and business journals often include sub-

stantial statistical information.

- Try adding ‘statistics’ to your search terms, although just because an article is not indexed as such does not mean it does not contain statistical information.
- Articles from Advertising Age often contain statistics about business issues, so look for that title in your search results or limit your search to that title.
- Academic Search Premier, ProQuest Research Library and Science Select let you limit your search to scholarly information, which makes it easier to find research articles.
- Medline offers research articles in medicine and the biological sciences.
- Facts on File has a ‘World Atlas’ that lets you retrieve economic, cultural and other data. You can find data on one country or state or compare data for several entities

## **INTERNET**

The Internet can be a good source of statistical information, as it is updated frequently. Information on the ‘Net is sometimes unedited and requires careful evaluation. Government information and material provided by reputable organizations and schools is usually as reliable as information published by these groups in journals. Add ‘statistics’ to your search term.

Bureau of Labor Statistics – [stats.bls.gov/](http://stats.bls.gov/)

Bureau of Justice Statistics – [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/) (crime statistics in summary form)

Census Information – [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

CensusScope: Social Science Data Analysis Network—[www.censuscope.org/](http://www.censuscope.org/)

Center for Disease Control – [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

CIA World Factbook (International demographic information) - [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)  
(select from home page)

Consumer Price Index – [www.bls.gov/](http://www.bls.gov/)

Corporate and Stock Information – [www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com)  
[www.stockmaster.com](http://www.stockmaster.com)

Data on the Net – [3stages.org/idata](http://3stages.org/idata)

Department of Education – [www.ed.gov/index.jsp](http://www.ed.gov/index.jsp) (click on ‘Research and Statistics’)

Department of Transportation National Center for Statistics and Analysis – [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) (click on ‘NCSA’)

Economic Statistics Briefing Room – [www.clinton2.nara.gov/fsbr/esbr.html](http://www.clinton2.nara.gov/fsbr/esbr.html)

Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling – [eagletonpoll.rutgers.edu](http://eagletonpoll.rutgers.edu)

Fedstats (government statistics) – [www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)

FBI Uniform Crime Abstracts—[www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm)

Finding Data on the Internet—[nilesonline.com.data](http://nilesonline.com.data)

Kids Count Data Online—[www.kidscount.org/datacenter](http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter)

National Center for Health Statistics – [www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)

POPClocks (United States and world population)  
[www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html)

State of the World’s Children (UNICEF) -<http://www.unicef.org/sowc08/>

Statemaster (US statistics ) - [www.statemaster.com](http://www.statemaster.com)

Statistical Abstract of the United States—  
<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-us.html>

Statistical Resources on the Web –  
[www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html](http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html)

UN Data—[data.un.org](http://data.un.org)

UNESCO Institute for Statistics - [www.uis.unesco.org](http://www.uis.unesco.org)

University of Louisville Libraries Government Resources –  
[library.louisville.edu/government/subjects/subject.html](http://library.louisville.edu/government/subjects/subject.html)

WHOSIS (World Health Organization) –  
[www3.who.int/whosis](http://www3.who.int/whosis)

WWW Virtual Library-Statistics—[www.stat.ufl.edu/vlib/statistics.html](http://www.stat.ufl.edu/vlib/statistics.html)

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