

## DIS 245: Information Access

### Key Resources for Understanding, Finding and Using Government Information at the UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library

Sources are grouped by major category: General Resources, Statistics, and Legislation. Each section contains library or librarian produced guides, government and commercially produced resources in print and electronic formats. This is not a comprehensive guide. It is intended to give an overview of the key resources for understanding, finding and using government information.

#### General Resources

American Library Association, Government Documents Round Table. *Guide to official publications of foreign countries*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Bethesda, MD : LexisNexis ; Congressional Information Service, 1997. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: Z7164.G7 G83 1997

American Library Association, Government Documents Round Table. *GODORT Handout Exchange and Handout Clearinghouse*. <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/godort.html>

Dinan, Desmond, ed. *Encyclopedia of the European Union*. Updated ed. Basingstoke : Macmillan, 2000. YRL Reference Reading Room Call Number: JN30 .E52 2000

Hardy, Gayle J. *Subject Guide to U.S. Government Reference Sources*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 1996. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: Z1223.Z7 R63 1996

Martin, Mary, ed. *Local and Regional Government Information, How to Find It, How to Use It*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2005. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: Z 1223.5 A1 L63 2005

Moody, Marilyn K. Sears, Jean L. *Using government information sources : electronic and print*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Phoenix, Ariz. : Oryx Press, 2001. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: Z1223.Z7 S4 2001

Morehead, Joe. *Introduction to United States Government Information Sources*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 1999. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: ZA5055.U6 M67 1999

Morrison, Andrea M. and Barbara J. Mann. *International Government Information and Country Information: A Subject Guide*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2004. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: ZA 5050.M67 2004

Osmańczyk, Edmund Jan and Anthony Mango. *Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York : Routledge, 2003. YRL Reference Desk, v.1-4 Call Number: KZ4968 .O84 2003

Smith, Lori L. et al. *Tapping state government information sources*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2003. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: Z1223.5.A1 T36 2003

U.S. Government Printing Office and Oklahoma State University Library. *Browse Topics*. <http://www.library.okstate.edu/Govdocs/browsetopics/>

YRL Government Information Website, <http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/govinfo/index.htm>

## Statistics

### General Sources

*Finding Government Statistics* – Guide developed by YRL

<http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/guides/findstats.htm>

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget. *Statistical Programs of the United States Government*. Washington, D.C. : O.M.B. Available online, <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3897>

*FedStats*, (Gateway to Federal Statistical Agencies) <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

*LexisNexis Statistical*, (Provides online access to ASI, IIS, and SRI; indexes and abstracts only).

<http://uclibs.org/PID/21391>

*American statistics index. Cumulative index.* Washington : Congressional Information Service. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: Z7551.A2 A513 Cumulative Index, Abstracts.

*Index to International Statistics : IIS.* Washington, D.C. : Congressional Information Service, 1983. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: HA36.I52, Cumulative Index, Abstracts.

### Statistical Abstracts

*Statistical abstract of the United States.* Washington : G.P.O. YRL Reference Desk Core and Reading Room, Call Number: HA 202. Also available online, <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2878>)

Carter, Susan, et al. *Historical Statistics of the United States : Earliest Times to the Present.* New York : Cambridge University Press, 2006. YRL Reference Desk HA202 .H57 2006 v. 1-5. Also available online, <http://uclibs.org/PID/108043>

*Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970.* Washington : U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. YRL Reading Room, HA205 .A47 1975 v. 1-2. (and holdings at other libraries). Also available online, Part 1: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS55561> Part 2: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS55811>

*California Statistical Abstract.* Sacramento, Calif. : Economic Development Agency of the State of California. YRL Reference Desk and Reading Room, Call Number: HA261 .A23

*Demographic yearbook. Annuaire démographique.* New York [etc.] : Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistical Office, United Nations. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number HB881 .D39. Also available online, <http://bibpurl.oclc.org/web/10498>

Statistical Yearbooks from Foreign Countries. Located in YRL Reference Reading Room, beginning with Call Number's HA 740's. Earlier editions are in YRL Stacks or SRLF.

### U.S. Decennial Census

Anderson, Margo J. *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census.* Washington, D.C. : CQ Press, 2000. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number: HA37.U55 C66 2000

Gauthier, Jason G. *Measuring America : the Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000*. Washington, D.C. : U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, 2002. YRL Reference Desk, Call Number, HA37.U62 M43 2002b. Also available online, <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS50135>

1790 – 2000 Census of Population, Census of Population and Housing, YRL Reference Reading Room  
Census Wall

U.S. Census Bureau. *American Factfinder*. Available online, <http://factfinder.census.gov/>  
Census Bureau homepage: <http://www.census.gov/>

*AncestryLibrary.com* (An extensive collection of family history research databases, including the U.S. Federal Census images from 1790 to 1930.) Available online, <http://uclibs.org/PID/97924>

*Social Explorer* (Provides access to historical census statistics (1940-2000). Statistics go down to the Census Tract level) Available online, <http://www.socialexplorer.com/>

## Legislation

### Federal Legislation

*Tracing Legislation*, Guide developed by YRL,  
<http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/guides/polisci140a.htm>

*Legislative Searches – Federal Government*, Guide developed by YRL,  
<http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/guides/B7LegislativeSearchesFederalGovernment.pdf>

*LexisNexis Congressional*, <http://uclibs.org/PID/6941>

Contains fully researched CIS legislative histories with full text of bills, debates, reports, and testimony, (availability of indexing and full text varies, 1789 to Current, and 1960-current). Online version of print CIS indexes.

*CIS Index to US Senate executive documents & reports : covering documents and reports not printed in the US Serial Set, 1817-1969*. Washington, D.C. : Congressional Information Service, inc., c1987. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: KF40 .C55 1987 index

Congressional Information Service. *CIS U.S. Serial Set Index*. Washington : Congressional Information Service, c1975. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: Z1223.Z9 C65 1975

Congressional Information Service. *CIS Index – Index, Four Year Cumulative Index, Abstracts, Legislative Histories*. Washington : Congressional Information Service. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: KF49 C62

*Thomas*, <http://thomas.loc.gov/> Legislative information from the Library of Congress, back to 101<sup>st</sup> Congress (1989-1990); full text via GPO Access Legislative Resources, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

*Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation*, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html> U.S. congressional documents and debates 1774-1873, provided by the Library of Congress.

*Archive Americana*, <http://uclibs.org/PID/96631> Early American Newspapers, series I, 1690-1876 American state papers, 1789-1838, House and Senate journals, series I, 1789-1817, Senate executive journals, series I, 1789-1866 and U.S. Congressional serial set, 1817-1980. Provided by Readex.

## **California Legislation**

How a Bill Becomes a Law <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bil2lawd.html>

California Legislative History, Guide developed by UCLA Law Library  
<http://www.law.ucla.edu/docs/1615252042006guidecl.pdf>

California Legislation & Law, Guide developed by YRL  
[http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/govinfo/cal\\_leglaw.htm](http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/govinfo/cal_leglaw.htm)

California State Legislature <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/>  
Access to legislative guides, bills back to 1993, and other legislative research.

California Bills, Daily and Weekly Files, Indexes, Statutes at Large, etc. are located in the MGI Reading Room, YRL A-Level.

2006 California Political Almanac, <http://library.cqpress.com/cpa/>

## **Maps**

Larsgaard, Mary. Map librarianship : an Introduction. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 1998. YRL Reference Reading Room Call Number: [Z692.M3 L37 1998](#)

Maps & GIS, Guide developed by YRL <http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/rco/geographic.htm>

Map collections are housed in open and closed stacks on the A-Level of YRL and in SRLF.