



Defining Government Information

Government information simply put is any information produced by a government entity. That might include the different branches of the government, agencies, commissions, or committees, whether they be federal, state, or local governments. The kinds of information produced and disseminated by the government also comes in a variety of forms. The types of government information include laws, regulations, policy, grants information, technical reports, medical and science research, and statistics among others.

Portals (Starting Points) to U.S. Government Information

FirstGov.gov www.firstgov.gov

U.S. Government Printing Office - GPOAccess www.gpoaccess.gov

Finding a U.S. Government Agency

LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html

U.S. Federal Government Agencies Database www.lib.duke.edu/texis/uslinks/uslinks

State and Local Government Web Index www.statelocalgov.net

Principal Statistical Agencies of the Federal Government

Bureau of Economic Analysis www.bea.doc.gov/

Bureau of Justice Statistics www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/

Bureau of Labor Statistics www.bls.gov/

Bureau of the Census www.census.gov/

Bureau of Transportation Statistics www.bts.gov/

Energy Information Administration www.eia.doe.gov/index.html

Economic Research Service www.ers.usda.gov/

Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/

Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division www.irs.gov/taxstats/

National Agricultural Statistics Service www.usda.gov/nass/

National Center for Education Statistics nces.ed.gov/

National Center for Health Statistics www.cdc.gov/nchs/default.htm

Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm

Social Security Administration, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics www.ssa.gov/policy/

Office of Management and Budget www.whitehouse.gov/omb/

Online Web Directories to U.S. Government Information

The Federal Web Locator www.infoctr.edu/fwl

Frequently Used Sites Related to U.S. Federal Gov't Information www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf/

Librarians Index to the Internet lii.org > Government

Internet Public Library www.ipl.org > Government

INFOMINE infomine.ucr.edu > Government Info

Other Sources of U.S. Government Information on the Internet

Government Periodicals (magazines and journals) library.louisville.edu/government/periodicals/periodall.html

Using Internet Search Engines to Locate U.S. Government Information

- Restrict your searches in Google or Yahoo! by combining keywords in the search box with site:.gov, site:.mil, or site:.us to reach a list of government-only websites (example - biotechnology AND site:.gov)

- Google's Unclesam www.google.com/unclesam Only searches websites in the .gov, .mil, and .us domains

Resources at ACC Library

Government Information on the Internet, 6th (circulating book) COMING SOON!

Well organized print web directory pointing readers to a list of about 5,000 federal, state, local, international and intergovernmental websites, educational and commercial sites with government-related information, and sites that serve as finding aids to government information.

LEXIS-NEXIS Statistical Universe (online database)

* On-Campus Use Only

Enables access to statistics produced by the U.S. government, major international intergovernmental organizations, professional and trade organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations, state government agencies, and universities.



National Libraries

Library of Congress

www.locweb.loc.gov

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world. The Library's mission is to make its resources available and useful to the Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations. Besides being able to search for items in their physical collection, the LoC website also offers an abundance of online information—historic maps, photos, documents, audio and video, digital resources on world culture, as well as current legislative information, among other things.

National Library of Education

www.ed.gov/NLE

The National Library of Education provides information on programs and activities in the Department of Education, Department publications, education materials from other federal agencies, services and resources available through ERIC, the research institutes, and the national education dissemination system, and statistics through the National Center for Education Statistics.

*ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), a database of journal and nonjournal education literature sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, is searchable through the ERIC website www.eric.ed.gov/ as well as OCLC FirstSearch, a collection of databases provided to you by the ACC Library accessible from our website.

National Library of Medicine

www.nlm.nih.gov

The National Library of Medicine is the world's largest medical library. The Library collects materials in all areas of biomedicine and health care, as well as works on biomedical aspects of technology, the humanities, and the physical, life, and social sciences. The collections stand at 5.3 million items—books, journals, technical reports, manuscripts, microfilms, photographs, and images.

National Agricultural Library

www.nal.usda.gov

The National Agriculture Library is a major source for agriculture and related information. Subjects covered in this collection include all aspects of agriculture and allied disciplines including plant and animal sciences, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural products, alternative farming practices, and food and nutrition.

* AGRICOLA, a bibliographic database of citations to the agricultural literature created by the NAL, is searchable through the NAL website as well as EBSCOhost, a collection of databases provided to you by the ACC Library accessible from our website.

