

FACTS AND FIGURES: ONLINE SOURCES FOR STATISTICAL INFORMATION

United Nations Statistics Division

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

“The Statistics Division's main functions are:

1. the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information;
2. the standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions;
3. the technical cooperation programme; and
4. the coordination of international statistical programmes and activities. “

On the left side of the home page you will find links for statistical information in a number of areas.

University of Arizona Library: Statistics Resource Finder: Worldwide Statistics

<http://www.library.arizona.edu/help/how/find/stats/index.html>

This site provides sources for world-wide statistics in a wide range of subject areas. For example, look at [GeoHive](#), a source for "Statistics on the human population and Earth in general."

University of Michigan Library: Government Documents Center Reference

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/government-documents-center>

Note especially the links on the left under "Government document Center." The "Collections" and "Guides" links will help you find government information.

The U.S. Census Department

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

The Web page of the Census Department offers subject searching through an A-Z list or a search engine. The "American Fact Finder" link may lead you to information you are seeking. A wide range of information is available through links on the page. [The 2011 Statistical Abstract: Guide to Sources of Statistics](#), at http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/guide_to_sources.html, "contains references to important primary sources of statistical information for the United States."

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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

This is the official website of the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. You will find economic statistics including information on incomes.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://stats.bls.gov>

The Bureau of Labor provides statistical information on economic areas such as labor, and employment. An A-Z subject index, along with numerous links on the home page, facilitates searches. Consumer price indexes are available from the Bureau at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi>. Current and historical information is available. For example, under "Tables Created by BLS" see **Table Containing History of CPI-U U.S. All Items Indexes and Annual Percent Changes From 1913 to Present**.

U.S. Bureau of Justice: Crime Statistics

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

Current statistics on a wide range of areas related to crime and justice. In addition to links for information collected by the Bureau of Justice, links are provided to sources of information such as juvenile crime.

Education Statistics

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

In addition to general information on education, this National Center for Education Statistics offers "ED Stats at a Glance" with links such as "Condition of Education Report," and the "Digest of Education Statistics." You can also search in subject and title indexes. Under "Quick Tables and Figures," you can conduct key word or topic searches in NCES sources.

Fedstats

<http://www.fedstats.gov/regional.html>

This site offers links to statistical sources arranged in broad categories such as agriculture, crime and education. A link to an A-Z Topic list offers a more comprehensive list of sources of statistics and other information.

Offstats: Official Statistics on the Web

<http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/>

Offstats offers "free and easily accessible social, economic and general data from official sources." Searches can be made via drop down menus for countries, regions, or topics.

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