

Before you start searching

Analyze your data needs! Decide on



TOPIC



GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE



TIME FRAME



MICRODATA VS. AGGREGATE

Where do I find the statistics?

Understand the big picture: different layers of data sources

Available Online

Available in Library



GOVERNMENT AGENCY

i.e. U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics.

Products: data files, reports, working papers, data portals (i.e. American factfinder), etc.



STATISTICAL DATABASES

Collect data from government agencies, research institutions, trade associations and/or private sectors.

Products: ICPSR (Microdata); Statista, ProQuest Statistical Abstract/Insights (aggregate data).



ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INSTITUTION

i.e. Climate Change Institute, Urban Institute, UMaine professors.

Products: books, articles, working papers, reports, data portals, etc.



LIBRARY CATALOG ARTICLE DATABASES

Provide access to books or articles from researchers, scholars, or professionals.

Products: URSUS catalog; article databases such as Business Premium Collection, Econlit, etc.



TRADE ASSOCIATION/ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

i.e. American Hospital Association, American Public Health Association.

Products: books, journals, trade publications, fact sheets, reports, working papers, etc.



LIBRARY & LIBRARIANS

We collect resources and create library guides to help you find these resources!

Roadmap for Finding Statistics



2 Use the guide to find the statistical databases available in your library.



1 Start with the Library Guide that provides resources/strategies for your research topic.



3 Targeted online search using Google and other search engines.



4 Use Google Advanced site:.gov domain search to locate statistical products from related government agencies.



6 Conduct literature search in library catalogs, Google Scholar or journal/index databases to find the source of the statistics used in the literature.



5 Use Google Site:.edu or site:.org search to locate statistical products from academic/research institutions, trade associations or nonprofit organizations.



7 Don't hesitate to ask for help!



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