

Before you start searching

Analyze your data needs! Decide on



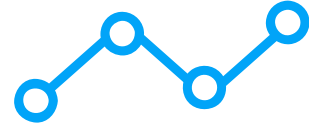
TOPIC



GEOGRAPHY



TIME FRAME



MICRODATA VS. AGGREGATES

Where do I find the statistics?

Understand the big picture: different layers of data sources

Available Online

Available in Library



GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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

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



ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INSTITUTES

i.e. Climate Change Institute, Urban Institute, etc.

Products: data portals, Institutional data repository, white paper, reports, etc.



NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION/ TRADE ASSOCIATION

i.e. American Hospital Association, Kaiser Family Foundation.

Products: data webpages, trade publications, fact sheets, reports, working papers, etc.



LIBRARY DATA SOURCES

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

Products: ProQuest Statistical Abstract (aggregated data), ICPSR (Microdata).



JOURNAL ARTICLE DATABASE

Provide access to scholarly journal articles, which may share collected data or cite other data sources.

Products: Econlit, Business Source Complete, Google Scholar, etc.



We collect data sources and create library research guides to help you find data!

SEARCHING IS A STRATEGIC EXPLORATION!

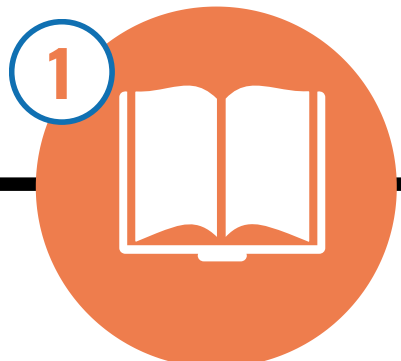


A Roadmap for your Data Finding Adventure!

Be flexible is the key when you are on the road.



If you don't know the specific data source, start with Google search a libguide on the data topic, for example, searching "public safety statistics libguide".



Use Google Scholar and EconLit to find articles on your topic and see how the stories are told by others, check data sources and tracking citations to find more related articles.



Explore a library data source such as ProQuest Statistical Abstract (aggregated data), ICPSR (Microdata) to find more clues for data sources.



Search online data portals such as American Factfinder, Data.gov, Educational Data Explore, IPUMS, etc.



Use Google site:.gov domain search to identify related government agencies and locate their statistical products.



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



If you still cannot figure it out yourself, don't hesitate to ask for help!



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