



A Shake Library Guide to Free Government Information on the Web

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Many government agencies and worldwide organizations publish extensive, up-to-date information on the Internet, including medical information, statistics, weather information, geographical information, and much more. Unfortunately, without the right tools, information seekers will have difficulty locating government information. The following links provide guidance to those seeking local, state, national, and international government information.

If you need further assistance locating information, please ask a librarian at the Shake Library reference desk.

A GOOD PLACE TO START

USAGov

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

Search US government sites through the provided links or try USAGov's search function. USAGov includes information about government agencies, branches of the federal government, the U.S. military, and more. Educators and parents will appreciate USAGov kids and teens pages as great places to find child-friendly information on a wide variety of topics.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Indiana University, Bloomington Guide to Government Information

<http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=386>

Use this guide by clicking on text and following provided links to information appropriate for your needs. Topics covered include Indiana Local and State Government, Federal Government, International Government, and Geography.

University of Michigan Documents Center

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/>

Well-organized links to all kinds of government information appear here, including U.S. and international governments, government-related organizations, and human rights advocacy groups.

CENSUS AND GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder

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

Use this resource to search for information about poverty, regional economies, population growth, geography, and more.

University of Virginia Geospatial and Statistical Data Center

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

This site provides U.S. census and map data extending from 1790 to 2000.

U.S. National Archives Resources for Genealogy and History

<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/index.html>

This site provides government information for family historians and links to other history and genealogy research resources.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND THE WORLD

United Nations Statistics Division

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

Use this site to access worldwide statistical information collected by the United Nations, including information about population, health, earnings, cost of living, and the environment.

Yale University Guide to Basic Internet Resources for United Nations Information

<http://www.library.yale.edu/un/un2b.html>

Through this site, Yale University library provides links to official and unofficial sources of information about the United Nations, including international statistics gathered by the United Nations.

LEGAL INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Government Publications Office of the United States

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

Use this site to access an index of online government publications or information about other government publications.

Thomas at the Library of Congress

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

Use this site to retrieve information about federal laws and legislative activity.

STATE OF INDIANA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Indiana Local Government Information

<http://www.state.in.us/mylocal/>

Use this site to find information about local government officials, licensing, child care providers, farms, and more.

Access Indiana

<http://www.state.in.us/>

Use this site to locate information about state agencies and the branches of government

Illinois State Government

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

Similar to Indiana Access, this site searches pages related to Illinois agencies and branches of government.

Indiana Department of Education Information and Statistics

<http://www.doe.in.us/>

This site provides links to Department of Education and local school information, including ISTEP scores and other information about individual schools and school districts.

Illinois Education Information and Statistics

<http://webprod1.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/getsearchcriteria.aspx>

This site retrieves information about local schools, including performance on standardized tests