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Finding Statistics

Where to look

Finding statistics is no longer a big chore. The NVCC library has a wide array of resources to aid you in finding the numbers needed for your assignments and reports.

Opposing Viewpoints Go to the library homepage, click Electronic Databases and select *Opposing Viewpoints*. This database offers statistical data as part of an array of resources on a wide range of topics. On the opening page type your topic into the search box or choose a topic from the list.

Websites:

Connecticut	http://www.state.ct.us/dph/Publications/publications.htm
Dept. of Justice	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/
Economic Statistics Briefing Room at the White House	http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html
Education	http://nces.ed.gov/
Employment	http://www.bls.gov/
facts	http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html
FBI's Uniform Crime Reports	http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm/
Federal Agencies	http://www.fedstats.gov/
Health	http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
How to Use Stats	http://www.robertniles.com/stats/
U.S. Census Main Page	http://www.census.gov/
U.S. Census Subject Index	http://www.census.gov/main/www/subjects.html

Searching the Web

Using search engines to randomly seek out statistics is not usually very efficient, but some search engines have links to good statistics sites if you use their directories. For example, Yahoo's Reference page has many statistics sites indexed under such areas as agriculture, business, crime, labor, population, transportation, and more:

<http://dir.yahoo.com/Reference/Statistics/>

Finding Statistics in Periodical Articles

The most recent statistics are often found in news stories and articles from both popular and scholarly publications. Use the iCONN periodical databases, from the library's Electronic Databases page, as sources for such articles. When searching, combine topic words with the words "statistics" or "statistical" (statistic*, using the * as a wild card, will get both), and/or "demographics" as a separate search word. For example: **consumers and statistics and marketing (health care) and (vital statistics) (Hispanic Americans) and demographics**

NVCC subscribes to the journal *American Demographics* in print. Use the periodical database *Business & Company Research Center* as an index and for full text to selected articles.

Books & Periodicals on Statistics in the NVCC Library

HA is the Library of Congress designation for statistics. Browse this section in the Reference area and on the regular shelves for helpful resources in understanding and applying statistics, as well as collections of statistical data. (The mathematical aspect of statistics is in QA 200.) Some examples of resources in **Reference HA** (use the online catalog to find more):

<i>Historical Statistics of the United States</i>	Ref. HA 202 A385
<i>State Atlas of Political and Cultural Diversity</i>	Ref. G 1201 .E25 L5
<i>Statistical Abstract of the United States 2000</i>	Ref. HA 202 A222
<i>Connecticut Vital Statistics</i>	Ref. HA 281 R43
<i>State Profiles: The Population and Economy of Each U.S. State</i>	Ref. HA 203 .S74
<i>Illustrated Book of World Rankings</i>	Ref. HA 155 K87

Other valuable statistical resources are found under topical subject headings. For example:

<i>Connecticut Town Profiles</i>	Ref. HN 79 C8 C65 (sociology)
<i>Statistical Handbook of the American Family</i>	Ref. HQ 536 S727 (sociology)
<i>Housing Statistics of the United States</i>	Ref. HD 7293 A1 H68 (economics)
<i>Handbook of U.S. Labor Statistics</i>	Ref. HD 8051 H36 (economics)
<i>Tao of statistics : a path to understanding</i>	QA 276 .K253
<i>Chances are: adventures in probability</i>	QA 273.15 .K37

"Americans consume over 3.1 billion pounds of chocolate each year, or 11.7 pounds per person."
-- Yin, Sandra. "Chock Full of Gold." *American Demographics*. February 2004.