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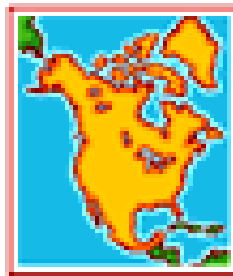
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Getting Started with Statistics at the Civic Center Library

These reference books, websites, and other resources contain statistics on population, health, crime, business, and dozens of other topics. For further assistance, please ask a reference librarian.



Reference Sources



Countries of the World/United States

[*Business Statistics of the United States*](#). Bernan Press (2004)

This is “a basic desk reference for everyone requiring historical information about the U.S. economy since World War II, or needing background information for the interpretation of new economic data as they are reported.” Statistics are provided for such categories as income, production, consumer spending, foreign trade, and employment.

Reference 330.973

[*Cities Ranked & Rated*](#). Wiley Publishing (2004)

This guide profiles over 400 metropolitan areas in the United States and Canada, providing statistics on jobs, cost of living, education, health, and crime. **Reference 917.3**

[*Datapedia of the United States 1790-2005: America Year by Year*](#). Bernan Press (2001)

This book contains “the most significant historical statistics of the United States in 23 selected areas from 1776 to 2000.” Categories include population, health, migration, labor, income, housing, technological development, and government. **Reference 317.3**

[*Hispanic Americans: A Statistical Sourcebook*](#). Information Publications (2002)

This is “a comprehensive review of all available federal government statistical information on the Hispanic population.” Most of the statistics in this book derive from the 1990s; some date back to the early 1980s. **Reference 305.868**

[*Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*](#). U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (1975)

A collection of historical statistics on population, labor, agriculture, business, and other topics. The accompanying text “also includes reference to where more detail can be found.” **Reference 317.3**

[*The Statesman’s Yearbook*](#). Palgrave Macmillan (The Civic Center Library receives annually)

This publication features information on “the politics, cultures and economies of the world.” The profiles of each country include statistics on population, births and deaths, government, energy and natural resources, industry, trade, and communications. The Civic Center Library owns editions from the years 1927, 1931-1932, 1942, 1957, and 1961 to the present. Current edition: **Reference Desk 303**

[*Statistical Abstract of the United States*](#). U.S. Department of Commerce (The Civic Center Library receives annually)

This is an annual “summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It is designed to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference and as a guide to other statistical publications and sources.” Entries indicate source of information, and provide links to websites if the information is available online. The Civic Center Library owns this title from 1957 to the present (some years are missing). Current edition: **Reference Desk 317.3**

[*Statistical Handbook on Women in America*](#). Oryx Press (1996)

This statistical resource on women contains “over 260 tables and 80 charts” reproduced “from federal government sources (including unpublished tables) and nongovernmental publications.” Topics include population, birth trends, employment, health, and education. **Reference 305.409**

[*Statistical Portrait of the United States: Social Conditions and Trends*](#). Bernal Press (1998)

“Through a combination of written exposition, graphics, and detailed tabulations, this volume presents statistical indicators from a multitude of government and private sources.” In addition to covering “demographic topics such as population growth, fertility, and immigration,” it contains data on “education, crime, recreation and leisure, voting, environmental trends, and changes in government programs, taxes, and spending.” **Reference 306.0973**

[*Statistical Record of Black America*](#). Gale Research (1990)

This resource contains “nearly 1,000 statistical graphs, tables, and lists taken from a wide variety of private, commercial, and governmental sources.” Categories include population, housing, business, health, labor, politics, income, and crime. **Reference 305.896**

[Statistical Record of Older Americans](#). Gale Research (1994)

This is “a compilation of information on the elderly component of the U.S. population drawn from governmental, academic, association, technical, trade, and journalistic sources.” Statistics are also provided for selected states and cities. **Reference 305.26**

[Vital Statistics of the United States: Births, Life Expectancy, Deaths and Selected Health Data](#). Bernan Press (2004)

This resource provides a “comprehensive collection of tables on births, deaths, and marriage and divorce.” Each table includes “descriptive or explanatory text and a number of tables are illustrated by charts.” **Reference 317**

- The Civic Center Library also owns the 1971 through 1994 editions of [Vital Statistics](#), published by U.S. Bureau of the Census. The website of the [National Center for Health Statistics](#) offers editions dating back to 1890.

[The World Almanac and Book of Facts](#). World Almanac Books (The Civic Center Library receives annually)

This annual publication features statistics on U.S. elections, national defense, economics, trade and transportation, agriculture, employment, health, crime, computers and telecommunications, population, religion, travel, sports, and other topics. Brief profiles of U.S. states and cities, and nations of the world are also included. The Civic Center Library owns this title from 1931 to the present. Current edition: **Reference Desk 317**



California/San Francisco Bay Area/Marin County

[California Cities, Towns & Counties](#). Information Publications (The Civic Center Library receives annually)

This resource provides “concise yet comprehensive one-page profiles for all incorporated places (cities and towns) and counties in California.” It includes statistics on population, education, housing, registered voters, and municipal finance. The Civic Center Library owns this title from 1987 to the present. Current edition: **Reference Desk 317.94**

[CPA: Community Profile Analysis: Consumer and Business Demographic Reports. Marin County.](#) Claritas (2005)

Designed for marketers, this publication provides information on Marin County “demographic trends in age and income, education, labor force size, employment and occupation.” Data is listed by zip code. **Reference 658.839**

[Marin, Napa & Sonoma.](#) McCormack's Guides. (2005)

This annual publication provides “a snapshot of Marin, Napa and Sonoma counties and their cities.” It features statistics on schools, real estate, voter registration, commuting, crime, and more. The Civic Center Library also owns McCormack’s Guides to [Alameda](#) county, [Contra Costa & Solano](#) counties, and [San Francisco & San Mateo](#) counties. Current edition: **Reference Desk 917.9462**

[Marin Profile: A Survey of Economic, Social Equity, and Environmental Indicators.](#)

Marin Economic Commission

Published biennially, this report tracks “a variety of indicators that relate to the health ... economy... [and] environment” of Marin. “The report contains a discussion of the data for each indicator along with why the indicator is important. Supporting data tables and source list are included.” The Civic Center Library owns this title dating back to 1997. Current edition: **Local Docs 330.97946**

[Marin Statistics for Ready Reference.](#)

The Civic Center Library Reference Librarians maintain this collection of current statistics about Marin County, featuring data on economics, education, employment, housing, real estate, income, and transportation.

Local Docs 317 Marin

[Projections 2005: Forecasts for the San Francisco Bay Area to the Year 2030.](#)

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

“Widely used for local land use planning and by individuals and organizations examining their long-term objectives in the Bay Area,” this book provides statistical forecasts on population, households, jobs, labor force, income, and other topics.

The Civic Center Library owns this title dating back to 1979. Current edition:

Reference Desk 312.9

[RAND California](#) [database]

This resource “contains nearly 100 statistical databases, ranging from employment to social security payments to SAT scores. Much of the data is available at the national, state, county, city, and zip code levels. All of the data is updated on a regular basis.”

Main categories include business, demographics, community, health, government finance, and politics and public opinion. This database is accessible in the library.

Marinet patrons may also search RAND from home; for more information, visit:

<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/LB/main/authentication.cfm>.

[Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide](#). Rand McNally (Civic Center Library receives annually)

This atlas and guide for marketers provides “population, economic, and geographic data for more than 120,000 U.S. places.” It features rankings, projections, and statistics on sales and purchasing power. The Civic Center Library receives this publication annually. Current edition: **Reference 912**



Websites

- California Statistical Abstract
http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/FS_DATA/STAT-ABS/Sa_home.htm
The California Department of Finance, Economic Research Unit issues this annual “compilation of data on social, economic, and physical aspects” of California. (The Civic Center Library owns print editions of the [California Statistical Abstract](#) from 1963 through 2003).
- Counting California
<http://countingcalifornia.cdlib.org/>
This site provides “access to public use data compiled by federal, state, and local agencies, and also allows users to collate and integrate data by topic, geography, title, and provider.” Topics include agriculture, banking, business, crime, education, elections, health, housing, income, and population.
- FedStats
<http://www.fedstats.gov/>
This “gateway to statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies,” features data on “economic and population trends, education, health care costs, aviation safety, foreign trade, energy use, farm production, and more.” The information is browsable by topic, or geographic location.

- General World Statistics
<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0873844.html>
 This section of the Infoplease Almanac provides a brief statistical profile of the world; a list of global political, economic, and social facts; and rankings of countries according to population, inflation, life expectancy, and other factors.
- Librarians' Internet Index: Statistics
<http://lii.org/pub/topic/statistics>
 The Librarians' Internet Index is a directory of over 10,000 websites selected, recommended and annotated by librarians. The section on statistics features links to websites providing data on agriculture, crime, economics, health, transportation, and other topics.
- Marin County California: Demographics
<http://demographics.marin.org/>
 Maintained by the Marin Community Foundation, this site provides access to "public and private primary data about Marin County." It includes links to websites containing statistics on population, health, and education.
- Marin County Sheriff's Office: Crime Statistics
http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/SO/Main/crime_stats.cfm
 This site contains crime statistics for the "communities, beaches, places, and towns of unincorporated Marin County."
- U.S. Census Bureau
<http://www.census.gov/>
 "In addition to taking a census of the population every 10 years, the Census Bureau conducts censuses of economic activity and state and local governments every five years." The website of this government agency features data from the 2000 Census, historical reports dating back to 1790, international statistics, and more. Use "QuickFacts" for limiting to a specific geographic area, such as [California](#) or [Marin](#).
- U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Statistical Sites on the World Wide Web
<http://www.bls.gov/bls/other.htm>
 This page provides links to the major U.S. and international statistical offices and agencies.

