

Finding Statistics
COMO Handout for ISD
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- **Research Guides**
 - Government Information, Georgia Tech Library <http://library.gatech.edu/guides/>
 - Government Information, Rosenfeld Library, UCLA Anderson School of Management <http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/x14415.xml>
 - Government Documents Statistics Guide (select link to “Statistical Reference Compendiums”). University of Michigan Hatcher Graduate Library <http://guides.lib.umich.edu/statref>

- **General Sources**
 - ✓ *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. 2009. U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>
 - *Statistical Universe* (Lexis-Nexis subscription database)
 - *USA.gov*. Main portal for U.S. government information <http://www.usa.gov/>
 - *World Almanac and Book of Facts*. Galileo WorldAlmanac databases <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zowa>
 - FDsys, new GPO portal <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>
 - *Statistics Sources 2009*. Gale, Cengage Learning
 - *Encyclopedia of Business Information Sources*. 25th ed. 2009. Gale
 - *County & City Data Book: 2007*. U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>
 - *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*. Bureau of the Census <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS55561>
 - FedStats <http://www.fedstats.gov/>
 - NTIS (National Technical Information Service) technical reports database <http://www.ntis.gov/search/index.aspx>

- **Agriculture**
 - NAL Reports, studies and statistics http://fnic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=4&tax_level=2&tax_subject=268&topic_id=1301
 - National Agriculture Statistics Service <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>
 - Agricultural Statistics Annual http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Ag_Statistics/index.asp
 - National Agricultural Library (NAL) Agricola database <http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/>

- **Crime**
 - ✓ Uniform Crime Reports <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation Reports & Publications <http://www.fbi.gov/publications.htm>
 - Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>
 - National Criminal Justice Reference Service <http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/AbstractDB/AbstractDBSearch.aspx>

- FEMA, terrorism <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/terrorism/index.shtm>
- Homeland Security publications
<http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/counterterrorism.shtm>
- **Defense/Military**
 - Department of Defense facts and statistics <http://www.defenselink.mil/sites/f.html>
 - Department of Defense publications <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/>
<http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/archive.html>
 - National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics (NCVAS)
<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/>
 - DTIC Public Technical Reports <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/search/tr/str/guided-tr.html>
- **Disasters**
 - Water Resources of Georgia (including flooding) <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/>
 - FEMA library <http://www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp>. FEMA Press Resources and Disaster information <http://www.fema.gov/>
- **Economic Conditions**
 - Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/>
 - Latest Numbers – Consumer Price Index (CPI), Unemployment Rate...
 - Subject areas – Inflation & Prices, Unemployment, Employment, Pay & Benefits
 - Featured Publications
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook
 - Monthly Labor Review
 - FRED® (Federal Reserve Economic Data) <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>
 - Categories
 - Banking
 - Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - Gives Notes: Understanding the CPI – View Data (graph is default)
 - Time series
 - Exchange Rates
 - Employment & Population
 - Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Components
 - Interest Rates
 - Producer Price Indexes (PPI)
 - U.S. Trade and International Transactions
 - U.S. Financial Data
 - Regional Data
 - Beige Book, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis <http://www.minneapolisfed.org/bb/>
 - "Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District" report
 - Very brief
 - National Summary, Atlanta Sixth District (9/9/09), etc.
 - Federal Reserve <http://www.federalreserve.gov/>
 - Economic Research & Data
 - Statistical Releases and Historical Data

- Consumer Credit
 - Foreign Exchange Rates
 - Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States
 - Debt growth
 - Mortgage Debt Outstanding
 - Survey of Current Business <http://www.bea.gov/scb/index.htm>
 - Bureau of Economic Analysis
 - Search by Date http://www.bea.gov/scb/date_guide.asp (1994 to current)
 - GDP and Other Major NIPA (national income & product accounts) Series (1929 to current)
 - ✓ Economic Indicators, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/> (1995 to current; 1948 to current via FRASER, from the St. Louis Federal Reserve, at: <http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/>)
 - Monthly; prepared by the Council of Economic Advisers for the Joint Economic Committee
 - Consumer Price Index
 - Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
 - Unemployment Rates
 - New Construction
 - Industrial Production
 - Federal Finance
 - Federal Receipts, Outlays, and Debt
 - Interest Rates and Bond Yields
 - Prime Rate
 - Federal Funds Rate
 - Federal Receipts by Source and Outlays by Function
 - National Defense
 - Health
 - Medicare
 - ✓ FDsys, new GPO portal <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>
 - Budget of the United States Government
 - Economic Indicators
 - Recovery.gov Track the Money. Access to data related to Recovery Act spending and allows for the reporting of potential fraud, waste, and abuse. <http://www.recovery.gov/>
- **Education**
 - ✓ National Center for Education Statistics <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/>
 - Digest of Education Statistics <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>
 - NCES annual reports <http://nces.ed.gov/annuals/>
 - U.S. Census education statistics <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education.html>
 - Department of Education Research & Statistics <http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/landing.jhtml>
 - National Science Foundation Division of Science Resources Statistics Publications and Data <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/showpub.cfm?TopID=2>
 - ERIC, Educational Resources Information Center database <http://www.eric.ed.gov/>
 - **Energy**

- ✓ Energy Information Administration: Official Energy Statistics from the U.S. Government <http://www.eia.doe.gov/>
 - ✓ Annual Energy Outlook 2009 <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/index.html>
 - ✓ Monthly Energy Review <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/contents.html?featureclicked=3&>
 - Energy Sources <http://www.eia.doe.gov/>
 - Coal, Electricity, Natural Gas, Nuclear, Petroleum, Renewable & Alternative Fuels
 - Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Publication & Product Library <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/library/>
 - National Renewable Energy Laboratory Publications http://www.nrel.gov/applying_technologies/publications.html
 - Energy Citations Database <http://www.osti.gov/energycitations/>; ETDE World Energy Base <http://www.ornl.gov/info/library/etdeweb.htm>
- **Environment**
 - AirNow <http://airnow.gov/>
 - Air pollution data, ozone forecasting, and more for specific metro areas
 - National Climatic Data Center (NOAA). Data and products; climate info <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/ncdc.html>
 - Local climatological data by state <http://www7.ncdc.noaa.gov/IPS/lcd/lcd.html>
 - U.S. Geological Survey publications <http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/>
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ExploreNOAA; economic statistics <http://www.noaa.gov/sitemap.html>
 - USGS Water Data Discovery <http://water.usgs.gov/data>
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) <http://www.epa.gov/>
 - National Environmental Publications Internet Site (NEPIS) <http://www.epa.gov/nscep/>
 - EPA publications <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/publications.htm>
 - Climate Change, EPA <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/index.html>
 - Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center. 2003. Trends Online: A Compendium of Data on Global Change. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, DOE <http://cdiac.ornl.gov/trends/trends.htm>
 - Learn the issues, EPA <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/learn.htm>
 - Pollution (water, air, wastes)
 - Environmental Quality Statistics, NEPAnet <http://www.nepa.gov/nepa/reports/statistics/>
 - NASA Technical Reports Server <http://ntrs.larc.nasa.gov/search.jsp>
- **Finance and Banking**
 - ✓ U.S. Credit Conditions, Federal Reserve Bank of New York <http://data.newyorkfed.org/creditconditions/>
 - Auto Loans, Bank Cards, Mortgages, Student Loans
 - Maps
 - The Foreclosure Research Center
 - Snapshot of Mortgage Conditions with an Emphasis on Subprime Mortgage Performance (21 pages 8/08)

- Synopses of Selected Research on Housing, Mortgages and Foreclosures (90 pages 9/08)
- **Georgia and Atlanta Business**
 - Selig Center for Economic Growth <http://www.terry.uga.edu/selig/>
 - Georgia Statistical Abstract (biennial)
 - Georgia Business and Economic Conditions (quarterly; online only now)
 - Georgia Economic Outlook (annual)
 - Georgia Housing Permits (annual)
 - Data (left column)
 - Housing - Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits (Estimates with Imputation New Residential Construction). Monthly and Annual
- **Health and Vital Statistics**
 - Health Insurance Coverage
 - ✓ FastStats - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/FASTATS/hinsure.htm>
 - U.S. Census Bureau -- Health Insurance. See box "Latest Health Insurance Data" <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthins.html>
 - Health Insurance
 - National Center for Health Statistics, CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
 - Diseases and Conditions; Publications
 - Health Statistics, MedlinePlus, National Library of Medicine <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthstatistics.html>
 - Data & Statistics, CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/datastatistics/>
 - National Vital Statistics System, CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm>
- **Industry**
 - Economic Census, U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/> (2002 data)
Issued every 5 years; for preliminary 2007 data see <http://www.census.gov/econ/census07/>
 - County Business Patterns, U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/index.html>
Includes also state, metro, and zip code data. Online from 1993 (no longer issued in print)
 - Other Economic Programs, Guide to Data Sources, U.S. Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/econ/other_econ.html
Links to latest releases of retail trade, wholesale trade, international trade statistics, etc.
- **International Statistics**
 - Exchange rates <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>
 - CIA World Factbook <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
 - Background Notes <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>
 - Export.gov <http://export.gov/>
- **Population and Demographics**
 - ✓ American FactFinder (population, housing, economic, and geographic data) http://factfinder.census.gov/jsp/saff/SAFFInfo.jsp?_pageId=sp2_economic
 - American Community Survey (ongoing survey) <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

- U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/>
- Population Estimates <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.html>
- Poverty <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html>
- **Real Estate and Construction**
 - ✓ Selig Center for Economic Growth <http://www.terry.uga.edu/selig/>
 - Data (left column)
 - Housing - Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits (Estimates with Imputation New Residential Construction). Monthly and Annual
 - American Housing Survey <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs.html>
 - National Data (2007)
 - Mortgage characteristics; value; journey to work
 - House Price Index, Federal Housing Finance Agency
<http://www.fhfa.gov/Default.aspx?Page=14>
- **Recreation**
 - ITA Office of Travel & Tourism Industries research program/statistics
<http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/research/index.html>
 - National Park Service Public Use Statistics Office <http://www.nature.nps.gov/stats/>
- **Transportation**
 - ✓ RITA Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) <http://www.bts.gov/>
 - Data & Statistics
 - Publications
 - Federal Aviation Administration data and research http://www.faa.gov/data_research/
 - Federal Highway Administration publications and statistics
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pubstats.html>
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/hsspubs.cfm>
 - Aviation Accident Statistics <http://www.nts.gov/aviation/stats.htm>
 - Transportation Energy Data Book <http://cta.ornl.gov/data/Index.shtml>
 - Transportation Research Information Service (TRIS Online)
<http://trisonline.bts.gov/sundev/search.cfm>

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