Key Resources for Understanding, Finding and Using Government Information at the UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library

Sources are grouped by major category: General Resources, Statistics, and Legislation. Each section contains library or librarian produced guides, government and commercially produced resources in print and electronic formats. This is not a comprehensive guide. It is intended to give an overview of the key resources for understanding, finding and using government information.

General Resources


Martin, Mary, ed. *Local and Regional Government Information, How to Find It, How to Use It.* Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2005. YRL Reference Reading Room Call Number: Z 1223.5 A1 L63 2005


YRL Government Information Website, [http://www.library.ucla.edu/yr/referenc/govinfo/index.htm](http://www.library.ucla.edu/yr/referenc/govinfo/index.htm)
Statistics

General Sources
Finding Government Statistics – Guide developed by YRL
http://www.library.ucla.edu/yrl/referenc/guides/findstats.htm


LexisNexis Statistical, (Provides online access to ASI, IIS, and SRI; indexes and abstracts only).
http://uclibs.org/PID/21391


Statistical Abstracts


Statistical Yearbooks from Foreign Countries. Located in YRL Reference Reading Room, beginning with Call Number’s HA 740’s. Earlier editions are in YRL Stacks or SRLF.

U.S. Decennial Census

1790 – 2000 Census of Population, Census of Population and Housing, YRL Reference Reading Room Census Wall


*Census Bureau homepage:* [http://www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

*AncestryLibrary.com* (An extensive collection of family history research databases, including the U.S. Federal Census images from 1790 to 1930.) Available online, [http://uclibs.org/PID/97924](http://uclibs.org/PID/97924)


**Legislation**

**Federal Legislation**

*Tracing Legislation*, Guide developed by YRL, [http://www.library.ucla.edu/ylrefen/referenc/guides/polisci140a.htm](http://www.library.ucla.edu/ylrefen/referenc/guides/polisci140a.htm)


*LexisNexis Congressional,* [http://uclibs.org/PID/6941](http://uclibs.org/PID/6941)

Contains fully researched CIS legislative histories with full text of bills, debates, reports, and testimony, (availability of indexing and full text varies, 1789 to Current, and 1960-current). Online version of print CIS indexes.


Congressional Information Service. *CIS Index – Index, Four Year Cumulative Index; Abstracts, Legislative Histories.* Washington : Congressional Information Service. YRL Reference Reading Room, Call Number: KF49 C62


California Legislation
How a Bill Becomes a Law http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bil2lawd.html

California Legislative History, Guide developed by UCLA Law Library
http://www.law.ucla.edu/docs/1615252042006guidec1.pdf

California Legislation & Law, Guide developed by YRL
http://www.library.ucla.edu/yl/referenc/govinfo/cal_leglaw.htm

California State Legislature http://www.legislature.ca.gov/
Access to legislative guides, bills back to 1993, and other legislative research.

California Bills, Daily and Weekly Files, Indexes, Statutes at Large, etc. are located in the MGI Reading Room, YRL A-Level.


Maps


Maps & GIS, Guide developed by YRL http://www.library.ucla.edu/yl/referenc/reo/geographic.htm

Map collections are housed in open and closed stacks on the A-Level of YRL and in SRLF.

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