

The Doña Ana Branch Community College Library System has several resources to help you look for information, statistics, or research cities, towns, places, or counties in the United States. The following is a select list of reference books, online resources, and web sites. By no means is this list complete – just a few to get you started.

United States reference books

- ***Statistical Abstract of the United States*** (Ref HA 202 Un3s)
Includes summaries of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States gathered by government and private agencies. This is a good place to start when looking for statistics. Some information from the book is available at <http://www.census.gov/>.
- ***America's Top-Rated Cities: A Statistical Handbook*** (Ref HT 123 .A669)
A four-volume set of regional guides which includes profiles of the 76 "top" U.S. cities with populations over 100,000. Topics covered in the profiles include: cost of living, finances, taxes, population, employment, education, media, crime, climate and more.
- ***Cities of the United States: A Compilation of Current Information on Economic, Cultural, Geographic, and Social Conditions*** (Ref HT 123 .C52)
A four-volume set with current information on 164 cities in the United States. Profiles include information on demographics, economic, cultural, geographic, social and recreational conditions. Also included is information about each city's past and present.
- ***CQ's State Fact Finder*** (Ref HN 60 .C68)
Includes over 200 tables and profiles for every state, along with information on trends in the states related to social, political and economic happenings.

online U.S. information resources

Using the Library's website <<http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/library>>, select E-Journals & Databases and then one of the following:

- **LexisNexis Academic Universe**
Click on the **Reference**, then State Profiles to find concise facts and statistics about each state.

U.S. information web sites

- **American FactFinder** (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>)
Created by the U.S. Census Bureau, facts about cities, towns, counties, or zip codes within a specified state, including population and housing, maps, industry and business facts, economic, geographic data, and more.
- **U.S. Census Bureau** (<http://www.census.gov/>)
As the "factfinder for the nation," the U.S. Census Bureau collects data about the people and economy of the United States and produces a wide variety of statistical data products. This Web source also includes the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*.
- **Uncle Sam's Reference Shelf: County and City Data Book**
(<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>)
Includes a number of tables describing aspects of the population of the 77 largest cities in the United States, such as population ranking, minority population, median rent, and public transportation.

- **FedStats** (<http://www.fedstats.gov/>)
FedStats provides easy access to a full range of statistics and information produced by more than 100 agencies in the United States Federal Government for public use.
- **Infoplease: State Information** (<http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>)
Each state profile provides information on the state capital, population, median age, elected officials, history, economy, points of interest, famous natives, state constitution, entrance into Union, motto, symbols, nicknames, name origins, largest cities and county, and more.
- **U.S. Gazetteer** (<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/gazetteer>)
Look up places in the United States by name or zip code and view a detailed map or census data.
- **U.S. Historical Census Browser** (<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>)
The data presented in this site describes the population and economy of U.S. states and counties from 1790 to 1960. Each decade is searchable by various demographic and economic characteristics. The terms and figures in the Historical Census Browser come directly from the statistical volumes published for each decade's decennial census by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **U.S. Online Internet Directory** (<http://www.externalharddrive.com/usa/states/states.html>)
A directory with information on weather, media, live broadcasting, employment, education, human resources, news, resources, radio, television, fashion, shopping, sweepstakes, travel information, business index, etc.... Also includes links to each state's government Internet site.