

# Los Medanos College Library

## Statistics Resource Guide

Statistics are facts or occurrences represented numerically. In developing and proving a point, a writer or speaker can use statistics to make comparisons or show proportions. Statistics on a wide range of topics can be found in reference books, circulating books, periodicals, and online resources at the Library.

### PERIODICALS

To find recent statistics, magazines, journals and newspapers are most useful. For citations to articles on your subject that include statistics, consult periodical indexes such as:

**Electronic Databases** (accessible from off or on campus via the Internet from the Library's website at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm>)

*A Matter of Fact* (provides statistics on social, economic, political, health, environmental, and public policy issues)

*Infotrac-Expanded Academic ASAP* (provides access to articles from more than 1900 scholarly and general-interest publications)

*ProQuest Direct* (includes five major national newspapers)

*SIRS Researcher* (provides full-text articles on social, scientific, health, historic, business, economic, political, and global issues)

*Dialog @ CARL* (includes *The San Francisco Chronicle* and other local Newspapers)

**Print Indexes** (located on Level 3)

*Charts, Graphs, & Statistics Index* AI 3 .C53 1992  
Lists citations to major news magazine articles, from 1988-1991, which include statistical information.

*Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*  
(On the Index Table)

*New York Times Index* (On the Index Table and Index Shelves)

*Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature* (On the Index Table and Index Shelves)

**Subject headings in the print indexes often include Statistics as a subdivision.**

## Location of Periodicals at the Library

The most recent issue of periodicals and journals are in the Periodical corner of Level 3. To learn the location of back issues, go to the Library's website at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm> and click on Periodicals List. Periodicals cannot be borrowed, but they may be photocopied.

## Recommended Periodicals

*CQ Researcher*

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These weekly reports on current issues include statistics. Use the index binder to find a year and page number for your topic.

*Facts on File* (On the Index Table)

Prints statistics related to news articles and on economic issues. The first issue of each month covers financial statistics.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

### World

<i>Atlas of World Population History</i>	HB 851 .M32
<i>Background Notes on the Countries of the World</i>	G 1021 .B24
<i>Global Outlook 2000</i>	CB 161 .U55 1990
<i>The Illustrated Book of World Rankings</i>	HA 155 .K87 1997
<i>Information Please Almanac</i>	AY 64 .I55
<i>The Guinness Book of Records</i>	AG 243 .G87
<i>The Statesman's Year-book</i>	JA 51 .S7
<i>The World Almanac</i>	AY 67 .N5 W7
<i>The World Factbook</i>	G 1021 .W55
<i>Vital Signs 1995: the Trends that are Shaping our Future</i>	TD 193.2 .B76 1995
<i>Where We Stand</i>	HA 155 .W46 1992
<i>World Facts &amp; Maps</i>	D849 .W675 1991
<i>World Resources 1990-91</i>	HC 59 .W667 1990

### United States

<i>Atlas of American Immigration</i>	G 1201 .E27 F5 1998
<i>Budget of the United States Government</i>	HJ 2005 .B85
<i>Statistical Abstract of the United States</i>	HA 202 .A3
(The index provides a chart number, not a page number.)	
<i>A Statistical Portrait of the United States</i>	HA 214 .S84 1998
<i>USA by Numbers</i>	HA 214 .U8 1988

## **California**

- California Almanac* F 856 .C25  
*California Almanac of Emissions and  
Air Quality* TD 883.5 C2 C375  
*California Government and Politics  
Annual* JK 8701 .C32  
*California Political Almanac* JK 8768 .C343  
*California Votes 1928-1960* JK 8793 .L4 1963

## **Counties**

- County and City Data Book* HA 202 .C65

## **Local**

- Contra Costa County '90, with a Special  
Section on Solano County* F 868 .C76  
*The Bay Area 500* HG 4058 .S4 B39

## **Ethnic Groups of the United States**

- Encyclopedia of Multiculturalism* E 184 .A1 E58 1993  
*The Hispanic American Almanac* E 184 .S75 H582 1993  
*Hispanic Americans: a Statistical  
Sourcebook* E 184 .S75 H5655  
*Native America in the Twentieth Century* E 76.2 .N36  
*The Native American Almanac* E 77 .H59  
*The Negro Almanac: a Reference  
Work on the African American* E 185 .N385  
*Reference Library of Black America* E 185 .R44  
*Statistical Record of Asian Americans* E 184.06 S73  
*Statistical Record of Black America* E 185.5 .S7  
*Statistical Record of Hispanic Americans* E 184 .S75 S74  
*Statistical Record of Native North  
Americans* E 98 .P76 S73  
*We the People: an Atlas of America's  
Ethnic Diversity* G 1201 .E1 A4

## **Seniors in the United States**

- Aging America: Trends and Projections* HQ 1064 .U5 A57 1991

## **Women**

- Statistical Handbook on Women in* HQ 1420 .T34

<i>America</i>	
<i>The World's Women 1970-90: Trends and Statistics</i>	HQ 1154 .W95 1991
<i>Women: Challenges to the Year 2000</i>	HQ 1154 .W88 1991

## **Business**

<i>The Bay Area 500</i>	HG 4058 .S4 B39
<i>The Irwin Business and Investment Almanac 1996</i>	HD 38 .D6
<i>U.S. Industrial Outlook</i>	HC 28 .U5

## **Crime in the United States**

<i>Crime in the United States</i>	HV 6787 .C75
<i>Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics</i>	HV 6787 .U52

## **Education**

<i>Digest of Education Statistics</i>	L 112 .A35
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## **Environment**

<i>Environmental Almanac</i>	AY 64 .I56
<i>Statistical Record of the Environment</i>	TD 180 .D37
<i>World Resources 1990-91</i>	HC 59 .W667 1990

## **Weather**

<i>The Weather Almanac</i>	QC 983 .R83
<i>World Weather Guide</i>	QC 982 .P43

## **ONLINE CATALOG**

The online catalog contains the records for the reference books and circulating books (books which can be borrowed) in the LMC Library and at the other Contra Costa Community College District libraries.

### **Exact SUBJECT Heading Searches**

Search by subject on your topic, and look for the subdivision "statistics".

Examples: Victims of Crime--United States--Statistics  
Women--Statistics

### **Key WORD Searches**

Try a word search by typing in your topic and the word "statistics".

### **Borrowing books from other Contra Costa Community College District libraries**

If books you would like to borrow are in the Center for Higher Education (CHE), the Contra Costa College (CCC), or the Diablo Valley College (DVC) circulating book collections, you can request that they be sent to the Los Medanos College Library for you. Make the request at the Loan Desk on Level 3. The transfer of materials takes about three weekdays.

## **VERTICAL FILE**

Another place to check for statistics on your topic is the Vertical File located in file cabinets behind the Reference Desk on Level 3. The pamphlets, booklets and clippings in this file cannot be borrowed, but they may be photocopied.

## **THE INTERNET**

The Library has computers that provide access to the Internet for research purposes. The subject index of *The Librarians' Index to the Internet* (<http://www.lii.org>) links you to Internet sites that may provide statistics on your topic. Or you can use other subject directories or search engines, like those found at Google.com or AltaVista.com, to find websites on your topic.

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

The *Encyclopedia of Associations* (Ref. HS 17 .G334) lists organizations by name and subject in the index (Part 3) and provides their addresses and phone numbers. Many organizations collect statistics that they may be able to give to you by phone or send to you.

You can also find the phone numbers and addresses of state and county government agencies in phone books. They can be contacted for information.