

The Best Social Science Web Sites: Geography

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CIA World Factbook:

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Produced by the Central Intelligence Agency. An online version of the most recent version of the World Factbook. Detailed maps and information on 332 countries/geographical areas.

Country Studies:

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>

Online versions of books previously published in hard copy by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies/Area Handbook Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Army. Access to the handbooks from 1986-1998. In the late 1990's the funding was cut, but it has recently been reinstated. Focuses primarily on lesser-known areas of the world or regions in which U.S. forces might be deployed, so the series is not all-inclusive. At present, 101 countries and regions are covered.

Library of Congress Portals to the World:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Contains links providing authoritative, in-depth information about the nations and other areas of the world. Arranged by country or area with the links for each sorted into a wide range of broad categories. The websites were selected by area specialists and staff at the Library of Congress.

Map Collections 1500-2004:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

The Map Collection mainly focuses on Americana and Cartographic Treasures of the Library of Congress. Digitized maps were either published prior to 1922, produced by the United States government, or both. Maps can be downloaded or viewed online.

If you have any questions about the Geography portion, contact Kelly Blessinger at Louisiana State University (kblessi@lsu.edu).

The Best Social Science Web Sites: Demography

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Demography:

- The study of human populations--their size, composition, distribution and the causes & consequences of changes in these characteristics
- Populations grow or decline through the interplay of 3 demographic processes – births, deaths, and migration.

Demographic Data Sources:

- Population Censuses
- National Vital Registrations
 - births, deaths, marriages, divorces
- Surveys (examples):
 - DHS - Demographic and Health Surveys
 - FFS - Fertility and Family Surveys
 - RHS – Reproductive Health Surveys
- Estimates

Worldwide Demographic Data (all regions & countries):

- United Nations Population Division www.un.org/esa/population/unpop.htm
 - Population Database <http://esa.un.org/unpp/>
- U.S. Census Bureau's International Programs Division www.census.gov/ipc/www/
 - International Data Base www.census.gov/ipc/www/idbnew.html
- Population Reference Bureau www.prb.org
 - World Population Data Sheet

Developing Countries:

- Demographic and Health Surveys (Macro International Inc.) www.measuredhs.com
 - Provide information on fertility, knowledge & use of family planning, maternal and child health, and household living conditions in developing countries
- International Reproductive Health Surveys (CDC) http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/gp_surveys.htm
 - Provide health and demographic indicators such as fertility, contraceptive use, infant and child mortality, maternal morbidity / mortality, etc.
- Statistical Agencies http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_int.html
 - Provide information on a country's population including census results, economy, health, education, labor force, etc.

European Demographics:

- Council of Europe http://www.coe.int/T/E/Social_Cohesion/Population/
 - Demographic Yearbook - Covers 43+ member states. Includes comparative reports and country reports.

- UN ECE – Population Activities Unit http://www.unece.org/ead/pau/pau/pau_h.htm
 - Fertility and Family Surveys (FFS) Standard Country Tables – demographic tables for 24 countries
- Eurostat <http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/>
 - Data – Population for 25 EU member countries, births, marriages, divorces, migration, etc. for several years

United States Demographics:

- Census Bureau www.census.gov
 - Conducts decennial censuses, 14 demographic surveys, 35 economic surveys, and many other surveys.
 - American FactFinder <http://factfinder.census.gov/>
 - Population, housing, economic and geographic data from the 2000 census
- National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) www.cdc.gov/nchs
 - Vital statistics from records (births, deaths, marriages, divorces)
 - Health interview and examination surveys (e.g. National Survey of Family Growth)
- Ameristat www.ameristat.org
 - Data and analysis on 13 topics including children, marriage/family, and fertility for the U.S.

Demographic Estimates:

- How Many People Have Ever Lived on Earth?
Source: PRB Estimates
www.prb.org/Template.cfm?Section=PRB&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=7421
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Best Social Science Websites: Immigration

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Topics within immigration:

US Immigration

Emigration

**International migration,
including forced migration,
refugees, and asylees**

Internal migration

Genealogy

Sociology of immigration

Legal, legislative, and policy aspects of immigration



The Basics: Basic reference questions can be answered with Statistical Abstract. For a good background article, see [Immigration: Shaping and Reshaping America](#). Population Bulletin, June 2003. On the Population Reference Bureau Website (Select "Migration" from Topics on Navigation Bar and scroll down to find article).

THE Statistical Source: US Citizenship and Immigration Services
(Information for a particular year)

USCIS Homepage (Glossary located on Navigation bar).

Scroll down for link to "Statistics"

2002 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics (formerly entitled "Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service").

Other INS Statistics (contains monthly data, links to each chapter of Yearbook, emigration, illegal immigration, and Triennial Comprehensive Report on Immigration).

Census Bureau

(Who is still here?)

The long form on the Decennial census has several questions related to immigration. The CPS supplements the Decennial census with annual questions.

"Foreign Born Population": For Census/CPS results, select "F" under Subjects A-Z.

[Geographical Mobility/Migration](#) (internal migration data down to the county level). Select "G" under Subjects A-Z

Or, use American Factfinder for an individual county or state.

International Migration

[International Migration Data](#) (primarily OECD (i.e., developing) countries) Eurostat (EU)

United Nations (Demographic Yearbook): old and spotty

Forced Migration/Trafficking

[World Refugee Survey](#) (Annual)

A more complete list of websites, and today's Powerpoint presentation, are available online at

http://libweb2.princeton.edu/stokes/immigration_presentation.htm

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