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### **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, King Library, Ground Floor**

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### **CONGRESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Hearings and reports on laws and amendments, hearings on programs or issues, agency appropriation hearings. Most likely source of evaluative information.

**[LexisNexis Congressional](#), 1789-.**

**Library web page (<http://www.lib.muohio.edu>) under Research by Subject, Government.**

Indexes all congressional publications in depth: hearings, committee prints, reports, documents, and laws. Gives legislative history for laws since 1970. Full text of all laws. For recent years, also includes full text of bills, regulations, the Congressional Record, and selected congressional publications. Many of the publications in this index are also available in print in the Gov't & Law Dept.

## CONGRESSIONAL OVERVIEW SOURCES

CQ Almanac, 1948- . KING & GOV REF JK 1 .C66

Summaries of major laws, congressional activities, and issues for each year. 1948-1951 in microform.

CQ Weekly Online, 1983- (<http://www.library.cqpress.com/cqweekly>)

Weekly analysis of congressional activities.

Major Acts of Congress.

Online or King Reference KF 154 .M35 2004 v.1-3

## CONGRESSIONAL AGENCIES

**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO)** <http://www.gao.gov/>

Investigative reports, federal program evaluations, expenditure audits. Full text of reports since 1971 available from GAO web site. Use search box at top right corner for full text search.

Choose Reports and Testimonies from the main menu for various browse options. Full text search at <http://searching.gao.gov/>

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE (CBO)** <http://www.cbo.gov/>

Reports on budget outlook, budget analyses, policy issues. Choose Publications from the top menu to search or browse by topic.

## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Legal authorization for programs and rules of operation.

LexisNexis Congressional, 1789-

Full text of all laws. Select Legislative Histories, Bills & Laws from left menu. Choose Statutes at Large to search laws. For recent laws (last 1-2 years) choose Public Laws. Can also search the United States Code.

United States Code. (USC) Gov't & Law Dept. Law Collection and [LexisNexis Congressional](#).

Rearrangement of all U.S. laws in effect by broad subject category. Any amendments made over the years are incorporated. Also contains notes on history, related references and court decisions.

Code of Federal Regulations. (CFR) Gov't & Law Dept. Law Collection and [LexisNexis Congressional](#).

Text of all U.S. government agency regulations in effect. In LexisNexis, select Regulations from the left menu.

Federal Register. [LexisNexis Congressional](#). (Recent print issues also in Gov't & Law Dept., US Collection: AE 2.106:)

First publication of proposed and final regulations with background information and summary of public comments. Issued daily, M-F. In LexisNexis, select Regulations from the left menu.

## BUDGET

Budget of the United States Government. GOV US REF PREX 2.8:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget>

President's proposed budget with figures from previous years and analyses.

## EXECUTIVE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Executive agencies provide information on programs and issues they are involved in and on agency activities. In recent years, distribution of print publications to libraries from executive agencies has been greatly reduced. The most current publications and information are available from agency web sites.

Miami Library Catalog. (<http://www.lib.muohio.edu>)

Both print and online publications are included in the library catalog. For publications with TEMP UNAVAIL status click on Statewide Search to check OhioLINK. Average delivery time from OhioLINK is 3-5 days.

Agency web sites

Locate through Internet search engines, such as [Google](#)

LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory (<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html>)

## OTHER RESOURCES

CQ Researcher Online, 1991- (<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/>)

Analytical reports on selected issues.

National Journal Online, 1977- (<http://nationaljournal.com/pubs/nj/>)

Weekly coverage of policy and politics.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance GOV REF PrEx 2.20: (<http://www.cfda.gov/>)

Brief description of all government financial assistance programs.

Public Policy Matrix. University of Michigan (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/polproc.html>)

Detailed matrix of public policy resources prepared for similar academic assignments. Some commercial indexes/titles are not available outside of the University of Michigan, but some of the same or comparable titles may be available thru our libraries web site. For example, you may not be able to link to LexisNexis Congressional via this site, but you can from our web page.

## STATISTICS

Statistical Abstract of the United States (annual) King Ref HA 202 .A4x & Gov Desk  
(<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>)

American FactFinder (Census) (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

[Statistical Resources from the Federal Government](http://staff.lib.muohio.edu/~jsears/statistics.htm) web guide  
(<http://staff.lib.muohio.edu/~jsears/statistics.htm>)

[LexisNexis Statistical](#). Library web page, Resources by Subject, Government  
Comprehensive index to statistics published by U.S. government agencies. Includes selected full-text and Web resources.

## **OTHER LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Books – [Library Catalog](#)

Journal article indexes/databases – [Library web page, research by subject, political science](#)

News article indexes/databases -- [Library web page, research by subject, newspaper](#)

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