

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS CLASS ASSIGNMENT FOR LS 102

Step 1 – Use a recent edition of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States* to find and copy/print a table of statistics on the topic of your choice.

Paper copies of the *Statistical Abstract* can be found in the Reference Dept. (1st floor). It's also available online at <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>.

Step 2 – Use -ONE- of the following to locate and print a record (author, title, SuDoc call number, and so on) for another government document on the same topic as your table of statistics:

- * The Library's online catalog
- * *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications*
- * *Government Publications Index* [click "keyword" and "subject"]
- * *Government Periodicals Index* [select "Search All Fields"]

The last three databases can be found from the Library's home page by selecting "Library Databases" under "Articles & More." Look in the "Databases by Subject" section and select "Government Publications."

Note: Because Sims Library is a 40% selective we won't have all the titles listed in the last three databases. If the title isn't available online and you intend to look for a physical copy, you may want to print several citations before you move on to the next step.

Step 3 - Locate within the library the document you selected from the catalog/database. Or, if the document is available online, simply click the link to look at the online edition. Copy/print the front cover or the title page of the document (whichever has the most information). If what you find is an article in a government periodical, copy or print just the first page of the article.

Step 4 - Turn in:

- A. Copy/printout of a table of statistics from the *Statistical Abstract*.
- B. Printout of a record from the catalog/database you used in Step 2.
- C. Copy/printout of the cover or title page from the publication you located in Step 3.

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