

## Internet Resources (cont.)

### -Economic Conditions-

#### Economic Policy Institute

<http://www.epi.org/>

Offers commentary on socioeconomic issues in the areas of living standards and labor markets, government and the economy, trade and globalization, education, and sustainable economics

#### Assoc of Environmental & Resource Economists

<http://www.aere.org/resources/>

The AERE website provides research, journal articles, databases, bibliographies in environmental economics

### -Statistics-

#### FedStats: Federal Statistics

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Website contains statistics from more than 70 agencies in the federal government

#### Elections and Voting-Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Contains statistical information about voter registration and turnout for presidential and federal elections since 1960

#### EarthTrends (World Resources Institute)

<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

Focuses on the environmental, social, and economic trends that shape our world, includes data sets, maps, & searchable databases

#### NationMaster.com

<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>

A vast compilation of data from such sources as the CIA World Factbook, UN, and OECD, a massive central data source and a handy way to graphically compare nations

## Print/Book Resources

### Need to find books on Public Policy?

Search the [Delaware Library Catalog](#) to find books and other materials owned by the Wilmington University Library. If you are unable to locate needed books in the Library, try searching the database [WorldCat](#) to identify resources available in other libraries around the world. As a student or faculty member, you can request these materials through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

### Below are some selected books available on the topic of Public Policy:

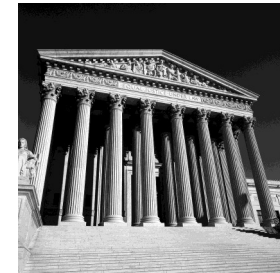
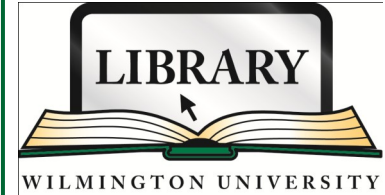
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Public Policy : Continuity and Change
- [HV6251 .O94 2009](#)  
The Oxford Handbook of Crime and Public Policy
- [REF JK271 .B6496 2005 V. 1, 2, 3](#)  
Checks and Balances : the three branches of the American government
- [REF H97 .I574 1997](#)  
The International Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Administration

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## Research Guide: Public Policy

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# Resources for research on Public Policy

## Electronic Databases

The sources listed below have been compiled for students as a starting point for conducting research on the World Wide Web, through our Electronic Research Databases.

To access the databases, visit the Library homepage and choose 'Electronic Databases' beneath the 'Research' category. Once a database is chosen, you will be prompted to login to Blackboard/WebCampus. After logging in you will be taken directly into the database.

Students are encouraged to continue their research on Public Policy using the electronic databases noted below.

- **Academic Search Premier** (EBSCOhost)
- **American Law Yearbook** (Gale Virtual Reference Library)
- **CQ Researcher**
- **MasterFILE Premier** (EBSCOhost)
- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
- **Paralegal Premier**
- **ProQuest: National Newspapers & Criminal Justice Periodicals Index**
- **Sage Journals Online**
- **Sage Reference Online: Research Methods & Evaluation**
- **SocINDEX** (EBSCOhost)
- **The Statesman's Yearbook**



## Internet Resources

**Note: When conducting research on the Internet, it will be helpful to consider a few points.**

- The Internet is full of information that may not be scholarly, updated, and or unbiased.
- Use domain searching (.edu, .gov, .org.) to improve the quality of your searches. You can limit your searches by using the advanced features of search engines such as Google.
- Determine who wrote, gathered, or sponsored the page or information.
- Try to determine if the information is current by looking for a date listed when the site was created or last updated.
- You should be somewhat skeptical of sites that contain a lot of advertising for products or services.

### Selected U.S. Government Web Sites

The United States federal government gathers tremendous amounts of information and statistics on a wide array of subjects. The Websites below are excellent places to start searching for information concerning aging on the World Wide Web.

#### **The United States Government Official Website**

<http://www.usa.gov>

The official homepage of the U.S. federal government. Includes links to all three branches of the federal government, as well as links to state and local governments

#### **Statistical Abstract of the United States**

[http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past\\_years.html](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past_years.html)

A well indexed, comprehensive collection of statistics in tabular format. Includes basic statistics for a wide range of economic indicators

## Additional Selected Websites

### **-Government Resources: State-**

#### **StateMaster.com**

<http://www.statemaster.com/index.php>

Statistical database to research and compare a multitude of different data on US states

#### **State and County Quick Facts**

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

Quick, easy access to facts about people, business, and geography from the US Census Bureau

#### **State and Metropolitan Area Data Book**

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/>

Data Book features more than 1,500 data items for the United States and individual states, counties and metropolitan areas from a variety of sources

### **-Policy Resources-**

#### **Centers for Research and Policy Development**

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/library/research/guides/think-tanks-directory.htm>

Site lists think tanks and links to their websites

#### **Brookings Institution**

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

The nation's oldest think tank, Brookings conducts research in economics, public policy, foreign affairs, and other areas; reports and publications available

### **-Public Opinion Polls-**

#### **Pollingreport.com**

<http://pollingreport.com/>

Site provides information on public opinion on many different topics

#### **Pew Research Center for the People and the Press**

<http://people-press.org/>

Independent opinion research group that studies attitudes toward the press, politics, and public policy issues.