



Government Publications

The Tisch Library at Tufts University

The Tisch Library at Tufts University was designated a Federal Depository Library in 1899. The Government Printing Office, through the Depository Library Program, distributes publications issued by hundreds of departments and agencies throughout the three branches of the Federal Government. Tufts is a partial depository and currently selects 42% of available publications. These cover a wide range of topics, with a core collection that includes:

- Presidential papers
- *Budget of the United States Government*
- *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*
- U.S. Supreme Court cases
- Census publications
- Statistical information
- Congressional hearings and reports
- Bills and laws
- Federal regulations
- Patents and trademarks
- Area studies
- Subject bibliographies

Most of the government documents are located in compact shelving on Level 1 of Tisch Library and are classified according to the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) classification system. This collection has not been cataloged and the records do not appear in the Tufts catalog. Specialized indexes, to identify and access government documents, are available electronically and in print format.

Selected government publications are shelved with books and periodicals throughout the Tufts Libraries. These holdings do appear in the Tufts catalog. Federal and Massachusetts reference sources, which can be found in Tisch Reference, are also entered in the catalog. Assistance in locating and retrieving information is available at the Reference Desk (617-627-3460). Most of the documents may be checked out at the Circulation Desk (617-627-3347). This guide is a very selective list of federal government publications and search tools.

Selected Electronic Resources

To access electronic resources available through TULIPS, start from the Tisch Library Home Page and mouseover "Catalogs & Library Resources." To access the following resources, click on "Subject Resources." Next click on "Government Information and Documents," and then on "Related Links."

- *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications*. Indexes print and electronic Government information created by Federal agencies and distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program.
- *FedStats* (Federal Statistics). Links to more than 100 U.S. Federal agencies that provide statistics for public use.
- *FedWorld* (National Technical Information Service). Offers a comprehensive central access point for searching, locating, ordering and acquiring government and business information.
- *GPO Access* (U.S. Government Printing Office). Provides free online use of over 1,500 databases of Federal information in over 80 applications.

Government information is also available in *FirstSearch* (Topic area: Government & Law), and in *Lexis-Nexis* (under Legal Research). To access these services from the Tisch Library Homepage, mouseover "Catalogs & Library Resources," then click on "Databases: A-Z."

Selected Indexes

GENERAL

- **[Monthly] Catalog of U.S. Government Publications**
<http://www.gpo.gov/catalog> (1994-)
In *FirstSearch*, select "GPO" from Topic area "Government & Law" (July 1976-)
Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] Z 1223 .A18 (1895-1995)
A comprehensive listing of federal publications. It includes all publications issued by the Government Printing Office. It does not include publications of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) nor the publications of agencies that print their own materials.
- **Government Reports Announcements and Index (GRA & I) and its predecessors.**
<http://www.ntis.gov/search.htm> (1990-)
Tisch Reference Indexes [SCI] Z 7916 .U5 (1946-1995)
A comprehensive bibliography of the research reports received by NTIS.
- **PAIS International** (formerly **PAIS Bulletin** in print) (**PAIS**)
In *FirstSearch*, select "PAIS" from Topic area "Government & Law" (1972-)
Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] Z 7164 .E2 P34 (1957-)
A selective list of government publications, books, pamphlets, reports of public and private agencies, and periodical articles relating to economic and social conditions, public policy and administration, and international relations.
- **[GPO] Subject Bibliographies**
<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/sb/index.html>
Tisch Reference Z 1223 .A191
These are short bibliographies of GPO sales documents on hundreds of topics. They offer a quick starting point for documents literature searches by providing bibliographic information and annotations.

STATISTICAL

- **American Statistics Index (ASI).** Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] Z 7554 .U5 A5 (1973-)
Used to identify, evaluate, and obtain information contained in statistical publications of the Federal Government. Many of the cited documents are available in Tisch Library, either in print format (depository items) or in microform (non-depository items, Micro. F45, 1979-).
- **Statistical Universe (SU).**
From the Tisch Library Home Page, "Catalogs & Library Resources," "Databases A-Z" (1973-)
Includes *American Statistics Index*, *Statistical Reference Index*, *Index of International Statistics*, and *Statistical Abstract of the U.S.*
- **STAT-USA.** From the Tisch Library Home Page, "Catalogs & Library Resources," "Databases A-Z."
Includes National Trade Data Bank; National Economic, Social & Environmental Database; Economic Bulletin Board; Global Business Procurement Opportunities; and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Law and Legislation

- **Congressional Universe**
From the Tisch Library Home Page, "Catalogs & Library Resources," "Databases A-Z."
- **Thomas** <http://thomas.loc.gov/> Legislative Information on the Internet by the Library of Congress.
- **Congressional Record** and its predecessors (record of the deliberations of Congress)
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces150.html (1994-)
Government Publications J 11 .R5 (1789-)
- **Congressional (House and Senate) Bills**
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong009.html> (103rd Congress- , 1993/94-)
Govt. Docs. Micro. Y 1.4/1: - Y 1.4/9: Cong. nos. (1981-) (Index: Ref. Ind. [SOC] KF 49 .F56)]

- **United States Statutes at Large (Stat.)** (official text of U.S. public and private laws)
Tisch Reference KF 50 .U5 (1789-)
Public Laws: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/nara005.html> (104th Cong., 1995/96-)
- **United States Code (USC)** (official codification of public laws)
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong013.html> (1994-)
In *Lexis-Nexis* under "Legal Research," "Codes & Regulations," "Federal Code."
Tisch Reference KF 62 [year] .A2 [year]
- **United States Code Annotated (USCA)** (unofficial but annotated codification of laws)
Tisch Reference KF 62.5 .W45

INDEXES AND DIRECTORIES

- **CIS Index to Publications of the U.S. Congress.** Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] JK 1001 .C62 (1970-)
- **Congressional Index [CCH].**
Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] J 69 .C6 Vol. 1, Senate; Vol. 2, House. (96th Cong.-, 1979/80-)
- **Congressional Record Index.** http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aaces190.html (1983 -)
- **Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Names. Federal and State.** Tisch Reference KF 90 .S52
- **Congressional Directory.** <http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/cong016.html> (1997/98-)
- **Congressional Yellow Book.** Tisch Reference Desk JK 1013 .C65 (latest only)

Rules and Regulations

TEXT

- **Federal Register (FR)** (daily publication of announcements)
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html (1995-)
Microforms: Micro. R2 (1936-1982), Micro. F121 (1983-); Current Periodicals: latest 3 mos.
- **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)** (annual codification of materials appearing in FR)
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html> (1996-)
In *Lexis-Nexis* under "Legal Research," "Codes & Regulations," "Federal Regulations."
Tisch Reference KF 70 .A34

INDEXES AND DIRECTORY

- **CIS Federal Register Index** Tisch Reference Indexes [SOC] KF 70 .A23 (1984-1998)
- **CIS Index to the Code of Federal Regulations.** Tisch Ref. Indexes [SOC] KF 70 .A34 I46 (1989-1999)
- **Federal Regulatory Directory.** Tisch Reference Desk KF 5406 .A15 F4 (latest only)

The Presidency

- **Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents**
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/nara003.html> (1993-)
Government Publications AE 2.109: (current administration)
- **Public Papers of the Presidents.** Tisch Reference J 80 .A28 (1929-)
- **Code of Federal Regulations, Title 3.** Tisch Reference KF 70 .A3 (1936-)

The Judiciary

TEXT

- **United States Reports (U.S.)** (official record of U.S. Supreme Court opinions)
Tisch Reference KF 101 .A212 (1790-)
U.S. Supreme Court: <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/>
U.S. Supreme Court and Court of Appeals: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/federal/opinions.html>
In *Lexis-Nexis* under "Legal Research," "Case Law."
- **United States Law Week (USLW)** (unofficial loose-leaf). Tisch Reference KF 68 .B8 (1970 -)

INDEXES

- **United States Supreme Court Digest** Tisch Reference KF 101.1 .U55
- **Shepard's Acts and Cases by Popular Names. Federal and State.** Tisch Reference KF 90 .S52

Treaties

- **Treaties in Force (TIF)** (latest edition only) Tisch Reference KZ 235 .T47
- **Treaties and Other International Acts Series (TIAS)** Ginn Reference JX 180 .Un2 U92a
- **U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements (UST)** Ginn Reference JX 180 .Un2 U92

Census Publications (<http://www.census.gov/>)

- **Statistical Abstract of the United States.**
<http://www.census.gov/statab/www> (1995-2000)
From the Tisch Library Home Page, "Catalogs & Library Resources," "Databases A-Z."
Tisch Book Stacks (1878-); latest at Tisch Reference and Tisch Reference Desk HA 202 .A1
The standard summary of statistics on all aspects of life in the United States. Serves as a convenient volume for statistical reference and as a guide to other statistical publications and sources.
- **American FactFinder.**
<http://factfinder.census.gov/>
Data sources: Decennial Census, Economic Census, and American Community Survey.
- **Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970.** 2 vols.
Tisch Reference HA 202 .B87 1975
- **County and City Data Book** (published irregularly)
Tisch Book Stacks; latest Tisch Reference HA 202 .A36 (1949-)
- **State and Metropolitan Area Data Book** (published irregularly)
Tisch Book Stacks; latest Tisch Reference HA 202 .S84 (1979-)
- **Census of Population and Housing** Tisch Reference HA 201 (1790-)
- **Census of Agriculture** Tisch Book Stacks HD 1753 (1935-1978); HD 1769 (1982-)

Patent and Trademark Office (<http://www.uspto.gov/>)

Patents <http://www.uspto.gov/main/patents.htm> (1976 -)

In *Lexis-Nexis* under "Legal Research," "Patent Research."

- **Official Gazette: Patents** C 21.5:
Gazette in tangible format in Tisch Library contains summaries and one drawing each for all patents issued during the previous week.

Trademarks <http://www.uspto.gov/main/trademarks.htm> (*all current trademarks*)

- **Official Gazette: Trademarks** C 21.5/4:
Gazette in tangible format in Tisch Library illustrates trademarks and has an index to registrants.
- **Official Gazette Locations:**
 - Microforms: Micro. R403 (January 1948-December 1978)
 - Tisch Government Publications (paper) (January 1979-September 1986)
 - Microforms: Government Publications Micro. C 21.5: and C 21.5/4: (May 1986-)