

Data Sets in Political Science, Public Policy, and Geography:

[Almanac of American Politics](#)

Includes profiles of every member of Congress and every governor, as well as in-depth and completely up-to-date narrative profiles of all 50 states and 435 House districts. Full of maps, census data, and information on topics ranging from campaign expenditures to voting records to interest group ratings, *The Almanac of American Politics* presents everything you need to know about American politics.

[The American National Election Studies](#)

The American National Election Studies (ANES) produces high quality data on voting, public opinion, and political participation to serve the research needs of social scientists, teachers, students, policy makers and journalists who want to better understand the theoretical and empirical foundations of national election outcomes. Time Series Studies are conducted around each national election. In presidential election years, the study is typically conducted both before and after the election (that is, a pre-election study and a post-election study), while for congressional election years the study has typically been conducted only after the election (a post-election study).

[The American National Election Studies ANES Guide to Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior](#)

The *Guide* provides immediate access to tables and graphs that display the ebb and flow of public opinion, electoral behavior, and choice in American politics over time. The Guide contains data from 1948 through 2004 and is updated as new data become available. Displays in the *Guide* are organized into 9 topics:

1. Social and Religious Characteristics of the Electorate
2. Partisanship and Evaluation of the Political Parties
3. Ideological Self-Identification
4. Public Opinion on Public Policy Issues
5. Support for the Political System
6. Political Involvement and Participation in Politics
7. Evaluation of the Presidential Candidates
8. Evaluation of Congressional Candidates
9. Vote Choice

[Campaign Contributions - Project Vote Smart](#)

As a national library of factual information, Project Vote Smart covers your candidates and elected officials in five basic categories: biographical information, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances and interest group ratings.

[Federal Election Commission](#)

The FEC's official website, where you can:

- Search the disclosure database containing candidate, PAC, and party summaries
- View or download financial disclosure reports filed electronically by House and Presidential Campaigns, Parties and PACs.
- View Electioneering Communication Reports
- View other Campaign Finance Data

The Gallup Organization

Gallup-affiliated organizations in the United States and throughout the world have assessed public opinion on a wide range of political, social, and economic issues, including the hopes and fears of people around the globe, their leisure-time activities, their morals and manners, and their religious beliefs. The site includes analysis of opinion poll results, but raw data is generally unavailable.

Geospatial and Statistical Data Center (*University of Virginia*)

Maintained by the University of Virginia, this site includes the university's electronic statistical and social science data. In addition, the site provides links to: American Factfinder, the County and City Data Book, Election Data and Maps, the Historical Census Browser, the Library of Congress American Memory Collection, Uniform Crime Reports, etc.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) –*Univ. of Michigan*.

Established in 1962, ICPSR is the world's largest archive of digital social science data. They acquire, preserve, and distribute original research data and provide training in its analysis. They also offer access to publications based on their data holdings.

Latin America and The Caribbean Selected Economic and Social Data (*University of Texas, Latin American Network Information Center*) The Latin American Network Information Center has brought together data from a wide variety of sources and made them available here in easy to read table-format. There are country-specific data tables and country-comparison data tables. Also see the UT-LANIC Home Page. Data is available on: democracy, economy, education, environment, foreign assistance, health, investment, nutrition, poverty, trade, and more.

Monthly Energy Review (*U.S. Department of Energy*)

The *Monthly Energy Review (MER)* is the Energy Information Administration's primary report of recent energy statistics. Included are data tables and graphs (in MS Excel or .PDF format) of total energy production, consumption, and trade; energy prices; overviews of petroleum, natural gas, coal, electricity, nuclear energy, renewable energy, and international petroleum; and data unit conversions.

Political Database of the Americas (*Georgetown University and the Organization of American States*)

The Political Database of the Americas (PDBA) is a non-governmental project of the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at Georgetown University in collaboration with the Secretariat for Political Affairs of the Organization of American States, and with the support of other institutions in the region. Through its website, the PDBA offers centralized and systematized information about institutions and political processes, national constitutions, branches of government, elections, political constitutional studies and other subjects related to the strengthening of democracy in the region. With more than 1,500 pages of information, the PDBA is one of the most preferred sources of political information on the Internet reaching more than 450,000 users per month. The information is presented in an objective and independent manner and offered free of charge, facilitating political analysis and debates from a comparative perspective.

Political Science and Public Policy Resources (*Michigan State University*)

An alphabetical listing of data archives related to political science and public policy issues.

The Record of American Democracy, 1984-1990 (*Gary King and Bradley Palmquist*)

The Record Of American Democracy (ROAD) data include election returns, socioeconomic summaries, and demographic measures of the American public at unusually low levels of geographic aggregation. The NSF-supported ROAD project covers every state in the country from 1984 through 1990 (including some off-year elections). One collection of data sets includes every election at and above State House, along with party registration and other variables, in each state for the roughly 170,000 precincts nationwide (about 60 times the number of counties). Another collection has added to these (roughly 30-40) political variables an additional 3,725 variables merged from the 1990 U.S. Census for 47,327 aggregate units (about 15 times the number of counties) about the size one or more cities or towns. These units completely tile the U.S. landmass. This collection also includes geographic boundary files so users can easily draw maps with these data.