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## Featured Websites

**How'd They Vote?** <http://www.howdtheyvote.ca/index.php>



This is a "non-partisan website" that uses the Hansard to extract information on bills, members of parliament, votes, and speeches. View quotes from the MP's speeches, as well as lists of bills, overall voting history for each bill and statistics on an MP's actions in parliament.

## E P P I

*Enhanced British Parliamentary Papers on Ireland, 1801 – 1922*

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**E P P I :** <http://www.eppi.ac.uk/eppi/digbib/home>

Provides access to full-text of approximately 10,000 "British Parliamentary papers containing information on Ireland and its relations with Britain in this period: social inquiries and census enumerations, reports on economic, educational, cultural and linguistic institutions and political and military developments, (and also) transcripts of semi-literate emigrant letters."



## St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank – Financial Crisis Site:

<http://www.stlouisfed.org/timeline/default.cfm>

This site provides useful information about the global financial crisis of 2008 and beyond, including a timeline of major events; news headlines; links to related sites, such as the FDIC Failed Bank List, US Treasury, New York Federal Reserve Bank and St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank's Foreclosure Resource Center; as well as links to a variety of related financial data, including Federal Reserve Monetary Data and Assets & Liabilities of Commercial Banks.

## Data

**DOE Data Explorer:** <http://www.osti.gov/dataexplorer/>. From the US Dept of Energy, this is a database that provides access to "the data behind DOE's scientific publications, including computer simulations, numeric data files, figures and plots, interactive maps, multimedia, and scientific image.

**GEMstat:** <http://www.gemstat.org/>. From the United Nations Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) water monitoring program, this site provides access to surface and ground water quality data sets collected from more than 3,000 participating stations.

## UNHCR Statistical Online Population Database:

<http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/45c063a82.html>. The UNHCR is the United Nation's Refugee Agency. This particular resource provides data and trends on "refugees, asylum-seekers, returned refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) protected/assisted by UNHCR, returned IDPs, stateless persons, and others of concern to UNHCR, in more than 150 countries."

## Directories

**Archive-It:** <http://www.archive-it.org/collections/317> . List of national Government statistical web sites. Links to approximately 150 sites from around the world.

## Directories Cont'd

**Federal Citizen Information Center:** <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call/ncc.htm>. From the US General Services Administration, this site provides consumer information about US Federal programs, services and benefits via an FAQ database; related external links; and toll-free access to information professionals who can answer questions over the phone.

**UN System Libraries:** <http://www.unsystem.org/en/libraries/index.html>. Directory of the libraries, catalogues and publication services of the UN system. Browse the alphabetical list for links to library catalogues, homepages, databases, publications, resources etc.

## Economics

**EconomicIndicators.gov:** <http://www.economicindicators.gov/mainpage.cfm>. From the Economics and Statistics Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Provides "timely access" to the daily releases of key economic indicators from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau.

**GPO Access Economic Indicators:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/index.html>. Provides monthly compilations of "economic information on prices, wages, production, business activity, purchasing power, credit, money and Federal finance." Data available go back to 1995, but can only be browsed from 1998 onwards.

**USDA Economic Research Service:** <http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts/#2008-12-22>. This site provides information on population, employment, income, farm characteristics, farm financial indicators, and top commodities, exports, and counties for each state in the United States.

## Environment

**Petroleum Reduction Planning Tool:** <https://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/prep/index.php>. From the US Dept of Energy, this tool aims to help users reduce conventional fuel use in fleet and personal vehicles. You can evaluate and calculate petroleum reductions by choosing one or a combination of methods, including switching to alternative fuels, hybrids, biodiesel blends etc.

**Climate Change:** <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/climate/reports.htm>. From the BC Ministry of Environment, this site provides links to an array of government research reports and other resources related to climate change – with a particular emphasis on its current & projected impact on BC.

**GEMswater:** <http://www.gemswater.org/>. Another site from the UN GEMS program – this time providing scientific information on the "state and trends of global inland water quality."

## Environment Cont'd

### **Quarterly Compliance and Enforcement Summary:**

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/main/prgs/compliancereport.html>. From the BC Ministry of Environment, this site provides links to copies of the Summary dating back to 2006. The Summary includes details about any orders issued by the government to prevent/stop harm to the environment, human health and/or safety; any administrative sanctions imposed, including license cancellations/suspensions or fines; tickets issued; or court convictions.

## Gender Issues

**Gender & Development:** <http://tinyurl.com/4khmj>. From the World Bank, this site "describes how the Bank seeks to reduce gender disparities and enhance women's participation in economic development." Features various analytical tools, data/statistics, research & program information, and publications on this topic.

**Women:** <http://www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#women>. From the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, this page provides links to labor force, employment, and unemployment statistics for women in the US. Most data from the early 2000s.

## Historical Collections

**BC Stats Historical Census Populations:** <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp>. This is BC Stats' directory page to Census of Canada tables/profiles specifically for BC. Includes links to Historical Census Populations, with tables for Municipalities from 1921 - 2006, Regional Districts from 1941 - 1986 and Genealogy information. Also has a variety of Census profiles, geography, population & housing, fast facts & more for BC from 1991 to present.

**British History Online: Parliamentary History:** <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/subject.aspx?subject=6>. Provides links to sources relating to "proceedings and legislation in the two Houses of Parliament at Westminster" including the Journals for the House of Lords (1509-1717, 1832-4) and the House of Commons (1547-1699) & (1830); House of Commons Debates (1667-94); journals of all parliaments from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I; and much more.

**Cobbett's Parliamentary History:** <http://tinyurl.com/dduza4>. This site "provides free access to the full text of all 36 volumes of William Cobbett's history of the English parliament from 1066-1803 - which covers the historical proceedings of parliament, key debates, figures, events and political reforms and protests in both houses. It includes coverage of Charles I, Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of the monarchy under Charles II."

## Immigration & Migration

**ECRE:** <http://www.ecre.org/>. From the European Council on Refugees & Exiles, this website provides a wealth of information and resources on international refugees and global human rights issues. All of its publications are freely available on site.

### **Immigration & Migration Statistics:**

<http://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/LibraryDataServices/SubjectGuides/immigration.htm>. From York University Libraries, this site provides links to immigration and migration statistics for Canada and other countries from official statistical agencies such as Statistics Canada, OECD, United Nations, and the US government. Canadian figures from the 1996 and 2001 Census, as well as other, more recent surveys.

**Migration & Immigration:** <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/migration.asp>. From BC Stats, this site provides links to tables and reports pertaining to population flows between British Columbia and other provinces/territories as well as immigration/emigration between BC and other countries. Some immigration statistics from 1999 to present.

## Law

### **Acts of the UK Parliament:**

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts.htm>. This page provides links to the full text of all UK Parliament Public General Acts (from 1988 onwards) and all Local Acts (from 1991 onwards) as they were originally enacted.

**BC Laws:** <http://www.bclaws.ca/>. BC Laws provides free public access to the current laws of British Columbia. Provides links to Statutes & Regulations; Regulations Bulletins; and Order in Council Resumes.

**GLIN:** <http://www.glin.gov/search.action>. From the Global Legal Information Network, this site "is a public database of official texts of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other complementary legal sources contributed by governmental agencies and international organizations."

**UK Statute Law Database:** <http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/>. "The UK Statute Law Database (SLD) is the official revised edition of the primary legislation of the United Kingdom made available online....and carries both primary and secondary UK legislation.

**United States Code:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>. From GPO Access, this page provides links to versions of the US Code - the codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States – from 1994 to the most current edition.

## United Nations

**Charter of the United Nations:** <http://www.un.org/aboutun/charter/>. Provides the full-text of the charter, which was originally signed in 1945 and includes all subsequent amendments.

**Commission on the Status of Women:** <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/>. This is part of the United Nations Economic & Social Council. Its mandate includes promoting and monitoring the implementation of measures for the advancement of women. Includes extensive history/background to the Commission, as well as links to its sessions dating back to 1992, its statements, news archives and all its publications.

**Independent Audit Advisory Committee:** <http://www.un.org/iaac/index.shtml>. This is part of the General assembly, tasked with financial, audit and/or other oversight-related activities. The site provides access to the IAAC's calendar of meetings, press releases, and its reports.

## US Policy

**Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation & Terrorism:** <http://www.preventwmd.gov/home>. This Commission was established by US Congress in 2007 with a mandate to "assess the nation's current activities, initiatives, and programs aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism." Provides full-text transcripts of its hearings, full-text access to its report, *World at Risk* and all of its press releases.

**MERLN:** <http://merln.ndu.edu/>. MERLN (the Military Education Research Library Network) is a comprehensive website devoted to international military education outreach. MERLN's extensive electronic resources includes *MiPALs*, Military Policy Awareness Links, which provide access to current U.S. Government policy statements on selected key topics.

**The Plumb Book:** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plumbbook/>. The Plum Book also "lists over 7,000 Federal civil service leadership and support positions in the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government that may be subject to noncompetitive appointment, nationwide. Data covers positions such as agency heads and their immediate subordinates, policy executives and advisors etc.

**Project on Defence Alternatives:** <http://www.comw.org/pda/usdefpolicy.html>. The Project on Defence Alternatives is an initiative of the Commonwealth Institute, "a nongovernmental public policy research center located in Cambridge, MA." The PDA has as its mission "to adapt security policy to the challenges and opportunities of the post-Cold War era....Central to its mission is the development of "transitional security policy," which would serve to create conditions favorable to the advent of regional and global cooperative security regimes."