

# New to Gov Info

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## Featured Websites

### United Nations:

<http://www.un.org/en/>



Of course the United Nations isn't really new to GovInfo, but its brand-new interface is worth featuring! It has an attractive layout and colour-scheme and has made vast improvements in the way information is presented on the homepage. Links are clearly labelled, information is well laid-out and navigation is intuitive. Theme pages make a very good effort at collocating related UN information/sub-sites. A huge improvement!



### World Tourism Organization:

<http://www.unwto.org/index.php>

This UN Systems Organization serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues. The site provides information on UNWTO programs and projects, as well as full-text access to its newsletters, feature stories and news articles. Focus areas include tourism and: G20; climate change; poverty; and emergency response. Note, with the exception of a handful of free samples, UNWTO publications & statistics are available for fee only. The Library does collect select titles so check the catalogue for titles of interest.



## Crime & Justice

**Vancouver Police Department:** <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/>. This site provides extensive information for citizens on community policing opportunities, crime prevention programs, block watch, emergency preparedness and more. Also provides monthly crime statistics for robbery, theft, house & car break-ins, arson, prostitution, mischief and more - by neighbourhood, district and city for the current year and back to 2002. Annual reports also available for the same time periods. Crime maps, videos, press releases and other publications all freely available.

**Supreme Court of the United States:** <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>. Provides extensive background information on the history & traditions of the Court, as well as biographies of current members and a list of all members from 1789 to present. Also includes term opinions of the Court and term in-chambers opinions from 2005 onwards and full-text access to speeches, argument transcripts, and year-end reports from 2000 onwards.

## Directories

**Canada Government Electronic Directory Services:** <http://sage-geds.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cgi-bin/direct500/eng/TE?FN=index.htm>. "The Government Electronic Directory Services (GEDS) provides a directory of federal public servants for all regions across Canada." GEDS is an integration of the Government of Canada telephone directories and the Email Address Exchange Service (EMAX).

**CIA Directory of World Leaders:** <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/index.html> "Online directory of world leaders: "The CIA publishes and updates the online directory of Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments regularly. The directory is intended to be used primarily as a reference aid and includes as many governments of the world as is considered practical."



## Health

**(BC) Office of the Provincial Health Officer:** <http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/pho/>. Under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, "the Provincial Health Officer is the senior medical health officer for British Columbia and provides independent advice to the Minister of Health, the ministry and the public on public health issues and population health. Provides links to the Officer's Annual Reports, special reports & program-related reports.

## Peace

**Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) :** <http://www.sipri.org/>. SIPRI cooperates with several international and regional organizations, among them: various departments of the United Nations, the EU, the African Union (AU), NATO, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The site provides links to its news releases, information on its research projects and staff biographies, and also provides free access to its databases. Databases cover military expenditure, arms transfers & production, international peacekeeping, and security trends.

## Statistics

**National Center for Education Statistics: QuickStats.**

<http://nces.ed.gov/datalab/quickstats/>. From the US department of Education, the QuickStats site allows the user to create "simple tables fast." Statistical variables are limited to post secondary students and faculty. The site also provides links to a wide variety of IES publications, data products, surveys, fast facts and annual reports. These resources include the K - 12 group - for both public and private schools - as well as college/university, international and library topics.

**Office of the Clerk: Election Statistics**

[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/electionInfo/index.html](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electionInfo/index.html). "Since 1920, the Clerk of the House has collected and published the official vote counts for federal elections from the official sources among the various states & territories." These documents have been scanned and are available online from 1920 to 2006.



## Statistics Cont'd

**Local Government Statistics:** [http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics\\_index.htm](http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics_index.htm).

The site provides local government statistics for tax rates & tax burden, as well as the assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, expenditure, long-term debts and financial position for municipalities and regional districts in BC.

**Statistics Canada Publications Catalogue** <http://dsp-psd.tpsgc.gc.ca/Collection/Statcan/index-e.html>.

From the DSP, this site provides links to various StatsCan publications. Browsable by subject: General, Transportation, Education, Primary Industries, Commerce, Census, Manufacturing, and Employment. Publication types include data, technical papers, articles and analytical documents.

**Urban Institute: Sociology Statistics (US).** <http://www.urban.org/toolkit/index.cfm>.

The Urban Institute is an "independent nonpartisan" organization that "gathers data, conducts research, evaluates programs, offers technical assistance overseas, and educates Americans...to foster sound public policy and effective government." Major research focuses are: crime & justice; economy & taxes; education; health & health care; housing; welfare; and work & income.

## Trade

**International Trade Secretariat: Agreement on Trade.** [http://www.ait-aci.ca/index\\_en.htm](http://www.ait-aci.ca/index_en.htm).

AIT is an intergovernmental trade agreement signed by Canadian First Ministers that came into force in 1995 to reduce and eliminate barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services, and investment within Canada. The site provides links to news releases, annual reports, sectoral chapter reports, full-text of the agreement and subsequent amendments, dispute/complaint statistics, and panel reports.

**USDA Foreign Agricultural Service: Country Information**

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/countryinfo.asp>. "The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products, build new markets, improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries." Country pages available by region and include links to trade agreements whenever relevant.