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A Quick Guide to Education Data Resources

A tabletop reference to
selected NCES web site
tools. For librarians,
students, and parents.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations.

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The NCES Library Statistics Program is responsible for the State Library Agencies (StLA) Survey, the Academic Library Survey (ALS), the Public Library Survey (PLS), and the Library Media Center Survey, a component of the Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS). The Library Statistics Program web site provides access to downloadable reports from state, academic, public, and school library surveys. Downloadable datafiles are also available for the state, academic, and public library surveys.

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries>





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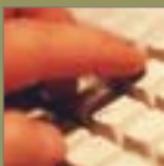
Schools, Colleges & Libraries

<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>

- Search for **Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools** by city, state, name, or zip code
 - » Find school address, phone number, characteristics, and enrollment data

- Search for **Colleges** by city, state, name, or zip code
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- Search for **Public Libraries** by city, state, name, or zip code
 - » Find address and phone number and information on the library collection, circulation, attendance, services, and per capita data



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in Learning Activities
by Going to the Students' Classroom

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/>

The Students' Classroom offers a wide range of topics and activities.

- Enjoy math games and activities, including the popular "Create A Graph"
- Learn about probability and other math concepts
- Read about the lives of famous mathematicians
- Explore your knowledge and see how you compare to international students



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NCES Tables and Figures

<http://nces.ed.gov/quicktables/>

- Locate tables and figures published by NCES in many of its reports
- Search by keyword, topic area, and year of data

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NCES Electronic Catalog

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/>

- Search for NCES publications on Education and Libraries
- Download publications as pdf files



Compare

Information on Libraries

by Going to Library Statistics Program

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/>

NCES features on its web site Peer Comparison Tools using data from the Public Library Survey (PLS) and from the Academic Library Survey (ALS). These free, online tools allow users to obtain detailed information about a particular library or to establish a set of peer libraries to compare on a variety of characteristics, such as:

- expenditures
- library staff
- services