

## Government Information & Statistics Assignment

1. Find out where your closest federal depository library is. Contact them and ask:
  - a. How big is the collection?
  - b. How far back do they generally keep things?
  - c. What are the collection's major strengths?
  
2. Using either the print or web version of the 2004-2005 *Statistical Abstract*, find the answers to the following:
  - a. How would someone find the portion of population for any city or state that identifies as being Hispanic or Latino?
  - b. How much beef was consumed in the United States per capita in 1980? In 1990? In 2002?
  - c. Other than the U.S. Bureau of the Census, which agency provides much of the statistical information about education?
  
3. Check the reference section of your library and make a list of print sources of information about your county or city that you can find.
  
4. Go to California's Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit page, at <http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/DEMOGRAP/repndat.htm>. Have a look at table E-1, which shows population changes in California towns and cities by county. Which city in Sacramento County had the most growth by percentage?
  
5. Pick a country. Have a look at the following 2 web sites and note what kind of information on it is provided in each:
  - World Fact Book:  
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>
  
  - Northwestern University's Government Publications and Maps: <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/foreign.html>