



# More Library Resources for Inquiry in the Social Sciences

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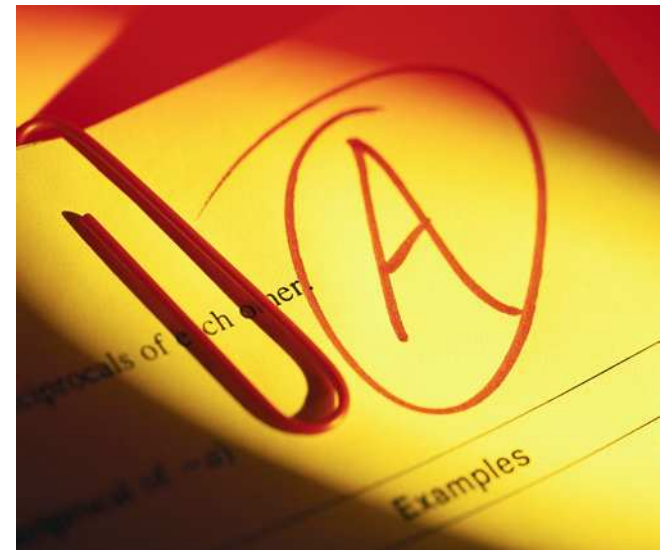
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# More Research Resources for Inquiry

- **evaluating web resources**
- citing web and other sources
- finding government statistical data like **CANSIM** and **Census**
- finding other government sources
- using Social Sciences Citation Index
- finding newspaper articles



**Questions?**

any time during the session!

# Library's Internet Search Page

- go to [Library home page](#)
- on the left nav bar, click on [Search the Internet](#)
- add to Favourites



# Challenge:

Find a website on:  
*whale watching  
in Lake Michigan*

*(3 minutes)*

# Critical Thinking

- ✓ Accuracy
- ✓ Authority
- ✓ Objectivity
- ✓ Currency
- ✓ Coverage
  - ✓ see original evaluation checklists at [Evaluating Web Resources \(Widener\)](#)

# Critical Thinking

- ✓ URL
- ✓ Author; credentials?
- ✓ Last updated?

# Critical Thinking

- ✓ Links
- ✓ Sources documented?
- ✓ Listed in subject directory?
- ✓ Why is it on the Web?

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# Citing Web Documents

## Minimum Requirements

- document **title** or description
- **date**
  - date of **publication** or last update
  - date of **retrieval**
- **address** (URL)
- where possible:
  - **author**, and **author's** institutional affiliation

## Example of a Web Citation

- Chou, L., McClintock, R., Moretti, F., Nix, D. H. (1993). Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures. Retrieved August 24, 2000, from Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies Web site:  
[http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/new\\_wine1.html](http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/new_wine1.html)

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- start at the Library home page:
  - <http://library.mcmaster.ca>
  - click on
    - the picture of Mills Library
    - Maps, Data & Government Publications
    - Government Publications
    - [Government Publications on the Web](#)

# Links to Government Statistical Sources

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    - [Statistical Sources](#)

## Statistical Sources

### Government Publications

#### Data & Statistics



#### Ask for Help

#### What's New









#### MADGIC Home

## Statistical Sources

[Canada](#) | [United States](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [International](#)

 = may be accessed by currently registered students, staff and faculty at McMaster  
 = accessible by everyone

### Canada

- [Statistics Canada's website](#)   
this site provides economic, social and census data (free and for fee) plus daily analysis of statistical releases
- [ESTAT](#)   
an interactive teaching and learning tool from Statistics Canada, offering reliable and timely statistics
- [CANSIM II](#)   
Time series statistics ranging from social to economic aspects of Canadian life
- [Index of downloadable Statistics Canada publications](#)   
full text access to approximately 300 Statistics Canada publications listed by subject and Statistics Canada catalogue number
- [Free Statistics Canada Internet Publications](#)   
full text access to over 300 publications listed by subject, catalogue number, or title
- [Historical Statistics of Canada](#)   
statistical tables on the social, economic and institutional conditions of Canada from 1867 to the mid 1970s
- [Education in Canada](#)   
annual review of statistics on Canadian education from 1996 to 2000
- [2001 Census](#) 

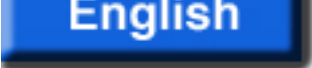

there are lots of other great sources on this page, too!



# Quick Route for Accessing E-STAT


- start at the Library home page:
  - <http://library.mcmaster.ca>
  - click on *e-Resources*
  - type *estat* in the search box

# E-STAT

- click 
- click 
- click Data tab
- **browse by topic**, or **search** CANSIM or Census



# E-STAT: Browsing by Topic

- example:
  - [Arts, culture and recreation](#)
  - [Recreation](#)
  - #2: *Television viewing time, by viewer demographic characteristics*
  - click  for detailed description of each table

# E-STAT: Searching by Keywords

- Search CANSIM
- text search,
- 1 **all of these words**
- 2 **active tables**
- 3 **table titles only**
- 4 **television**
- *Health behaviour in school-aged children 2002*

## E-STAT Output: one possibility

- for **Geography** click **Select all**
- for **Sex** select **males**
- for **Age group** select **13 years**
- for **Activity** select **watching television**
- for **Period of the week** select **weekdays**
- for **Student response** click **Select all**
- click **Retrieve as a Table**
- select **HTML Table, time as columns**
- click **Go**

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# Guide to Using SSCI

- [Handout: How to do a cited reference search in Social Sciences Citation Index](#)

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# LexisNexis

- go to e-Resources & type: *lexisnexis* in the search window
- for Canadian news sources:
  - Guided News Search
  - World News
  - North/South America

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*...and don't forget –*

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***Good Luck with your Assignments!***



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