



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

### **FACTS, FACTS & more FACTS**

How many apples? How many oranges? Just the facts, ma'am? Looking for the perfect statistic to nail an argument or ornament an essay?

#### **Statistical Abstract of the United States –**

THE standard source for social, political and economic statistics from 1878 to the present. Government and private source data. Compares apples to apples over time. (Issues back to 1893 at REF 317.3 U58s)

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ONLINE (1878-present) -- <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

#### **The Europa World Year Book**

Don't leave the U.S. without it! Two huge volumes of statistics on the rest of the world. Compare apples to apples between countries, plus historical overviews, government and economic affairs and more. Even what public holidays are celebrated.

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#### **American FactFinder – U.S. Census.**

THE source for “population, housing, economic and geographic” info. Make tables, browse subjects, view maps and more.

<http://factfinder.census.gov/>

Interested in historical census data? Check out:

- Selected Historical Census Data  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html>
- Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000  
<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/ma.html>
- Historical Census Browser  
<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

**LexisNexis Statistical** – No idea who might be counting the fruit? Try this library database that allows you to search across numerous data sources by keyword.

Choose LexisNexis Statistical from the Library's list of databases:

<http://depts.drew.edu/lib/eresources/namelist.php>

*\* Warning: Browsing reference sources can be enlightening!*