State and Local Government

Finding state and local documents

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Libraries participate in the Missouri state depository system and receive state agency publications distributed through this program. State government items not distributed in this manner are also acquired as needed. Selected publications issued by the St. Louis City and St. Louis County governments are also routinely added to the collections.

The Library Catalog is the primary tool for accessing these materials. If the publication has a distinctive title, the ‘Title’ search will retrieve the record for the item. ‘Keyword’ searching may be useful if the publication has a more generic title or if you do not remember all of the title, because “keyword” searches author, title, and subject fields together.

Author searches may be done, but this may be a less effective search unless you know the official form of the agency name which is used in the Catalog. For example, most Missouri state agencies are listed using the abbreviation “Dept.” (i.e., Missouri Dept. of Transportation), while local city and county agencies may be under “St.” or “Saint.”

The Libraries own a very small percentage of existing state and local government documents, particularly those from outside the St. Louis metropolitan area. Below are some of the tools available to help identify the existence and location of these materials.

| Indexes |
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| **Index to Current Urban Documents** | COM 1 HT 151 .I5x v.1-34 (1972-2006) |
| Lists documents issued by the largest cities and counties in the United States and Canada. |
| **Missouri State Government Publications** | |
| Also available in print. |
| Issued monthly with an annual cumulative issue, this publication lists Missouri state government agency publications. |
| **WorldCat** | |
| WorldCat is an integrated, electronic catalog that lists items for over 72,000 libraries from 170 countries. One nice feature of this catalog is that records have an option to show ‘Libraries that own item.’ |
| **Miscellaneous** | |
| **Urban Affairs Annual Review** | Presents original theoretical, normative, and empirical work on urban issues and problems. Each volume has a distinctive title and contains scholarly works dealing with a common theme. |
### Statistical Sources

**Census of Governments**

Freely available online.

The *Census of Governments* is part of the Economic Census, taken every five years and provides detailed statistical information on the expenditures and incomes of several layers of government.

Paper volumes ceased with the 1992 Census; ask at the Reference Desk if you need to access older issues.

**County and City Data Book**

Freely available online.

Contains statistical information and rankings from several governmental and private data collecting organizations. Includes results from the Census of Population and Housing and estimates based on subsequent surveys for counties and cities on such topics as labor force, journey to work, income, climate, crime, land area, etc.

**Municipal Yearbook**

REF DESK JS344.C5 A24 2013; earlier years also available

Subjects covered in this yearbook include: salaries of county officials, municipal employee health care benefits, evaluation of city manager performance, local economic development, budgeting, and state-local relations.

**Missouri Statistical Data Archive**

(Formerly Statistical Abstract for Missouri)

Freely available online.

This presents statistical information for population, income, employment, prices, transportation, business, agriculture and energy. Includes figures on tax revenues, expenditures for public schools, motor registration, etc.

### Find Articles

*Online resources are available on campus and remotely with a UMSL SSO ID and password.*

**Summon**

A Google-like search engine that indexes most of our print and online resources.

**ABI/INFORM**

Over 550,000 citations with abstracts to articles appearing in approximately 1,000 international periodicals covering business and management as well as related functional areas including trends, corporate strategies and tactics, and competitive and product information. Contains the complete text of selected articles from 500 publications since 1991.

**Lexis-Nexis™ Academic**

Lexis-Nexis Academic™ is a full-text online service which provides access to over 1 billion documents drawn from 12,500 publications, most of which are full text. Information is updated continuously. Areas covered include: Local, national
PAIS International

This database presents listings of the latest books, periodical articles, government documents, and reports of public and private agencies relating to business, economic and social conditions, public policy and administration, and international relations. Materials published in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish are covered. Citations and abstracts are provided, but full-text is not available.

Sage Public Administration Abstracts

Provides citations and abstracts to over 100 scholarly journals in the field of public administration.

Access to state and local documents at other locations

St. Louis Area Documents

St. Louis County Library 1640 South Lindbergh Blvd.
The main branch of the St. Louis County Library collects county publications. Documents at the County Library are not cataloged. They are kept in a closed stack area and are retrieved by library staff. Thomas Jefferson Library has an older listing of the materials available (ask at the Reference Desk for the State and Local Documents folder kept in the Reference Desk drawer). For current holdings, please contact the County Library.

St. Louis Public Library 1301 Olive Street (downtown)
The St. Louis Public Library maintains the St. Louis Information Center (SLIC). Its primary purpose is to provide current information about the City of St. Louis. Since 1990 the library has been the official depository for city government publications. More information on SLIC is available in the State and Local Documents folder kept in the Reference Desk drawer.

County Municipal League 121 S. Meramec Ave.
The Municipal League houses some municipal code books.

East-West Gateway Coordinating Council 10 Stadium Plaza
The Coordinating Council specializes in transportation and planning studies.

St. Charles Government Documents

St. Charles City-County Library District
Houses publications of St. Charles County and municipalities in the county. Documents may be housed at various branches. Please call ahead to verify that a publication is available and to check at which branch it is located.
Municipal documents in Jefferson City

**Missouri State Auditor**

Municipalities file annual budgets and financial statements with the state auditor. A number of previous years are available online.

**Missouri Department of Education**

School districts budgets are not collected. Some detailed final figures are kept for required statistical reporting. The public is welcome, but should call ahead.

### Websites

**Census Bureau**

Statistical information from the Decennial Census of Population and Housing (1990 and 2000) and the Economic Census series, including business, government, etc. Also provides projections and estimates for many topics.

**City of St. Louis**

Access to the full text of city publications, including current and some previous budgets, is available. Choose the ‘Government’ link, then the ‘Local Government Records’ link from the list of ‘Government Topics’.

**Official Missouri State Website**

This site provides access to information about the state of Missouri. Choose “Government” on the top right-hand side of this page to link to agency and department home pages, many of which provide links to annual reports and other departmental publications.

**UM-St. Louis Libraries Homepage**

From the Libraries’ homepage, choose Recommended Webpages. Click on ‘St. Louis’ or ‘Missouri’ in the category listings. We provide links to many sites which will provide St. Louis City, County, and state information.