Research Methodologies

Sage Research Methods Online
SRM provides a “comprehensive picture” of research methods (quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods) across the social and behavioral sciences as reflected in Sage publications.


State Legislation and Politics

Ohio Legislative Service Commission.
This link leads to information on current bills, resolutions and other legislative documents from the Ohio legislature.

Ohio General Assembly (House and Senate) official site
Includes bills proposed and passed, state budget data, Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code (regulations) and state constitution, and additional publications
Legislative activities for 2015-present.
Legislative activities for 1997-2014
(Links to other states for Legislation, Statutes, and Regulations)

Ohio Capital Connection 1988-
Contains Ohio Legislation, Legislative Committee agendas and reports; Ohio Senate and House calendars and actions; Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review; Controlling Board; Bulletins, Court Decisions and Opinions; Current Committee Schedule; Department of Education; Ohio Enviro-Net; Directories and Library of Documents (including election statistics since 1988)

National Conference of State Legislatures, Research and State Bill Tracking Databases
Topical guide to legislative activities in the states

Follow the Money
Data on funding of candidates in state politics. The National Institute on Money in State Politics is the only nonpartisan, nonprofit organization revealing the influence of campaign money on state-level elections and public policy in all 50 states.

U.S. Congress and Financial Reporting

OpenSecrets.org
The Center for Responsive Politics is the nation's premier research group tracking money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy. How to look at a financial report for their member of Congress, etc.
**U.S. Federal Election Commission**
Provides official disclosures by candidates for federal offices.

**U.S. Economic and Labor Data Sets**

**Federal Reserve FRED database**
Provides a variety of economic, demographic, and financial data for the U.S. and to a limited extent for other countries

**US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics**
Find data at local, state, and national level relating to employment, productivity, wages and inflation in aggregate and by industry and services.

**US Government Accountability Office, Reports and Testimonies**
Database of GAO reports on US government activities. “The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the ‘congressional watchdog,’ GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars.”

**Selected Business Data**

**Business Insights Global**
Brings together international business and industry reference material, statistical data, case studies, journals and newspapers. Researchers have the ability to download and analyze global data, industry and company profiles and market share information.

**Selected General Data Sources**

**Data-Planet Statistical Data Sets**
"Assembles statistical information from government and private sources...[and] manipulate datasets, make comparisons, chart trends over time and spatially represent data without having to use additional software programs. It includes data on economic indicators, banking, finance, criminal justice, education, energy, food, agriculture, government, politics, health, housing, international, labor, population, prices, transportation, and more."

**Statistical Abstracts of the United States, 2013**
Resource for wide variety of statistics mainly on the U.S.

**News Media**

**LexisNexis Academic [Selected Articles in Full Text]**
LexisNexis Academic provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, and reference information. Various portions of the database are updated daily and most information is full text.

**Access World News Research Collection**
Database offers newspapers, blogs, newswires, journals, broadcast transcripts and videos. **This databases includes various Ohio newspapers, such as the Columbus Dispatch.** After entering the database select “Ohio” for expanded access to Ohio newspapers beyond what you see on the initial database web page which shows selected Ohio titles