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Searching for Government Information

- *USA.gov* – <http://www.usa.gov>. Serves as the U.S. Government's official web portal
- *Google U.S. Government Search* - <http://www.google.com/ig/usgov>. Search for government information and news. Customizable with google.com login.
- *GPO Access* - <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>. Look here for information from all three branches of the Federal Government.
- *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* - <http://catalog.gpo.gov/F>. Finding tool for federal publications.

My Top Ten "Stranded on a Desert Island" Government Web Sites

1. *American FactFinder* - <http://factfinder.census.gov/>. Population, housing, economic, and geographic data. The quintessential American website, IMHO.
2. *Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids* - <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>
3. *CIA World Factbook* - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>. Information on countries around the world.
4. *Federal Citizen Information Center* - <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/>.
5. *Library of Congress* - <http://www.loc.gov/>
6. *National Archives* - <http://www.archives.gov/>. Documents created by the business of the Federal Government.
7. *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration* - <http://www.noaa.gov/>.
8. *National Parks Service* - <http://www.nps.gov/>. Information on National Parks around the country as well as local heritage and preservation.
9. *Social Security Online* - <http://www.ssa.gov/>.
10. *THOMAS* - <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. Legislative Information from the Library of Congress.

Databases

- *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* – <http://www.cfda.gov/>.
- *FedStats* - <http://www.fedstats.gov/>. Statistics from government agencies
- *Fuel Economy* - <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/>. Gas prices, etc.
- *GrayLit Network* - <http://graylit.osti.gov/>. Science and technical reports.
- *National Center for Education Statistics* - <http://nces.ed.gov/>.
- *Census.gov* – <http://www.census.gov>. Population, housing, and economic data.
- *POW/MIA Databases and Documents* - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/pow/powhome.html>
- *PubMed* – <http://www.pubmed.gov>. Biomedical journal articles from the National Library of Medicine
- *Science.gov* - <http://www.science.gov/>. Access to all of the government's scientific and technical information.

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