

Citing census data, maps, and other online sources: APA References

Government documents and statistical sources are quite variable, so it is difficult find a “definitive” rule for citing these types of online sources in APA format. The following formats have been derived from examples provided at the U.S. Census web site, and on a variety of academic library APA citation style help pages. The formats below have been approved by your instructor.

General Guidelines

- **Name:**
 - Government web site: start with the government entity (U.S.; New York) then indicate name of agency (U.S. Census Bureau; New York. Department of Labor.)
 - Organization: use the name of the organization as author if document does not have a personal author(s)
- **Date:** Use date of publication, or date of last revision. If no date is listed use (n.d.)
- **Title of source:** Italicize; identify geographic area in question.
- **Date accessed:** Use date you accessed the source
- **URL:** Use url that will take the reader directly to the source. If the url must be broken, do it after a slash or before a period. Do not use a hyphen.
- **Capitalization:** Capitalize only the first word of the title of the source and any proper nouns.
- Double space entry; second and subsequent lines are indented
- For more information link to the [library’s web page on citation styles](#)

U.S. Census

U.S. Census Bureau. (2007, January 12). *State & county Quickfacts: Allegany County, N.Y.* Retrieved January 25, 2007, from <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

U. S. Census Bureau. (2000). *Profile of selected social characteristics: Allegany County, N.Y.* Retrieved January 25, 2007, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/QTTTable?_bm=y&-gr_name=DEC_2000_SF3_U_DP2&-ds_name=DEC_2000_SF3_U&-lang=en&-sse=on&-geo_id=05000US36003.

U. S. Census Bureau. (2000). *American FactFinder fact sheet: Allegany County, N.Y.* Retrieved January 17, 2007, from http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFacts?_event=ChangeGeoContext&geo_id=05000US36003&geoContext=&street=&county=allegany&cityTown=allegany&state=04000US36&zip=&lang=en&sse=on&ActiveGeoDiv=&useEV=&pctxt=fph&pgsl=010&submenuId=factsheet_1&ds_name=DEC_2000_SAFF&ci_nbr=null&gr_name=null®=null%3Anull&keyword=&industry=

Maps

Appalachian Regional Commission. Online Resource Center. (2004, October). *Poverty rates in Appalachia, 2000: County rates based on U. S. Census 2000, Table SF3*. Retrieved February 13, 2007, from <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=2855>

New York State. Department of Economic Development, State Data Center. (2000). *Thematic Maps of New York: Percent bachelor's degree or higher based on U.S. Census 2000*. Retrieved January 30, 2007, from http://205.232.252.81/thematic_maps.asp

U.S. Census Bureau. (1998). *Tiger mapping service: Allegany County, N.Y.* Generated January 26, 2007, from <http://tiger.census.gov/cgi-bin/mapbrowse-tbl> .

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New York State Government

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New York State. Department of Health. (2006, May). *Vital statistics of New York State 2004, Table 23: Induced abortions and abortion ratios by race/ethnicity and resident county*. Retrieved February 10, 2007, from http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/vital_statistics/2004/table23.htm.

Other web sites

Association of Religious Data Archives (ARDA). (2000). *County membership report: Erie county, N.Y. religious affiliations, 2000*. Retrieved January 17, 2007 from http://www.thearda.com/mapsReports/reports/counties/36029_2000.asp.

Capital District Regional Planning Commission. (n.d.). *Rensselaer County average annual unemployment rates: 1981-2005*. Retrieved February 13, 2007, from http://www.cdrpc.org/ann_rte_ren.gif.

Early Allegany County History. (1927). In J. Sullivan (Ed.), *History of New York State 1523-1927*, [n.p.], 1927. Retrieved February 10, 2007, from the Hope Farm Press & Bookshop Web site: <http://www.hopefarm.com/allegany.htm>.

Obermiller, P. & Howe, S. (2000, March). *Appalachian migration patterns, 1975- 1980 and 1985-1990*. Retrieved February 13, 2007, from the Appalachian Regional Commission Web site: <http://www.arc.gov/images/reports/migration/migrat.pdf>.

Formatting Your Paper

Consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (on Reserve at the Library) or link to the Diana Hacker web site http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c09_s3.html for detailed information on how to format your paper.

Note that tables, graphs, charts, drawings, photographs (and maps) are classified as “**visuals**.” The sources above explain how to label visuals in APA format.

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