

Government Documents Center Help Guides
Series G - Locating General Government Materials
Part 1 - Federal and State Directories

FEDERAL DIRECTORIES

Various resources are available for patrons wishing to locate federal offices or officers.

The Executive Branch

Source	Coverage	Online Access
United States Government Manual Latest version in Reference Collection Doc.Ctr. JK 421 .A3	1935 -	http://access.gpo.gov/nara/nara001.htm .
Federal Yellow Book Latest version in Reference Collection Doc.Ctr. JK 6 .F2931	1976 -	http://ldi.bvdep.com/ (requires authentication)
Federal Telephone Directories	Current	http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call/phone.htm
Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch, 1774-1989 In Grad and UGLI - E 176 .B5781 1990	1774 - 1989	None

The Legislative Branch - Congress

Source	Coverage	Online Access
House: Office of the Clerk Senate: Senators Homepage	Current Members	http://clerk.house.gov/members/index.php http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
Official Congressional Directory Latest version in Reference Collection Doc.Ctr. JK 1011	1809 -	http://access.gpo.gov/congress/cong016.html
Congressional Yellow Book Latest version in Reference Collection Doc.Ctr. JK 1083 .C75	1976 -	http://ldi.bvdep.com/ (requires authentication)
Contacting Congress	Current	http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/
Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-1989 Docs JK 1010 .A2 1989		http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp

The Judicial Branch

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The United States Government Manual Doc.Ctr. JK 421 .A3	1935 -	http://access.gpo.gov/nara/nara001.html
Judicial Yellow Book	Current	http://ldi.bvdep.com/ (requires authentication)
Federal Judges Biographical Database	1789 -	http://air.fjc.gov/history/judges_frm.html

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITES

Source	URL	Indexing
Google's Uncle Sam	http://www.google.com/unclesam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Subject ◆ Keyword
FIRSTGOV	http://www.firstgov.gov/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Subject ◆ Keyword ◆ Browse by Agency
LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory	http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Browse by Agency

STATE DIRECTORIES

Directories of each branch of most state government entities can be found through sites:

Source	Coverage	Online Access
FindLaw		http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/indexdir.html
State Yellowbook Doc. Ctr. JK 2443 .S791	1989 - Current	http://ldi.bvdep.com
Yahoo®		http://local.yahoo.com/u_s_states

In addition, many states have their own web pages with extensive information regarding their state governments, including contact information.

Source	URL
State & Local Governments on the Net	http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm
State Search	http://www.nascio.org/stateSearch

For Information specific to Michigan see:

Michigan Government Telephone Directory Online	http://www.state.mi.us/dmb/ocat/directory/
Michigan State Home Page	http://www.michigan.gov/

Practice Questions

1. Locate your parents' representative in the state and federal legislatures and one judge in their district and provide the contact information for each of them.
2. Locate the telephone number to the Federal Department of Homeland Security.
3. List the committees on which Debbie Stabenow sits. Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick.

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