

Web Resources

Data and Research

Niles, Robert. "Statistics Every Writer Should Know"

<http://www.robertniles.com/stats/>

Sample size calculator. <http://www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm>

Researcher's tool kit. <http://www.dssresearch.com/toolkit/default.asp>

Data Collection Methods

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/G3658-4.pdf>

Collecting Evaluation Data: An Overview of Sources and Methods has a particularly good discussion about different sources of information.

Sampling

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/sampterm.htm>

An explanation of sampling from the Social Research Methods Knowledge Base, written by William Trochim of Cornell University

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/G3658-3.PDF>

Sampling, a pamphlet from the University of Wisconsin, Extension, is a basic introduction to sampling. It includes a discussion of when to sample, and an explanation of different types of sampling techniques.

Focus Groups

<http://ag.arizona.edu/fcs/cyfernet/cyfar/focus.htm>

Using Focus Groups for Evaluation is a publication of CYFERnet, The Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network.

<http://www.managementhelp.org/evaluatn/focusgrp.htm>

This is a section of the Free Management Library is a good introduction to focus groups. The site contains a list of tasks for different parts of the process, as well as links to other sources.

Questionnaire Development

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/G3658-2.PDF>

Questionnaire Design: Asking Questions with a Purpose

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/G3658-11.PDF>

Collecting Evaluation Data: End-of-Session Questionnaires

Collecting End of the Session Questionnaires is a terrific guidebook on developing event questionnaires. However the information and questions can be tailored for many purposes.

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/evaluation.php>

This is the Evaluation Research section of the Research Methods Knowledge Base, a comprehensive web-based textbook that addresses many topics in social research methods. The sections on evaluation are clear and user friendly.

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/survey.php>

Practical information about surveys.

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/quescont.php>

Good site on writing survey questions

<http://ericae.net/ft/tamu/vpiques3.htm>

“This booklet is intended to identify some of the more prevalent problems in questionnaire development and to suggest ways of avoiding them.”

<http://www.tfn.net/~polland/qbook.html>

Essentials of Survey Research and Analysis: This is a course on survey research developed by Ronald Jay Polland.

<http://dataguru.org/ref/survey/responseoptions.asp>

Data Guru is a compilation of survey response options. You don't have to create your own.

General Topic

American Planning Association: <http://www.planning.org/>

Aspen Institute Community Change Evaluation:
http://www.aspeninstitute.org/site/c.huLWJeMRKpH/b.4012197/k.8BA7/Community_Change_Evaluation.htm

Dataplace: www.dataplace.org

HMDA Data: <http://www.ffiec.gov/>

Knowledgeplex: <http://www.knowledgeplex.org/>

MCIC: <http://info.mcfol.org/web/index.aspx>

National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership: <http://www2.urban.org/nnip/>

Planetizen: <http://www.planetizen.com/>

Policy Link: <http://www.policylink.org/>

Policy Map: www.policymap.org

Success Measures: www.successmeasures.org

Sprawl Watch Clearinghouse: <http://www.sprawlwatch.org/>

US Census: <http://www.census.gov/>

United Way of America Outcomes Measurement: <http://www.liveunited.org/outcomes/>