

## 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>

Just Plain Data Analysis, Gary Klass: <http://lilt.ilstu.edu/jpda/>

"Just plain data analysis" website is a companion to the book. It is about compiling, evaluating, and presenting numerical evidence to support and illustrate arguments about politics and public affairs.

### 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.

## **Presenting Results**

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/G3658-13.PDF>

*Using graphics to report evaluation results.* Nice little publication that highlights easy to read graphics to connect with your audience.

## **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](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/site/c.huLWJeMRKpH/b.4012197/k.8BA7/Community_Change_Evaluation.htm)

Dataplace: [www.dataplace.org](http://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](http://www.policymap.org)

Success Measures: [www.successmeasures.org](http://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/?>