

Home Page

Welcome to the United States Government Manual [Sign In](#) [Home](#) [The Government of the United States](#) [About Us](#) [Contact Us](#)

Getting Started

To begin searching within the Government Manual simply type in a keyword or phrase to find your match. >>>

★ *The United States* ★
GOVERNMENT MANUAL

SEARCH

Resources

- [Declaration of Independence](#)
- [Constitution](#)
- [Organizational Chart of the U.S. Government](#)
- [History of Agency Organizational Changes](#)
- [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#)
- [Other International Organizations](#)
- [Selected Bilateral Organizations](#)
- [Agency Acronyms / Initialisms](#)
- [Links to External Web Sites](#)
- [Contact Information / News](#)
- [Archives of USGM Editions](#)

The United States Government Manual

The United States Government Manual was published at first as a loose-leaf notebook. Its pages held in place by three metal rings. For over eight decades, this New Deal-era publication has been the "official handbook" of the Federal Government. It is a regularly updated special edition of the *Federal Register* that describes agency activities and programs of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of Government, as well as the activities and programs of quasi-official agencies and international organizations in which the United States participates as a member. The *U.S. Government Manual* also includes many sources of information on a range of resources and topics: aircraft and ships, America the Beautiful passes, artists, auctions, blogs, bullying, bus travel safety, career and business opportunities, chemical exposure, Chief of Staff's reading list, climate and sustainability, credit unions, datasets and statistics, disease, earthquakes and landslides, Electoral College, endangered species and wildlife, Freedom of Information Act and Open Government, gardening and organic agriculture, glossaries, Green Card and naturalization, green jobs, historic Federal courthouses, history and timelines, homelessness and homeless veterans, Landsat, learning American English, LGBT youth, maps, Marine Corps bands and tattoo policy, Medals of Honor, minimum wage, museums, news and announcements, organ donation and transplantation, plain language, planets, publications.

Logo



URL

<https://www.usgovernmentmanual.gov>

Subjects

Government information - United States – Manual
 Politics and Government
 United States
 United States – Government information – Manual

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)

Brief History

The United States Government Manual is the official handbook of the federal government, published annually by the Office of the Federal Register and printed and distributed by the United States Government Printing Office. The first edition was issued in 1935; before the 1973/74 edition it was known as the United States Government Organization Manual.

Since 2011 the Manual has been freely offered online, in a continuously updated edition, with annual printed editions still made available.

Scope and Coverage

The United States Government Manual is the official handbook of the Federal Government. This currently updated edition of the Government Manual provides comprehensive and authoritative information on the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies, international organizations with U.S. membership, and Federal boards, commissions, and committees.

Agency descriptions typically include:

- A list of officials heading major operating units.
- A summary of the agency's mission and role in the Federal Government.
- A brief history of the agency, including its legislative or executive authority.
- A description of agency programs and activities.
- A set of websites, street addresses, and phone numbers for services, benefits, contracts and grants, employment, publications, and other public information.

This website offers three ways to find information about Government agencies and organizations.

- Enter a term in the keyword search box at the top left of the home page.
- Browse by category using the pull-down menu in the middle of the home page.
- Use "The Government of the United States" site map at the top right of the home page for an overview of the Government.

Kind of Information

The United States Government Manual holds different types of information. They are.....

Legislative Branch: It includes information about Congress, architect of the Capitol, Congressional budget office, Government accountability office, Government publishing office, Library of Congress & United States Botanic Garden and also the sources of information.

Judicial Branch: It includes information & sources of information about The Supreme Court of the United States, Lower Courts, Special Courts, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Federal Judicial Center & United States Sentencing Commission.

The screenshot shows the website for the Supreme Court of the United States. On the left is a navigation menu under the heading 'Judicial Branch'. The menu items are: 'The Supreme Court of the United States', 'Lower Courts', 'United States Courts of Appeals', 'United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit', 'United States District Courts', 'Territorial Courts', 'United States Court of International Trade', and 'Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation'. On the right is the main content area titled 'THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES'. It includes the address 'United States Supreme Court Building, One First Street NE, Washington, DC 20543', phone number '202-479-3000', and website 'http://www.supremecourt.gov'. Below this is a 'MEMBERS' section listing the Chief Justice of the United States (John G. Roberts, Jr.) and six Associate Justices (Anthony M. Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and Sonia Sotomayor). There is also a 'vacancy' listed. Below the members is an 'OFFICERS' section listing the Counselor to the Chief Justice (Jeffrey P. Messer) and other staff including Clerk (Scott S. Harris), Court Counsel (Ethan V. Taniguchi), Compiler (Catherine E. Fife), Director of Information Technology (Robert J. Hawkins), Librarian (Linda Marshall), and Marshal (Patricia Taylor).

Executive Branch(The President):It includes information aboutThe President, The Vice President, and The Executive Office of the President and also sources of information.

Executive Branch (Departments): It includes its main web-page, different information & sources of information about Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of the Interior &Department of the Treasury.

Executive Branch: Independent Agencies and Government Corporations: It includes website of main page, activities & sources of informationaboutAdministrative Conference of the United States, Broadcasting Board of Governors, Central Intelligence Agency, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Federal Election Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States Commission on Civil Rights etc.

Quasi-Official Agencies: Includes website address, publication and sources of information about Legal Services Corporation, Smithsonian Institution, State Justice Institute, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum & United States Institute of Peace etc.

International Organizations: There are several of international organizations which contains official website and sources of information. They are African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Defense Board, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Investment Corporation, International Organization for Migration, World Bank Group etc.

Special Features

- ❖ The United States Government Manual is linked to external resources like Defense Technical Information Center, Government Publishing Office, and GovSpeak etc.
- ❖ Agency Acronyms and Initialisms are given in separate link.

Arrangement Pattern

Search results in the keywords search box are arranged alphabetically.

Search Results

[Administrative Conference of the United States](#)
Administrative Conference of the **United States** For further information, contact the Office of the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the **United States**, 1120 Twentieth Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036. Phone, 202-480-2080. Fax, 202-386-7190.

[Administrative Office of the United States Courts](#)
Administrative Office of the **United States** Courts For further information, contact the Administrative Office of the **United States** Courts, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, One Columbus Circle NE, Washington, DC 20544. Phone, 202-502-2600.

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#)
Statistical portraits of health care delivery in the **United States** are available on the Agency's Web site.

[Broadcasting Board of Governors](#)
The Voice of America (VOA) is a multimedia international broadcasting service funded by the U.S. Government through the Broadcasting Board of Governors. It began broadcasting in 1942 and now reaches more than 172 million people worldwide. The VOA provides accurate, comprehensive, and trustworthy news and information, as well as informed discussion on the **United States** and the world. It engages audiences in regions deemed critical to the **United States** through whatever medium—radio, television, Internet, or digital media—the people of those regions prefer. It broadcasts approximately 1,800 hours of news, information, educational, and cultural programming every week to a global audience. Programs are produced in nearly 50 languages.

Category wise arrangement is also presented. Each category divided into sub-categories. Sub-categories are arranged content-wise.

Browse by Category

- Legislative Branch
- Legislative Branch**
- Judicial Branch
- Executive Branch: The President
- Executive Branch: Departments
- Executive Branch: Independent Agencies and Government Corporations
- Quasi-Official Agencies
- International Organizations

Information in Government of United states is arranged under different branch. Information in each branch is arranged under different categories & sub-categories.

Legislative Branch

- Congress
 - The Senate
 - The House of Representatives
- Architect of the Capitol
- Congressional Budget Office
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Publishing Office
- Library of Congress
 - Congressional Research Service
- United States Botanic Garden

Judicial Branch

- The Supreme Court of the United States
- Lower Courts
 - United States Courts of Appeals
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Remarks

The United States Government Manual was published at first as a loose-leaf notebook, its pages held in place by three metal rings. For over eight decades, this New Deal-era publication has been the "official handbook" of the Federal Government. It is a regularly updated special edition of the Federal Register.

Comparable Tools

- GOV Spot (<http://www.govspot.com/>)
- USA.GOV (<https://www.usa.gov/>)
- Foreign Government Resources on the Web (<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~graceyor/govdocs/foreign.html>)
- Governments on the WWW(<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/>)

Date of Access

23rd March, 2017