Resource name	Resource Description	Resource location
Economic data		
Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)	Access to all publically available economic data.	https://fred.stlouisfed.org/
National Association of State Budget Officers' Fiscal Survey of States	With data gathered from all 50 state budget offices, this semi-annual report provides a narrative analysis of the fiscal condition of the states and data summaries of state general fund revenues, expenditures, and balances. The spring edition details governors' proposed budgets; the fall edition details enacted budgets.	https://www.nasbo.org/reports-data/fiscal-survey-of-states
USA Spending	Federal spending information, including federal grants to states	https://www.usaspending.gov/
Bureau of Economic Analysis	Economic data produced by US Dept of Commerce (GDP, personal income, savings, etc)	bea.gov
Congressional Budget Office	CBO produces federal budget estimates and economic forecasts and analyzes the effect of federal polices	https://www.cbo.gov/topics
Organization for Economic Development	International policy development research, advocacy	https://www.oecd.org/
Minnesota Governor's Proposed Biennial Operating Budget	MN operating budget	https://www.lrl.mn.gov/mngov/operating_budget
MN - Major Appropriation and Finance Bills and Laws, 1977-present	MN Appropriations	https://www.lrl.mn.gov/history/appropriations
MN - Major Capital Investment and Bonding Bills and Laws, 1963-present	MN Capital Investment	https://www.lrl.mn.gov/history/bondingbills
Scientific		
Open Context	Open source website for archeological data	https://opencontext.org/projects-index/
Science Gov	Database of scientific websites	https://www.science.gov/
Digital Commons Network	Database of academic papers	https://network.bepress.com/
Esri Living Atlas	A wide variety of GIS datasets largely from government sources.	https://livingatlas.arcgis.com/en/home/
The Newberry Library	Atlas of Historical County Boundaries	https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/index.html
TX Colonias database	Map of the counties in Texas	https://texasoag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1bc
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service	collection of surveys and reports about everything related to U.S.	https://www.nass.usda.gov/
Academic/Education		
National Center for Education Statistics	Education data produced by the Federal Government	https://nces.ed.gov/
Postsecondary Bill Tracking Database	NCSL Database on Postsecondary Education Legislation	https://www.ncsl.org/education/postsecondary-bill-tracking-database
Hathitrust	good for forms of research, teaching, and learning that engage the scholarly and cultural record.	https://www.hathitrust.org/

BASE	For academic-focused general search	https://www.base-search.net/

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press	The Open Government Guide is a complete compendium of information on every state's open records and open meetings laws.	https://www.rcfp.org/open-government-guide/
Government Accountability Office	investigative reports and recommendations for improvements to federal agencies, policies, and programs.	https://www.gao.gov/
Data.gov	Data.gov is the United States government's open data website. It provides access to datasets published by agencies across the federal government.	https://data.gov/
Muckrock	facilitates public access to information requests and provides copies of responses	https://www.muckrock.com/foi/list/

Law

Cornell Law School - Topical Index: State Statutes	Also includes links to all state statutes online	https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/state_statutes
US Code (Office of the Law Revision Counsel)	All general and permanent laws of the US by subject matter (title)	https://uscode.house.gov/browse.xhtml
National Survey of State Laws	National Survey of State Laws (NSSL) is a print and online resource that provides an overall view of some of the most-asked-about and controversial legal topics in the United States. The database is derived from Richard Leiter's National Survey of State Laws print editions. Presented in an interactive chart format, NSSL allows users to make basic state-by-state comparisons of current state laws. The database is updated regularly as new laws are passed or updated.	National Survey of State Laws - HeinOnline Knowledge Base
Nyberg's Subject Compilations of State Laws	Bibliography of 50 state surveys organized by subject	https://libguides.heinonline.org/subject-compilations-of-state-laws
Giffords Law Center	Federal and state firearm laws; browse by topic or state	https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/
Courtlistener	Contains case dockets and opinions and other legal documents collected from the federal and state court efiling systems including	Courtlistener.com
Justia 50-State Surveys	Compiled state laws on over 40 topics. But, please check with NCSL	https://www.justia.com/50-state-surveys/
Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) - this costs $	Provides electronic public access to federal court records. Fee-based	https://pacer.uscourts.gov/
Judicial Selection Methods	National Center for State Courts	https://www.ncsc.org/consulting-and-research/areas-of-expertise/court-
Jerome Hall Law Library - State Constitutions	Information on researching state constitutions and their history.	https://law.indiana.libguides.com/state-constitutions

Health Data

State Public Health Legislation Database	Real-time information about bills related to public health and infectious disease prevention that have been introduced in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.	https://www.ncsl.org/labor-and-employment/minimum-wage-legislation-database
Health Costs, Coverage and Delivery	NCSL Database of state legislatioj users can filter legislation by year, state, topic or keyword.	https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiNDNlNTJjNzItNjQyNS00NjVmLTk4MjItZDYzZjBlNTQ0ZDA2IiwidCI6IjM4MmZiOGIwLTRkYzMtNDEwNy04MGJ
CDC WONDER	Public health data	https://wonder.cdc.gov/
CDC's WISQARS	Health data: injury statistics	https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html
US HHS Open Data Site	Open data site for US HHS	https://healthdata.gov/
OECD Better Life Index	This Index allows you to compare well-being across countries, based on 11 topics the OECD has identified as essential, in the areas of material living conditions and quality of life.	https://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/#/11111111111
KFF Health System Tracker	The Peterson Center on Healthcare and KFF are partnering to monitor how well the U.S. healthcare system is performing in terms	Home - Peterson-KFF Health System Tracker

Labor

Bureau of Labor Statistics	Labor market information produced by federal government in partnership with state labor departments	bls.gov
Occupational Licensing Legislation Database	NCSL, US. Dept of Labor, NGA and CSG Database on occupational	https://www.ncsl.org/labor-and-employment/occupational-licensing-
Minimum Wage Legislation Database	NCSL Database includes all minimum wage-related legislative proposals in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, starting in	https://www.ncsl.org/labor-and-employment/minimum-wage-legislation-database

Infrastructure

Bureau of Transportation Statistics	Maps and geospatial data related to transportation	https://www.bts.gov/maps
Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety Analysis	Search for railroad accident/incident reports	https://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/publicsite/query/QuerySas.a
Federal Communications Division	Contains a "National Broadband Map" and information about the Broadband Data Collection System	https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData
Transportation Funding and Finance State Bill Tracking Database	NCSL up to date, real-time information about transportation funding and finance bills that have been introduced in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.	https://www.ncsl.org/transportation/transportation-funding-and-finance-state-bill-tracking-database

Databases and Large Collections

CIA World Factbook	basic intelligence on the history, people, government, economy, energy, geography, environment, communications, transportation, military, terrorism, and transnational issues for 266 world entities	https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/
Library of Congress E-Resources Online Catalogue	Compendium of free resources and databases	https://eresources.loc.gov/
NCSL 50-State Searchable Bill Tracking Databases	The status of bills listed in these databases is updated every week.	https://www.ncsl.org/technology-and-communication/ncsl-50-state-

Esri Policy Maps	Pre-made maps on a wide variety of topics.	https://livingatlas.arcgis.com/policy/browse
Internet Archive	Archive of the reports from our agency's Research section that have been made public.	https://archive.org/
UNT	Universities libraries	https://discover.library.unt.edu/
Issue Lab	Candid collects, preserves, and shares research reports, whitepapers, evaluations, case studies, issue briefs, and more	https://www.issuelab.org/
Connecticut Office of Legislative Research Publications	Research reports for Connecticut State Legislature including surveys of state laws in other jurisdictions (select "All" from year filter and click on "GO" to search across all publications)	https://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/rptsbytopic.asp?olrYear=2023&olrTopic=ALL
CT LibGuides	Connecticut Library programs, resources, and services	Home - Connecticut State Library - LibGuides Home at Connecticut State
Minnesota Digital Library	MN Digital Library	https://mndigital.org/
New York State Archives	copies of publicly accessible websites created or maintained by New York State government entities.	https://archive-it.org/collections/8438

Elections

State Elections Legislation Database	State legislation related to the administration of elections	https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/state-elections-legislation-
NCSL Statewide Ballot Measures Database	50 state Ballot Measures Database	https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/statewide-ballot-measures-
Ballot History Database	LCS database of all statewide ballot measures	http://www.leg.state.co.us/lcs/ballothistory.nsf/
Campaign Finance Legislation	NCSL Database of Campaign Finance legislation 2015-present	https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/campaign-finance-
Minnesota Historical Election Archive	Election archive	https://mn.electionarchives.lib.umn.edu/
Redistricting in Minnesota	Redistricting	https://www.lrl.mn.gov/guides/guides?issue=redist

Government Data (Federal and State Specific)

Presidential libraries	For obscure or missing communications to or from state legislatures that touch upon federal matters.	https://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries
National Archive's Archived Presidential White House Websites	Locating anything published by previous administrations.	https://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/archived-websites
Govinfo	Free public access to all official publications from the federal	https://www.govinfo.gov/
Congress.gov (Library of Congress)	Official government source of federal legislation by U.S. Congress, plus committee reports, hearings, Congressional Record, and more	Congress.gov
Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress)	Publicly available site for CRS reports, search "state laws" or "state surveys" for 50 state surveys	https://crsreports.congress.gov/
Gov Info	Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives	https://www.govinfo.gov/collection/precedents-of-the-house?path=/GPO/Precedents%20of%20the%20U.S.%20House%20of%20
Bioguide	biographical information on Members of the United States Congress and Continental Congresses	https://bioguide.congress.gov/

Rutgers Center for American Women and Politics	Database of Women Elected Officials	https://cawpdata.rutgers.edu/
LLMC Digital	preserving legal titles and government documents	https://llmc.com/default.aspx
State Agency Database Project	Collection of databases of info. on a wide range of topics from every state (and Wash. D.C.)	https://godort.libguides.com/statedatabases
Council of State Governments' Book of the States	Almanac collecting information on state legislatures and state governance and providing comparisons across all 50 states and 6	https://issuu.com/csg.publications/stacks/46495f12f95847e6935d331969ed650a
California State Legislature	California state legislature information	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/
CA - Office of the Secretary of the Senate	Anthology of the California Legislature for the 150-year anniversary of the state.	https://secretary.senate.ca.gov/californiabluebook18502000
Historical Colorado Blue Books	Colorado State Library has scans of all our blue books	https://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/qgbluebook
CT Public Act Legislative Histories	Legislative History	https://www.ctatatelibrarydata.org/legislative-history-bills/
NYS Legislative Library	OPAC and helpful information for conducting New York legislative history research	https://legislativelibrary.ny.gov/
Maine Municipal Association	voluntary membership organization offering an array of professional services to municipalities and other local governmental entities in	https://www.memun.org/
ME Counties, Cities, Towns, and Plantations of Maine	go-to guide for questions about when towns were formed	http://lldc.mainelegislature.org/Open/Rpts/js451_m25c68_1982.pdf
Census Bureau Data	Natural language search for Census data (for example "employment in Georgia in 2020")	https://data.census.gov/
TX TECQ water district map viewer	Search and view water districts	https://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/iwudview.html

History

The American Presidency Project	Extensive collection of public documents for all presidents.	https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/
America's News (Newsbank)	America's News: 2023 Edition features national, regional, and local news content that delivers multiple perspectives on practically any issue, event, or person as covered by U.S. news media. It is the most comprehensive domestic news resource available. With current content and archives back to the 1980s from more than 3,700 sources, it is essential for exploring a diverse range of academic subject areas including history, political science, economics, health	https://www.newsbank.com/libraries/colleges-universities/solutions/regional-collections/america%E2%80%99s-news-2023-edition
Star Tribune Archives	Archived newspapers	https://startribune.newspapers.com/
Chronicling America - Historic American Newspapers	Library of Congress digitized newspapers 1770-1963	https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/
Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection	Collection of historical Colo. newspapers, dating back to the late	https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/
The Florida Handbook	answer questions on Florida history; territorial days; Native American, Spanish, English influences; and general governmental	The Florida Handbook (myfloridahouse.gov)

Florida Memory	provides online access to primary records illustrating significant moments in state history	www.floridamemory.com
Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub	Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub	https://newspapers.mnhs.org/jsp/browse.jsp

Civil and Criminal Justice

Bureau of Justice Statistics	Criminal Justice Statistics	https://bjs.ojp.gov/
Capital Punishment Enactment Database	NCSL Database	https://www.ncsl.org/civil-and-criminal-justice/capital-punishment-
Community Supervision Significant Enactment Database	NCSL Database of significant state law enactments related to community supervision.	https://www.ncsl.org/civil-and-criminal-justice/community-supervision-significant-enactment-database
Colorado's Marijuana Enforce Division	Statistics about Colorado's marijuana industry	https://sbg.colorado.gov/marijuana-enforcement
State Cannabis Policy Enactment Database	Cannabis	https://www.ncsl.org/health/state-cannabis-policy-enactment-database