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- How many tribes there are in Afghanistan
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- How to contact my state senators
- How to research my ancestors
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5. Change of Address
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If any of the above statements do not apply to you, you must Apply in Person

A Note on the U.S. Passport Card:

If you are a previous passport book holder and you are eligible to use Form DS-82, you may apply for a passport card as a renewal by mail - even if it is your first passport card!

How to Renew Your U.S. Passport by Mail:

• From Inside the United States:

To renew your U.S. Passport by mail, you must submit Form DS-82, Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail. Locate Form DS-82 and step-by-step instructions at Form DS-82: Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail.
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IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission. It’s a serious crime that can wreak havoc with your finances, credit history, and reputation — and can take time, money, and patience to resolve.

What to Do Right Away
Immediate Steps to Repair Identity Theft
Here’s how to begin to limit the harm from identity theft.

What to Do Next
Extended Fraud Alerts and Credit Freezes
Placing both extended fraud alerts and credit freezes on your credit reports can make it more difficult for an identity thief to open new accounts in your name.

Repairing Your Credit After Identity Theft
Here are step-by-step instructions for disputing fraudulent charges and accounts related to identity theft.

Lost or Stolen Credit, ATM, and Debit Cards
Federal law limits your liability if your credit, ATM, or debit card is lost or stolen, but your liability may depend on how quickly you report the loss or theft.
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www.bls.gov/es/ooh

Environment Science and Protection Technicians

Environmental science and protection technicians do laboratory and field tests to monitor the environment and investigate sources of pollution, including those affecting health. Many work under the supervision of environmental scientists and specialists, who direct their work and evaluate their results.
Summary

Quick Facts: Librarians

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What Librarians Do

Librarians help people find information from many sources. They maintain library collections and do other work as needed to keep the library running.

Work Environment

Most librarians work in schools, colleges, or public libraries. Most work full time.

How to Become a Librarian

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MORE HELPFUL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED SITES
CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE WEBSITES
We've collected and analyzed data from numerous sources to create as complete and interesting profile of all U.S. cities as we could. We have over 74,000 city photos not found anywhere else, graphs of latest real estate prices and sales trends, recent home sales, home value estimator, hundreds of thousands of maps, satellite photos, stats about residents (race, income, ancestries, education, employment...), geographical data, state profiles, crime data, registered sex offenders, cost of living, housing, religions, businesses, local news links based on our exclusive technology, birthplaces of famous people, political contributions, city government finances and employment, weather, tornadoes, earthquakes, hospitals, schools, libraries, houses, airports, radio and TV stations, zip codes, area codes, air pollution, latest unemployment data, time zones, water systems and their health and monitoring violations, comparisons to averages, local poverty details, professionally written city guides, car accidents, fires, bridge conditions, cell phone and other towers, mortgage data, business storefront photos, a forum and a social network with 1,400,000 registered members and 25,000,000 posts, blogs, 5,000 user-submitted facts, individual property info for millions of houses, 30,000 exclusive local business profiles with photos, restaurant inspection results, and more demographics. If you ever need to research any city, zip code, or neighborhood for any reason, from considering a move there to just checking where somebody you know is staying, this is the site for you.

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NEWS SOURCES
Smash-mouth Reid
Alexander Bolton - 10/07/13 06:00 AM ET
Harry Reid, not President Obama, is the true strategist driving Democratic efforts on the government shutdown....

Christie looks to run up the score
Alexandra Jaffe - 10/07/13 06:00 AM ET
The GOP governor seeks a decisive blue-state victory to enhance his White House credibility. ...

Opinion: Boehner is leader in name only
Juan Williams - 10/07/13 05:00 AM ET
Never before has the Speaker lost control of his caucus to people who are not elected members of the House....

Schumer predicts Boehner will cave
Mario Trujillo
10/07/13 09:15 AM ET
"When we get close to debt ceiling he will have to break with the Tea Party," Schumer said Monday. ...

Hot-button issues on Supreme Court docket
Sam Baker
10/07/13 06:00 AM ET
Its new term, starting today, could see major decisions on prayer, campaign donations and contraception coverage under ObamaCare....

Scalia bemoans 'nasty time' in Washington
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10/07/13 07:55 AM ET
The conservative Supreme Court justice said many of the social interactions between Democrats and Republicans have stopped. ...

Kerry wary of sympathy for alleged terrorists
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The secretary of State
CEO to Release Annual Budget and Economic Outlook

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) holds a media briefing to release its annual Long-Term Budget Outlook. Following opening remarks, CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf takes reporters' questions.

Live at 11am (ET)

Available Shortly

Treasury Sec. Lew Speaks at Economic Club of Washington

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew makes remarks at the Economic Club of Washington on the state of the U.S. economy and the need for Washington to avoid “self-inflicted wounds” that could impede economic growth.

Sen. McCain (R-AZ) Speaks about Syria’s Chemical Weapons

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), a vocal critic of the U.S.-Russia plan to eliminate Syria’s chemical weapon stockpiles, speaks with Margaret Warner of PBS at a conversation hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations.

Live at 6:30pm (ET) on C-SPAN3

Defense Sec. Hagel Honors Victims of Navy Yard Shooting

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and other senior Department of Defense leaders lay a wreath at the U.S. Navy Memorial Plaza in Washington to honor...

Oklahoma Gov. Fallin Addresses Natl Press Club

The National Press Club (NPC) hosted a luncheon with Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin (R) to discuss improving education and workforce training systems. She also talks...

Rep. Steny Hoyer Discusses House Fiscal Battles

Democratic Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) speaks with Ben White, host of Politico’s Morning Money Breakfast Briefing, about coming fiscal battles in the U.S. House.

White House Daily Briefing

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney holds his daily briefing at the White House where he is expected to discuss the shootings at the Navy...
Business wing of the GOP may crash tea party

Phillip Rucker

Races in Michigan, North Carolina and Tennessee mark a notable shift in a party in which most primary challenges in recent years have come from the right.

- The Fix: Shutdown's biggest losers

As shutdown enters second week, sides harden stances

Lori Montgomery

A defiant John Boehner says the House does not have enough votes to pass a "clean" bill on the federal debt limit.

- The Fix: Boehner wants to talk. Badly.
- A consumer guide to the shutdown

Ruth Bader Ginsburg celebrates 20 years on the bench. (Nikki Kahn/Post)

For Ginsburg, the decision of a lifetime

Robert Barnes

As Ruth Bader Ginsburg begins her 21st Supreme Court term, she faces a question: When is it time to leave a lifetime job?

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life and career

Opinions

The tea party's last stand

E.J. Dionne Jr.

The hard right's influence fades in the wake of the shutdown.

Sargent: Boehner doesn't really want to negotiate

Thiessen: GOP, don't give up the spending fight
SHUTDOWN!!!!

Links to alternate sites
Subject: EBSCO Information Services offers ERIC during Government Shutdown

EBSCO Information Services Releases a Free Version of ERIC During Government Shutdown

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) is making the government database ERIC available during the government shutdown. ERIC, the Education Resource Information Center, is typically available through the government website (http://eric.ed.gov) as well as via EBSCO's EBSCOhost® research platform. Because of the shutdown, access to the full text of articles and other materials will not be available but researchers will have access to the full set of A&I records on EBSCOhost. Users going to http://www.ebsco.com/freeERIC will now see ERIC listed among the other free EBSCO databases such as GreenFILE™ and Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts™ (LISTA).

ERIC provides access to educational literature and resources including access to information from journals included in the Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index. It was designed as a national information system to provide access to education literature and resources. According to its website, “ERIC is the world’s largest and most frequently used education digital library.” ERIC provides more than 1.4 million bibliographic records and dates back to 1966.

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Social Explorer for Census & other data

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The current shutdown in Washington is limiting the access that scholars and researchers have to vital materials, including the US Census website. To that end, Oxford University Press and the Social Explorer team will open up access to Social Explorer <http://www.socialexplorer.com/> – the premier US Census demographics website – for the next two weeks. Social Explorer provides access to the US Census data from 1790 to 2010 and to the American Community Survey from 2005 through 2012.

** For access to Social Explorer, simply email onlinereference@oup.com to request a username and password.

** About Social Explorer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJfh7h1PjY>

Social Explorer provides quick and easy access to current and historical census data and demographic information. The easy-to-use web interface lets users create maps and reports to illustrate, analyze, and understand demography and social change. In addition to its comprehensive data resources, Social Explorer offers features and tools to meet the needs of demography experts and novices alike. From research libraries to classrooms to government agencies to corporations to the front page of the New York Times, Social Explorer helps the public engage with society and science.
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Compare up to four areas across the nation (choose among the United States, states, metros, micros or metro divisions). Each area's data will display as a column in the table. Go to Side-by-Side

**New Metro Definitions**

2013 metro area definitions have recently been released and are now deployed across STATS America.

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**Innovation in American Regions**

This site helps a region guide strategic conversations about where to invest scarce resources to build prosperity, focusing on brainpower and innovation.

**Measuring Distress**

Quickly calculate whether a county, region, or neighborhood (based on census tract groupings) meets certain federal grant thresholds based on unemployment and per capita income.
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Read how Rivadavia Hospital is phasing out mercury
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Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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- Govtrack.us
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- ProQuest Congressional
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- Social Explorer
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