

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search page allows you to specify the field you want to search and to combine different words and fields in Boolean expressions. Each of these fields is defined below.

A single field

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring in the title field, notation of content, single paragraph in abstract, a single table description, a single table record. This search is identical to the Basic Search.

Strengths: A statistical search typically combines people, places, or things with a characteristic or type of activity (Hispanic Internet use). These word combinations typically show up in the same data field. This field is the best way of searching our data.

A search on this field can be ANDed effectively with a search of a Document Title, Source Name, or a Subject Term (e.g. athlete in a single field AND subject term Drug abuse and treatment).

All fields except full text

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring anywhere in the abstract or in a single table record.

Strengths: While it's true that related words usually occur in the same field, there will be times when related words appear in adjacent paragraphs. This field enables you to expand the scope of your search. You can strategically combine a single field search with this All Fields search.

For example, if you wanted to find data on methane as a greenhouse gas, you could search on greenhouse gas in a single field and methane in all fields.

All fields including full text

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring anywhere in the abstract, in a single table record, or in the PDF.

Strengths: This is our broadest search, without any parsing by field. Given the breadth of this search, you get the best results by searching for a unique specialized word (pedometer) or quoted phrase.

Document Title

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring anywhere in the title of a report, article, periodical feature, or series.

Strengths: Effective when you know one or two key words that occur within a title.

Table Title

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring anywhere in the title of an indexed table available in GIF/XLS format.

Strengths: Effective in retrieving a group of tables on a given topic. If the primary topic is not mentioned in a table title, LexisNexis editorial staff adds it in [square brackets] at the end of the title.

Tables Only

Scope: Finds search word(s) occurring anywhere within a table available in GIF/XLS format, including table title, row and column headings, assigned index terms, and synonyms assigned by LexisNexis editorial staff.

Strengths: Effective in finding a line item of data within a table.

Source/Publisher

Scope: Finds publications issued by a specific source or a source type (e.g. All Federal Agencies). You can search on the full name of a source or a partial name (e.g. Brookings).

Strengths: When combined with a single field search, this search finds the statistical publications on a given topic from a single source. The search by source type allows users to search within a single database (All Federal Agencies = American Statistics Index).

Document Number

Scope: Finds any covered publication based on the record number assigned by LexisNexis, or finds Federal publications based on their Superintendent of Documents Number.

Strengths: Effective in finding a title or a group of titles from a single source. Because the Record Numbers are source-based, you can find all the titles from a source by putting a * after the first 3-4 characters of the document number. Note: at least 3 characters are required to run such a search.

Subject/Index Terms

Scope: Finds documents indexed to one of the 4000 subject terms in the LexisNexis index thesaurus.

Strengths: Identifies the primary statistical subjects of a document.

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