

BACKGROUND: The heading **Statistics** and related headings and subdivisions are assigned to works consisting of or discussing numerical data or methods of compiling and using the data. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning this heading and related headings and subdivisions.

1. Statistics.

a. General. Assign the heading **Statistics** to general works consisting of or discussing statistics not limited to a particular topic or place or to general works on methods of compiling, studying, and using statistics.

b. Special. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistics** under names of countries, cities, etc., individual corporate bodies, classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings, for works consisting of or discussing statistics about these subjects. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works consisting of statistical data and as an \$x subfield for works discussing statistical data. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Asian Americans $x Statistics.  
610 20 $a Catholic Church $x Statistics.  
650 #0 $a Construction industry $v Statistics.  
650 #0 $a Indians of North America $x Statistics.  
650 #0 $a Universities and colleges $v Statistics.
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Do not establish new phrase headings for specific types of statistics. Existing phrase headings, such as **Library statistics**, **Mathematical statistics**, or **Medical statistics**, may continue to be used.

2. Medical statistics.

a. General. Assign the heading **Medical statistics** to general works consisting of or discussing medical statistics and to works on methods of compiling, studying, and using these statistics.

b. By place. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistics, Medical** under countries, cities, etc., to works consisting of or discussing medical statistics from these places. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works consisting of statistical data and as an \$x subfield for works discussing statistical data.

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2. *Medical statistics.* (Continued)

c. By topic. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistics** under special medical topics, including diseases, for works consisting of or discussing statistics pertaining to these topics, for example, **Cancer-Statistics; Medical care-Statistics**. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works consisting of statistical data and as an \$x subfield for works discussing statistical data.

d. Both. Assign headings of the type **[topic]-[place]-Statistics** and **[place]-Statistics, Medical** to works consisting of or discussing statistics about a medical topic in a particular place.

3. *Vital statistics.*

a. General. Assign the heading **Vital statistics** to works consisting of or discussing birth, marriage, and/or death statistics and to works on methods of compiling, studying, and using these statistics.

b. By place or ethnic group.

(1) General. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistics, Vital** under names of countries, cities, etc., or under individual ethnic groups for works consisting of or discussing vital statistics from these places or pertaining to these groups. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works consisting of statistical data and as an \$x subfield for works discussing statistical data.

(2) Both. Assign a heading of the type **[name of ethnic group]-[place]-Statistics, Vital** and a heading of the type **[place]-Statistics, Vital** to works consisting of or discussing statistics pertaining to an ethnic group in a particular place.

c. By name of war. Assign headings of the type **[name of war]-Casualties-Statistics** under individual wars for works consisting of or discussing statistics of military personnel injured, killed, captured, etc., during the war. The subdivision **-Casualties (Statistics, etc.)** was discontinued in 1996 (cf. H 1200).

4. Statistical methods.

a. General. Assign the heading **Statistics** to general works on methods of compiling, studying, and using statistics.

b. Special topics. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistical methods** under topics to works on statistical or probabilistic methods as applied to the topic.

Do not establish phrase headings for statistical methods applied to particular topics. However, existing phrase headings may continue to be used, for example, **Educational statistics**.

5. Statistical services.

a. General. Assign the heading **Statistical services** to general works describing services that collect numerical data.

b. Places and topics. Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Statistical services** under names of countries, cities, etc., for works on services located in those places that collect statistical data. Use this subdivision under topical headings for works on services that collect statistical data on those topics.

6. Text vs. numerical data. If the work being cataloged consists of both text and statistics on a topic, assign headings to bring out both aspects of the work, provided that the work is more than twenty percent statistical and stresses the importance of the numerical data.

7. Nature of work/nature of contents codes. For works whose contents are at least twenty percent statistical, assign the code **s** in the appropriate position in field 008/24-27 in serial or book records (the boxes labeled **Nature of contents** on the 008 input screen in the LC ILS) . Do not assign this code to works that discuss statistics, statistical methods, or statistical services, but do not actually contain numerical data.