BACKGROUND: This instruction sheet covers headings for surveys in which relevant data on natural phenomena or human attributes, behavior, or activities are gathered by examination, observation, measurement, counting, sampling, polling, questionnaire, etc. Examples of such headings are Arts surveys; Bird surveys; Demographic surveys; Drug abuse surveys; Ecological surveys; Family life surveys; Fish surveys; Fishing surveys; Handicraft surveys; Mass media surveys; Nutrition surveys; River surveys; Traffic surveys; Vegetation surveys. Use of the subdivision –Surveys under place names is not covered by this instruction sheet. Headings for surveys of natural or human phenomena are used as both form and topical headings. When used as form headings, they are assigned in combination with headings that represent the topic or specific focus of the survey.

1. Survey headings as topical headings. Use survey headings for works about surveys. Divide the headings by place as needed. Use the subdivision –Methodology if the work discusses the techniques of gathering or processing data for surveys. Example:

Title: Conducting small-scale nutrition surveys: a field manual.
650 #0 $a Nutrition surveys $x Methodology $v Handbooks, manuals, etc.

Assign additional headings or subdivisions as needed for specific methods or techniques. Examples:

Title: Measuring and monitoring biological diversity. Standard methods for amphibians.
650 #0 $a Amphibian surveys $x Methodology.
650 #0 $a Amphibians $x Monitoring.
650 #0 $a Biological diversity $x Measurement.

Title: Estimation and sampling variance in health surveys.
650 #0 $a Health surveys $x Statistical methods.
650 #0 $a Estimation theory.
650 #0 $a Sampling (Statistics)

Title: On the causes and effects of non-response: Norwegian experiences.
650 #0 $a Social surveys $x Response rate $z Norway.
2. Survey headings as form headings. Use survey headings also to designate works that contain or report results of surveys. Divide such headings by place to indicate the locality of the survey. Assign additional headings as necessary to bring out the specific topic of the survey.

Examples:

Title: Soil survey of Bergen County, New Jersey.
650 #0 $a Soils $z New Jersey $z Bergen County $v Maps.
650 #0 $a Soil surveys $z New Jersey $z Bergen County.

Title: Old growth in the East: a survey.
650 #0 $a Old growth forests $z East (U.S.)
650 #0 $a Forest surveys $z East (U.S.)

Title: New Zealanders and the arts: results from a survey of attendance and interest patterns in the performing and visual arts.
650 #0 $a Arts audiences $z New Zealand.
650 #0 $a Arts surveys $z New Zealand.

Title: Time use of rural women: a six-village survey in Bangladesh.
650 #0 $a Rural women $x Time management $z Bangladesh.
650 #0 $a Time management surveys $z Bangladesh.