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The Statistical Abstract of the United States summarizes the large mass of statistical information published by various governmental agencies and certain nongovernmental organizations, and also includes some information not published elsewhere. Important data on the industrial, social, and economic organization of the Nation are brought together in one volume to serve as a convenient reference manual.

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If the information on a particular subject presented in the Abstract is not sufficiently detailed, the user can refer to the publications of the agency responsible for the data. Frequently the original source discusses the definitions and concepts used and presents information for smaller areas or with additional cross classifications. Occasionally, the agency has still more detailed information that can be made available from unpublished records.

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