Term Paper Resources

1) How to write a term paper
   a) Tomas Dvorak: http://minerva.union.edu/dvorak/43/sample_paper.htm
   c) Donald N. McCloskey, Economical Writing, Economic Inquiry, April 1985 (http://www.deirdremccloskey.com/docs/pdf/Article_86.pdf)

2) @ Boston College:
   a) Library:
      i) Databases: http://databases.bc.edu/V/?func=find-db-1
      ii) e journals: http://metaquest.bc.edu:4000/sfx_local/az
      iii) Bloomberg terminal: http://libguides.bc.edu/Bloomberg
      iv) Barbara Mento:
          (1) http://libguides.bc.edu/profile.php?uid=293
          (2) http://libguides.bc.edu/economics
   b) Economics department:
      i) http://fmwww.bc.edu/ec-p/data/ecfindata.php
      ii) SUNY Oswego: http://www.oswego.edu/~economic/data.htm
      iii) Steven Lehrer’s webpage: http://post.queensu.ca/~lehrers/econlink.htm
      iv) Williams College: http://econ.williams.edu/students/online-resources

3) The Press and the Web
   b) Google Scholar: http://scholar.google.com/
      i) … access through the BC internet makes lots available

4) Journals … there are zillions, but to name a few:
   a) American Economic Review
   b) Journal of Political Economy
   c) Journal of Economic Perspectives
   d) Journal of Economic Literature

5) General
b) EcEdWeb (Economic Education Web): http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/econinfo.cfm
c) AEA's Resources for Economists: www.rfe.org
d) National Bureau of Economic Research: www.nber.org
e) Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/
f) Data & Information Services Center: http://dpls.dacc.wisc.edu/newcatalog/browse.asp
g) html Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (Census data): http://www.ipums.umn.edu/usa/index
h) Economic Time Series Data: http://www.economagic.com/
i) Journalist's Toolbox: http://www.journaliststoolbox.org/

6) Policy Research Groups:
  a) AEI: www.aei.org/
  b) Brookings Institution: www.brookings.edu/
  c) CATO Institute: www.cato.org/
  d) Institute for Public Policy and Social Research: www.ippsr.msu.edu/
  e) Mathematica policy Research: www.mathematica-mpr.com/
  f) Rand: www.rand.org/
  g) Urban Institute: www.urban.org/
  h) And research papers from staff at different government agencies, including FED/FRB, FTC, DOJ, DOE, FCC, EPA, DOT, EPA, HHS, etc etc

7) Major US Government data sources
  b) NTA’s US Databases: http://www.ntanet.org/tax-resources/us-databases.html
  c) FedStats (links to over 100 gov’t agencies): http://www.fedstats.gov/
  d) Bureau of Economic Analysis: http://www.bea.gov/
  f) Census Bureau: www.census.gov
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i) Survey of Income and Program Participation: http://www.census.gov/sipp/  
g) The U.S. Department of Commerce: http://www.commerce.gov/  
h) St. Louis Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED): http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/  
i) Federal Reserve Board of Governors: http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/default.htm  
k) Data.gov: http://www.data.gov/  
l) USA.gov: http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Data.shtml

8) Industry associations and trade publications  
a) There are lots of them… and almost all of them make data available to the public

Some Specific Sectors … a sampling at best

1) Airwaves  
a) FCC: http://www.fcc.gov/  
i) and data: http://www.fcc.gov/data  
b) FCC spectrum auction data: http://capep.psu.edu/FCC/  
2) Banking:  
a) FDIC: http://www.fdic.gov/  
b) FRB San Francisco: http://www.frbsf.org/banking/data/index.html  
c) and see the Federal reserve Bank links above

3) Education  
a) National Center for Education Statistics: www.nces.ed.gov  
b) US Department of Education: http://www.ed.gov/  
c) Education Policy and Data Center: http://epdc.org/  
d) Center for Data-Driven Reform in Education: http://www.cddre.org/  
e) State Data … many many states... here are a few:  
i) Massachusetts: http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/results.html
iii) California: http://star.cde.ca.gov/
iv) Indiana: http://www.doe.in.gov/data/
v) North Carolina: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/data/reports/
vi) New Jersey: http://www.state.nj.us/education/data/

4) Environmental
   a) EPA: http://www.epa.gov/
   b) Air Pollution:
      i) EPA: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/airs/airsaqs/
      ii) California: http://www.arb.ca.gov/aqd/aqcd/aqcd.htm
   c) Temperature and Precipitation:
      ii) NOAA: http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ghcnm/v2.php
      iii) Berkeley Earth surface temperature: http://www.berkeleyearth.org/
   d) NatureServe data resources: http://www.natureserve.org/getData/dataResources.jsp
   e) Oil spills:

5) Financial
   a) Through the BC library: http://databases.bc.edu/V/?func=find-db-1
      i) Go to Subject: Economics
         (1) Center for Research in Securities Prices (CRSP)
         (2) Compustat
         (3) Interactive Data Corporation (IDC)
         (4) WRDS
   b) Financial Data Finder: http://www.fisher.osu.edu/fdf/osudata.htm
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c) SEC’s EDGAR (filings and forms): http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml
e) French’s data page:
   http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html

6) Health
a) CDC WONDER: http://wonder.cdc.gov/
b) Department of Health and Human Services: http://www.hhs.gov/
c) National Health Statistics: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
   i) and at the state level: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/stprofiles.htm
d) National Inpatient Sample: http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/nisoverview.jsp
e) Medicare: http://data.medicare.gov/
g) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: www.ahrq.gov/
j) Health and Retirement Study: http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/
k) Mathematica: http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/
l) UCLA Center: www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/

7) Housing
a) Department of Housing and Urban Development:
   http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD

   i) Also see Shiller’s data page above:

c) US Census: http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing.html
   i) American Housing Survey: http://www.census.gov/housing/ahs/


e) National Association of Home Builders:
   http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/landing/sectionID=113

f) GeoLytics: http://www.geolytics.com/

g) Zillow: http://www.zillow.com/

8) International/Development
a) International Monetary Fund: http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm
b) OECD: www.oecd.org


   i) Doing Business: http://www.doingbusiness.org/

e) Poverty Action Lab: http://www.povertyactionlab.org/
   i) Dataverse: http://dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/jpal

f) Penn World Table: http://pwt.econ.upenn.edu/php_site/pwt_index.php

g) International Relations Data site: http://www.paulhensel.org/data.html


9) Labor

b) Panel study of income Dynamics: http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/

10) Law/Crime
   a) Bureau of Justice Statistics: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/
   b) FBI Uniform Crime Reports: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr
   c) National archive of Criminal Justice Data: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/

f) Gun Control
   i) John Lott’s data: http://www.johnlott.org/
   ii) Carlisle Moody’s data: http://cemood.people.wm.edu/research.html
   iii) Stephen Rafael’s data:

11) Sports
   a) Rodney Fort: http://www.rodneyfort.com/SportsData/BizFrame.htm
   b) John Vrooman: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/Econ/faculty/Vrooman/sports.htm
   c) cMax:
      i) MLB: http://cmaxxsports.com/Misc/MLBResources.html
ii) NBA:  http://cmaxxsports.com/Misc/NBAResources.html

iii) NFL:  http://cmaxxsports.com/Misc/NFLResources.html

iv) NCAA:  http://cmaxxsports.com/Misc/NCAAResources.html

v) Forbes Valuations:  http://cmaxxsports.com/Misc/ForbesResources.html

12) Taxation and Income Inequality
    a) Tax Policy Center: http://slfdqs.taxpolicycenter.org/
    c) Top Incomes Database: http://g-mond.parisschoolofeconomics.eu/topincomes/
    d) OECD data
       i) Cara McDaniel: http://www.caramcdaniel.com/researchpapers
    e) Collecting Taxes:
       http://www.fiscalreform.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=759&Itemid=134
    f) World Income Inequality databases:
       i) UNU-WIDER: http://www.wider.unu.edu/research/Database/en_GB/database/
       ii) Solt’s Standardized Database: http://www.siuc.edu/~fsolt/swiid/swiid.html

13) Trade
    a) IRS Tax Stats: http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/
    c) ITC trade and tariff database: http://dataweb.usitc.gov/
    d) International trade Data System: http://www.itds.gov/
    e) Foreign Trade: http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/

14) Transportation
    a) Department of Transportation: http://www.dot.gov/
    b) FAA: http://www.faa.gov/data_research/
    c) Bureau of Transportation Statistics: www.bts.gov
    d) BTA/Airlines: http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/
    e) BTA/Freight: http://www.bts.gov/programs/freight_transportation/