

GIS in *EVERY* Library: Making It Happen



-<http://www.diva-gis.org/gData> Country level vector and raster data for every single country in the world download individual files or geodatabases. Initially assembled for the BioGeomancer Project at UC Berkeley and part of the DIVA GIS project, most files come from public domain sources. For just global administrative boundaries you could also visit the GADM (<http://www.gadm.org/>) database page.

- <http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/> for all legal, administrative, and statistical areas in the US, updated annually.

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/cob/> - generalized extracts of the US Census block groups, metros) in the US from 1990 and 2000.

- <http://www.nhgis.org/> the NHGIS is a project at the University of Minnesota that compiles and provides historical census boundaries and data for the United States from 1790 to the present. New users must register, but there is no cost and downloads are free.

- <http://qgis.org/> a free, open source, user friendly, cross-platform GIS. Windows users can download QGIS, the advanced GRASS GIS, and the GDAL / OGR utilities in one package.

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