



FDLP Survey: United States Code -- Elimination of Printed Annual Supplements

About this Survey

The Office of the Superintendent of Documents is working with the Office of the Law Revision Counsel (OLRC) of the U.S. House of Representatives to conduct a survey of Federal depository libraries and their use of the United States Code (USC) (Y 1.2/5:) and its supplements.

The Superintendent of Documents encourages all depository libraries to complete the survey as your responses will provide important feedback.

Please complete the survey by May 20, 2019.

* 1. Contact information ...

Name

Library

Depository Library #

Email Address



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Context

This first portion of the survey contains questions from the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives—the office that produces the United States Code (USC). The Office of the Law Revision Counsel is investigating whether the USC can be produced more efficiently by eliminating printed USC annual supplements. The USC main edition would continue to be printed every 6 years, but the printed USC annual supplements would be discontinued. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel wants to continue to serve the needs of its users, and your completion of this portion of the survey will provide important feedback.

Questions 12-16 are asked for Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) administrative purposes.

* 2. Assuming the printed USC main edition continued to be printed every 6 years, how would the elimination of the printed USC annual supplements impact your library users?

* 3. If users would be negatively impacted by this change, what strategies could be employed to mitigate the negative impact?

* 4. On average, how often are the printed USC annual supplements used in your library per month?



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Multiple Choice - Yes/No

NOTE: The United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>) is updated more than 30 times per year, making it far more current than the printed USC annual supplements.

* 5. Has use of the printed USC annual supplements declined in recent years?

Yes No

* 6. Do you make users aware of the United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>) as a potential resource in lieu of printed USC annual supplements?

Yes No

* 7. Do you offer assistance to users in accessing and using the United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>)?

Yes No

* 8. Is there a bibliographic record in your library's catalog that provides a link to the United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>)?

Yes No

* 9. Is there a link to the United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>) on your library's website (e.g., in LibGuides)?

Yes No



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Check all that apply.

* 10. How and why are printed USC annual supplements being used?

- Looking for new laws
- Looking for revisions to existing laws
- To verify citation requirements
- Researching a legislative history
- Lack of access to the United States Code online (<http://uscode.house.gov/>)
- We do not ask why a person is using a particular resource (privacy)

Other reasons? (please specify)

* 11. Who uses printed USC annual supplements?

- Practicing attorneys
- Paralegals
- Law school faculty
- Law school students
- Researchers
- Pro se litigants
- Judges and Clerks
- Librarians
- General Public

Other (please specify)



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FDLP-related

* 12. Does your library receive the printed version of the USC and its annual supplements through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)? (Item: 0991-A, SuDoc: Y1.2/5:)

- Yes No

* 13. My library provides the following access points to the USC? Check all that apply.

- The Office of the Law Revision Counsel's online version (<http://uscode.house.gov/>)
- GPO's govinfo (<https://www.govinfo.gov/>)
- Printed version received through the FDLP
- An additional print copy purchased from GPO's U.S. Government Bookstore
- A commercial vendor subscription to printed version
- A commercial vendor subscription to an online service that comes bundled with other resources

Other (please specify)

* 14. My library receives the depository print version of the USC and its annual supplements, and we retain...

- Only the current edition and its annual supplements
- The most recent five years of the USC and its annual supplements
- Not applicable

All editions we have received, since the __ (year?)__ edition

* 15. If the Office of the Law Revision Counsel's online version of the USC (includes more than 30 updates per year) were to be declared an official and authoritative version, i.e. had legal controlling authority, would you continue to receive the depository printed tangible version?

- Yes No Unsure

16. Please use this box to provide any comments you would like to share related to the USC or its annual supplements.