

Recommended Books for LPP Methods Comp  
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Statistics:

Evan M. Berman, *Essential Statistics for Public Managers and Policy Analysts*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., CQ Press, 2007.

A very basic introduction, although not nearly comprehensive in coverage

Jack Levin, James Alan Fox and David R. Forde, *Elementary Statistics in Social Research*, 11<sup>th</sup> Ed., Allyn & Bacon, 2010.

An introductory text with all the basics from description through regression

Robert P. Abelson, *Statistics as a Principled Argument*, Lawrence Erlbaum, 1995.

A wonderful book on some of the finer and MORE subtle points

Sam Kash Kachigan, *Statistical Analysis*, Radius Press, 1982

A very readable and non-mathematical coverage of univariate and multivariate statistics, although it goes further than would be needed for the comp

Methods:

William D. Crano and Marilyn B. Brewer, *Principles and Methods of Social Research*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Lawrence Erlbaum, 2002.

A very solid overview of methods

W. Lawrence Neuman, *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Allyn & Bacon, 2006.

A fairly comprehensive coverage of methods

John W. Creswell, *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Sage, 2009.

A basic, but well-organized book on various methodological approaches, although it is lacking in detail and breadth

Stephen Isaac and William B. Michael, *Handbook in Research and Evaluation*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., EDITS, 1997.

Although somewhat skeletal is coverage, this is a decent overview of methods.

*Note: In terms of a fundamental knowledge base for the comp, I would recommend Levin, Fox and Forde plus Crano and Brewer. See companion outline of "topics to know."*