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Obtaining Your API Key

1. Visit **API.data.gov/signup/** to obtain your API Key. You will need to enter your first name, last name, and Email address. You will receive a confirmation email with your API key shortly after.

2. The safekeeping of your key is your responsibility. It is recommended that you save the original email that contains your key, as it also contains the email address and account ID associated with your key. If you lose your API key, you will have to re-register to obtain a new one.

The API key can also be used to access 21 Federal Agencies with participating APIs listed on Data.gov

Agencies That Use api.data.gov

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Education
- Department of Justice
- Department of Treasury
- Energy Information Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Federal Election Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- Food and Drug Administration
- General Services Administration
- Government Publishing Office
- Library of Congress
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Institutes of Health
- National Park Service
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Smithsonian Institution
- U.S. Geological Survey

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New Users: You can find our API and use your API Key by following these steps. You can also find the full tutorial on our API in our **Help Library**, and our step-by-step walkthrough for building an API string with your API key in our **API 101 page**.

1. On the **BankFind Suite** home page, select **Bulk Data and API**.



Bulk Data and API

2. On the Bulk Data and API Page, select the **API Documentation** icon to access our complete API solution for building applications using our data.



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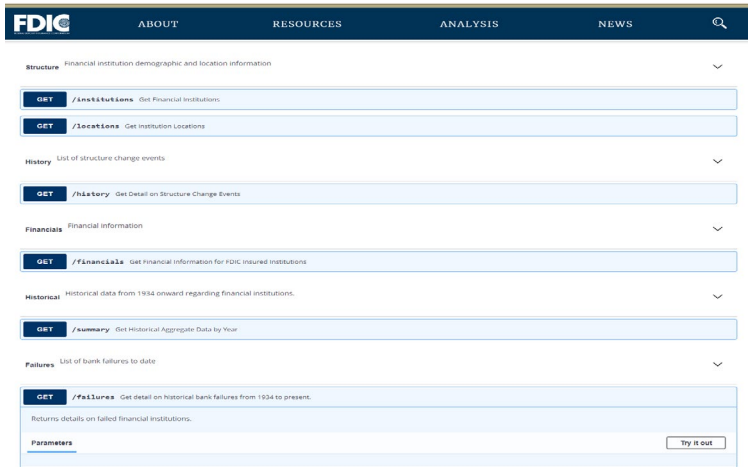
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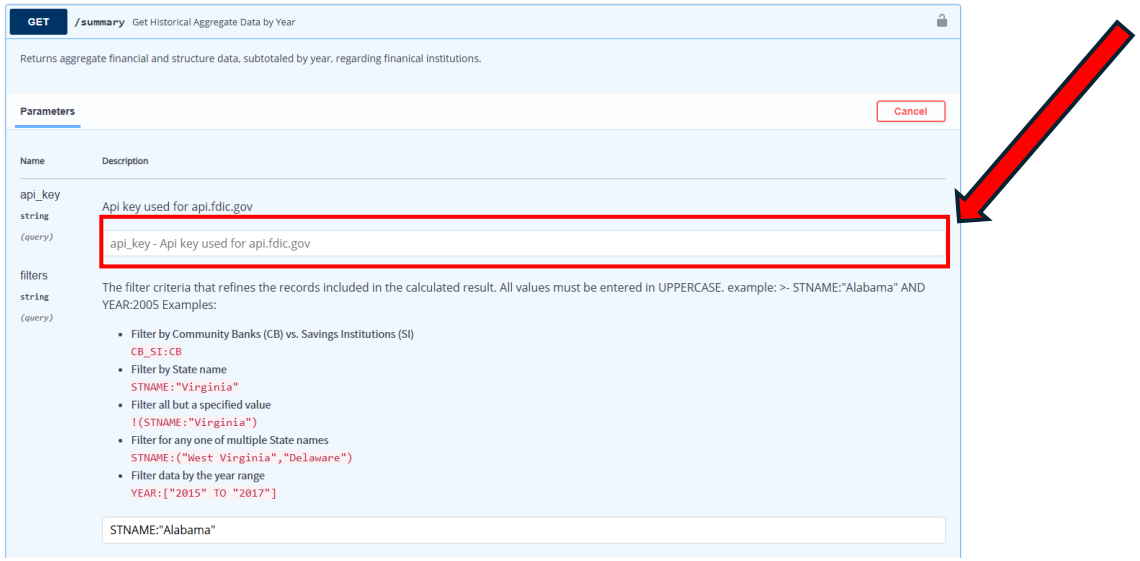
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3. There are eight available sources for developers to access FDIC's publicly available bank data:

- Institutions
- Locations
- History
- Summary
- Failures
- Summary of Deposits
- Financials
- Demographics



4. Each source has a parameters section and a responses section. Press the **Get** button to view them, then press the **Try it out** button to enter your API key.



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Current Users: You can update your current API string with your new API Key or enter your API Key on the API Documentation page. You can also use our step-by-step walkthrough for building an API string with your API key on our **API 101 page**.

If you have an existing API string, insert your API key immediately after the API endpoint and before the filters syntax.

```
https://api.fdic.gov/banks/financials?api_key=[YourKeyHere]&filters=VAR:PARAM&fields=VAR1, VAR2&sort_by:VAR:PARAM
```

If you use the **API Documentation** page to build your API, you will now see a field at the top of each API source where you can enter your new API Key.

