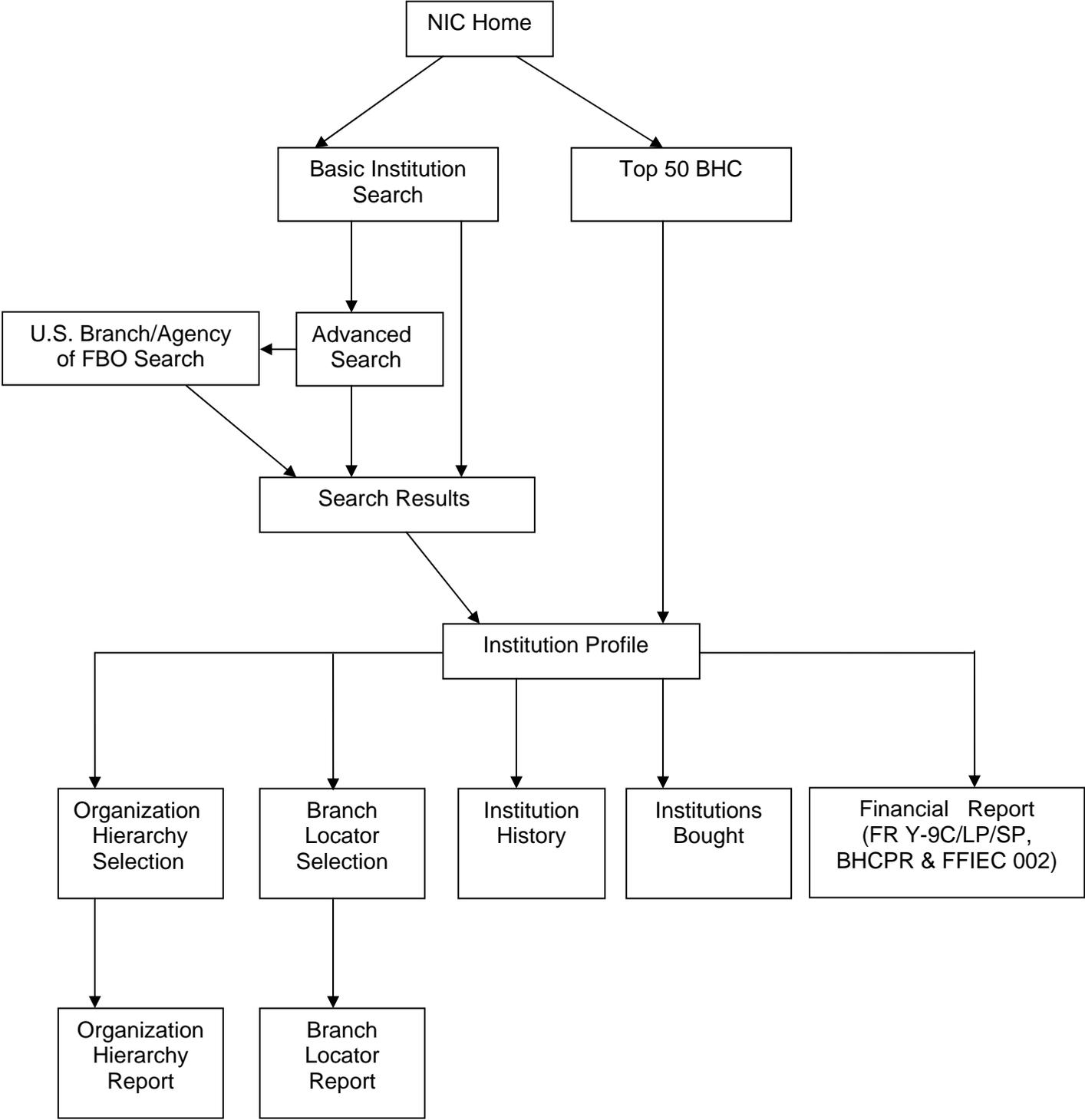


National Information Center (NIC): Navigation Diagram



How to Use the New NIC Web Site

Welcome to the redesigned National Information Center (NIC) Public Web Site. While several aspects of the site have changed, such as the availability of certain financial reports, the structure and characteristic data is still available. Below are written instructions on how to retrieve reports and navigate through the redesigned NIC Public Web Site.

The primary difference between the new NIC Public Web Site from the previous site is that you no longer have to complete separate search routines to obtain structure data reports (e.g. Organization Hierarchy) or financial reports. Now, you can access all this information from one page, called the Institution Profile page.

Starting from the NIC Home Page, you can view a specific institution's profile by selecting the Top 50 BHC page and selecting any of the institutions that are available. Additionally, you can enter the "Institution Search Page" from the home page, which will lead you to the Basic Institution Search. Advanced and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banking Organizations (FBO) Searches are also available. After executing a search from one of those three search pages, an Institution Results screen will appear with a listing of all the institutions that matched your search criteria. Just as the Top 50 BHC page, each institution on the Institution Results screen is a hyperlink that, when traversed, will take you to that institution's profile page.

The information that appears on the Institution Profile will vary depending on the institution type of the selected institution. Nevertheless, the Institution Profile provides characteristic information, structure information, and financial information. Characteristic information includes basic information about the institution such as its address, and primary banking activity.

The structure information section of the Institution Profile allows you to access the Organization Hierarchy selection screen, the Branch Locator selection screen, the Institution History report, and the Institutions Bought report. From the Organization Hierarchy Selection screen and the Branch Locator Selection screen, you can construct a search to create the Organization Hierarchy Report and the Branch Locator Report respectively.

Another major change on the redesigned NIC Public Web Site is the availability of certain financial data. Financial data is only available for Bank Holding Companies (BHCs) and U.S. Branches and Agencies of FBOs. The FR Y-9C, Y-9LP, Y-9SP, and BHCPR are available for Bank Holding Companies, while the FFIEC 002 report is available for U.S. Branches and Agencies of FBOs. Financial data is not provided for commercial banking institutions; however, a URL is provided on the Institution Profile that guides you to a financial report search screen on the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) Web Site. If an institution is a credit union, a URL will be provided that guides you to a financial report search screen on the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Web Site.