

Resources for Social Work Research

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This bibliography provides an overview of sources for conducting research in the field of Social Work. Call numbers and other information for locating these materials in Thomas Cooper Library are listed beside the source.

Searching the USC Library Catalog

You must first select the type of search you want to perform. (Please note that the catalog is not case sensitive.)

social work Use this official subject heading to locate materials on social work in the USC library catalog.

Selected subject headings related to social work:

social work education	gerontology	child welfare	social work with children
social welfare	family	psychotherapy	social work with minorities
social work with the aged	social workers	social work administration	social service

To search by **subject**, you must use the authorized Library of Congress subject term(s). In a subject search, you can, but do not need to include the hyphens.

EXAMPLE: social work administration--cases studies

EXAMPLE: juvenile delinquency

To search by **keyword**, type your search term or phrase. A **keyword search** looks for your terms in all parts of the record, and the library catalog is set to search by keyword unless you select another type of search. You can use Boolean operators in a keyword search.

EXAMPLE: homelessness **AND** (children **OR** youth)

EXAMPLE: teenagers **AND** alcoholism

Search by **title** and limit your search to **Journals/Serials** to learn whether the library subscribes to a particular periodical.

EXAMPLE: *Child Abuse and Neglect*

A hot link - <http://www.sciencedirect.com/> means full text of recent years may be available online.

EXAMPLE: *Social Work* may be found on level two at the call number HV1.S675

EXAMPLE: *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*--all issues go directly to the stacks at HV9261 .O33

Indexes to Periodical Literature

Electronic Indexes

Social Work Abstracts (1977-) contains citations to periodical literature and dissertations in social work including aging & the aged, child & family welfare, crime & delinquency, developmental disabilities, education/schools, employment/poverty, health & health care, mental health, occupational/industrial services, substance & alcohol use & abuse, social policy & social work service methodology.

Social Services Abstracts (1980-) covers community and mental health services, crisis intervention, family and social welfare, gerontology, poverty and homelessness, professional issues in social work, social and health policy, social work education, social work practice, support groups/networks, violence, abuse, neglect and welfare services.

PsycInfo (1887-) contains citations to periodical literature, dissertations, book chapters, books, technical reports, and other documents in psychology including related disciplines such as medicine, psychiatry, education, social work, law, criminology, social science, and organizational behavior.

Sociological Abstracts (1963-) contains citations to periodical literature, serial publications, monographs, and dissertations in sociology, including social psychology, culture & social structure, group interactions, management & complex organizations, mass phenomena, social change & economic development.

Social Sciences Citation Index (1987-) provides comprehensive indexing of journal articles and books in the social sciences and the authors who have cited these works.

Criminal Justice Abstracts (1968-) provides coverage of criminal justice, crime trends, criminology, drugs, prevention projects, corrections, juvenile delinquency, police, courts, offenders, victims, sentencing.

PubMed (1966-) worldwide biomedical literature including research, clinical practice, administration, policy issues, and health care services.

ERIC (1966) if your focus is on children and education, this database provides coverage of education of the handicapped, disadvantaged & the gifted, counseling & personnel services.

Expanded Academic (1980-) this multidisciplinary database covers law, psychology, religion, social sciences, sociology, and the general sciences and technology

Academic Search Premier – this multidisciplinary database covers counseling, law, psychology, social work, sociology, and other social sciences. This database is unmatched in its full text coverage of virtually every area of academics.

Print Indexes

Sage Family Studies Abstracts (1979-) provides abstracts of books, articles, pamphlets, government publications, speeches, and legislative research in all aspects of family studies. Call number: Ref HQ546 .S23 Index Shelves in the Reference Department.

General Sources

Reserve Room HV 35 .S6	<i>Encyclopedia of Social Work</i> . 19th ed. 1995. New York: NASW Press. Covers all aspects of social services in the U.S. and Canada. Includes statistical tables on demographic and social welfare trends. Vol. 2 includes a biography section, the NASW Code of Ethics, and the NASW Standards. (<i>Kept at the Reserve Desk.</i>) Also includes 1997 and 2003 supplements.
Reference HM 425 .E5	<i>Encyclopedia of Sociology</i> . 2000. Borgatta, Edgar F. New York: MacMillan Reference USA. Includes classic topics, as well as those reflecting emerging fields. Sample entries: social problems, homelessness, family violence, feminist theory.
Reference HV 90 .G53	<i>Social Work Almanac</i> . 1995. Ginsberg, Leon. Washington, DC: NASW Press. Summarizes statistical information on a variety of population groups in the United States. Offers useful information specific to social work and social welfare.
Reference HV 12 .B37	<i>The Social Work Dictionary</i> . 2003. Barker, Robert L. Washington, DC: NASW Press. Explains terms and concepts relevant to the social work profession today. Also offers some brief biographical information.
Reference BF 176. C66	<i>Measures for Clinical Practice: A Sourcebook</i> . 2000. Corcoran, Kevin and Joel Fischer. New York: Free Press. Volume one deals with couples, families, and children; volume two deals with adults.

General Directories

Reference (online)	<i>NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers</i> . 1997. Silver Springs, MD: NASW Press. [11 th edition] A register of clinical social workers registered with the National Association of Social Workers. Available online (see the Electronic Indexes)
Reference HN 90 .V64 C65	<i>Volunteerism: The Directory of Organizations, Training, Programs, and Publications</i> . 1991. Ed. Kipps, Harriet Clyde. New Providence, NJ: R.R. Bowker. A comprehensive listing of associations and agencies that provide assistance particularly in the area of community development.
Ready Reference HV 99 .C5762 U55 2002	<i>United Way 2-1-1: Resource Referral Guide Serving Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Newberry Counties</i> . 2002. Columbia, SC: United Way of the Midlands. Published by the United Way of the Midlands, this directory offers essential services information for approximately 270 governmental and private organizations serving the four counties in the title. Services provided, eligibility requirements, and areas served appear for each agency.
Science Reference HV 699 .S69	<i>South Carolina Directory of Services for Women, Children, and Families</i> . 2003. Columbia, SC: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Arranged by county, this useful resource outlines services ranging from prenatal care to food and nutrition. Hospitals, social service agencies, and hotlines are included in the directory. A toll-free phone number guide is located at the back of the directory.

Children and Youth

Reference HQ 767.9 .K4	<i>Statistical Handbook on the World's Children.</i> 2002. Ed. Kaul, Chandrika. Westport, Conn: Oryx Press.
Reference HV 741 .N3157	<i>National Directory of Children, Youth, and Families Services.</i> 1997/98. Longmont, CO: Marion L. Peterson. This directory provides county-level information for all fifty states. Included in the listings are social services, health services, juvenile justice agencies, and special services and hotlines. National organizations serving children and youth are also included.
Reference HQ 796 .E58	<i>Encyclopedia of Adolescence.</i> 1991. Lerner, Richard, et al. New York: Garland Press. Addresses subjects such as eating disorders, friendship, Hispanic adolescents, adolescent fathers, chronic illness, gay and lesbian youth, and suicide.
Reference HV 875.55 .A28	<i>Encyclopedia of Adoption.</i> 2000. Ademec, Christine and William L. Pierce. NY: Facts on File. General information and resources regarding adoption in the United States.
Reference HV 6626.5 .C57	<i>Encyclopedia of Child Abuse.</i> 2001. Clark, Robin E. New York: Facts on File. A comprehensive list of terms associated with child abuse and used in conjunction with child abuse in the health services.
Sci. Ref. HQ 792 .U5 K53	<i>Kids Count Data Book.</i> 2002. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy. Provides statistical profiles of child well-being at the national and state levels. Data to measure the educational, social, economic, and health status of children are included. Tables outlining national trends and state rankings are presented. Available online: http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/ .

Disabilities

Reference HV 1570.5 U65.S74	<i>The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities.</i> 2004. Rizzolo, Mary C. Boulder, Co: Department of Psychiatry and Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities. Discusses services for developmentally disabled persons.
Reference HV 1568 .E53	<i>Encyclopedia of Disability and Rehabilitation.</i> 1995. Eds. Arthur E. Dell and Robert P. Marinelli. New York: Macmillan. A series of articles on a variety of topics related to disability and rehabilitation.
Reference HV 1790 .A4	<i>AFB Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada.</i> 1993. New York: American Foundation for the Blind. A compilation of schools, agencies, organizations, and programs that provide services for visually impaired persons.
Reference LC 4007 .E53	<i>Encyclopedia of Special Education: A Reference for the Education of the Handicapped and Other Exceptional Children and Adults.</i> 2000. Ed. Reynolds, Cecil R. and Elaine Fletcher-Janzen. New York: J. Wiley & Sons.

Families

Reference HQ 536 .S727	<i>Statistical Handbook on the American Family</i> . 1999. Eds. Bruce A. Chadwick and Tim B. Heaton. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press. Provides a variety of interesting statistics about families in the United States.
Reference HQ 536 .A545	<i>The American Family: A Compendium of Data and Sources</i> . 1994. Card, Josefina J. New York: Garland. Statistical information on American families.
Reference HQ 809.3 .U5 M385	<i>Domestic Violence: A Reference Handbook</i> . 1995. McCue, Margi Laird. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. Explores domestic violence from historical, social, psychological, and legal perspectives. Contains a lengthy bibliography of books and articles on this topic.
Reference GN 480 .B76	<i>Marriage, Family, and Relationships: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia</i> . 1994. Broude, Gwen J. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. This source compares various aspects of family life among many world cultures.

Gerontology/Aging

Reference HQ 1061 .E53	<i>Encyclopedia of Aging</i> . 2001. Ed. George L. Maddox. New York: Springer. A comprehensive volume containing definitions, often in essay format, of terms and concepts associated with gerontology and aging.
Science Reference RC954 .E53	<i>The Elder Care Encyclopedia: The Comprehensive Resource on Geriatric and Social Care</i> . 2001. Ed. Mezey, Mathy D. New York: Springer Pub.
Reference HQ 1064 .U5 S695	<i>Statistical Handbook on Aging Americans</i> . 1994. Eds. Frank L. Schick and Renee Schick. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx. Contains a wide variety of relevant statistics on America's aging population. A helpful index is located at the back of the volume.
Reference HQ 1150 .S73	<i>Women and Aging</i> . 1994. Nordquist, Joan. Santa Cruz, CA: Reference and Research Services. A comprehensive bibliography containing references to a wide variety of printed material concerning women and aging in the United States.
Reference HQ 1061 .H338	<i>Dictionary of Gerontology</i> . 1988. Harris, Diana K. New York: Greenwood. In addition to defining terms specific to gerontology and multidisciplinary terms pertinent to gerontology, in alphabetic order, it provides one to four references for each term.

Homelessness

<p>Reference HV 4505 .F36</p>	<p><i>Homelessness: A Sourcebook</i>. 1994. Fantasia, Rick. New York: Facts on File. Defines a wide array of terms and concepts associated with homelessness. Informative appendixes include a count of homeless persons in selected locations and the capacities of various cities to meet the needs of their homeless populations.</p>
<p>Reference HV 4504 .H647</p>	<p><i>American Homelessness: A Reference Handbook</i>. 2001. Hombs, Mary Ellen. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. An organized overview of homelessness. Includes a good introduction to this subject, a chronology of important events, federal legislation, and a bibliography of important sources.</p>
<p>Reference Z 7164 .H72 H64</p>	<p><i>Homelessness: A Guide to the Literature</i>. 1994. Ed. B.G. Kutais. Comack, NY: Nova Science Publishers. This guide is divided into major issues affecting homeless persons in the U.S. Government documents, periodical literature, and books are included in this bibliography.</p>

Sex/Gender

<p>Reference HQ1115 .E52</p>	<p><i>Encyclopedia of Women and Gender: Sex Similarities and Differences and the Impact of Society on Gender</i>. 2001. Ed Worell, Judith. San Diego, Calif.: Academic.</p>
<p>Reference HQ57.5 .A3 C36</p>	<p><i>Sex, Youth, and Sex Education: A Reference Handbook</i>. 2002. Ed. Campos, David. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO.</p>
<p>Reference HQ9 .H846</p>	<p><i>Human Sexuality an Encyclopedia</i>. 1994. Bullough, Vern L. NY: Garland Press. Entries range from expected topics, such as impotence, to broader, multidisciplinary, and very timely issues, e.g. body imagery, the double standard and sex, sexuality and disabilities.</p>
<p>Reference HQ1075 .I58</p>	<p><i>International Handbook on Gender Roles</i>. 1993. Adler, Lenore L. Westport, CT: Greenwood. Compares male and female gender roles during school years, young adulthood, adulthood, and old age in 31 countries. Examines educational systems, socialization, heterosexism, class structure, etc.</p>

Print & Online Statistical Information

Ready Reference HA 202	<i>Statistical Abstract of the United States</i> . 2006. Washington, DC: US GPO. This government publication provides summaries of statistical information from a variety of government agencies, including the Census Bureau. The subject index provides references to table numbers. Also available online: http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2878 (Note: Gov. Info. has most current in print, 2007)
Ready Reference HA 202 .A36	<i>County and City Data Book</i> . 2000. Washington, DC: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. This source provides statistical and demographic information on counties and cities. Current information available online: http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS29932
Gov. Info. Ready Reference C3.134/5:	<i>State and Metropolitan Area Data Book</i> . 2006. Washington, DC: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Similar to the <i>County and City Data Book</i> , this source provides information about states and metropolitan areas. Also available at: http://www.census.gov/prod/3/98pubs/smadb-97.pdf
Online for 2005	<i>South Carolina Statistical Abstract</i> . 2001/2002. Columbia, SC: SC Budget and Control Board. An overview of South Carolina's population, industries, and resources. Also includes a useful source appendix. Also available online: http://www.sciway.net/statistics
Online	<i>FedStats</i> is a government database of national, state and regional statistics from over 70 federal agencies. It is searchable by state, agency and subject. URL: http://www.fedstats.gov/
Online	<i>Statistical Resources on the Web</i> , from the University of Michigan Documents Center, provides links to all types of information, including child care, abortion, domestic violence, families, and demographics, to name a few. URL: http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html
Online	<i>Bureau of the Census</i> , U. S. Department of Commerce (http://www.census.gov/), has a link to <i>American FactFinder</i> located at this URL: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet . This site is especially useful for finding Census information about specific towns, communities, neighborhoods and even city blocks.

Web Sites for Community Analysis

Columbia Neighborhood Associations-<http://www.midnet.sc.edu/neighbor/>

SC State Library-SC Reference Room-Counties-<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/counties.html>

South Carolina Chambers of Commerce Online-<http://www.scchamber.net>

SCIway-South Carolina-Cities, Towns, and Communities-<http://www.sciway.net/city/sc-city-info.html>

SCIway-South Carolina-Counties and County Resources-<http://www.sciway.net/cnty/sc-county-info.html>

South Carolina State Government-www.sc.gov

SC Newspapers, Columbia's State and The Greenville News full text available at www.sc.edu/library/er

NewsLibrary-search the indexes of many U.S. newspapers-NewsLibrary.com