



Sociology: A Guide to Selected Resources

This subject library guide identifies selected print and electronic resources in the field of Sociology. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Please consult a reference librarian for advice on what resources are best for your specific topic.

Biography

Dead Sociologists' Society

<http://www2.pfeiffer.edu/~Iridener/DSS/DEADSOC.HTML>

Created by a faculty member at Pfeiffer University, this site provides brief biographical information on noted sociologists and their significant works.

Famous Sociologists

<http://www.sociosite.net/topics/sociologists.php>

Provides useful biographical information on more than eighty important sociologists, along with full-text of some of their writings and theories. Site maintained by the Department of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam.

Dictionaries

The Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology: A User's Guide to Sociological Language

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Provides concise definitions of basic terms in the field of sociology. Definitions provide a few references for additional reading. Also includes brief biographical sketches of some significant individuals in the discipline.

Dictionary of Sociology.

Reference HM 17 .F3 1970

Provides concise definitions of terms pertinent to the field of Sociology.

Dictionary of Sociology

Reference HM425 .L39 2001

Thesaurus of Sociological Indexing Terms

Reference Z695.1.S63 B66 2003
(Ask at the Reference Desk)

Handbooks

***Blackwell Companion to Social Theory* 2nd ed.**

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Domestic Violence: A Reference Handbook

Reference HQ 809.3 .U5M385 1995

The Handbook Of Social Psychology

Reference HM251 .H224 1998

Social Psychology: Handbook of Basic Principles

Reference HM251 .S6743 1996

Encyclopedias

American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation

Reference E184.A1A63448 1997

Countries and Their Cultures

Reference GN 307 .C68 2001
(Also available online through PITT*Cat*)

***Encyclopedia of Aging* 4th ed. 2006**

Reference HQ1061 .E53 2006

***Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice* 2nd ed. (4 vols.)**

Reference HV6017 .E52 2002

- Available online through PITT*Cat*
- Encyclopedia of Homelessness*** Reference HV4493 .E53 2004
- Encyclopedia of Human Development*** Reference HM626 .E53 2006
- Encyclopedia of Religion and Society*** Available online through PITT*Cat*
A single-volume encyclopedia compiling many of the social science perspectives of religion, such as aspects of anthropology, sociology and psychology. Primary focus is religion in North America.
- Encyclopedia of Sociology*** 2nd ed. (5 vols.) Reference HM425 .E5 2000
Available online through PITT*Cat*
A five-volume encyclopedia with many useful entries, on a variety of topics related to the field of Sociology, such as theories, research methods, and sub-fields within Sociology. Entries include a list of references for further reading.
- Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*** Reference E184.A1 G14 1999
Available online through PITT*Cat*
- Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide*** Reference HQ1154 .G74 2003
- Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups*** Reference E184 .A1H35
- International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family*** (4 vols.) Reference HQ 9 .E52 2003
Available online through PITT*Cat*
A four volume encyclopedia offering brief entries on many pertinent topics related to marriage and the family.
- Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*** Reference HN90.P8 P645 2005
- Science, Technology, and Society: An Encyclopedia*** Reference HM846 .S43 2005
- Survey of Social Science: Sociology Series*** (5 vols.) Reference HM 17 .S86 1994
This is a five-volume reference tool that provides over 300 entries on topics relevant to the field of Sociology. Some entries are lengthy and can offer a good introduction to the study of a topic. Each entry includes a list of references for further reading.
- Violence in America: An Encyclopedia*** (3 vols.) Reference HN 90 .V5V5474 1999
- Women's Studies Encyclopedia*** Reference HQ 1115 .W645 1999
Available online through PITT*Cat*
This is a useful three-volume encyclopedia that provides important information on feminist research from perspective of numerous disciplines. Each volume includes an extensive bibliography of other resources on the topic.
- Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life*** (4 vols.) Reference GN333 .W67 1998
This is a very useful resource for information on daily life and cultures around the world. It is arranged by country in alphabetical order.

Indexes

*** Locate under "Find Articles" by clicking "Looking for a particular database."**

***Ageline* ***

A database produced by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). It offers over 65,000 abstracts of research reports, journal articles, videos and books related to life at age 50 and above. Some full-text links are also provided.

***Ethnic Newswatch* ***

This database index provides a full-text collection of newspapers, journals and magazines from the ethnic and minority press. Coverage is from 1990 to present.

***GenderWatch* ***

This full-text database focuses on impact gender has across various subject areas. It indexes publications including scholarly journals, magazines, books, newspapers, conference proceedings and special reports from government and non-government agencies. Coverage is from 1970 to present.

***Sociological Abstracts* ***

This is a core index for the field of sociology. It covers original research, reviews, books, case studies, conference papers and dissertations. It is the electronic version of the print *Sociological Abstracts*. It indexes articles pertinent to the discipline from approximately 2000 journals and other serial publications and provides citations with abstracts. Coverage is from 1974 to present.

***Social Science Citation Index (Web of Science)* ***

This database bring together indexing for over 8,000 scholarly journals. Researchers can search citation data (from the footnotes of each article), taking a known, relevant paper or work and finding other, more recent papers that cite it. It covers the time period from 1992 to the present.

***Statistical (LEXIS-NEXIS)* ***

This is an electronic database combining three different print statistical indexes: *American Statistics Index*, *Statistical Reference Index*, and *Index to International Statistics*. Indexes and provides links to full-text of selected publications.

***Women and Social Movements* ***

This is an excellent resource for primary documents full-text related to women and social movements in U.S. history. It also includes lesson plans for teachers.

***Women's Resources International* ***

This is an excellent resource for finding articles on women's issues or topics from the feminist perspective. It provides citations with some abstracts to articles from more than 500 periodicals and some books. Coverage is from 1972 to present.

Statistics

Consumer Sourcebook 2005

Reference HC110.C63 W37

County and City Data Book

<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>

Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office. Annual.

Demographic Yearbook. Annuaire Demographique.

Reference HA17 .D45

This resource provides demographic and vital statistics information for the world. It is arranged in tables.

Ethnic Cultures of the World: A Statistical Reference

Reference GN495.4 .P37 1997

Hispanic American Almanac

Reference E184.S75 H557 2003

Racial and Ethnic Diversity 4th ed.

Reference E184 .A1R78 2002

Social Trends & Indicators USA (4 vols.)

Reference HN 60 .S62 2003

Statistical Abstract of the United States

Reference HA 202

Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office. Annual.

Recent years are also available electronically at: <http://www.census.gov/>

<i>Statistical Handbook on Adolescents in America</i>	Reference HQ 796 .S8237 1996
<i>Statistical Handbook on Aging Americans</i>	Reference HQ 1064 .U5S695 1994
<i>Statistical Handbook on Women in America</i>	Reference HQ1420 .T34 1996
<i>Statistical Record of Native North Americans</i>	Reference E 98 .P76S73 1993

Additional Web Resources

American Sociological Association

<http://www.asanet.org/>

Includes online newsletter *Footnotes*, which describes results of sociological research.

Forced Migration Online

<http://www.forcedmigration.org/>

Site maintained by Refugee Studies Centre (University of Oxford). Provides access to a wealth of information on the situation and issues of forced migrants worldwide.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

Web site includes statistics, reports and other links relevant to the field of criminal justice. It is maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research

<http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/>

This is an archive for public opinion information gathered from surveys conducted in the United States, Latin America and other regions around the world. Also includes information on conducting polls and their uses.

Social Movements & Culture

<http://www.wsu.edu:8001/~amerstu/smc/smhomefr.html>

This site provides information and links to the study of social movements in the United States. Emphasizes more recent movements, but does include materials on early movements in the nation's history.

Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG)

<http://www.sosig.ac.uk/sociology/>

The Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG) is a fully-searchable subject-based catalog of international Internet resources. (SOSIG) aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for researchers and practitioners in the social sciences.

A Sociology Timeline from 1600

<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/timeline.html>

This web site provides a timeline of events and individuals important to the field of sociology. Links also offer biographical information to some important individuals and a few electronic texts relevant to sociology.

The SocioWeb

<http://www.socioweb.com>

This is a compilation of useful links to sociological resources on the Internet. It is searchable by keyword, category or type of material.

Websites of Interest to Sociologists

<http://www.luc.edu/depts/sociology/soclinks.html>

Site maintained by the Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago. It provides a compilation of useful links for sociologists, arranged by subdivisions and areas of interest within the field.