

Choosing a database

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Guide to selected bibliographic databases

Database Name	Type of documents indexed	Years of coverage	Full text	Subject coverage
Google Scholar	journal articles, books, working papers, reports	not specified	some links, uses Citation Linker	general
JSTOR	journal articles	archival (typically starting from volume 1 but not including the most recent 1-5 years)	yes	general (selected journals)
Popline	scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished reports	not specified	links to free full-text	reproductive health, population, family planning, emphasis on developing countries
ProQuest	journal articles, book reviews, newspaper and magazine articles	varies, typically 1980's-present (also includes historical newspapers)	some included, uses Citation Linker	general, plus business, education, nursing, and psychology
PsycINFO	journal articles, chapters, books, dissertations, conference papers	1806-present (little content prior to 1890)	some included, uses Citation Linker	psychology and related disciplines (including psychiatry, education, business, medicine, nursing, pharmacology, law, linguistics, and social work)
PubMed (Medline)	journal articles, news articles, reports	1950-present	some links	biomedical
Sociological Abstracts	journal articles, chapters, books, dissertations, conference papers, book reviews	1952-present	uses Citation Linker	sociology and related disciplines
Social Sciences Citation Index	journal articles	1956-present	uses Citation Linker	social sciences, also provides citation counts and links to cited or citing papers
Dissertations & Theses	doctoral dissertations and master's theses	1861-present	abstracts only	all disciplines

Locating full text

University Libraries: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu>

E-Journal List: find online access to journals by title

Citation Linker: find full text of an article when you have a full or partial citation

The CAT: find holdings for books and journal issues

Interlibrary Loan (ILL): request books or articles not available locally

PRI Library: <http://www.pop.psu.edu/info-core/library/library.htm>

Catalog: find books, bound journals, and reports

Journals and newsletters: journal holdings, some full text online (*Stata Journal*)

Demography links: working papers available online

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