

Book Resources

Books located at New Castle site

- **Agequake : Riding the Demographic Rollercoaster Shaking Business, Finance, and Our World** HB1531 .W35 2001
- **America's Demographic Tapestry: Baseline for the New Millennium** HB3505 .A683 1999
- **U.S. Household Consumption, Income, and Demographic Changes, 1975-2025** HC110.C6 M87 1982

Electronic Books available through NetLibrary

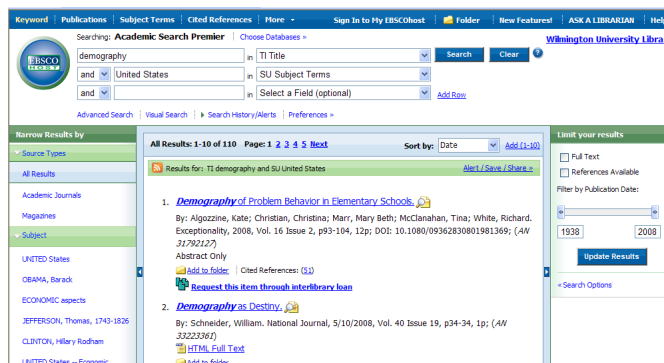
To view an eBook, select the URL link from the online catalog book record. This directs you into NetLibrary where the book may be viewed.

- **World Population: A Reference Handbook** HB871 .G47 2001 EB
- **The Demography of Health and Health Care** RA407 .P65 2002 EB
- **Cities Transformed: Demographic Change and Its Implications in the Developing World** HB884 .C58 2003 EB

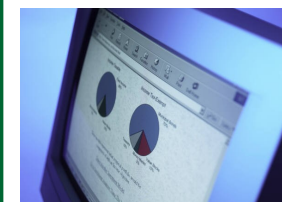


Other Resources

Electronic Research Databases are useful tools when researching demographic information. To access the available databases, visit the Library homepage and click on 'Electronic Databases' beneath the 'Research' category. Here is a sample search completed in EBSCOhost, using 'demography' and 'United States' as search terms.



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Demographic Information Guide

General Information

This guide is a starting point for research on demographic information. Demographic information consists of numeric data or statistics involving groups of people. Demographic information has many purposes. It is used for research in the social sciences, creation of policy and identification of potential customers in marketing. Some questions requiring demographic information to answer would include:

- How many people in the United States have college degrees?
- Is more than 12% of the population of St. Charles County, MO, over the age of 60?
- Did more or less people own homes in 2000 than in 1960?

Understanding Demographics

Some demographic information takes the form of numerical data that must be interpreted. Other demographic information takes the form of *statistics*, numbers that have already been interpreted. The following resources may help familiarize you with the language used.

- **Glossary of Selected Social Science Computing Terms and Social Science Data Terms**
<http://3stages.org/glossary>
This glossary includes names for different kinds of data, particularly in the social sciences.
- **Glossary of Research Terms**
http://www.resmind.swap.ac.uk/content/00_other/glossary.htm
Includes definitions of terms relating to research.
- **Statistics Every Writer Should Know**
<http://nilesonline.com/stats/>
Guide to basic statistics and data analysis for writers and journalists.

U.S. Census of Population and Housing

The U.S. Constitution requires that a census of population be taken every ten years. The Census measures many different things such as the number of people in the U.S., their races, their ages, and information about their living quarters.

Census 2010


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- **Bureau of the Census**
<http://www.census.gov>
The Bureau of the Census is in charge of planning, conducting, and interpreting the Census. Their website contains information about the history of the Census, information about what the Census can tell us, and links to other Federal government statistical resources.
- **American Factfinder**
<http://factfinder.census.gov>
American Factfinder is a web interface for Census information. It allows users to create maps or tables by selecting a number of criteria.

Historical Census Data

- **Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts**
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html>
The Bureau of the Census provides historical census data from the 1790 population counts to the present.
- **Historic United States Census Data Browser**
<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census/>
Allows the user to browse Census data from 1790 to 1960. Examine multiple topics within a census year, produce tables of data by state or county and sort data by selected categories.
- **IPUMS: University of Minnesota Population Data Center**
<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/>
Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) are samples of the U.S. population, taken from fifteen federal censuses. They are data samples from which users can create an extract.

Other U.S. Demographic Data

- **Statistical Abstract**
<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>
The U.S. Statistical Abstract is a collection of statistics from a variety of sources compiled and cited by the Bureau of the Census. It is available in print or in Portable Document Format (PDF) on the website. It can also be useful as a locator of further resources.
- **County and City Data Books**
<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/ccdb/>
For the more advanced user of data, the County and City Data Books are extremely useful. This web interface, provided by the University of Virginia Libraries, allows a user to customize, extract or subset data from the 1988 and 1994 County and City Data Books.
- **DataFerrett**
<http://dataferrett.census.gov/>
DataFerrett is a data extraction tool that searches and retrieves data across federal, state, and local surveys, executes customized variable recoding, creates complex tabulations and business graphics.
- **Interactive Census Maps**
<http://www.socialexplorer.com/pub/maps/home.aspx>
An interactive map of the United States displaying census data from 1940-2000.

International Demographic Data

Demographic Data for Foreign Countries

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>



The International Data Base (IDB) is a computerized data bank containing statistical tables of demographic data for 228 countries and areas of the world.