



## Resource Guide

# Urban Studies

### **Electronic Databases**

#### **Academic Search Complete**

Coverage: 1965, in some cases, to the present (depending upon publication)

Full Text: Yes in some cases.

Description: Academic Search Complete is a full text database of peer-reviewed academic journals, offering critical information from many sources found in no other database. Not only does it contain full text articles from over 5,300 full-text publications, but one can also find abstracts and indexing for nearly 9,300 scholarly journals. The journals offered cover many Urban Studies-related topics.

#### **Article First**

Coverage: The mid-1960s to the present (depending upon the publication)

Full Text: Yes, in some cases.

Description: Article First is another comprehensive database of peer-reviewed academic journals, several of which traverse the cross-disciplinary terrain of Urban Studies.

#### **Dissertations and Theses (Full-Text)**

Coverage: 1861-current, Texas A&M University: 1997-current

Full Text: Full-text is available for most dissertations and theses from the past few decades.

Description: Contains the full text of dissertations and theses from 1997 to the present written at institutions in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Europe. Many Urban Studies-related dissertations from a range of disciplines are available in the database.

#### **Geo Base**

Coverage: 1980-Current.

Full Text: Limited to abstracts of articles.

Description: International index covering various aspects of human geography, physical geography, GIS, geology, and ecology. Includes citations to articles on economic and social geography as well as cartography, climatology, energy, environment, hydrology, meteorology and volcanology. Includes citations to journals, books, monographs, conference proceedings and reports.

#### **Index to Current Urban Documents**

Coverage: Most documents are from the past 5 or 6 years

Full-Text: Contains records of documents and links to other websites. It is not a database containing full-text documents.

Description: Contains records for thousands of documents "generated by local government agencies, civic organizations, academic and research organizations, public libraries, and metropolitan and regional planning agencies in approximately 500 selected cities in the United States and Canada." Many publications are made accessible through links from city websites.

#### **Science-Direct**

Coverage: 1995-Current

Full Text: Many of the articles listed are full text, some are just abstracts.

Description: Very up-to-date database of articles from academic journals in the Physical and Social Sciences. Articles include a range of research from many disciplines related to Urban Studies.

## **Texas Digital Sanborn Maps**

Coverage: Varying coverage from the mid-1860s; older maps are more prevalent.

Full Text: Not Applicable.

Description: Digitized maps providing detailed property and land-use records depicting the architecture of Texas towns and cities (including Corpus Christi) throughout the past one hundred years. The maps enable researchers to trace the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, neighborhoods and communities.

## **Web of Science**

Coverage: 1945-Current.

Full Text: Some, with abstracts of articles from other sources.

Description: A very up-to-date multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the Physical and Social Sciences. It indexes journals across 50 social sciences disciplines, and relevant items from leading scientific and technical journals. Many Urban Studies-related articles from a wide range of disciplines are included in the index.

## **Internet Resources**

### **City of Corpus Christi**

Location: [www.cctexas.com/](http://www.cctexas.com/)

Description: City of Corpus Christi website includes links to city departments and basic information about the city.

### **GeoHive**

Location: <http://www.xist.org/>

Description: GeoHive, is "a site with geopolitical data, statistics on the human population, Earth and more." The website is a good source of info for population statistics of regions, countries, provinces and cities.

### **H-Urban**

Location: <http://www.h-net.org/~urban/>

Description: H-Urban is a moderated, multi-disciplinary forum for discussion and dissemination of scholarship on urban history and urban studies.

### **Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection**

Location: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

Description: Virtual map collection from the University of Texas-Austin's map library. Online access to a very comprehensive set of international, U.S. and Texas city maps of various types.

### **Texas Association of Counties**

Location: <http://www.county.org/>

Description: Under the section "Online Resources," the site includes data and demographic profiles for every county in Texas.

### **TerraServer-USA**

Location: <http://terraserver-usa.com/>

Description: The TerraServer-USA website provides free public access to a large database of maps and aerial photographs of the United States, many maps of various urban areas are available.

## **Print Resources**

### **DICTIONARIES**

**The City, a Dictionary of Quotable Thought on Cities and Urban Life** (Ref HT 111 .C576 1984). According to the preface, "this dictionary of quotable thought on cities and urban life, containing epigrams, epithets, verses, proverbs, scriptural references, witticisms, lyrics, literary references, historical observations etc. on cities (specific and general) and urban life from antiquity to the present day, is designed for use by writers on, and students and scholars of, cities and urbanism."

**The Language of Cities: A Glossary of Terms** (Ref HT 108 .5 A24 1971). An older work providing definitions and discussions of important terms associated with urbanism and urban life.

**Oxford Dictionary of the World** (Ref G1035.094 1995). A reference work that provides topographical descriptions of places in every country of the world, along with descriptions of peoples, languages, and religions along with definitions of important geographical and environmental terms. The work includes about 10,000 entries.

## **ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

**Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures** (Ref HT 108.5 .E53 2002 v.1-4). A 4-volume reference work containing thematic essays pertaining to cities and city life along with articles on 240 cities located around the world. Each city-specific article discusses basic information about the city including population, location and distinctive features along with the city's history, infrastructure, cultural and social life, quality of life, and future policy issues that it may confront.

**Encyclopedia of Urban America: The Cities and Suburbs** (Ref HT 123 .E5 1998 v. 1-2). An encyclopedia that includes 500 entries related to urban life in America. The topics are cross-disciplinary and include many from the realms of urban history, architecture, politics, geography, planning and sociology.

**Geo-Data: The World Geographical Encyclopedia** (Ref G103.5.G36 2003).

This reference work is intended to provide the reader with comprehensive descriptions of the physical geography of the world's 207 countries and dependencies. For each country and dependency, a Key Facts selection is provided with information about the geographic entity's physical area, relative location, coordinates, border length, coastline length, territorial seas, highest point, lowest point, population, largest city and capital city. For each country or dependency entry, information about mountains and hills, inland waterways, coastlines and islands, climate and vegetation, the human population and natural resources is provided along with a map.

## **ACADEMIC JOURNALS**

Bell Library subscribes to the following geography-related journals either in print and/or online. Visit the Periodical Holdings List (PHL) on the Bell Library webpage to obtain access info for any of these publications.

**Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs**  
**Canadian Journal of Urban Research**  
**City: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action**  
**Environment, Development and Sustainability**  
**Ethnic and Racial Studies**  
**Journal of American Ethnic History**  
**Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies**  
**Journal of Urban Affairs**  
**Journal of Urban Design**  
**Journal of Urban Economics**  
**Journal of Urban History**  
**Journal of Urban Planning and Development**  
**Landscape and Urban Planning**  
**Planning**  
**Planning (UK)**  
**Planning Perspectives**  
**Planning, Practice, and Research**  
**Planning Theory and Practice**  
**Progress in Planning**  
**Race and Class**  
**Race and Society**  
**Race, Ethnicity, and Education**  
**Regional Science and Urban Economics**  
**Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies**  
**Urban Affairs Quarterly**  
**Urban Affairs Review**  
**Urban Ecosystems**  
**Urban Forum**  
**Urban Policy and Research**  
**Urban Studies (in the Ingenta Database)**

## OTHER PRINT

### *Government Information*

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

### U.S. Census Website

Internet

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

The U.S. Census Bureau website contains extensive population and socioeconomic data which may be compiled at various geographic levels (nation, region, state, metropolitan area, county, city, census tract etc.). The site also contains extensive mapping features and access to U.S. Census Bureau maps.

## FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

**County and City Data Book 2000** (Ref HA 202 .A36 2000). This annually published work contains demographic, economic, and governmental data for counties and cities from both the federal government and private agencies, presented for the purpose of multi-area comparisons or single area profiles. Current estimates and benchmark census results are included. Editions since 2000 are only available online at: <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>

**Marcive GPO Index** (Jy 1976-present) An index to publications issued by the U.S. Government Printing Office. These publications include annual reports, statistical compilations, Congressional hearings, maps, and general publications on a wide variety of subjects including some of interest to those studying urban issues. Searching may be done by title or series, author or agency, subject, call number, report number, etc. Bell Library is a **selective** Federal Depository Library and receives roughly 45% of the items listed in the index. These are located in the U.S. Government Documents section in the Reference Department. Most federal and state documents may be checked out.

## TEXAS STATE DOCUMENTS

Texas State Electronic Library Accessible through Bell Library's Homepage under the "Other Library Catalogs" heading. Contains records referring to Texas State Government Publications. Search, for example, by "Population" or "Cities" or "Counties" to find demographic information about places in Texas. Many of the catalog items are located in the State Government Documents section in the Reference Department.

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