



“Information You Can Trust”

Alverno College Library

MGT 210 – Library research: Selecting an economic issue

Discrimination, U.S. Poverty, World Poverty, Health Care, Education, Housing, Social Security...

The purpose of a pathfinder is to assist you in organizing your library research strategy. Use the information provided below to guide your search for information.

A) Websites:

• **Internet Public Library - Economics**

There are many sites found here, including the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and others.

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/bus28.00.00/>

• **Federal Reserve Board Statistics: Releases and Historical Data**

<http://federalreserve.gov/releases/>

• **Economic Policy Institute**

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

• **Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)**

<http://www.irp.wisc.edu/links/category.htm>

• **Statistical Abstract of the United States**

This site offers statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It is very helpful for locating demographic data on Milwaukee or other cities and states.

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

Check out two sections of the library’s ‘Best Web Sites’:

<http://depts.alverno.edu/library/busi.html#econ>

Library Home > Best Web Sites > **Business & Management** > Economics

<http://depts.alverno.edu/library/socsci.html#eco>

Library Home > Best Web Sites > **Sociology** > Economics

B) Databases:

• **Business Source Premier**

Provides full-text articles from nearly 930 Business, Economics, Management, Finance, Banking and Accounting journals.

• **ProQuest Newspapers**

Includes full-text articles from over 40 state and national newspapers; including the Milwaukee Business Journal, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and other papers around the country.

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B) Databases, continued:

- **Academic Search Premier**

Includes some full text articles. Journals cover such areas as Social Science, Humanities, Education and more.

C) Books & Print sources:

Search in the library's TOPCAT database. Start at the library website. Either start in the TOPCAT box in the upper right corner of the library homepage, or click on the link titled Books, Music, Videos.

- **Encyclopedia of Social Issues (6 volumes)**

located in the Library Reference Room (Ref 306.09 E56r)

- **Statistical abstract of the United States**

located in the Library Reference Room (Ref 317.3 U58)

- **Library online catalog (TOPCAT)**

There are many books in the library that contain statistical data. Use the library's online catalog (TOPCAT) to perform a KEYWORD search. To begin, start at the library homepage. Click on the link Books, Music, Videos under 'Getting Started'

The screen will be an Advanced Search with four search fields to type in. Type:

(in the 1st box) statistics

(in the 2nd box) [your topic]

Limit the search to Alverno College in the 'Location' box below the search fields. Click Submit.

This pathfinder is only a beginning. For additional information & assistance, please contact the library by e-mail, phone or in person.

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