A Research Guide for Community Psychology  
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  e.g. Illegal aliens – United States
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**Databases** - Find articles in online journals, magazines and newspapers.  
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**Psychology Journals (ProQuest) & ProQuest Central**  
Use their **Related searches** suggestions combined with additional search terms for more exact searching.
  ➢ e.g. social psychology AND Russian immigrants  
Combine terms using AND or OR.
  ➢ e.g HIV awareness OR AIDS awareness AND community projects  
  ➢ e.g. suicide AND economy*  
Use the options/facets on the left to narrow your results list.

**Sociology (ProQuest)**  
Search by keywords.  Consider combinations of concepts (age, ethnic group, location, social issue).
  ➢ e.g. undocumented migrants OR immigrants AND health care  
  ➢ e.g. college students AND sexual assault  
Click on subject links from an article that fits your topic.  (e.g. emigration & immigration law)  
Check the Full Text box to see only full text articles.

Additional databases

  **PsycArticles** for mental health topics  
  **Sage Journals Online** for articles on any community psychology or social work topics  
  **PubMed** National Institute of Health site for journal articles on health topics  
  **Education Journals** for community issues in schools and education related topics  
  **LexisNexis** for articles from U.S. and international newspapers

See the **Social Work** research guide for additional resources.

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  ➢ e.g. a journal title:  Journal of Community Psychology

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Find more Information about Your Social Issue/Population

USA.gov: Searches across government websites, including federal, state, county and city
- If you are focusing on a specific geographic location, include that in your search.
- Sample search: older adults elderly seniors and homelessness Oregon

Specific agencies/organizations serving that population:
- e.g. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Alliance to End Homelessness, National Institute of Mental Health, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)

Think tanks (on Laws and Regulations page):
- Urban Institute
- Cato Institute
- The Heritage Foundation
- Pew Research Center
- Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

Scholar.google.com
- Sample search: report and elderly and homelessness
  - May also add data or statistics or demographics to the search

Demographics tab Data and statistics information about the population; income, education, number of children, etc.

U.S. Census Bureau http://factfinder2.census.gov for data and statistics on populations. Information goes from national to the local level. Has tools to create individual tables and thematic maps.

Zanran Search Engine http://www.zanran.com/q/ for data formatted in graphs, charts & tables

Portland Maps: http://www.portlandmaps.com for local information on households, crimes, percentage of populations for particular target groups

Search tip: When searching for statistics, try the word data instead of statistics
e.g. data AND foster children for statistics on foster child care

Media Sites for Current News tab for links to local and national news sites and newspapers.

Research Community Impact tab for links to think tanks, agencies and organizations to search for reports, opinions and research findings on your social issue.

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