

**USP 193**  
**San Diego Community Research**

**Library Resource Guide**



Below is an outline of what you'll find in this guide. Be sure to check the USP 193 Library website (<http://sshl.ucsd.edu/instruction/guides/usp193.html>) for more relevant information including handouts & presentations from Tracey & Rebecca.

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## 1. Library Contacts

You will find lots of resources in this guide to help you with your projects, but don't forget, we're resources, too! Feel free to come into the library & ask us for help anytime. If we're not around, feel free to ask for help at the Reference Desk. Also feel free to email or call us!

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## 2. General Library Resources

**Library's Homepage:** <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/>

**USP 193 Course Page:** <http://sshl.ucsd.edu/instruction/guides/usp193.html>

**Roger**, UCSD's Library catalog: <http://roger.ucsd.edu/>

**Circuit**, Library catalog for all San Diego area Universities: <http://circuit.sdsu.edu/>

**Melvyl**, Library catalog for all UC libraries: <http://melvyl.cdlib.org/>

**\*WorldCat**, Catalog for Libraries all over the US: <http://uclibs.org/PID/12633>

### USP 193 High Use Shelf

Located in the SSH Reference Area. Find community plans, Census volumes & other resources specific to your class. In order to assure that everyone has equal access to the primary materials necessary for the class, these materials may not be checked out. Please be conscious of other students' needs and put materials back when finished.

## 3. San Diego News Sources

- \*San Diego Union Tribune, 1984-present: <http://uclibs.org/PID/23119>
- San Diego Union:
  - 1868-1869, Special Collection Rare FF AN S3 S1
  - 1889-1897, 1922-1992 SSH Micro XF 248
- San Diego Business Journal: <http://www.sdbj.com/> To read full text articles back to 1999, you need to create a free user name and password, and use the library's subscription number. (00133657)

## 4. The Decennial Census

### Defining Your Community

You will need to determine what Census Tracts best match up with your community to find the Census Data you need. The Census Tracts may not match up exactly with the official boundaries of your community, but using street maps and Census Tract maps you will be able to define an area that will work best for your research.

Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Area:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/maps/mapgoldenhill.jpg>

Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Area:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/maps/mapsoutheastern.jpg>

San Diego Neighborhood Maps: <http://www.sandiego.gov/neighborhoodmaps/> (This map shows smaller neighborhoods within community planning areas.)

For detailed street maps, check out the San Diego County, Street Guide and Directory in the library (<http://roger.ucsd.edu/record=b3807027>) or use a web based mapping tool such as Yahoo! Maps (<http://maps.yahoo.com/>) or Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com/>).

Social Explorer ([www.socialexplorer.com](http://www.socialexplorer.com) – go to “maps” tab) is an online interactive mapping tool that will help you identify Census Tracts for your community back to 1950. This is a great place to go as soon as you have a general idea of your community boundaries to see how the Census Tracts line up with your street boundaries. You might want to adjust your boundaries, and use a slightly larger or smaller area, depending on where the Census tract boundaries fall.

*Don't forget! Census tract numbers & boundaries may change over time. Check all your Census years before making a final decision on Community boundaries.*

For detailed online Census Tract, Block Group & Block information for 1990 and 2000, you can use the Census Bureau Reference Maps ([http://www.census.gov/geowww/maps/descriptwindows/census\\_blockmaps.htm](http://www.census.gov/geowww/maps/descriptwindows/census_blockmaps.htm)) or use the mapping applications in American Factfinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>). For earlier years, look for the Census volumes on the High Use shelf and use the folded maps in the back of the block statistics volumes.

## **Using Census Data**

Remember when comparing Census data from different years that demographic definitions and other information are reported differently for each census. A variable reported in 1950 may not be available in 2000 and vice-versa. See the UCSD Libraries Census Guide for an overview of each Decennial Census & available data (<http://sshl.ucsd.edu/instruction/guides/census/index.html>).

Census volumes from the San Diego region from 1940-2000 will be available to you on the USP 193 High Use Shelf.

We have access to a software package from Geolytics that gives electronic access and download capability to census data for the 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 Decennial US Censuses. This resource is available on the “Super Station” located in the GIS Lab.

Other avenues of access include the US Census Bureau's site called American Factfinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov>) which gives full access to the 2000 census and partial access to the 1990 census. We also have historic census data at the tract level in excel format for 1950, 1960, and 1970 in the Social Sciences Data Collection. See: <http://ssdc.ucsd.edu/ssdc/hcensus/>

In addition, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) works with census data to create estimates for San Diego City and County. Explore their current Data Warehouse

(<http://datawarehouse.sandag.org/>) or their historic data (1990 - 2000) housed in the UCSD Social Sciences Data Collection (<http://ssdc.ucsd.edu/ssdc/san00002.html>).

See the class handout on Census data for a breakdown of where data is available for each Decennial Census.

## 5. Useful Local & Community Resources

**City of San Diego:** <http://www.sandiego.gov/>

- City of San Diego City Planning & Community Investment: <http://www.sandiego.gov/cpci/index.shtml>
- City of San Diego Police Department & Crime Statistics: <http://www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/>

**San Diego County:** <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/>

- San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/index.html>
- Crime Statistics for San Diego County: <http://www.arjis.org/>
- Crime Maps for San Diego County: <http://mapping.arjis.org/>

**San Diego Historical Society:** <http://www.sandiegohistory.org/>

- Online Resources: [http://www.sandiegohistory.org/online\\_resources.html](http://www.sandiegohistory.org/online_resources.html)
- Journal of San Diego History: <http://sandiegohistory.org/journal/journal.htm>

**SANDAG, San Diego Association of Governments:** <http://www.sandag.cog.ca.us/>

- This site has an amazing amount of useful information. See especially the “Demographics & Other Data” and “Maps & GIS” sections.

**SanGIS, San Diego Geographic Information Source:** <http://www.sangis.org/>

- Includes useful data layers and maps for the San Diego region.

### Greater Golden Hill

- Greater Golden Hill Community Profile: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greatergoldenhill/>
- Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation: <http://goldenhillcdc.org/>
- South Park Neighbors: <http://www.southparkneighbors.com/>
- San Diego City Council District 8: <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd8/index.shtml>


- San Diego City Council District 3: <http://genesis.sannet.gov/infospc/templates/cd3/index.jsp>
- Greater Golden Hill Planning Community: <http://gghpc.blogspot.com/>

### **Southeast San Diego**

- Southeastern San Diego Community Profile: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/southeasternsd/>
- Southeastern Economic Development Corporation: <http://www.sedcinc.com/>
- Bronze Triangle Community Development Corporation: <http://www.thebronzetriangle.org/>
- Villa Montezuma: <http://www.villamontezuma.org/>
- San Diego City Council District 8: <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd8/index.shtml>
- SD Neighborhood Studies Project: <http://www.qolsandiego.net/sdnp/Index.html>

## **6. Resources for the Literature Review**

- \*Urban Studies Abstracts: <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/sage/stats?asset=1842563>
- \*America History and Life: <http://uclibs.org/PID/6159> (Indexes the Journal of San Diego History & many other history journals.)
- \*IBSS: International Bibliography of Social Sciences: <http://uclibs.org/PID/116189> (See class handout for getting the most out of this resource.)
- Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/>

Remember, you can request journal articles and books the library does not own using our Interlibrary Loan service. (It's free!) Use UC e-Links  when using an article database, or go directly to the Libraries' Interlibrary Loan page: <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/services/ill-dds/>

Don't forget to use **RefWorks\*** (<http://www.refworks.com/refworks>) to organize all your sources! Check out the libraries RefWorks workshops to learn how you can use it to easily build your bibliography and cite sources! Sign up at: <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/services/refworks.html>

Resources with a \* must be used on campus, or from a computer with proxy access set up. Instructions for setting up proxy access on your home computer can be found here: <http://sshl.ucsd.edu/services/remote.html> All resources with a \* can be found in the Libraries' Databases A-Z List.

## **7. Other Libraries & Archives to Visit**

### **San Diego Public Library, California Room**

820 E Street

San Diego, CA 92101-6478

(619) 236-5834

See Library's website for hours: <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/>

### **San Diego Historical Society**

Casa de Balboa, lower level

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

(619) 232-6203

Open Wednesday through Saturday 9:30am to 1pm. Admission fee for students is \$2.

See website to confirm hours: <http://www.sandiegohistory.org>