

## Resources for Urban Sociology San Diego Neighborhood Paper

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**Urban Sociology Course Page:** <http://sshl.ucsd.edu/instruction/guides/usp105.html>

### Defining Your Neighborhood

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

San Diego Neighborhood Map: <http://www.sandiego.gov/neighborhoodmaps/>

For detailed street maps, check out the San Diego County, Street Guide and Directory in the library (SSH Ref Desk G 1528 S24 T5) or use a web based mapping tool such as Yahoo! Maps (<http://maps.yahoo.com/>) or Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com/>).

After determining your neighborhood's street boundaries you can use Social Explorer, an online interactive mapping tool to help you identify the Census Tracts that fall within your neighborhood. You might want to adjust your boundaries, and use a slightly larger or smaller area, depending on where the Census tract boundaries fall. Go to [www.socialexplorer.com](http://www.socialexplorer.com) and click on the map in the middle of the page to use this resource.

You can also use the official Census Tract Maps online or come into the library for the full size print version. Online at: [www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/descriptwindows/outline.htm](http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/descriptwindows/outline.htm) and in the library: SSH Maps G4363 s24 E25 s10 U5

### Census Data

The Census Bureau's American Factfinder database (<http://factfinder.census.gov>) will allow you to extract all the data tables you need for your assignment. For help using American Factfinder, use the Census exercise we went through in class, or the Census Bureau's "4 Easy Steps to Census 2000" (<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/4easysteps.pdf>).

There's still a lot more to the Census though! If you find it interesting, and you want to see more of what it has to offer, check out the Census website ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)) or the UCSD Libraries' Guide to Census Research (<http://sshl.ucsd.edu/instruction/guides/census/index.html>).

## San Diego News Sources

- \*San Diego Union Tribune, 1984-present: <http://uclibs.org/PID/23119>
- \*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)

## Useful Local Websites

- City of San Diego: <http://www.sandiego.gov/>
- City of San Diego City Planning & Community Investment: [www.sandiego.gov/cpci/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/cpci/index.shtml)
- City of San Diego Community Plans: [www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/plans.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/plans.shtml)
- City of San Diego Police Department & Crime Statistics: [www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/)
- San Diego Historical Society: <http://www.sandiegohistory.org/>

**Not finding what you need? Having Trouble defining your neighborhood? Please email me, or stop by the library!**

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<http://sshl.ucsd.edu/services/remote.html>