Electronic Databases

Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS)
Coverage: 1972 - Present
Full Text: No
Description: Provides access to the social and public policy literature of business, economics finance, law, international relations, government, political science and other social sciences. Indexes 2100 periodicals and is updated monthly.

Science Direct
Coverage: Mid 1990s to present
Full Text: Yes
Description: Includes coverage in economics, political science, education, geography, planning, health, law, sociology and transportation.

Social Sciences Abstracts
Coverage: 1983 to present
Full Text: No
Description: Covers journal articles in anthropology, political science, economics, psychology, geography, sociology and law.

Criminal Justice Abstracts
Coverage: 1968 – present
Full Text: No
Description: Indexes journal articles, books, and special reports on all aspects of criminal justice.

JSTOR
Coverage: Dates vary according to journal.
Full Text: Yes
Description: Provides full text of journals specializing in economics, history, political science, population studies, and sociology. Many of the journals date back to the 1950s and 1960s.

Academic Search Premier
Coverage: Mid 1980s to present.
Full Text: Yes
Description: All major subject areas, including political science and public policy.

Internet Resources

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
Location: http://www.aspanet.org/
Description: Established in 1939, ASPA is the largest professional association in the field of public administration. This site provides numerous links about jobs, career development and other web resources in public administration.
The Brookings Institution  
Location: http://www.brook.edu/  
Description: Provides links and resources in economics, foreign policy, government studies, policy centers and executive education.

The Rand Institute  
Location: http://www.rand.org  
Description: Includes resources in child policy; civil and criminal justice; education; environment and energy; health; international policy; labor markets; methodology; national security; population and regional studies; science and technology; social welfare; and transportation.

Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR)  
Location: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/  
Description: Provides access to extensive holdings and archives of social science data; training facilities for the study of quantitative social analysis techniques; and resources for social scientists using computer technologies.

State and Local Government on the Net  
Location: http://www.piperinfo.com/state/states.html  
Description: This site provides links to various agencies and organizations from all branches of each state’s government, as well as county and city governments.

Public Policy and Management (Carnegie Mellon University Library)  
Location: http://www.library.cmu.edu/bySubject/PubPolMgt/  

Public Administration on the Web (Syracuse University)  
Location: http://web.syr.edu/~ecoppola/public.html

Print Resources

Dictionaries

Description: This source contains entries related to current health care terminology. An appendix lists many of the abbreviations and acronyms relevant to the health care professions.

Description: This source presents entries about the theory, concepts, practices, laws, institutions, literature, and people of the academic discipline and professional practice of public administration.

Indexes

American Statistics Index (ASI) (REF Z 7554 .U5 A461)  
Coverage: 1974 to present  

Sage Public Administration Abstracts (REF JA 1 .S27)  
Coverage: 1983 to present  

Statistical Reference Index (SRI) (REF Z 7554 .U5)  
Coverage: 1981 to present
Handbooks and Guides

The Book of the States  (REF JK 2403 .B6)
Description: This source, published biannually, provides statistical information, by state, on various topics, including state Constitutions; the branches of government; campaigns and elections; programs; regulations; and intergovernmental affairs.

Classics of Public Administration  (REF JF 1351 .C465)
Description: Contains selected articles from several different periods dealing with issues related to public administration. Periods covered include: Early voices and the first quarter century (1880's to 1920's); the New Deal to mid-century (1930-1950); the 1950's and 1960's; the 1970's and 1980's; and the 1990's.

Handbook of Public Administration  (REF JF 1351 .H276 1996)
Description: This handbook contains essays related to various topics in public administration, including history and organization theory; budgeting and financial management; personnel administration; comparative and international administration; research methods; and political economy.

The Municipal Year Book  (REF JS 344 .C5 A24)
Description: This source, issued annually, discusses management issues, intergovernmental issues, and staffing and compensation as it relates to municipal government. Various directories and references are also included.

The New Effective Public Manager  (REF JF 1351 .C574 1995)
Description: This source documents the problems facing public managers and presents solutions to these problems. It also provides advice to public managers concerning how to build and maintain a professional reputation and how to advance in the bureaucratic hierarchy.

Public Administration and Public Affairs  (REF JF 1351 .H45)
Description: This public administration textbook contains a general overview of the major topics related to the field.

Texas State Directory  (REF JK 4830 .T4) - Latest at Reference Desk
Description: This directory provides biographical and contact information for the members of all branches of State government as well as county government. It also includes pictures of all State Representatives and Senators as well as district maps and diagrams of the State Capitol and the Capitol Complex in Austin.

Washington Information Directory  (REF F 192.3 .W33)
Description: This source, published bi-annually, lists contact information for all types of Washington, D.C.-based governmental organizations. Also included are the Internet homepages of these agencies. Both name and subject indexes are included.
**Government Information**

**Federal Documents**

**Statistical Abstract of the United States** (REF HA 202) - Latest at Reference Desk  
Description: This source contains statistics collected by the federal government in many different subject areas. Demographic, economic and political statistics are just a few of the areas covered. Note: Numbers in the index correspond to table numbers, not page numbers.

**United States Government Manual** (AE 2.108/2: ) - Latest at Reference Desk  
Description: This source contains organizational and contact information for all of the major agencies of the United States Government. For example: Use this source to locate the mission statements of an agency, the director of an agency, or the location of a particular agency's closest branch office.

**For More Information**

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