

Extending our knowledge of databases and e-journals

Librarians supporting the commissioning process may yearn for access to databases and e-journals easily accessible to colleagues in Higher Education.

It is worth investing a little time in finding out what is available in order to understand when specialised resources will be valuable to commissioners, and then exploring any local arrangements for pay-as-you-go for searches.

ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts. Covers health, social services, economics, politics, race relations and education. Comprehensive source of social science and health information for the practical and academic professional.

Business source Complete The world's definitive scholarly business database. Covers marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics. Additional content includes financial data, investment research reports, industry reports, market research, company profiles, SWOT analyses and more.

ESDS (Economic and Social Data Service) – International. Provides access and support for a range of international datasets and the NS Time Series Databank. Datasets currently available include:

- ***National Statistics Databank***
Very detailed data on the economy of the UK and its regions. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is the official source on information and data on the UK economy and society.
- ***Census Data Support Units***
Census Dissemination Unit from MIMAS
Census Geography Data Unit (UKBORDERS) from Edina
Census Interaction Data Service (CIDS)
Census Microdata Unit

Family & Society Studies Database is the world's most comprehensive, systematic, and non-evaluative resource of research, policy, and practice literature in the fields of Family Science, Human Ecology, Human Development and Social Welfare.

Forced Migration Online - instant access to a wide variety of online resources dealing with the situation of forced migrants worldwide. Designed for use by practitioners, policy makers, researchers, students or anyone interested in the field,

Global Health comprises the Public Health and Tropical Medicine (PHTM) database and the human health and diseases information extracted from CAB ABSTRACTS. A unique resource which offers a substantially deeper subject coverage of information related to human health and communicable diseases than many other sources currently available.

The Global Health database covers the following aspects of human health and disease:

- communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS)
- human nutrition (including food composition, food poisoning, effects of diet on health, nutritional disorders, and experimental aspects)
- community and public health (including chronic diseases, occupational health, health status indicators, the impact of agriculture on health, and cancer epidemiology)

The International Bibliography of the Social Sciences - compiled by the British Library of Political & Economic Science of the London School of Economics & Political Science. Covers economics, political science, sociology, and anthropology.

PolicyFile - addresses the complete range of public policy research, covering all public policy issues with abstracts including health care reform

Social Policy Digest: Information about current events in social policy. Provides a commentary on changes in social welfare legislation and a review of major reports and surveys from the government, think tanks and voluntary bodies

Social Sciences Citation Index - Covers significant items in the behavioural and social sciences.

Social Services Abstracts - focused on social work, human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, and community development.

Sociological Abstracts Database - access the latest research sponsored in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioural sciences.

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