Health Literacy and Public Health
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Databases

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<th>DATABASE</th>
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<td>EMBASE</td>
<td>28,000,000</td>
<td>8,400</td>
<td>Multidisciplinary international journal and conference proceedings coverage.</td>
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<td>PubMed</td>
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<td>Structured searches for HP2020; health literacy; health disparities; health services research.</td>
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<td>Global Health</td>
<td>2,300,000</td>
<td>6,000 journals, books, book chapter, reports, conference proceedings, theses</td>
<td>Captures key literature in global and regional public health not covered in other databases. Includes chronic diseases, health promotion, environmental/occupational health.</td>
<td>CAB Thesaurus – 250,000 descriptive terms.</td>
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<td>Web of Science</td>
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Grey Literature is produced by government agencies, professional organizations, research centers, universities, public institutions, special interest groups, associations and societies whose goal is to disseminate current information to a wide audience. Grey literature can be challenging to track down as it is not “searchable” via traditional mechanisms.

- **CDC Stacks** is a free, digital archive of scientific research and literature produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This online archive is composed of curated collections tailored for public health research needs. This repository is retained indefinitely and is available for public health professionals, researchers, as well as the general public.

- **Grey Literature Report** is a bimonthly publication of The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) alerting readers to new grey literature publications in health services research and selected public health topics. The database platform is keyword searchable and serves as an archive for the cataloged reports. Priority areas: Health Policy, Healthy Aging, Prevention, Eliminating Health Disparities, Engaging Communities, Global Health.

- **Kaiser Family Foundation** is a non-profit organization focusing on national health issues, as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Serves as a non-partisan source of facts, analysis and journalism for policymakers, the media, the health policy community and the public.
• **OpenGrey** is a multidisciplinary European database covering science, technology, biomedical science, economics, social science, and humanities. Includes technical or research reports, doctoral dissertations, conference papers, official publications.

• **POPLINE** contains the world’s most comprehensive collection of population, family planning and related reproductive health and development literature. An international resource, POPLINE helps program managers, policy makers, and service providers in low- and middle-income countries and in development-supportive agencies and organizations gain access to scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished documents.

• **Science.gov** searches over 60 databases and over 2200 selected websites from 15 federal agencies, offering 200 million pages of authoritative U.S. government science information including research and development results.

**Other Databases and Resources**

**ClinicalTrials.gov** is a Web-based resource that provides patients, their family members, health care professionals, researchers, and the public with easy access to information on publicly and privately supported clinical studies on a wide range of diseases and conditions.

**Disaster Lit: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health** is a database of links to disaster medicine and public health documents available on the Internet at no cost. Documents include expert guidelines, research reports, conference proceedings, training classes, factsheets, websites, databases, and similar materials selected from over 700 organizations for a professional audience. Materials are selected from non-commercial publishing sources and supplement disaster-related resources from PubMed (biomedical journal literature) and MedlinePlus (health information for the public).

**EthnoMed** is an ethnic medicine website containing medical and cultural information about immigrant and refugee groups. Information is specific to groups in the Seattle area, but much of the cultural and health information is of interest and applicable in other geographic areas. Includes information on culture, language, health, illness and community resources directly accessible to health care providers who see patients from different ethnic groups.


**Health Service Research Information Central** is a research portal of health services research resources providing numerous Internet links to data, funding announcements, reports, podcasts, discussion groups, and more.

**Health Services Research Projects in Progress** is a database of citations to research-in-progress funded by federal and foundation grants and contracts.

**National Guideline Clearinghouse** provides detailed information on clinical practice guidelines.

**PHPartners** is a collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations, and health sciences libraries which provides timely, convenient access to selected public health resources on the Internet. Content includes health data and statistics; health promotion materials; reports; guidelines; legislation and policy.

**Statistics**

• **CDC FastStats** provides quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance and is organized alphabetically. Links are provided to publications that include the statistics presented, to sources of more data, and to related web pages.

• **Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI)** site provides an overview of key health indicators for local communities. Users can search for a specific county and get a quick overview of demographics, leading causes of death, vulnerable populations, environmental health issues and more.

• **County Health Rankings** from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this site allows users to see county snapshots and compare rankings for health outcomes and health factors with ease.

• **Global Health Observatory** provides health data and statistics by country.
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Modern Language Association (MLA) Language Map Data Center knowing the languages spoken in your community are essential for providing better services. Use this tool to find languages spoken by city and zip code from the 2000 census and as recently as 2010 by county.

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State Health Facts provides free, up-to-date, and easy-to-use health data for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the United States, counties, territories, and other geographies. It’s comprised of more than 800 health indicators and provides users with the ability to map, rank, trend, and download data.

U.S. Census A good place to start is the Quick Facts section of the U.S. Census site to get basic demographics. Select your state on the map, and then narrow by county or city.

Surveillance/Tracking

Health Map is a source for disease outbreak monitoring and real-time surveillance of emerging public health threats.

National Weather Service provides active alerts for flooding, hurricanes, fires, drought, excessive rainfall, thunderstorms and tornadoes.

ProMED-mail - the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases - is an Internet-based reporting system dedicated to rapid global dissemination of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and acute exposures to toxins that affect human health, including those in animals and in plants grown for food or animal feed. Electronic communications enable ProMED-mail to provide up-to-date and reliable news about threats to human, animal, and food plant health.