Community Assessment Paper:
Research Guides:
Find Local Resources: http://guides.library.vcu.edu/local-resources

- Includes links to our Special Collections holdings
- Richmond Crime and Health Statistics
- Property searches
- Richmond Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data and online maps
  - Community & Economic Development
  - Enterprise Zones
  - Civic Associations
  - Parks and Community Centers etc.
- Research & Data: Homeward VA http://homewardva.org/researchdata
- Links to Local Libraries, Societies, and Centers


Includes links to American Fact Finder (Census data). - You may enter a place name or zip code and obtain the most current Census information for population, social, economic and housing characteristics.
• Virginia Quick Facts (U.S. Census Bureau)
  o Population figures on the state, counties, cities; a gateway to additional data on Virginia available through the Census Bureau.
• Virginia Department of Health Records & Statistics
• School Report Cards - Virginia Department of Education  
  https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/

Other local resources:
Data Share Metro Richmond  http://www.datashare.vcu.edu/Default.aspx

From the home page, go to Resources: Data Links for an extensive list of city, regional, state, and national agencies

For 2010 census data for specific neighborhoods, select an area (Richmond City); section, neighborhood.
Google Searches for local information

city of richmond 2010 census data
United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg Indicators of Community Strength
richmond virginia Unpacking the 2010 Census Part 1
richmond virginia Unpacking the 2010 Census Part 2
richmond virginia Unpacking the 2010 Census Part 3

Google searches are also good for mapping neighborhood risks and assets, like availability of grocery stores, services, transportation

Perry street richmond va grocery stores

Search for historical content from the gold search box located on VCU Libraries homepage www.library.vcu.edu

Social work richmond virginia
Article searches should begin at the Social Work Research Guide: 
http://guides.library.vcu.edu/social-work

Databases: The Basics

**Operators** (AND OR NOT) identify relationships between concepts  

**Fields** (Subject, Abstract, Title) determine specificity of results

Link key concepts with **AND**
Link synonyms with **OR**

| community interventions |
| truancy OR absenteeism |
| AND |

Databases for historical context:

**Start with Social Work Abstracts** and use it as a gateway to other relevant databases including: America: History & Life, Humanities Abstracts, Political Science Complete, Public Administration Abstracts, Social Sciences Abstracts, SocINDEX with Full Text

For contemporary literature, use any of the suggested databases on the Social Work Research Guide
Use menus on results page to narrow focus to specific resources: