

Resources Guide to Policy on Aging

Public debate about health care, social security, long-term care, older worker, retirement, social services, and housing are the major issues that affect older persons today. This guide to policy in aging covers government policies as well as public opinion on these issues. Resources selected are available in the USC libraries and/or accessible through USC Libraries website (www.usc.edu/libraries). For a broader scope of research on aging, consult the Research Guide: Gerontology <http://dotsx.usc.edu/repository/read/book/87>.

Databases (access databases from www.usc.edu/libraries)

Congressional Universe. Congressional publications, include legislative histories, hearings, committee prints, bills and laws, 1970-present.

CQ Library. Index and full text access to the *CQ Weekly* and the *CQ Researcher*.

GPO Access. Pathway to the Government Printing Office and its products.

Lexis-Nexis. Full-text news, business, health, law and government information.

PAIS Journal articles and book chapters in the area of business, economics, government and public policy.

PolicyFile Index of publications from the "think tank" such as Rand, Urban Institution, Commonwealth Fund.

ProQuest Comprehensive coverage of subject areas, including the fulltext access to major newspapers: LA Times, NY Times, USA Today and Wall Street Journal, current and retrospective.

Thomas <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. Current federal legislative information, bills, laws, Congressional record reports.

U.S. Congressional Serial Set. Fulltext access to the historical congressional documents from 1817 to 1980.

USA.gov. <http://www.usa.gov/>. US Government official web portal.

Current Journals

Cato Journal: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Public Policy Analysis. Washington DC: The Cato Institute, 1980- http://www.cato.org/pubs/journal/cato_journal.html
VKC Library [Periodical Stacks]

CAAR (Current Awareness in Aging Research). <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/caar.html>
A weekly email report for Demography of Health and Aging at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Health Affairs: The Policy Journal of the Health Sphere. New York, NY: Project Hope, 1981-
VKC Library [Periodical Stacks]

Journal of Aging and Social Policy. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press, 1989-
Access online in ProQuest database (<http://www.usc.edu/libraries/erms/databases/index.php>)
Gerontology Library [Periodical Stacks]

Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law. New York, NY: Springer, c1995-
Online via Project Muse (<http://www.usc.edu/libraries/erms/databases/index.php>)
VKC Library [Periodical Stacks]

Milbank Quarterly. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986-
VKC Library [Periodical Stacks]

Moving Ideas: Electronic Policy Network. <http://www.movingideas.org/>
Source of current research as well as background information on the whole array of policy topics,
especially on the issues of ethics, health policy, and social security.

National Journal <http://nationaljournal.com/about/policycentral>, 1977-
A weekly publication on politics, policy and government.

Older Americans Report. Silver Spring, Md: Business Publishers, Inc., 1987-
Gerontology Library [Newsletter File Cabinet]

Policy Studies Journal. Urbana: University of Illinois, 1999-
Access through ProQuest database (<http://www.usc.edu/libraries/erms/databases/index.php>)

The Public Policy and Aging Report. Washington, D.C: Gerontological Society of America, 1988-
http://www.agingsociety.org/agingsociety/publications/public_policy/index.html
Gerontology Library [Newsletter File Cabinet]

Background Reading

How Policies Make Citizens: Senior Political Activism and the American Welfare State / Andrea Louise
Campbell. Princeton, N.J: Princeton University Press, c2003.
(HQ1064.U5C34 2003)

The New Politics of Old Age Policy / edited by Robert B. Hudson. Baltimore, Md: Johns Hopkins
University Press, 2005. (HV1461.N76 2005)

New Directions in Old Age Policies / Janie S. Steckenrider and Tonya M. Parrott. Albany : State
University of New York Press, c1998. (HQ1064.U5S699 1998)

Older Americans Act http://www.aoa.gov/about/legbudg/oa/legbudg_oaa.asp. Access to the original Act
from 1965 and its amendments.

Policies for an Aging Society / edited by Stuart H. Altman and David I. Shactman. Baltimore: Johns
Hopkins University Press, 2002. (HQ1064.U5P62 2002)

Shades of Gray: Old Age, American Values, and Federal Policies Since 1920 / W. Andrew Achenbaum.
Boston : Little, Brown, c1983. (HQ1064.U5A626 1983)

U.S. Aging Policy Interest Groups: Institutional Profiles / edited by David D. Van Tassel and Jimmy
Elaine Wilkinson Meyer. New York: Greenwood Press, c1992. (HQ1064.U5U22 1992)

What Older Americans Think: Interest Groups and Aging Policy / Christine L. Day. Princeton, N.J:
Princeton University Press, c1990. (HQ1064.U5D39 1990)

Legislative Process and Government Agencies

Legislation

FedLaw <http://www.thecre.com/fedlaw/default.htm>
FindLaw <http://www.findlaw.com/>
Public Policy Matrix <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/polproc.html>

Federal Agencies

Administration on Aging <http://www.aoa.dhhs.gov>
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <http://www.ahrq.gov/>
Senate Special Committee on Aging <http://www.senate.gov/~aging>
Social Security Administration. Office of Policy <http://www.ssa.gov/policy/index.html>

State and Local Agencies

National Association of Counties <http://www.naco.org>
State and County Quick Facts <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd>
State and Local Government on the Net <http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm>
State and Local Statistics http://www.firstgov.gov/Government/State_Local/Statistics.shtml
State Units on Aging <http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare/Public/network/sua.asp>
UC Berkeley. Institute of Governmental Studies. <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/>
U.S. State & Local Gateway. <http://www.statelocal.gov/>

California Resources

California. Commission on Aging <http://www.calaging.org/>
California Demographics <http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/DEMOGRAP/Druhpar.htm>
California Statistical Abstract http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/fs_data/stat-abs/toc.htm
Los Angeles Citywide Statistics. <http://www.ci.la.ca.us/PLN/DRU/C2K/Cwd/HomeCwd.htm>
Official California Legislative Information <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>
Rand California <http://ca.rand.org/cgi-bin/homepage.cgi>

Research Organizations and Advocacy Groups

- AARP. Public Policy Institute. <http://www.aarp.org/research/>
- The Brookings Institution <http://www.brookings.org/>
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities <http://www.cbpp.org/>
- The Commonwealth Institute <http://www.comw.org/>
- EBRI (Employment Benefits Research Institute) <http://www.ebri.org/>
- MetLife Mature Market Institute www.maturemarketinstitute.com
- National Center for Policy Analysis <http://www.ncpa.org/>
- Pension Research Council prc.wharton.upenn.edu/~prc/prc.html
- Rand Corporation <http://www.rand.org/>
- The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research <http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu>.
- The Urban Institute <http://www.urban.org/>

Reference Sources

- AgeSource Worldwide. http://research.aarp.org/general/agesource_home.html.
- *Encyclopedia of Aging*. Search “Gale Virtual Reference Library” from the USC Libraries website: (<http://www.usc.edu/libraries/erms/databases/index.php>) for accessing content of the publications.
- *Green Book* <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wmprints/green/index.html>. Annual overview of federal entitlement programs.
- *GuideStar* <http://www.guidestar.org/>. Search for nonprofit organizations in the U.S.
- *Older Americans Act* http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title42/chapter35_.html
- *United States Government Manual*. <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>