

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Business Reference and Marketing Resources @ San Diego Public Library

The San Diego Public Library has print and electronic resources that can help in writing your Business and Marketing Plans.

These and other resources can also provide in-depth background information or timely news for starting, developing, managing and marketing your business.

This brochure highlights some important resources under the topics:

- **Demographics (*print*)**
- **Marketing & Business-to-Business
Contacts (*computer databases*)**
- **Business Directories (products,
marketing and contacts) (*print*)**

The print resources listed here are found in the Social Sciences & Business Reference Section of the [Central Library](#), on the 3rd Floor. The databases are available at any of the library branches on the Online Public Access Computers (OPACs), and via the [Catalog & Database Web page](#), available remotely for SDPL Library Card holders.

The Central Library and the Branches also have circulating "how to" books on various business management and technology topics.

Demographics (*print*)

Americans at Play R796.50973/Wellner

This resource reveals who participates in which recreational activities and how much they spend to "get away from it all". Includes individual, family and team sports, as well as recreational travel. Trends or expected changes are identified for each activity.

American Generations Series

(Ask for at Social Sciences Section)

Includes individual titles, the Millennials, Generation X, the Baby Boom, and Americans 55 & Older with information on attitudes, income, spending & more.

American MarketPlace: Demographics & Spending Patterns

R304.603/American

Provides demographic, spending and lifestyle statistics and analyzes trends.

Best Customer: Demographics of Consumer Demand

R 658.834/Best

Current best customers and future customer trends are given for a wide range of products and services.

Editor and Publisher Market Guide

R380/Editor (Ask for at Social Sciences Desk)

This annual guide contains market ranking tables showing population, disposable income, income per household, total retail sales, lumber/hardware sales, general merchandise, food sales, automobile sales, gasoline sales, apparel sales, furniture sales, eat/drink sales and drug sales of all MSA and PMSAs and the top 250 counties and cities of the U.S. Facts and figures are provided for all daily newspaper markets listing such data as number of automobiles, principal shopping centers, average weekly wages and much more.

Household Spending: Who Spends How Much on What

R 658.834/Household

This reference work answers: Who buys? What do they buy? And how much do they spend? It examines Americans' spending habits on almost 1,000 products and services by age, income, household type, and geographic regions.

LifeStyle Market Analyst, SRDS

R658.834/Lifestyle

This publication contains information on popular interests, hobbies, and activities in each geographic and demographic market. The directory features data on 76 lifestyles and over 40 demographic segments.

Market Profile Analysis; Dun & Bradstreet.

R 658.83/Market

Demographic information for San Diego County at the most detailed geographic level—by census tract—is found in MPA. Similar to other demographic sources, this resource also includes educational level, median home value, household mobility indicators and length of residence.

Survey of Buying Power and Media Markets

R658.83/Survey (Ask for at Social Sciences Desk)

This annual publication includes geographical rankings by age, ethnicity and selected retail groups and merchandise. It also contains five-year projections.

Sourcebook of Zip Code Demographics

R304.60973/Sourcebook (Ask for at Social Sciences Desk)

This annual guide lists over 70 demographic characteristics arranged into four profiles for 29, 600 residential ZIP codes. Offers forecasts through 2006. Data includes population, age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, households, families, household income and annual disposable income by age of householder. Also contains 20 spending potential index categories. Identifies 43 distinctive consumer groups and classifies neighborhoods into these market segments.

Marketing & Business-to-Business Contacts (*databases**)

- **RDS Business Suite**
 - **Business & Industry (B&I)**
Business & Industry is a multi-industry database with a strong global focus on company, industry, and product information, and an emphasis on facts, figures, and trends that affect businesses.
 - **Tablebase**
Tablebase provides thousands of hard-to-find market share tables, company and brand rankings, industry and product forecasts, production and consumption statistics, imports and exports, and demographics.
 - **Business Source Premier**
Business Source Premier has over 8,500 business journals track industry trends. Experts explain changes within their industry. Updated on daily basis.
- **Standard & Poor's**
Standard & Poor's has industry surveys report on specific industries and forecast possible economic obstacles and other trends that may affect manufacturing, productivity, and consumer buying trends.
- **ReferenceUSA**
ReferenceUSA allows you to search alphabetically, geographically or by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC Code) to identify specific businesses. Some limited records from this database may be downloaded onto a computer disk or printed out.

These databases are accessible:

- On public computers at Central Library and all SDPL branch libraries.
- Available remotely with your library card and PIN number (usually the last four digits of your home phone number.)

Use these and other databases at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/catalog-databases/index.shtml>

Business Directories (products, marketing, contacts) (*print*)

American Wholesalers & Distributors Directory
R381.2025/American

California Manufacturers Register
R670/California

Direct Marketing Market Place
R658.802/Direct

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Directory of California Wholesaler & Service Companies

R381.2025/Directory

Inside Prospects

R338.74025/Inside

San Diego businesses by SIC and Zip Codes & alphabetical order.

National Trade and Professional Associations of the United States

R061.3/National

(Ask for at Social Sciences Desk)

San Diego County Bioscience and Technology Directories

(Ask for at Social Sciences Desk)

Southern California Business Directory & Buyers Guide

R670.97949/Southern

Thomas Register

R670/Thomas

Tradeshaw Week Data Book

R607.3473/Tradeshaw

Directories for specific industries, retail and chain stores and import/export directories are also available in the Business Reference Section.

At San Diego Public Library's Central Library, business resources are found in several areas of the library:

Social Sciences & Business Reference Sections, 3rd floor:

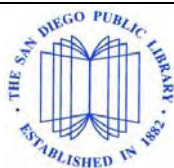
- Business Reference materials, including business directories
- Library staff provides assistance

Science & Industry Section, 1st floor:

- Patent & trademark database
- How to" book on business management & technology topics available for check out
- Staff assistance

California Room, 2nd floor:

- Information focused on San Diego, Southern California, and Baja California
- Business newspapers: San Diego Business Journal, San Diego Daily Transcript
- Help finding materials in the section



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