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HOW DO I...

Find Public Businesses?

Information on publicly held companies is readily available. There are many print, online, and web-based resources to use to find information. Directories of public companies usually give basic information about the company such as name, address, phone number, SIC or NAICS codes, etc.

Databases often contain "value-added" information on public companies taken from annual reports. See **How Do I Find Information on Local Businesses** and **How Do I Find Information on Private Companies** for additional searching tips.

Databases

[Business and Company Resource Center \(BCRC\)](#)(access from home* or library)

business.ccls.org **Business Databases Industry Research**

Find company information on public and large private companies.

To find information on a public company: Enter company name in the Search Term box. In the next box, choose Company Search. Click Search. From the search results page, click on the name of the appropriate company. The Company Profile will appear. In addition to the Company Profile, there may be magazine articles, company histories, investment reports, financials, rankings, suits and claims, products, industry overviews and associations (click on the corresponding tab to access this information).

[ReferenceUSA](#)(access from home* or library)

business.ccls.org **Business Databases Company Directories**

Search by type of business, geography, employee size, and/or sales.

For a guide to using ReferenceUSA, see our [Business Databases](#) page.

[Business Source Premier \(BSP\) via EBSCOHost](#) (access from home* or library)

business.ccls.org **Business Databases Magazine Databases**

Search by name of a company to find articles about that company. BSP also has company profiles by Data monitor (click on the Company Profiles button to access the list).

Web Sites

[EDGAR \(SEC Filings and Forms\)](#)

www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml

Public companies are required to file information with the SEC. Use EDGAR to access these forms. This is a great resource for information on public companies.

[Types of forms:](#)

8-K: “current report” listing important events to investors 10-K: annual report filed with the SEC 10-Q: quarterly report “providing a continuing view of the company's financial position”

[Report Gallery](#)

www.reportgallery.com

Free directory of annual reports available on the web.

[Yahoo Finance](#)

finance.yahoo.com

Search by ticker symbol to find recent news on a company. To find symbols, go to

finance.yahoo.com/l.

Another option for finding information on public companies is to find articles about the company in newspapers or magazines. See [Databases](#) above for information on Business Source Premier and Business and Company Resource Center. See below for other sources of articles.

[BizJournals](#)

www.bizjournals.com

The parent site for the Philadelphia Business Journal—use it to find articles from around the country.

[PR Newswire](#)

www.prnewswire.com

This site distributes press releases from companies and institutions.

Remember to search for the company’s web site directly using a [search engine](#). Public companies often have links for Investors or Investor Relations on their web sites. These may have annual reports, press releases and/or transcripts of conference calls.

For additional useful web sites for Company Research, see the [Company Information](#) page.

Print Resources

Below is a list of reference books available at the Chester County Library.

Philadelphia Business Journal Book of Business Lists R 338.0216 B

LexisNexis Corporate Affiliations R338.8 L

Thomas Register of American Manufacturers R 338.76 T

Hoover's Master list of U.S. Companies R 338.7 H

Mergent Manuals R 332.6 M

Standard and Poor's Corporation Records R 332.632 C