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This guide provides information on news sources available through the [Sawyer Library](#), as well as selected news resources available via the World Wide Web. Sawyer Library's news databases provide indexing and the full-text of articles from newspapers, magazines, and wire services. Backfile may go back twenty years or more. The free news websites listed provide current news, but backfile ("archival" news) at these sites may be either non-existent, or fee-based.

Please Note: If you are interested in news from the viewpoint of journalism studies, please also consult our Communication Resource Guide.

Online Databases

[LexisNexis Academic](#)

This excellent, wide-ranging database is designed to provide news articles from major, regional, and international newspapers, as well as wire services and trade magazines. Most articles are available in full-text. If you are interested in general news, you can search from the opening screen using the "Quick News Search." For a more targeted search, click on the tab for a "Guided News Search." And if you wish to search in a specific newspaper like the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, or the *Boston Herald*, click on the "Sources" link near the top of the opening page

and search for the title you are interested in. For business or legal news, click on the appropriate link in the left-hand column.

[Wall Street Journal](#)

This is the U.S. financial newspaper of record. This ProQuest database provides full-text of articles. However, for stock quotes and other numerical tables that appear daily in the newspaper, you must consult the actual newspaper on Floor One of Sawyer Library. (We have current issues in original paper format, and our microfilm backfile dates back to 1970.)

[New York Times Archive \(1851-2003\)](#)

Also from ProQuest comes this very valuable and very deep archive of the *New York Times*. The database covers the nation's most important news daily from cover to cover, all the way back to before the Civil War. Even advertising is indexed and reproduced in PDF form. Because the database is so massive, precise searching is sometimes a challenge. Consider doing an Advanced search (look for the green tab) to allow more flexibility in both word and date searching. And in many cases, activating "More Search Options" (look for the small grey tab below the main search box) is also wise. This allows you to indicate the content should be in a display ad, an obituary, or any number of other document types.

[Massachusetts Newsstand](#)

Almost all of the newspapers included in this ProQuest database are also in LexisNexis Academic. However, if all you want is Bay State news, then this very specific database can be a handy resource. It includes The Berkshire Eagle, The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald, BusinessWest, The Gazette (Haverhill), New England Business, The North Adams Transcript, The Patriot Ledger (Quincy), Plymouth County Business Review, The Sentinel & Enterprise (Fitchburg), The Standard Times (New Bedford), The Sun (Lowell), and The Telegram & Gazette (Worcester). Some coverage is back to the 1980s and others only back a couple of years.

[General Reference Center Gold](#)

Although NOT a good database for most academic research--since it covers very few "scholarly" journals--this is still a good database for those interested in general news magazines and newspaper articles, with an emphasis on current events. Many articles are available in full-text.

[Academic Search Premier](#)

Our best general research database, this resource provides full-text and indexing for thousands of academic journals, as well as news magazines, and selected newspapers like the *Christian Science Monitor*. This database is often a good place to start, no matter what topic you are researching. And if you are interested only in business news, [Business Source Premier](#) is our best starting point.

Local Media Outlets

[Boston.com](http://www.boston.com/)

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From the *Boston Globe*. Includes information on local events, weather, travel, restaurant reviews, and an online version of the day's *Boston Globe*. Archives (back to 1979 for staff-written articles) are searchable for free, but there is a charge for full-text. Better to get the articles from [LexisNexis Academic](#) for no additional charge.

[Boston Herald](http://www.bostonherald.com/)

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The *Herald* also has a useful website, with a searchable (fee-based) archive that goes back to 1991. (Get free backfile from [LexisNexis Academic](#).) This site will also link you to other local newspapers like the *MetroWest Daily News*.

[The Boston Phoenix](http://www.bostonphoenix.com/)

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A survivor of the radical newspaper movement of the sixties, the *Phoenix* is now a largely cultural paper, with good coverage of rock music, film, theater, and the local club scene. Some solid political analysis stories also make this source worthwhile. Full archives for the last two years, and some content like film reviews available even further back.

[The Boston Business Journal](http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/)

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Boston's weekly newspaper for corporate and non-profit doings, BBJ provides good coverage on the latest business developments. To access archives, registration is required.

[Christian Science Monitor](http://csmonitor.com/)

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Electronic edition of the *Christian Science Monitor*. A national newspaper, based in Boston, CSM's sections provide easy access to national and international news of the last five days. Archive articles incur charges at their website, but not if you pull them up in [LexisNexis Academic](#) or [Academic Search Premier](#).

[WBZ-TV 4 / Boston](http://wbztv.com/)

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News, including live webcasts, from Boston's oldest TV station. Their affiliated news radio station is [WBZ Radio](#).

[WCVB Television and Radio](http://www.thebostonchannel.com)

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Web site for Boston's ABC affiliate, WCVB. Besides news, weather, and the like, this site includes business links, and Commonwealth 5, a "hub for [local] charitable giving."

[WHDH Channel 7](#)

<http://www.whdh.com/>

Website for Channel 7 (NBC) News.

[WBUR](#)

<http://www.wbur.org/>

Web home of Boston's NPR radio station, you can access written stories, or listen to the radio station, live.

[Boston - Bay State Banner](#)

<http://www.baystatebanner.com/>

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2005, this is the webpage for Boston's longstanding weekly African-American newspaper.

Wire Services and Networks

[United Press International](#)

<http://www.upi.com/>

News headlines, wire material by "desk," special features, stories from UPI's Washington Politics & Policy Desk, as well as a search engine for UPI photo files.

[Associated Press](#)

<http://www.ap.org/>

Although this is the website of the Associated Press, the photos and stories you will be linked to appear on individual AP affiliate webpages around the country, and globe.

[Reuters](#)

<http://www.reuters.com/>

Reuters is especially strong in business news, but organizes their reports in a variety of other categories, as well.

[BBC News](#)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Includes news from the UK and the world. Interesting take on news and events that have happened in the United States.

[CBC News Online - Canada's Online News Resource](#)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/>

Source for Canadian and world news. Includes business, arts, and news commentary.

[MSNBC News, NBC in partnership with MSN](#)

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/>

News broken down by subject area, as well as links to NBC shows like Today, Nightly News,

and Dateline NBC.

[ABC News](#)

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/>

Includes headlines; US and world news; special sections such as Business, Health and Living, ESPN Sports; and programs such as 20/20 and Nightline.

[CNN](#)

<http://www.cnn.com/>

Website from CNN. Includes main headlines from US and world news, and access to other CNN websites, such as CNN SI (Sports Illustrated), CNNfn (the Financial Network), CNN En Español, among others.

[National Public Radio](#)

<http://npr.org/news/>

Includes top stories and sections on US and world news, high tech, business, health, science, and arts. Audio transcripts of some stories are available.

[Voice of America](#)

<http://www.voanews.com/>

This is the official US government view of the world and its events--but at least the very specific viewpoint is available in over 50 languages.

[Google News: World News](#)

<http://news.google.com/news?ned=us&topic=w>

Pressdigest, the "independent, nonprofit, non-commercial site" for world news seems to have folded, but Google News, "a computer-generated news site that aggregates headlines from more than 4,500 English-language news sources worldwide," has a world news page that can be worth a quick browse, since it is updated constantly and links to international versions of Google News at the bottom of the page.

Websites for Major U.S. Print News Sources

[New York Times](#)

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

Web version of the New York Times. Includes daily contents of the newspaper, breaking news that is updated every 10 minutes, weekly features and original reporting. Free site but online registration required. See [LexisNexis Academic](#) for recent backfile. And see the above-mentioned [New York Times Archive](#) for backfile all the way to the mid-nineteenth century.

[Washington Post](#)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

One of the best newspapers for United States political news. Free archives only available for the last two weeks. See [LexisNexis Academic](#) for backfile to 1977.

[Los Angeles Times](#)

<http://www.latimes.com/>

This respected West Coast daily provides a week's worth of archival backfile for free. It is the only major newspaper in this section that does NOT allow deep backfile to be accessed through [LexisNexis Academic](#). Only six months of rolling backfile is currently available in *LexisNexis Academic* for the *L. A. Times*.

[USA Today](#)

<http://www.usatoday.com/>

Web version of *USA Today*. Includes sections called Nationline, Washington, World, Stocks, Small Biz, Politics, and Opinion. See [LexisNexis Academic](#) for backfile without the pop-up ads.

Web Portals and Directories for News

[Google News](#)

<http://news.google.com/>

Sawyer Library's favorite search engine recently launched their own news site which claims to gather "stories from more than 4,500 news sources in English worldwide, and automatically arranges them to present the most relevant news first. Topics are updated every 15 minutes."

[Yahoo News!](#)

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/headlines/top_stories

Internet portal for news from Reuters, AP, AP_US, and ABC News, with Photos and Full Coverage for some stories.

[World Press Review Online](#)

<http://www.worldpress.org/>

The online version of the well-known news monthly, this site provides World Headlines, global news by region, a fine set of links to World Newspapers and magazines by country, Country Profiles, and Documents in the News, and a variety of other links and resources.

[Guardian Unlimited World News Guide](#)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldnewsguide/>

Britain's [Guardian](#) news daily is worth checking out for its own sake. But they also do a very nice country-by-country directory of news and government websites.

[NewsVoyager](#)

<http://www.newspaperlinks.com/voyager.cfm>

Billing itself as "A Gateway to Your Local Newspaper," NewsVoyager allows you to click on a

state from the opening page map or sort using windows for type of paper and state. You can also search for a specific local newspaper or city using the search engine. Also on the opening page is the "Feature of the Week," which focuses on a breaking story covered by a specific local paper. Many other websites only cover the newspapers of major municipalities. This one, which is a service of the Newspaper Association of America, pulls up more of the smaller town newspapers and also covers a few other areas like college newspapers.

[Internet Public Library: Newspapers](http://www.ipl.org/div/news/)

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The Internet Public Library is a web portal that is regularly updated and which carefully chooses their items to link. For that reason, their presentation of newspaper links from around the world is worth exploring. Choose a country from the opening screen or look at the "By Title" alphabetical presentation of newspaper names at the bottom of the screen. You may also use the search engine near the top to look for a key word specifically within the newspaper page or throughout all of IPL.

[ABYZ News Links](http://www.abyznewslinks.com/)

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Calling itself "Your Gateway to Newspapers, News Media, and News Sources," this is another good source for international news connections. Organized by region and country. Also searchable.

[NewsLink](http://newslink.org/)

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Formerly associated with [American Journalism Review](#), which still offers some excellent news links, NewsLink is now an independent site that identifies itself as an "academic and professional research and consulting firm studying electronic publishing and visual journalism." It provides a good set of links to Newspapers, Magazines, Radio/TV and other news resources. The site also includes a nice search engine for city-specific media that allows you to pull up quick links for most newspapers and electronic media outlets in a particular metro area.

Business News

[Financial Times](http://www.usa.ft.com/)

<http://www.usa.ft.com/>

Online version of the Financial Times. Excellent site for international financial and economic news and the latest on world markets. Some sections require online registration and other articles may not be made available at the free site. Luckily, [LexisNexis Academic](#) provides article coverage back to 1982.

[Wall Street Journal Online](http://online.wsj.com/public/us)

<http://online.wsj.com/public/us>

The public-access website of the WSJ is great for daily browsing, but for fulltext backfile, don't

forget our [Wall Street Journal](#) database!

[Bloomberg](#)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/welcome.html>

Free part of the Bloomberg site. Excellent source for business and financial news and current information on stocks, bonds, currencies, and commodities. Unfortunately, like so many business news sites, the popup ads come fast and furious.

[CNN Money](#)

<http://money.cnn.com/>

News on Mergers & Acquisitions, companies, technologies, the economy, personal finance, world business, small business, industries and markets.

[MarketWatch, from Dow Jones](#)

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/>

Excellent free financial news site that also provides good reporting on specific stocks and funds. Advertising is relentless here, however. And you will need to sign up for an account (which is designed to send finance tip newsletters your way) to access some content.

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