

Edward G. Schumacher Memorial Library

Business Research Guide

General Business Resources

Reference Collection

Dictionary of Business Terms, 3rd Ed.

Location: Reference, 650.03, Friedman

Dictionary of Business and Management

Location: Reference, 650, Rosenberg

Circulating Collection

Call Numbers:

338—Entrepreneurs

650—Management

657—Accounting

658—General Management

Directories and Handbooks—Print Resources

Hoover's Handbook of American Business, 2019

Hoover's contains profiles of 750 major U.S. Companies. Profiles are presented alphabetically, and contain an overview of the company, history, list of executives, locations, products, competitors, and financial data.

Location: Reference, 658.1 Hoover's

Illinois Manufacturers Directory, 2015

Illinois manufacturers are listed alphabetically, geographically, by parent company and zip code. Brief entries contain contact information, names of executives, employees, sales figures, and company type.

Location: Reference, 670.023 Illinois 2015

Business Plans Handbook

A compilation of actual business plans developed by small businesses throughout North America.

Location: Reference, 658.4012 Business

Websites

Annual Reports

Annual Reports.com

<https://www.annualreports.com/>

Annual Reports of many companies are available for viewing and downloading for free.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Database (Edgar)

<https://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>

Search for annual reports in the "Advanced Search" and look for "Form 10k."

Company Websites

Search for company websites by name in a search engine, and look for the annual report by locating a section for "investor relations."

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Company Background Information and Financial Data

Hoover's

<https://www.dnb.com/products/marketing-sales/dnb-hoovers.html>

Search for companies alphabetically, geographically, and by industry. Brief profiles are available for free, including an overview of the company, names of executives, top competitors, and financial data.

Yahoo! Finance

<https://finance.yahoo.com/>

Provides company background, financial data, stock information and news. Type the name of the company in the search box and click "get quotes."

Morningstar

<https://www.morningstar.com>

Free stock quotes searchable by company. Includes last price, day change, as well as revenue information and operating costs. Company profiles are also provided, including key statistics and financials.

Value Line

<https://valueline.com/>

Provides free stock quote and information including annual sales. Also contains a glossary of investment terms and a searchable symbol lookup.

Fortune 500 List

Fortune

<https://fortune.com/fortune500/>

Websites

Illinois Business Resources

Business In Illinois

<https://www.illinois.gov/business.html>

The State of Illinois Business Portal provides links to resources on starting, running, and changing a business in Illinois.

Illinois Secretary of State Business Services

https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/business_services/home.html

This website provides a variety of information and resources, including a Guide for Organizing Domestic Corporations at:

https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/c179.pdf.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/Bureaus/Facts_Figures/Factsheets/

The "Facts and Figures" section of this website provides a variety of information on businesses in Illinois, including a listing of Illinois businesses in the Fortune 500.

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Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Bureaus/Pages/default.aspx>

This website provides a variety of information on businesses in Illinois.

U.S. Government Business Resources

Business Data and Statistics

<https://data.sba.gov/>

Use this government sponsored site to find data and statistics on banking, earnings, economic analysis, trade and more.

Databases

EBSCO

(Available from any computer at <https://search.ebscohost.com>. Ask your librarian for the user name and password)

Select the Academic Search Elite database, enter the name of the company in the search box.

ProQuest

(Available from any computer at <https://www.proquest.com/pqrl/index>
Ask your librarian for the user name and password)

Use the Advanced search, click on the Look up Companies/organizations link, enter the name of the company in the search box that comes up, and click on the Find button.