Journalism Beats

This guide summarizes recommended initial resources organized by "beats" commonly used in journalism. Most publications and websites organize content by "beat," although their definitionand whether they constitute hard or soft newsvaries considerably. For more information about beats and hard and soft news see: http://www.digitalnewsreport.org/survey/2016/hardsoftnews2016/

Please let us know how these resources worked for you, and send us suggestions for additional resources.

All Beats

	Popular Sources Shorter, general interest articles written by reporters which may refer to research but do not contain original research.	**Scholarly Sources** Written by scholars or professionals who are experts in their fields. In the sciences and social sciences, they often publish research results.	**Datasets** Sources of summary and raw data, as well as information about data collection.
Starting resources	Local and national newspapers generally have feature stories on specific topics (such as: NewYorkTimes.com, LVRJ.com)	Google Scholar: A freely accessible web search engine that indexes the full text or metadata of scholarly literature across an array of publishing formats and disciplines.	Google Dataset Search: A search engine from Google that helps researchers locate online data that is freely available to use. American FactFinder (AFF): Provides access to data about population, housing, economic and geographic information. Data USA: Provides data and visualizations about jobs, skills and education across industry and geography.

Hard News Beats

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Business	Forbes: Published biweekly, this magazine features original articles on finance, industry, investing, and marketing topics Harvard Business Review: A general management magazine focusing on strategy, innovation and leadership.	ABI Inform: Database with articles and reports in advertising, marketing, economics, human resources, finance, etc.	BLS Data Finder: This navigation tool from the Bureau of Labor Statistics allows users to search multiple datasets from BLS at once.

Climate/ Environment	NASA: Climate Change and Global Warming: Provides accurate & timely news, updates, data and visualizations about the Earth's changing climate. UN Environment: On a global level, this organization provides information and research on climate change, environmental governance, chemicals & waste, and more.	GreenFile: Coverage about the impact of humans on the environment from government, general and scholarly publications can be found in this resource.	NOAANational Centers for Environmental Information Data Access: Links to a wide variety of datasets focusing on environment & climate.
Crime and Criminals	National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS): A federally funded resource for policymakers, educators, researchers, and the general public offering justice and drugrelated information.	Criminal Justice Abstracts: Scholarly journal articles related to criminologyrelated discipline.	Bureau of Justice Statistics Publications: The Bureau of Justice Statistics' index page to all of the BJS publications that are in electronic formats. Also includes a link to access "survey questionnaires."
Education	EducationWeek.com: Breaking news, analysis, and opinion on K12 education issues affecting school and district leaders, teachers, policymakers, and edtech professionals.	Education Full Text Database: Search a wide variety of education journals from this database.	NCES Data Tools: Download NCES survey datasets in various statistical software formats.
Health	Mayo ClinicDiseases & Conditions: The Mayo Clinic is a nonprofit academic medical center focused on integrated clinical practice, education, and research.This site provides comprehensive information on hundreds of conditions. Medlineplus.gov: Produced by the National Library of Medicine, the world's largest medical library, it brings visitors information about diseases, conditions, and wellness issues.	PubMed: A service of the National Library of Medicine that provides free access to MEDLINE, the NLM database of indexed citations and abstracts to medical, nursing, dental, veterinary, health care, and preclinical sciences journal articles.	Nevada Health Statistics Portal (NHSP): The purpose of the portal is to provide an interactive public data system which allows users to query online public health datasets, find standard data reports produced by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, etc. Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health Includes national and statelevel data on hundreds of child health indicators from the National Survey of Children's Health and other organizations.

Politics	Pew Research Center: US Politics & Policy: Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trends. This section focuses on politics & policy within the US. Politico: Nonpartisan American journalism company that covers politics & policy in the US and internationally.	RAND Reports: Think tank reports and documents on social and political issues.	American National Election Studies (ANES): ANES produces data from surveys on voting, public opinion, and political participation.
Technology	CNET: Includes tech product reviews, news, prices, videos, forums, howtos and more. PCMag: Magazine focuses on reviews, news, and updates on PC computers, technologyrelated products, etc.	ACM Digital Library: Articles on computing & IT from Association for Computing Machinery.	Statista.comComputerrelated data: Includes information on PC ownership, computer/internet usage, etc.

Soft News Beats

	Popular Sources Shorter, general interest articles written by reporters which may refer to research but do not contain original research.	Scholarly Sources Written by scholars or professionals who are experts in their fields. In the sciences and social sciences, they often publish research results.	Datasets Sources of summary and raw data, as well as information about data collection.
Arts, Entertainment, Media	Variety.com: Entertainment news magazine for over 100 years focusing on film, TV, theater, music, etc. HollywoodReporter.com: Breaking news about Hollywood and entertainment, including movies, TV, reviews and industry blogs.	Entertainment Industry Magazine Index: Music, film, broadcasting and theater industry trade publications published before 2000. Film & Television Literature Index: Journal and magazine articles about film and television.	UC Irvine Machine Learning Lab's Movie Data Set: Information on over 1000 movies, casts, directors, etc. U.S. Trends in Arts Attendance and Literary Reading 20022017, Natl. Endowment for the Arts: These statistics come from the 2017 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts, the nation's premier instrument for tracking adult patterns of arts engagement

Fashion, Style	Fashion.net: Considered the world's first fashion site that has connected leading fashion and luxury brands with millions of fashionsavvy consumers since 1995. Style.com: News, trends, street, beauty, culture, fashion shows.	Fashion Photography Archive: Digital hub for interdisciplinary research in fashion and dress.	Annual apparel spending, US female MillennialsStatista.com: According to the report, fashionfocused Millennial shoppers spent just under $1,300 on apparel annually in 2016.
Food	Epicurious: Food resource for home cook with kitchen tips, videos, and recipes. Food Network: Recipe ideas, videos, healthy eating advice, party ideas and cooking techniques from top chefs.	AtoZ World Food: Database contains recipes from many countries, articles on food cuisine, etc.	Restaurant Inspections, Southern NV Health District: Data on restaurant inspections/ratings, 2005present.
Real Estate	National Association of Realtors: Professional association with resources and statistics for the general public on real estate. Trulia: Home & neighborhood site for US buyers and renters. Also provides details on commuting, crime, schools, etc.	IBIS World: Provides US industry reports Some of the many relevant reports include: Real Estate Investment Trusts in the US, Real Estate Asset Management & Consulting in the US, and Global Commercial Real Estate.	Las Vegas/Henderson Paradise, NV Housing Market Data (HUD): From May 2018, report provides data on economic activity, population changes, building activity, and sales and rental market conditions
Religion, Beliefs	Pew Research Center: Religion & Public Life: Nonpartisan think tank focusing on religion/public affairs.	Journal of Media and Religion: Academic journal "that addresses how religion as a social and cultural phenomenon broadens understanding of mass communication and society."	The Association of Religion Data Archives: Provides religion statistics, date & church membership from around the world.

Sports	Sports Illustrated: Sports news and expert analysis including NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB, NASCAR, college athletics. ESPN: Cable TV network with sports (college, pro, etc.) news coverage, scores, highlights and commentary.	SPORTSDiscus with Full Text: Articles focusing on sports, physical education and sports medicine, etc.	2018 Participation Report: The Physical Activity Council's annual study tracking sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the US.
Travel	Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority: LVCVA is the official destination marketing organization of Southern Nevada, promoting tourism, conventions, meetings and special events. Includes extensive tourism statistics. Lonely Planet: Indepth articles, photography, and videos focusing on travel.:	Hospitality & Tourism Complete: Includes articles about travel & tourism, hotel management, food service and beverage management,market trends, and more	Monthly Tourism Statistics US Travelers Overseas: Monthly U.S. citizen departures collected by the International Trade Administration.