

**CUNY Graduate School of Journalism  
Research Center**

## **Finding People**

### **Web Sites**

#### **411.com**

[www.411.com](http://www.411.com)

Excellent source for finding people. Once you find your person the site has a "find neighbors" button, which lists people living around your subject. It also has international directories.

#### **Anywho**

<http://www.anywho.com/wp.html>

Easy to use site claiming more than 100 million listings. As with all free public records sites only listed numbers are made available and anyone can opt to be deleted. Has an excellent reverse directory to help you trace the name that belongs to a number.

#### **Anywho International**

<http://anywho.com/international.html>

International listings by country.

#### **Directory Assistance Plus**

<http://www.daplus.us/?partner=400007>

This site has many free features for locating people and offers links to pay services if you want and need to dig deeper. Will often give person's age in their listing.

### **Finding Professionals**

#### **Attorneys and Doctors**

<http://lawyers.martindale.com/marhub>

Use this Lawyer Locator to find the credentials of more than one million lawyers and firms

<http://lawyers.findlaw.com/>

Another useful source for finding lawyers.

<http://webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.html>

DoctorFinder provides you with basic professional information on virtually every licensed physician in the United States. This includes more than 690,000 doctors.

### **Online Yellow Pages**

Yellow pages are another way to find specific people. There are dozens of yellow page phone books online. Here are some of the better ones.

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

<http://yp.yahoo.com/>

<http://infobel.com/world/>

This is one of the few truly international yellow pages and a good place to start for international business numbers.

### **Tools to Assist Your People Search**

Before attempting to find a specific person it is often helpful to conduct a search in news databases. If articles have already been published on your individual it might include helpful information such as an age, a location, neighbors, and possibly relatives. This is particularly useful when your subject has a common name.

Topix

[www.topix.net](http://www.topix.net)

Topix.net provides news articles and broadcast transcripts much like Nexis or Factiva. It is free and often has more local stories than Nexis and Factiva.

### **J-School Databases**

The Research Center subscribes to a number of electronic databases that can be useful during your search. You can access them at:

<http://www.journalism.cuny.edu/journalism/research-center/tools/ejournals-articles/jschool-databases.html>

### *ReferenceUSA*

Listings for 135 million U. S. households. Has a reverse phone number feature and neighbor listings. RefUSA is available for free via the CUNY J School website in the Research Center under J School databases.

### *Lexis Nexis and Factiva*

Use these sources to find Newspaper and news magazine articles about your person. It may well lead you to information pertaining to his/her address, names of relatives, spouses or children, etc.

### *Marquis Who's Who*

For more well-known persons (i.e., celebrities, politicians, musicians, etc.) try this resource.

## **Research Center Print Directories and Guides**

### *Almanac of Famous People*

REF CT104 .B56 2004

Biographical dictionary includes both historic and contemporary figures in a wide range of occupations.

### *Encyclopedia of Associations*

REF AS22 .E5

Details more than 22,000 American membership organizations of national scope.

### *The 2005-2006 Green Book: Official Directory of the City of New York*

RREF JS1222.A3N4

Provides listings for New York City officials.

### *News Media Yellow Book*

REF AS29.5 N65

Provides access to over 33,000 journalists at nation's leading news media organizations including television, radio, newspapers, magazines and independent journalists and columnists.

### *Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book*

Ready Reference

Provides contact information for 22,000 board members and 27,000 executives at the 1400 of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations

*Notable Sports Figures*

REF GV697 .A1 N68 2004

Provides narrative biographical profiles of more than 600 individuals.

*Who's Who in America*

REF E176.W642

Biographical entries of over 100,000 prominent people. Often provides office addresses and sometimes email addresses in the profiles.