

Index to Current Urban Documents

The Index to Current Urban Documents is a guide to reports and research generated by local government agencies, civic organizations, academic and research organizations, public libraries, and metropolitan and regional planning agencies in approximately 500 selected cities in the United States and Canada. The ICUD was published in microfilm from 1972-2000, and since 2001 has been available online.

Prior to 2001 documents are available in microfiche and accessed via the print version of the *Index*. IGS Library holdings of the Urban Documents Microfiche Collection begin with vol. 12 of the *Index*, covering the years 1983-84, and end with vol. 28, covering the years 1999/00.

The annual print version of the *Index* began publication in 1973. Full citations, many annotated, appear in the geographic index, arranged by city and county. The subject index is extensive, with many cross references. A list of jurisdictions represented is included with each volume.

On the Berkeley campus the *Index* is available at the IGS Library and the Environmental Design Library from v. 1 (1972/73), and at the Government and Social Science Information Service from v. 19 (1990/91). The *Index* is available at many other academic libraries.

Using the Microfiche Collection

Use the print version of the *Index* to identify items of interest. Note the microfiche order numbers of items to be retrieved. The order numbers are alpha-numeric (e.g., SFCA-0143) and appear in the upper left corner of the citation in the geographic index and after the title in the subject index.

At the IGS Library: Microfiche must be paged from closed stacks. Request microfiche by filling out the Library's blue call slips and taking them to the Information Desk. A microfiche reader can be brought to the Reading Room.

The IGS Library does not have a microform reader-printer. Inquire at the Information Desk about the locations of reader-printers at other campus libraries.

At UC Berkeley's [Environmental Design Library](#): Duplicate copies of some microfiche, mostly from California jurisdictions, are available -- inquire at the Environmental Design Library Reference Desk.

Off-Campus: Non-Berkeley campus users should consult the *Index to Current Urban Documents* at a nearby academic library. U.C.-affiliated users should follow the interlibrary borrowing procedures of their local campus to obtain needed fiche. Users not affiliated with U.C. may order needed fiche directly from Greenwood Publishing Group, per the instructions in the *Index*.

Pre-1983-84 Microfiche: [The California State Library](#) in Sacramento fully subscribed to the microfiche collection from 1973 through June 1989, and thus is a source for microfiche predating the 1983/84 cumulation. Also, the IGS Library may have directly acquired material from California jurisdictions in hardcopy. Check the Library's catalogs for California material.

Some Possible Research Uses

The collection is a rich repository of detailed information about specific localities, and may prove helpful when the research focus is a specific city or region. City, county and regional plans, which typically include statistical data and maps, as well as extensive narrative description and analysis, are prime examples of such localized information sources.

The collection may also be useful in research on domestic policy issues. Since local jurisdictions bear most of the responsibility for implementing domestic policies, from food stamps to mass transit, local publications are a potentially rich source of information on how domestic policies work and on how shifts in domestic policy affect communities.

Because what local governments do affects so many aspects of people's daily lives, taking an expansive view of the collection's scope is worthwhile. Information on everything from hazardous waste disposal to arts in the community can be found in the collection.