

PROPERTY RECORDS

www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com Search by address to find photo of property, owner's name, property tax information, etc.

www.ccrd.info: Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Shows property ownership history.

www.zillow.com: Commercial site that gives current market value for homes and also price history. Search is free.

<http://chicagotribune.public-record.com/realestate>: Gives information about home sales in Illinois. Basic information is free, but there is a fee to see the full public record.

www.northbrook.info: (Research/Resources/Public Records): This is an e-resource offered by the library. Connect to the library's home page and click on the "Research" Tab, then "E-Resources"; and then "Public Records." Can be accessed from home, but you will be asked to provide your library card number.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

<http://www.opensecrets.org>: Search by name for people who contributed \$200 or more to a federal political campaign from 1990 to the present.

www.campaignmoney.com: Financial donors to federal campaigns.

COURT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS

www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org: Dockets for civil, chancery, law, domestic relations, and probate cases in The Cook County Circuit Court. NO criminal cases.

www.criminalsearches.com/neighborhood: Search for criminals in your area, but you have to pay for additional information.

CRIMINAL AND COURT RECORDS (CONT.)

www.spotcrime.com: Provides nationwide crime information about arrests, assaults, arson, burglaries, robberies on a Google Map.

www.isp.state.il.us/sor/sor.cfm: Illinois Sex Offender Information.

www.crimereports.com: Create a map of recent local crimes by address and zip codes.

<http://gis.chicagopolice.org/CLEARMap/startPage.htm>: Chicago Police Department database of crimes. Create a map of recent local crimes by address and zip codes. Not available for all communities.

www.neighborhoodscout.com/il/northbrook/crime: Gives a map that shows safest neighborhoods and gives crime statistics for Northbrook. This can be searched by any address. Detailed information requires a subscription.

www.mugshots.com: This is a commercial website that publishes arrest records. A fee is charged for a complete record.

LAWYER AND PHYSICIAN REGISTRATION; DISCIPLINARY AND PROFILE INFORMATION

www.iardc.org: Illinois Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois. Shows attorney profiles and any disciplinary actions that may have been taken.

www.idfpr.com: Look up malpractice actions, felony convictions, and other information on physicians.

www.healthgrades.com: Gives extensive information about physicians, including patient satisfaction results.

VITAL RECORDS (BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH, ETC.)

www.cookcountyclerk.com/vitalrecords : Search for marriage, divorce, or death records for Cook County. All records **MUST** be ordered and there is a fee for all records. The only records that can be seen online are "Genealogy Records." These can be seen online after paying for them.

VITAL RECORDS, CONT.

www.vitalrec.com and www.vitalchek.com Both sites link to information about ordering vital records from other states, and VitalRec links to websites that provide international records. There is a charge for membership.

www.birthdatabase.com: Find someone's date of birth. Works best if name is unusual.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535: Among many other collections, you can search the Social Security Death Index. Vital statistics for deaths reported to the U.S. Social Security Administration from 1962-August 2013.

<http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/idphdeathsrch.jsp>: Gives very basic information from Illinois death certificates from 1916-1950.

SALARY DATABASES

<http://www.familytaxpayers.org>: Provides teacher salaries for public schools in Illinois. Information is provided by Illinois Board of Education (ISBE).

www.bettergov.org/investigations/payroll_database.aspx: Shows salaries and pensions for public employees in Illinois. (Information is not always complete)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

www.northbrook.info (Research/E-Resources/Reference USA). Library E-Resource. Has business and residential addresses and telephone numbers and reverse lookups for U.S. and Canada.

www.phonevalidator.com: Indicates whether a telephone number is from a cell phone or a landline. Shows its geographic area and provider.

www.whitepages.com: Provides addresses, telephone numbers, age range, and sometimes spouse's name. Good for reverse look-ups and neighbor searches.

www.melissadata.com/lookups: Much of the information on this site requires a paid subscription. Free information includes addresses, zip codes, school district maps, campaign contributions, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

www.ssnvalidator.com: See if a social security number is valid and when and where it was issued.

www.thesmokinggun.com: View public records on celebrity accidents.

www.checkdomain.com and www.betterwhois.com : Both sites check to see who owns a particular Internet site.

www.archive.org: Site attempts to archive the Internet. Offers “The Way Back Machine”, a look at changes in Internet sites or at sites that no longer exist.

www.blackbookonline.info: Like a “Google Search” for public records, this site allows you to search for sites that have free public records.

www.brbpublications.com/freeresources/pubrecsites.aspx: Provides links to government agencies that provide free, online access to public records information.

FEE SITES

<http://consumer.public-record.com>: Offers consumers and businesses the ability to search Illinois public records like property records, foreclosures, DUI's, divorce records, criminal misdemeanors, etc. There is a charge for each report.

www.zoominfo.com: Site holds millions of business profiles and company profiles. Allows users to generate leads. Some basic information is free, but in order to access it, you must download their software.

www.pipl.com: Search a number of different Internet sites at once, but it can be very expensive. There is some, very basic information for free.

www.peakyou.com: Again, there is a charge for the report, but you also get some free information.

www.intelius.com: Search backgrounds, email addresses, reverse telephone numbers, property records, and criminal records. There are different memberships for different fees.