

INTERNET SEARCH TOOLS

Free Web Sites

411.com

This site has both reverse phone and reverse address lookup. You can also search for neighbors.

Anywho.com (free/paid)

This is AT&T's online directory; advanced searches are done through Intellius. The site includes white pages and a people finder. Using the free portion, you can find towns and sometimes ages.

Area Codes (www.allareacodes.com)

Blackbookonline.info (free/paid)

This site includes links to several other search engines, including state, local, and federal information.

CA County Codes Chart (www.cagenweb.com/cpi/sctycode.htm)

CrimeTime.com (free/paid)

Similar to blackbookonline, this site includes links to other search engines.

DMV records (www.dmv.org)

Federal Parent Locator Service (www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire - for public use)

This website is sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families. Los Angeles County accesses this site through their District Attorney's office. The site includes information from the child support services system, and the social security death index.

Florida, Nevada and Texas marriages

(<http://www.knowx.com/mr/search.jsp?userid=guest&password=welcome>)

Google Phone book (<http://www.googleguide.com/phonebook.html>)

General Search Engine (www.google.com)

Google persons. Sometimes you can find a current address, genealogy or other interesting information on individuals online. If you Google an address, you can obtain a map and/or satellite view of the location. This site is a favorite of Stanislaus.

Indian Tribal Records (www.accessgenealogy.com/native/)

If you click the "*1896 Dawes Applications*", this will take you to the Dawes Rolls Database where you can search for ancestors who are on the rolls.

Facebook.com (free) (Searching for people 35 years old and younger)

Friendster.com (free) (Searching for people 35 years old and younger)

Latter Day Saints (LDS) Genealogy Search (www.familysearch.org/)

MediCal Database

Use this database to look up SSI information, death information, social security numbers, and search for addresses

Mamma.com (free)

Another general search engine; good for preliminary information

MSN white pages (<http://msn.intelius.com/>) (free)

White pages search, including reverse phone and address lookups

Myspace.com (free) (Searching for people 35 years old and younger)

Obitsarchive.com (free/paid)

- Newspaper obituary search. Searching through ObitsArchive.com's vast collection of obituaries and death notices is free and unlimited. Users then pay to view a specific item.
- Pricing:
Single Article: \$2.95
100 articles every 30 days: \$19.95 (billed monthly)

Peoplefinder.com (free/paid)

This site is run by Intellius. Preliminary information is free; additional information costs (through Intellius)

Privateye.com (free/paid)

The free portion lists places that people have worked, towns they have lived in, and possible relatives. The paid portion lists people the search subject has lived with.

Registered voters

Rootsweb Death Records (<http://searches.rootsweb.com/>) Go down to "*Records from Federal and State Resources: Social Security Death Index (SSDI) for Federal Death Records Death Records:*

- California (<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>,

- Kentucky (<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ky/death/search.cgi>)
- Maine (<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/me/death/search.cgi>)
- Texas (<http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>)

Note: The California records have more information than the Federal records, such as, Birth State, Mother's Maiden Name, Father's Name.

SearchSystems.net (www.searchsystems.net)

Very large public record directory online. Provides links to over 35,958 searchable public record databases, many of which are free. A good site for finding municipal records and death certificates. SearchSystems also offers a premium service, which is charged on a per-search basis. Recommended by Kevin Campbell.

SSN Allocation Table (www.ssa.gov/foia/stateweb.html)

Shows the first three digits of assigned SSNs and the state or U.S. Possession in which the SSN was issued.

Vitalsearch.com

Contains links to several sites for vital records searches

Yearbook.com

Searches high school and college yearbook information

ZABA (www.zabasearch.com/)

Directory-Address assistance. It has added something similar to US Search.

Subscription Web Sites

Accurint (www.accurint.com)

A division of LexisNexis. Key features include:

- People Search... locates neighbors, associates and possible relatives.
- Phones Plus... track down phone numbers not typically available to increase your chances of finding your subject. Access over 50,000,000 non-directory assistance records, including cell phone numbers.
- People at Work... links more than 132 million individuals to businesses and includes information such as business addresses, phone numbers, and possible dates of employment.
- Relavint™... visually links individuals with businesses, addresses, relatives and vehicles.
- Advanced Person Search... helps find individuals when only old or fragmented data is available.

Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com) Offers 2 week free trial \$199 annually Contains obituaries, death records, census records and more.

Entersect (www.entersect.net)

Entersect Public Records (EPR) offers searches on a variety of public records Individual searches range from \$1 to \$21, plus a one-time application fee of \$49 No monthly service fee or minimum usage fee

Entersect Police Online offers extensive online background investigations, including all addresses used in the past 20+ years. No initial implementation or set-up fee Monthly fee of \$75/user for unlimited access

Intelius (www.intelius.com)

People search, as well as background and criminal check

Annual membership fee of \$9.95

Some people searches are available from \$7.95 to \$14.95, or unlimited 24 hour use for \$19.95

Merlin Information Services (www.merlindata.com)

Offer 24 hour free trial and very helpful Help Desk California

Birth Records - \$199 annually for up to 5 users

California Marriage Records - \$199 annually for up to 5 users

“Link to America” Person Search – 25 cents per search

Obituaries (www.obitsarchive.com)

\$39 Quarterly (For up to 90 records)

Contains archived obituaries from 87 different newspapers in California alone (Your local newspaper may be included). There are also archives available from all other states. If your local newspaper is not included here, check with them to see about adding a subscription to their online archives, if available.

US Search (www.ussearch.com)

Service: US Search has a search specialist who runs the search manually. Other services (according to US Search) do not do this. This is especially useful with persons who are transient or where the information on hand sketchy. In those cases, it is helpful to have someone who knows what they are doing.

Other Resources

- Absent Parent Department
- Assessors Office/assessors records
- California MediCal files
- CalWIN

- Child Support
- Coroner
- County jails
- County Vital Statistics
- CWS-CMS, and history in hard case file
- Department of Justice
- District Attorney's office
- Eligibility Worker
- Emergency contact information card from school
- Family members
- Family Services
- Friends
- Immigration Services/Consulates
- Interviewing the child
- Medical records (death code)
- Military agencies (Social and Family Services Departments)
- Obituaries (funeral homes)
- Parole and Probation
- Postmaster
- Red Cross
- Tribes
- Voter registration (phone or web)
- White & yellow pages (work), online or other

Out of country searches

- Start by contacting the Family Support Bureau to see if they have information. If they say the person is deported, then contact INS, but you will need the alien ID #. The only information INS provides is if the person has been deported and the date of deportation.
- Contact the appropriate consulate. Fax a letter to the consulate, providing all the information available. The consulate usually responds that family is not found.
- Finding relatives in Mexico often involves interviewing family members with whom you are already familiar.