

Getting Started

Finding information on a specific person can be difficult, especially if the person is not famous or well known in their field. Some ideas to help you get started is to look for newspaper articles in [Access World News](#) - this database has many small town papers included in it so you may get lucky and find an article that mentions the person you are looking for.

Look for any information that may help you in your search in Access World News and on the Internet. Look for things such as where the person was born, where they grew up, where they work now and where they worked in the past, organizations they are part of, names of family members, and where they went to school.

Using any clues you find, look in City, County, and State resources. Many of the links below will help you look for information on people in Denton city and county and the state of Texas. Some of these resources include property tax records, civil and criminal case records, and vital statistics records.

Tip: Just googling the person's name is not going to help you find them in the Hidden or Invisible Web, which is where public record databases live.

How to Find General Information Online

1. Go to the UNT Library Home Page:
<http://www.library.unt.edu/>
2. Click on **RESEARCH TOOLS**.

You will find atlases, almanacs, biography collections, calculators, calendars and timelines, dictionaries and thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations, statistics and much more!

Research Help

Contact the **Journalism Librarian**,
Annie.downey@unt.edu, or

Ask US Chat/Email service:
<http://www.library.unt.edu/ris/ask-us>
(available 24/7)



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UNT Libraries' Services

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Search Access World News

1. Go to the library home page
<http://www.library.unt.edu/>
2. Click on ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
3. Go to BROWSE ABSTRACT AND INDEX DATABASE TITLES ALPHABETICALLY:
4. Click on the letter A
5. Click on ACCESS WORLD NEWS
6. Click on the map to search the state the person you are looking for lives in or has lived in the past.
7. Type the name of the person you are looking for in the search box.
8. Use any clues you find to search in the public records.

City Information

City of Denton, Texas

<http://www.cityofdenton.com>

Denton Police Department

<http://www.cityofdenton.com/index.aspx?page=461>

From this page, you can find jail custody reports, street construction information, monthly crime statistics, registered sex offenders list, most wanted, and much more.

Public Information Request Form

<http://www.cityofdenton.com/index.aspx?page=1140>

Use this form to request information covered by the Public Information Act.

County Information

Denton County, Texas

<http://www.co.denton.tx.us/>

RecordsSearch

<http://justice.dentoncounty.com/>

Find court records here, to include criminal, civil, and family case records, jail records, the Texas convictions database, and sex offenders.

County Clerk

<http://www.co.denton.tx.us/dept/main.asp?Dept=17&Link=47>

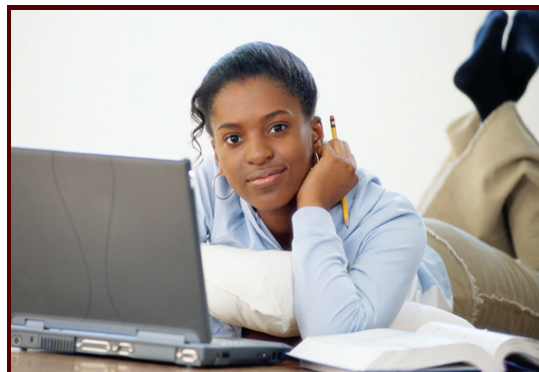
Issues and provides access to birth and death records, property records, deeds, map, marriage licenses, involuntary mental health commitments, foreclosures, and more.

Denton Central Appraisal District

Property Search

http://www.dentoncad.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=98&Itemid=54

Property tax records for Denton County.



State Information

Texas Vital Statistics

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/default.sh_tm

Birth, death, marriage, divorce, adoption, and paternity records.

Texas Department of Public Safety

Criminal History Search

https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Cch/index.aspx

This is the official Texas criminal history search database. It is fee-based.

General

Census Finder

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

Census records can provide you with a wealth of information on individuals. A lot is historical, but there is current info as well.

Tips

- Follow the clues—use every piece of information you find to help you find other pieces.
- Find databases and directories that may have something—and *then* search for the person's name.
- All cities, states, and counties have public records that are organized in a similar fashion.