CQ Researcher Guide

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Searching social problems can be a little tricky in this resource, since social problems are sometimes included in different “current issues.” Always start out with a general search.
Always look at the dates and topics of the article titles! CQ Researcher has been around a long time, and includes articles that go back to the 1980s. The topics show how the database categorizes the article. So the first result — “Housing the Homeless” is considered to be focused on “Unemployment and Employment Programs.” However, let’s look at the actual article.
It looks like this article is all about government policies on homelessness. Score!

Other good things about this article: it’s recent (October 2014), the issue tracker on the right sidebar is up-to-date (links to other historical CQ articles on the topic) and it has related topics underneath the issue tracker. The Outlook, Pro-Con, and Maps/Graphs, and Bibliography links on the left sidebar direct you to lots more useful information as well. A very good resource for research on homelessness.

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