

Annotated Bibliography

Type: Primary Source

Link: [IPUMS USA](#)

Citations:

Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Matthew Sobek, Daniel Backman, Grace Cooper, Julia A. Rivera Drew, Stephanie Richards, Renae Rodgers, Jonathan Schroeder, and Kari C.W. Williams. IPUMS USA: Version 16.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2025.

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Description: This resource is a governmental database that contains census data that already has been categorized and organized and can be processed in an easy way. Examples of variables available include OCCSCORE (based on 1950 income levels), YEAR, RACE, and SEI.

Type: Primary Source (Read)

Link: [Upward Mobility Makes It Worse for Minorities - ProQuest](#)

Citation: "Upward Mobility Makes it Worse for Minorities." 2017., Dec 01 Usa Today, 11.

<https://login.proxy.lib.duke.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/newspapers/upward-mobility-makes-worse-minorities/docview/2264352265/se-2>.

Description: This source makes an intriguing point about upward mobility and how it may cause racial discrimination, affecting the health of minorities including African Americans. I could use this source to point out the nuances as well as the limitations when it comes to optimizing social mobility, as it is only one metric out of many and only one part of the story.

Type: Secondary Source (Read)

Link: [Not There Yet on Equal Opportunity; African-American social mobility climbed until 2000, then a troubling slide began. - ProQuest](#)

Citation: Galston, William A. 2015. Not there Yet on Equal Opportunity; African-American Social Mobility Climbed Until 2000, then a Troubling Slide Began Anonymous Dow Jones & Company

Inch<https://login.proxy.lib.duke.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/blogs-podcasts-websites/not-there-yet-on-equal-opportunity-african/docview/1724003318/se-2>.

Description: This source talks about the history of social mobility among African Americans in the late 20th century, and how it started to climb before encountering trouble. I could use this source as both information about the history of social mobility among African Americans and also as an idea of what ways I could define social mobility and go about analyzing this idea.

Type: Secondary Source (Read)

Link: [Progressive Barriers to Equal Opportunity; If the African-American climb to social mobility ended in 2000 and then started to slide, what new barriers were put into place in 2000 that ended the climb? - ProQuest](https://www.proquest.com/blogs-podcasts-websites/progressive-barriers-equal-opportunity-if-african/docview/1727458937/se-2)

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Description: This source talks about the observation that the African-American climb to social mobility ended in 2000 and the factors that may have prevented it continuing. I could use this source to think about the potential barriers to the climb of African American social mobility, and how they are present and can be addressed in modern society.

Type: Secondary Source

Link: [Race, Intergenerational Social Mobility and Stressful Life Events - ProQuest](https://www.proquest.com/scholarly-journals/race-intergenerational-social-mobility-stressful/docview/2125247058/se-2)

Citation: Assari, Shervin. , "Race, Intergenerational Social Mobility and Stressful Life Events," Behavioral Sciences 8, no. 10 (2018), doi:https://doi.org/10.3390/bs8100086.

https://login.proxy.lib.duke.edu/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/scholarly-journals/race-intergenerational-social-mobility-stressful/docview/2125247058/se-2.

Description: This source analyzed the variable of race to the association of upward and downward social mobility and stress. This source could be used to explain the significance of social mobility and the potential limitations even if it was improved.

Type: Secondary Source

Link: [The Black middle class : social mobility--and vulnerability - Duke University Libraries Catalog](https://www.dukeupress.edu/black-middle-class-social-mobility-and-vulnerability)

Citation: Bowser, Benjamin P. *The Black Middle Class: social mobility--and vulnerability*. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 2007.

Description: This book talks about the Black Middle Class and that the Black and White middle classes are completely different fields, as argued by the author. This source could give insight on the role that race plays in regard to social mobility.

Type: Secondary Source

Link: [I saw death coming : a history of terror and survival in the war against Reconstruction - Duke University Libraries Catalog](https://www.bloomsbury.com/9781350174441/I-Saw-Death-Coming)

Citation: Williams, K. E. (2023). *I Saw Death Coming*. Bloomsbury Publishing USA.

Description: This book has detailed narratives of black people during the reconstruction period and talks about how reconstruction was not necessarily a failure but it was deliberately prevented

from succeeding. I could use this source as a way to tie my project surrounding social mobility back to slavery, the reconstruction period right after slavery, and the stories of the individuals.

Type: Secondary Source

Link: [Capital in the Twenty-First Century - Duke University Libraries Catalog](#)

Citation: Piketty, Thomas. 2014. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Harvard University Press.

Description: This book uses a lot of data and numbers to analyze social mobility and inequality in the world. I could use this source as an example of how to analyze data and derive meaning from data.