

Some Useful Sources

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The literature on pensions and retirement incomes is vast, and the bibliographies of the articles in this themed section provide a good starting place for readers to expand their knowledge. In addition, it is worth highlighting a number of websites that provide material on pensions and retirement incomes.

‘Rethinking Retirement’ resources

www.rethinkingretirement.org

This themed section has its origins in the Economic and Social Research Council Seminar Series ‘Rethinking Retirement’, where a number of the papers were originally presented. The website contains presentation slides, and films for each of the topics covered: the changing context of retirement; retirement incomes; employment; active ageing; and the future of retirement. Authors in this themed section are included amongst the interviewees in the films, along with Baroness Drake, one of the members of the Pensions Commission.

Resources on UK retirement incomes, pensions and reform

<http://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20070802120000/>

<http://www.pensionscommission.org.uk/index.html>

This is the archived website for the Pensions Commission, which was set up to review the UK pensions system, and influenced the Pension Acts of 2007 and 2008. The website includes the three major reports produced by the Commission.

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rrs-index.asp>

The Department for Work and Pensions have commissioned a large number of reports on issues related to pensions, saving for retirement and retirement incomes.

www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/NestWeb/public/whatIsNEST/contents/research-reports.html

Reports informing the development of the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST).

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page = pensioners_income_arc#PI_Latest

The Pensioner Income Series presents annual reports on the financial situation of older people.

<http://www.pensionspolicyinstitute.org.uk/>

The Pensions Policy Institute is an independent research organisation conducting analysis on UK pensions and retirement incomes. The website contains research reports and briefing notes on topical issues and changes to pensions.

<http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/>

The International Longevity Centre – UK is a think tank that explores the implications of demographic change for a range of policy areas, including pensions and financial planning. They organise seminars and archive their publications on their website.

<http://www.ifs.org.uk/>

The Institute for Fiscal Studies evaluate UK public spending in a range of areas, including pensions and retirement incomes.

<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/research/a-z/pensions-research-network>

The Pensions Research Network organises seminars on retirement issues. See the website for future events and to join the mailing list.

International resources covering Anglo Saxon countries

<http://crr.bc.edu/>

Those wishing to know more about pensions in the USA would benefit from looking at the website of the Centre for Retirement Research at Boston College. The research institute produces regular briefing papers and working papers on issues related to pensions, and makes pensions data available via their website.

<http://www.oecd.org/els/pensionsystems/>

The OECD publishes a range of material comparing pensions and retirement incomes across countries. This includes the excellent annual series *Pensions at a Glance*; much useful data from this publication are made available on the above website.

<http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/progdesc/ssptw/>
http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/progdesc/intl_update/

The US Social Security Association compiles information on social security programmes, including pensions, in more than 170 countries (see the first link). They also produce monthly updates of pension developments across the world (the second link).

<http://www.lisdatacenter.org/>

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) harmonises income survey data from a wide range of countries, allowing researchers to perform comparative research on the incomes of those in retirement. The website includes over 600 working papers that use the LIS database.

www.ird.govt.nz/aboutir/reports/research/report-ks/

A series of reports evaluating the New Zealand equivalent to NEST, the Kiwisaver scheme.

www.pensionreforms.com

The Pension Reforms website has an extensive library of research on pensions covering a range of countries, with particularly good coverage of Anglo Saxon countries. Resources are critiqued by members of the editorial board in specially prepared abstracts.