You Found *What* on the Internet?!  
Using Free Sites to Locate People and Information about People

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**MN TRIAL COURT RECORDS & DOCUMENTS**

Use to access full name, DOB and street address. Traffic offenses are good ways to find people.

- **MPA Remote View:** [http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/default.aspx](http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/default.aspx)
  - Family: Register of Actions, Court generated documents
  - Civil and Criminal: Register of Actions, Court and party generated documents
  - Pending criminal cases - cannot search by name

- **Courthouse View:** Access from any courthouse for street addresses
  - Party generated documents
  - Can search pending criminal cases by name

**DRIVER’S LICENSE DATA**

Request driving record or motor vehicle data (Form PS2502). Need DOB.

- **DVS:** [https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/Pages/records-forms.aspx](https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/Pages/records-forms.aspx)

**POST OFFICE MAIL FORWARDING**

Use to locate a new address, if you have the old.

- **Process Servers:** [http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/foia/coa-or-boxholder-form.pdf](http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/foia/coa-or-boxholder-form.pdf)  
  [http://about.usps.com/handbooks/as353/as353c5_002.htm](http://about.usps.com/handbooks/as353/as353c5_002.htm)

**OFFENDER LOCATOR**

Search to see if the person you are seeking is incarcerated.

- **Vinelink:** [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)
- **DOC Offender Locator:** [www.doc.state.mn.us/publicviewer/main.asp](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/publicviewer/main.asp)

**COMMERCE LICENSE LOOKUP**

Can provide a business address and phone number for persons licensed with the Minnesota Commerce Department.

- **Commerce Dept:** [www.commerce.state.mn.us/LicenseLookupMain.html](http://www.commerce.state.mn.us/LicenseLookupMain.html)

**DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY LICENSE LOOKUP**

Search for personal or contractor licenses issues by the Department of Labor & Industry.

- **License lookup:** [http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicVerify.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/LicVerify.asp)

**DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSE LOOKUP**

Search for people licensed through the DHS, such as health care, nursing home or child care workers.

- **License Lookup:** [http://licensinglookup.dhs.state.mn.us/](http://licensinglookup.dhs.state.mn.us/)

**MN BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

Search for people licensed to provide services for hair, skin or nails.

ATTORNEY REGISTRATION
Search to check the status of an attorney's license
http://mars.courts.state.mn.us/

BRB PUBLICATIONS
Find state licensing boards.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES
Use to locate spouse’s name, county of residence, friends and family (witnesses), DOB.
MN Official Marriage System: https://www.moms.mn.gov/

STATE DIRECTORY
Locate state employees (email, address, employer, phone #).
State White Pages: http://mn.gov/white_pages

PIONEER PRESS PUBLIC SALARIES
http://extra.twincities.com/car/salaries/default.aspx

PROPERTY RECORDS
Use to verify property ownership. Typically you can’t search by name; must use address or parcel ID.
Metro:
Anoka County: https://prtinfo.co.anoka.mn.us
Dakota County: http://gis2.co.dakota.mn.us/maps/property.htm
Ramsey County: http://rrinfo.co.ramsey.mn.us/public/characteristic/index.aspx
Scott County: www.co.scott.mn.us/PropertyGISLand/PropertyInfo/Pages/PropertyInfo.aspx
Carver County: https://gis.co.carver.mn.us/publicparcel/
Hennepin County: http://www16.co.hennepin.mn.us/pins/addrsrch.jsp
Washington County: http://washington.minnesotaassessors.com/

REVERSE ADDRESS
Use to find out the owner of an address.
White Pages Reverse Address: www.whitepages.com/reverse_address

REVERSE PHONE NUMBER
Look up address and name if you have a landline number.
White Pages Reserve Phone: www.whitepages.com/reverse_phone

MILITARY RECORDS
Search for military records. Generally need DOB and SSN.
Dept. of Defense: www.dmdc.osd.mil/app/scra/scraHome.do

COMPANY INFORMATION
Search for address, and registered agent and/or officers.
MN Secretary of State: http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS
Forms include contributor’s address and/or employer.

- Federal: www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/disclosure_data_search.shtml
- Federal: www.melissadata.com/lookups/fec.asp
- State: http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us/

BIRTH RECORDS
Search MN birth records (1900-1934).
- MN Birth Certificates Index http://people.mnhs.org/bci/search.cfm

DEATH RECORDS
Search for MN Death Certificates (1904 – 2001).
- MN Death Certificates Index http://people.mnhs.org/dci/search.cfm

National historical records (birth, death, marriage).
- Family Search https://familysearch.org/
- GenealogyBank http://www.genealogybank.com/explore/ssdi/all

SOCIAL NETWORKING
Good for finding younger people, their friends, family and schoolmates. Use these sites to find out school, work and social affiliations. Postings might tell you current locations and activities.

- Instagram: http://instagram.com (social)
- Facebook: www.facebook.com (social)
- Twitter: https://twitter.com
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com (business)
- Classmates: www.classmates.com (social)
- Snapchat: https://www.snapchat.com/

PEOPLE SEARCH ENGINES
Find people on the web.

- Spokeo www.spokeo.com
- Pipi http://pipi.com
- Whozat http://whozat.com
- Zabasearch www.zabasearch.com
- White Pages www.whitepages.com/
- DexOnline http://dexknows.whitepages.com/

SITES THAT PROVIDE COMPILATION OF SITES
Black Book Online www.blackbookonline.info/
Melissa DATA www.melissadata.com/lookups/index.htm
Portico www.indorgs.virginia.edu/portico/home.html

Great resource: