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What literature exists on the methods of cost analysis and their use in program evaluation? This bibliography was compiled in an attempt to answer that question. It contains a non-annotated listing of over 350 articles and books on cost analysis, many of which should be of use to evaluators seeking to employ cost-analysis methods in their work.

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Because of declining school ratings and the general economic recession, educational evaluators have become increasingly interested in cost-analysis methods. Although there is a large body of literature on economic and cost-analysis procedures, we know of no current bibliographies targeted at the use of cost methods in program evaluation. This report contains our initial attempt to build such a bibliography.

This document contains over 350 references to books, reports, and articles on cost-analysis methods. We have selected items which seemed of most relevance to researchers seeking to use cost procedures in program evaluation. Since cost-analysis procedures appear to have been used more extensively in health evaluation than in educational evaluation, we have included a large number of references from the health field. While our references come primarily from health and education, they are wide-ranging, covering such diverse journals as the American School Board Journal, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Community Dental and Oral Epidemiology journal.

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