

## ECON 222: LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Country Profiles

#### **\*\*Business Source Premier (Database)**

Provides country reports and profiles for selected countries, with a six month delay for the full-text reports. At the Basic Search screen, select the 'Country Reports' link. At the next screen, click on either the country link or the 'Publisher' tab if you wish to list reports by Publisher, such as EIU or Global Insight, Inc., etc.

**Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean** - U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1948-. (**Database**; GOVT - HC161.U525--range 4-D-46; **Database** at Central workstations only; **Web** version also available) Economic trends for the entire area and for individual countries. Includes essays and statistics on economic policy, structural reforms, financial systems, growth and inflation, investment and saving, employment and wages, and the external sector.

#### **\*\*EIU Country Profiles** - The Economist Intelligence Unit (**Database**)

Annual overviews of current situation in more than 30 countries, including basic data, recent developments, economic structure, economic policy, recent economic performance, and the external sector.

#### **\*\*EIU Country Reports** - The Economist Intelligence Unit (**Database**)

Monthly or quarterly reports (frequency varies); provides forecasts: political outlook, economic policy outlook, and economic forecast for more than 30 countries, including basic data.

#### **\*\*LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center** - Univ. of Texas at Austin (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/>)

Principal gateway for Latin American studies for economics, politics, society and culture, development, and recreation. Data from online statistical offices and online national banks.

**South America, Central America, and the Caribbean: Regional Surveys of the World**, 1986-. (Latest volume in CENTRAL READY REF - F 1408.29 .S68 2005 - Bookcase 1)

For each country provides geography, recent history and politics, economy, statistical survey, directory, and selected bibliography.

#### **World Bank Country Studies** - World Bank.

Country information and analysis prepared for the Bank in planning its lending and technical assistance. Reviews recent economic developments and presents possible future strategies for the country. To find individual studies, go to Acorn and search (Title keyword): world bank and country study and [name of country].

#### **World Factbook** - Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>)

Basic information about communications, defense, economy, flag and map, geography, government, people, and transportation for each country.

### Journal Articles & Papers

At the Vanderbilt Library home page ([www.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu)), click on the "Articles and Databases" link.

#### **Columbia International Affairs Online: CIAO (Database)**

Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs and economic indicators, and maps and country data. To search for more than one term, put a plus sign in front of each. Provides links to more than 160 related sites and to the home pages of contributing institutions.

#### **\*\*EconLit**, 1969-. Produced by the American Economic Association. (**Database**)

A comprehensive, indexed bibliography with selected abstracts of literature on economics from over 400 major economic journals.

#### **International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)**, 1951-.

Includes bibliographic records for articles and reviews from more than 600 current economics journals and 200 economics journals no longer being published. Also indexes books and selected chapters from multi-authored books.

### **JOLIS Library Catalog - World Bank and International Monetary Fund (Database)**

Focuses on economic development, monetary policy, international trade, global economic trends, aid issues, and other subject areas pertinent to research on international economic and financial topics. Includes references to books, journal titles, journal articles, working papers, conference proceedings and more. Also provides references to published IMF and World Bank materials. As you find articles and books of interest, search the **title** of the journal or book in Acorn to see if it is available at Vanderbilt in print or online.

## **Statistics**

**CCG's (Country Commercial Guides) by Country** - U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS) (**Database**; [http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwCCG\\_Country](http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwCCG_Country))

Covers general economic trends and outlook, political environment, marketing U.S. products and services, leading sectors for U.S. exports and investments, and trade regulations and standards. Usually 50 or more pages long. Vanderbilt IP addresses only.

**Current National Statistical Compendiums** (GOVT Microfiche 705)

Official national statistical reports from many different countries. Includes current and retrospective compendiums since 1970; also includes some countries' retrospective data before 1970.

**\*\*EIU CountryData**, 1980 – current, and forecasts. (**Database**)

Annual, quarterly, and/or monthly economic indicators and forecasts: 278 series on 117 countries or 40 regional aggregates.

**Global Development Finance (GDF)**, 1970 – current, and forecasts. - World Bank (**Database**)

Tracks the annual movement of international capital flows to developing countries.

**International Financial Statistics (IFS)**, 1948-. - International Monetary Fund (IMF) (**Database**)

Provides time-series data covering approximately 26,000 economic concepts that show major economic aggregates used in the analysis of economic developments. Includes almost all series appearing on the IFS country pages and world tables. Data can be downloaded in comma-separated, Excel, HTML, and TAB Delimited formats.

**International Historical Statistics: the Americas, 1750-2000.** (Latest in GOVT REF - HA175 .M55 2003)

**International Trade Statistics Yearbook** - United Nations. Statistical Office, 1950-. (GOVT - HF91.U473 - range 4-D-47)

Annual trade statistics arranged by country (v. 1) and by three-digit SITC code (v.2).

**LABORSTA: The Labour Statistics Database** - International Labour Organization (ILO) (<http://laborsta.ilo.org/>)

labor statistics, covering economically active population (data since 1945) employment, unemployment, hours of work, wages, labor cost, consumer prices, occupational injuries occupational accidents, and strikes and lockouts (data since 1969).

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**LexisNexis Statistical**, 1973-. (**Database**)

LexisNexis Statistical indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government (American Statistics Index – ASI) and by some 100 international intergovernmental organizations since 1983 (Index to International Statistics - IIS). Non-depository U.S. government publications indexed in ASI are available on microfiche (GOVT Microfiche 669--rose cabinet with green labels); publications indexed in IIS are available on microfiche (GOVT Microfiche 661--grey cabinet with yellow labels)

**National and International Data Sources and Links** - United Nations ([http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/internationallinks/sd\\_natstat.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/internationallinks/sd_natstat.htm)) and **Statistical Agencies (International)** (U.S. Census Bureau)

([http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat\\_int.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_int.html))

Links to national statistical offices.

**STAT-USA: Globus and NTDB [National Trade Data Bank]** - U.S. Dept. of Commerce (<http://www.stat-usa.gov/tradtest.nsf>)

*Globus and NTDB (National Trade Data Bank)* covers demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in over 200 countries.

**Statistical Abstract of Latin America** - UCLA Committee on Latin American Studies, 1955-. (Latest in GOVT Ref Alcove HA935.S8 - West Wall)

Economic, political, and social data from the UCLA Latin American Center and over 200 other sources, including international organizations.

**Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean** - U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1973-. ([http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/deype/agrupadores\\_xml/aes250.xml&xsl=/agrupadores\\_xml/a161-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl](http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/deype/agrupadores_xml/aes250.xml&xsl=/agrupadores_xml/a161-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl); GOVT - HA755.A68 - range 4-D-46)

Statistical indicators of social development and welfare, economic growth, capital formation and financing, national accounts, prices, balance of payments, external financing and debt, external trade, production of goods, employment, and other subjects.

**World Development Indicators (WDI), 1960-. - World Bank (Database)**

Access to more than 500 economic and social indicators, with time series for more than 200 countries and for 18 country groupings.

## Internet Sites

*Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)* (<http://www.eclac.cl/default.asp?idioma=IN>)

*Export.gov* (<http://www.export.gov/>)

*Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)* ([http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca\\_e.asp](http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca_e.asp))

*Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)* (<http://www.iadb.org/>)

*Organization of American States (OAS)* (<http://www.oas.org/>)

*U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs* (<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/>)--Includes *Western Hemisphere: Country Information* (<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/>)

*PovertyNet* ([www.worldbank.org/poverty](http://www.worldbank.org/poverty))

## Citing Sources

*Style Guides for Writing* ([http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr\\_styleguides.shtml](http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr_styleguides.shtml))

## Acorn

The library online catalog is called *Acorn*. It provides location and availability information for book and periodical titles owned by Vanderbilt's nine libraries. **Most U.S. government documents published after July 1976 are included in *Acorn***; earlier documents are not.

**AUTHOR SEARCH:** When searching for a specific author, select '**AUTHOR (last name first)**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pop-up window and enter the author's name.

Example: **Smith, Adam** (AUTHOR last name first)

**TITLE SEARCH:** When searching for a specific title, select '**TITLE begins with**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pop-up window and enter the title. Make sure to *omit* initial articles "a", "an", and "the".

Example: **wealth of nations** (TITLE begins with)

**PRECISE PHRASE SEARCH:** To search a set of terms as a phrase, select '**WORDS anywhere**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pop-up window and enclose the words in **single quotes**. Use 'and' (without quotes) between keywords to narrow the search by retrieving **only** records that contain all of the search terms.

Example: **Bolivia and 'rural development'** (WORDS anywhere)

**KEYWORD SEARCH:** If the precise phrase search does not find any books, or too many books that are irrelevant to your search, try a subject keyword search. Select '**SUBJECT keyword**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pop-up window. (OR, try the subject(s) as a 'TITLE keyword' search.)

Example: **Bolivia and rural and development** (SUBJECT keyword) – or – (TITLE keyword)

**SUBJECT SEARCH:** To find book by subject headings, select '**SUBJECT begins with**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pop-up window.

<p>Example: <b>Bolivia economic conditions</b>  <b>Bolivia economic policy</b>  <b>Bolivia forecasting</b>  <b>Bolivia foreign economic relations</b>  <b>Bolivia history</b>  <b>Bolivia population</b>  <b>Bolivia population statistics</b>  <b>Bolivia rural conditions</b></p>	<p><b>Bolivia social conditions</b>  <b>income distribution Bolivia</b>  <b>labor Bolivia</b>  <b>poverty Bolivia</b>  <b>rural development Bolivia</b>  <b>rural poor Bolivia</b>  <b>sex role economic aspects Bolivia</b>  <b>wages Bolivia</b></p>
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TIP: As you find titles of interest, click on the subject heading links in the *Acorn* records to find more books on your topic.

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