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Country Profiles

Business Source Premier. [Database]

Provides full-text country reports and profiles for selected countries by OECD, EIU, Global Insight, and other organizations. Also indexes articles on business and economics. Many articles are available in full-text. [On the Advanced Search screen click the 'Country Reports' link on the right, then the 'Publisher' tab. Use the asterisk (*) to substitute for word endings.]

EIU.com. Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). [Database]

Country Profile. Each provides an *annual* in-depth profile with the current economic and political situation for a country. Includes economic structure, economic policy and performance, consumer prices, and the external sector. Also has key exports and imports and main trading partners.

Country Report. Each *quarterly* main report analyzes political and economic trends for a country. There are *monthly* updates between main reports for larger countries.

Market Research Library. U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US & FCS). [Database:

<http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm>]

Information on the business and economic situation of foreign countries and the political climate as it affects U.S. business. Covers marketing, trade regulations, investment climate, and business travel. Includes *Country Commercial Guides (CCG)*, *Market Research Reports*, and *Best Market Reports*. [Select your country, then *Country Commercial Guides (CCG)* as the report type.]

World Factbook. U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. [Database:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>]

Basic information on geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for each country.

Journal Articles & Papers

CIAO : Columbia International Affairs Online. [Database]

Covers theory and research in international affairs. Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, policy briefs, and more. [Use the asterisk (*) to substitute for word endings.]

EconLit, 1969 -. American Economic Association. [Database]

The primary database for economics literature. Indexes journal articles, working papers, dissertations, books, book reviews, and conference proceedings. Many World Bank publications are available full-text in the World Bank e-Library database. [Use the asterisk (*) to substitute for word endings.]

World Bank e-Library. [Database]

Contains World Bank publications (books, reports, and other documents) in full-text, as well as Policy Research Working Papers. Selected titles from the 1980's and 1990's, and all publications since 2000.

World Bank Group Documents and Reports. [Database: <http://www-wds.worldbank.org>]

Access to more than 14,000 World Bank documents, including country economic and sector Work (in-depth background, strategic priorities, and direction for lending activities), project loan documents, and research and working papers.

Statistics

Indexes

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). University of Michigan. [Database]
The world's largest archive of digital social science data.

LexisNexis Statistical. [Database]

Indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government from 1973 from **American Statistics Index: ASI** and about 2,000 indispensable titles from some 100 international intergovernmental organizations since 1983 from **Index to International Statistics ISS** (Govt Ref, HA154 .I544). [Use the exclamation mark (!) to substitute for word endings.]

U.S. Statistics

American Community Survey (ACS). U.S. Bureau of the Census. [Database]

An annual survey of population and housing. Covers age, race, income, commute time to work, home value, veteran status, and other important data. Surveys approximately three million housing units annually. Beginning with the 2005 ACS, provides one-year estimates for geographic areas with a population of 65,000 or more, including 800 counties and 500 metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas.

Current Population Survey (CPS). U.S. Bureau of the Census. [Database]

The primary source for U.S. labor force statistics. A monthly survey of 50,000 households, the CPS covers employment, unemployment, earnings, hours of work, and other indicators by age, sex, race, marital status, and educational attainment. Statistics are also available by occupation, industry, and class of worker.

International Statistics

Current National Statistical Compendiums. (Govt Information Services, 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.

Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS), 1948-current. International Monetary Fund.

Provides commercial statistics. (Govt Information Services, CD-ROM 674, 1948 to current; also current print volume in Govt Ref, HF91 .I65 ; 1989 -2006 in Central Stacks ; and 1974 -1988 in Annex.)

EIU CountryData, 1980 to current. Economist Intelligence Unit [Database]

Annual, quarterly, and/or monthly economic indicators and forecasts.

Global Development Finance (GDF), 1970 to current. World Bank [Database]

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

International Social Survey Programme (ISSP).

A program of cross-national collaboration bringing together pre-existing social science projects, thereby adding a cross-national, cross-cultural perspective to the individual national studies. **Studies available through ICPSR.**

International Financial Statistics (IFS), 1948 -. International Monetary Fund. [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.

International Trade Statistics Yearbook. United Nations Statistics Division, 1950-.

Annual trade statistics arranged by country (v. 1) and by three-digit SITC code (v.2). (Govt Information Services, HF91 .U473)

LABORSTA: The Labour Statistics Database. International Labour Organization, 1945-. [Database]

Covers economically active population since 1945, un/employment, hours of work, wages, labor cost, consumer prices, occupational injuries occupational accidents, and strikes and lockouts, since 1969.

Information on National Statistical Systems. United Nations. Statistics Division.

[http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_natstat.htm]
Includes national statistical offices websites.

WDI: World Development Indicators, 1960-. World Bank [Database]

Economic and social indicators, with time series for more than 200 countries. As with *IFS* and *EIU CountryData* (both listed above): first select country/region -> then select series -> then date range.

Internet Sites

Center for Global Development	http://www.cgdev.org
Current News	http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/news.html
Economics Subject Guide (at Vanderbilt)	http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/econ.html
Global Distribution of Poverty	http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/povmap
Political Science Subject Guide (at Vanderbilt)	http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci
PovertyNet - World Bank	http://www.worldbank.org/poverty

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Example: Turkey and debt (**WORDS anywhere**)

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economic forecasting China	income distribution China
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China population	poverty China
China rural conditions	wages China
China social conditions	women China economic conditions

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The Chicago Manual of Style	http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/heard/artdb.shtml