

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SOURCES FOR LAS 290--INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH METHODS

General Country Information

Western Hemisphere: Country Information (U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs).

(<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/>)

Includes these and other useful sources.

Background Notes (U.S. Dept. of State), 1990-. (<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/> GOVT S 1.123:--range 4-E-21)

For each country includes basic information on the economy, government and political conditions, people, history, foreign relations, and travel.

Country Reports on Economic Policy and Trade Practices (U.S. Dept. of State), 1990-.

(<http://www.state.gov/e/eb/rls/rpts/eptp/>; Latest in GOVT Ref Alcove Y 4.F76/2:S.prt or Y 4.In 8/16:C 83 (varies) --South Wall)

For each country a 10-15-page report that includes key economic indicators, general macroeconomic trends, exchange rate policies, structural policies, debt management policies, barriers to U.S. exports and investment, export subsidies policies, protection of U.S. intellectual property, and worker rights.

Country Studies (U.S. Library of Congress). (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>)

Covers history, economics, politics, demographics, and other information.

Foreign Labor Trends. (<http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/media/reports/flt/main.htm>; Latest in READY REF JF 37 .P6--Bookcase 1)

Recent political history for each country, including information about parties, legislature, and cabinets.

Political Database of the Americas (<http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba/english.html>)

Country summaries, constitutions, laws, government, elections, parties, & groups. Includes reference materials, primary documents, comparative studies and statistical data for countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Political Handbook of the World, 1928-. (Latest in READY REF JF 37 .P6--Bookcase 1)

Recent political history for each country, including information about parties, legislature, and cabinets.

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

Covers major and smaller countries and territories, including geography, recent history and politics, economy, statistical survey, directory, and selected bibliography.

Economic Analysis – U.S. Government Sources

STAT-USA/Internet: Globus and NTDB [National Trade Data Bank] (U.S. Dept. of Commerce) (Database:

<http://www.stat-usa.gov/tradtest.nsf?OpenDatabase>)

Covers demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in over 200 countries.

Includes *Market Research Library* (U.S. Dept. of Commerce) (http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwAll_All/ or <http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/>):

Country Commercial Guides (CCG) (http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwCCG_CountryAll/) - each report 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.

Industry Sector Analysis (ISA) Reports (http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwISA_CountryAll/) - in-depth profiles of a specific industry subsector, including market opportunities, end-users, competitors, market access, distribution channels, market barriers, and financing options. In the box type a specific industry (e.g., cosmetics) and a specific country (e.g., argentina).

International Market Insight (IMI) (http://www.stat-usa.gov/mrd.nsf/vwIMI_CountryAll/) - provide information on a dynamic aspect of a particular market, such as specific projects, industry profiles, finance and marketing trends, regulation and import changes, trade show opportunities, or government policy updates. In the box type a specific industry (e.g., cosmetics) and a specific country (e.g., argentina).

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) (U.S. Dept. of Commerce) (Database: <http://www.bea.gov/>)

Provides economic accounts data: gross domestic product, personal income, corporate profits, balance of payments, trade, investment, and annual industry accounts.

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

The U.S. Government's Export Portal. Brings together resources from across the U.S. Government to assist American businesses in planning their international sales strategies and succeed in today's global marketplace. Includes Export Basics section, market research, and trade leads. See **Market Research** (<http://www.export.gov/mrktresearch/>). In the "Search Export.gov" box, enter the product (e.g., cosmetics) and country (e.g., argentina).

Economic Analysis – International Sources

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (United Nations)

(<http://www.eclac.cl/default.asp?idioma=IN>)

General information; recent reports and resolutions, meetings, projects, databases, and news. Also includes links to major publications: and *Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean*.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1948-. (http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/de/agrupadores_xml/aes252.xml&xsl=/agrupadores_xml/a161-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl); GOVT-HC161.U525--range 4-D-46; **Database** at Central Workstations only)

Economic trends for the entire area and for individual countries. Includes narrative and statistics on economic policy, structural reforms, financial systems, growth and inflation, investment and saving, employment and wages, and the external sector.

Foreign Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1998-. (<http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/1/12151/P12151.xml&xsl=/ddpe/tpl-i/p9f.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>); GOVT-LC HG5160.5 .A2 I5813 --range 4-D-46)

Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1998-. (<http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/5/11665/P11665.xml&xsl=/comercio/tpl-i/p9f.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>); GOVT-LC HF1480.5 .L38 --range 4-D-47; **Database** at Central Workstations only)

The current international environment and their impact on the region's economies; international trade trends in the various countries; trends in regional integration; and World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral trade negotiations.

Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1993-. (http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/dds/agrupadores_xml/aes31.xml&xsl=/agrupadores_xml/a161-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl); GOVT-LC HN110.5.A49--range 4-D-47)

Labor market, household income, poverty, government social spending, teacher pay, and other variables.

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

Includes:

Economic and Social Progress in Latin America (Inter-American Development Bank), 1972-. (<http://www.iadb.org/oce/index.cfm?fuseaction=Publications.Ipes>; Latest in GOVT-LC Ref Alcove HC125.I514--West Wall)

Regional overview, covering integration, development financing, and other topics. Also includes short reports about each country and a statistical appendix.

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

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

World Trade Organization (WTO) (<http://www.wto.org/>)

The only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. The WTO goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business.

Statistics

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--taupe cabinet with green labels); publications indexed in IIS are available on microfiche (GOVT Microfiche 661--taupe cabinet with yellow labels)

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Databases (Database)

Includes (1) *EIU Country Data* (annual, quarterly, and monthly economic indicators and forecasts: 278 series on 117 countries or 40 regional aggregates); (2) *EIU Country Profile* (overviews of 36 countries, including basic data); and (3) *EIU Country Reports* (overviews and analysis of key political and economic policies of 36 countries, including political outlook, economic policy outlook, and economic forecast). All are full-text; no remote access.

World Development Indicators (World Bank) (Database)

A database of 526 economic time series, social indicators, and population projections for more than 200 countries from 1970 to present. Replaces *World Tables*. Results can be printed, downloaded in various formats, or saved to VU web space. For toy stores, for example, the relevant variables include birth rate, population under 15, and private (household) consumption.

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. We also have paper versions in GOVT REF with call numbers beginning with HA).

For Latin American countries, see "Statistics" - Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC) (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/statistics/>).

World Trade Statistics

Foreign Trade Statistics (U.S. Census. Foreign Trade Division) (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/>)

Includes

Country and Product Trade Data (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/country/index.html>)

See especially *END-USE: 5-Years of Imports and Exports* (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/product/enduse/>)

Provides 5-digit trade data statistics by Country. Choose imports or exports, then choose the country, then use the "find on this page" to search for the term (e.g., cosmetics). The 5-digit end-use code for Toiletries and cosmetics is (40120).

Codes (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/codes/index.html>)

Products, countries, customs districts, tariff, and trade codes. 213 is the general end-use code for computers, peripherals and semiconductors; 21300 for computers; 21301 for computer accessories, and 21320 for semiconductors. [334 is the NAICS code and 847 is the Schedule B code for computers.]

Schedule B Export Codes (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/index.html>)

Look here to find U.S.'s export code for a commodity. 847130 is the Schedule B (and *Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)*) code for lap-top computers; . 847141 is the Schedule B code for digital computers. See also: *What's the difference between the Schedule B codes (for exports) and the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes (for imports)?* (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/faq/sb/sb0008.html>)

Commodity Indexes for the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3. Statistical Papers, Series M, no. 38/rev. 2. (GOVT-LC HF 1041.C55 1994--range 4-D-47)

Look here to find the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) code for a commodity

Foreign Trade Highlights (U.S. International Trade Admin. (ITA)). (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/usfth/>)

Data on U.S. international trade in goods and services. Emphasis on goods trade: aggregate exports and imports, U.S. commodity and country/regional trade balances, and shifts in the commodity composition of U.S. exports and imports with major trading partners and regions.

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

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

Vanderbilt Internet Subject Guides

At the Vanderbilt Library home page (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>), click on "Get help with research," then on "Subject Guides," and choose the guide you want.

Government Information (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/govt/>)

Latin American Studies (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/latam.html>)

Political Science (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/>)