

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

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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:)

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/eeb/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 GOVT REF L 29.16:--South Wall)

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

Global Insight (Database: <http://myinsight.globalinsight.com/>)

Provides economic and financial forecasting for over 200 countries. Includes same-day reaction analysis and commentary; key monthly, quarterly, and annual economic indicators; risk assessments; economic developments and trade profiles by country; and historical data going back to 1970.

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-. (Database: <http://library.cqpress.com/phw/>; 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

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.

Market Research - Export.gov (U.S. International Trade Admin. (ITA) and U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS)) (<http://www.export.gov/mrktresearch/>)
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) and Industry Sector Analysis (ISA) Reports. 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/a16l-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl); GOVT HC161.U525; **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)

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; **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/a16l-i.xsl&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl); GOVT-LC HN110.5.A49)

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.lpes>; 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)

A proposed agreement to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to eliminate or reduce the trade barriers among all countries in the Americas.

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

All 35 independent countries of the Americas are members of the OAS.

World Bank e-Library [Online]

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. **No wild card or truncation symbol.**

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

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).

Statistics (Latin American Network Information Center [LANIC]) (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/statistics/>)

Includes links to regional sources and to country sources for 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.

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 computers is (21300).

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>)

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)

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

Government Information Online Databases

LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional, 1789-1969; 1970-. (Database)

Indexes U.S. Congressional hearings and committee prints and documents from other Congressional units. Includes text and status of Congressional bills; information about members of Congress and their districts, text of prepared statements before Congressional hearings, and text of *Congressional Record*, which contains the floor speeches of

members of Congress. Also **includes Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports, 2004-**. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings.

Declassified Documents Reference System (DDRS). - ([Database](#))

More than 78,000 government documents (with more than 450,000 pages) that have been declassified under the Freedom of Information Act. Covers major domestic and international events since the end of World War II. Documents include cabinet meeting minutes, correspondence, diary entries, intelligence reports, political analyses and technical studies from the White House, State Department, National Security Agency, FBI, and CIA.

Digital National Security Archive. (<http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/>)

More than 43,000 of the most important declassified documents arranged into more than 20 critical U.S. policy areas.

Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) – ([Database](#):

http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=forrel&set_as_cursor=clear) (HeinOnline)

The official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity. Volumes published over the last two decades increasingly contain declassified records from all the foreign affairs agencies. Full text covers 1861-1976.

Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States – ([Database](#):

<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=presidents>) (HeinOnline)

Contains the papers and speeches of the President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary. Includes addresses and remarks, statements, vetoes, communications to Congress and federal agencies, interviews, letters, meetings with leaders of other countries and international officials.

U.S. Congressional Serial Set. ([Database](#); [Historical Database](#))

Contains Documents and Reports from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Includes committee reports related to bills and other matters, presidential communications to Congress, treaty materials, as well as some executive department publications and non-governmental publications.

Example citation: *Message of the president of the United States of March 20 1866 relating to the condition of affairs in Mexico* (US Dept of State)

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/>)