

GSPIA/Economics Library Guide to Finding INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

When researching international statistics it is helpful to know what kind of statistics you need and what organizations collect that data. Are you interested in economic, financial, or trade data? Do you need development indicators or social indicators related to health or education? Are you just looking for basic population and demographic data? For a single country you can look at their statistical abstract. If, however, you need to compare multiple countries, it is best to get all similar data from the same source.

Here are a few categories of statistics, along with likely organizations collecting relevant data:

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Business, Market Data	Euromonitor/GMID, Economist/EIU, US, databases like <i>Business Source Premier</i>
Comprehensive Data - Single country	Country's Statistical Abstract, Europa Year Book, Statesman's Yearbook
Comprehensive Data - Regional	World Bank, UN, OECD, databases
Demographic and Population Data	UN, databases, statistical abstracts
Economic and Financial Data	Economist/EIU, IMF, World Bank, OECD
Education Data	UNESCO, World Bank
Energy Data	UN, OECD, EIA (US)
Environmental Data	EPA, OECD, World Resource Institute, UN
Food and Agriculture Data	FAO
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	UNCTAD, IMF, OECD, US
Health Data	WHO, World Bank
Investment Data	IMF, Economist/EIU, UN
Labor Data	ILO
Military Data	SIPRI, IISS
Social Data	World Bank, UN, GMID
Trade Data	IMF, OECD, UN, US, WTO, NTDB, Globus (Global Business), GMID

Statistical Database Sources

available at www.library.pitt - "Find Articles" tab

Note: Access to the online resources in this guide is restricted to current faculty, students, and staff at the University of Pittsburgh unless an internet address is given.

Country Watch

Country Watch provides country specific geopolitical intelligence, news and data for about 200 countries and independent states. *CountryWatch Data* (back to 1993) includes variables for Agriculture, Disease and Health, Education, Energy, Government Spending and Taxes, Greenhouse Gas, Industry, International Trade and Exchange Rates, Life Cycle and Population, Money, Prices and Interest Rates, GDP and Components, Physical Geography, Public Health Indicators, Real GDP and Per Capita, Religion and Services. *Country Reviews* provide a lengthy political and economic survey for each country, as well as key country and sector statistics, macroeconomic data for the last five years, and rankings including the *Economic Performance Index*, Transparency International's *Corruption Perceptions Index*, *Political Risk Index*, *Government Effectiveness Index*, *Freedom Rankings*, and the UNDP's *Human Development*

Index. The **Map Gallery** includes **Political/Physical Maps** as well as **Thematic Maps** ranging from population density, to economic considerations, such as GDP per capita.

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

The EIU provides data and forecasts (back to 1996) on political, economic, and business climates of over 200 countries and independent states as well as related news, analysis, and risk factor assessments. The EIU's *Country Commerce*, *Country Finance*, and the *Business Briefings* series are included. The *Business Briefings* (which focus on the economy, finance, and trade), provides key macroeconomic indicators for each region of the world, as well as timely economic, political and business conditions and outlooks.

Europa World

Europa World, an indispensable source of information on world-wide affairs, includes detailed country surveys of over 250 countries and territories, a comprehensive listing of over 1,650 International Organizations, access to the very latest statistics, directory information and current analysis. Comparative international statistics cover Area and Population, Health and Welfare, Agriculture, Industry, Finance, External Trade and Education.

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GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Latest in Reference

GMID - Global Market Information Database (Euromonitor)

GMID, the *Global Market Information Database*, is Euromonitor's database of global statistics, articles and country reports. It has a wealth of economic, demographic, lifestyle, and marketing statistics. Statistics are drawn from multiple sources including the IMF, World Bank, and the World Health Organization. The database includes both narrative background articles on countries and statistical tables that are constructed with the countries and variables chosen by the user. Tables generated provide the last 5 years of data, but users can change the years to include time series back to 1977 where data is available. Business data includes consumer market sizes, market data & forecasts, consumer lifestyles, companies and brands, and business information sources.

International Financial Statistics Online (IFS Online/IMF)

This International Monetary Fund source contains 32,000 time series covering more than 200 countries and states. Data includes all series appearing on the IFS Country Pages; country series from the IFS World Tables, exchange rate series for all Fund member countries, and major Fund accounts series. The Country, World, and Commodity Prices Tables, as presented in the monthly printed copy of IFS, are available as selection options. The Economic Concept View provides a cross-country view by individual or groups of countries. Current data is available on exchange rates, international liquidity, money and banking, interest rates, production prices, international transactions, government accounts, and national accounts. Coverage for most series range from 1945 to the present. When using the IFS Online it is helpful to consult a print copy of the *International Financial Statistics Yearbook* for financial terminology, definitions, and data elements.

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GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Reference

National Trade Data Bank (NTDB) and STAT-USA/Internet (US government)

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

A service of the US Department of Commerce, *STAT-USA/Internet* is a single access point to over 300,000 reports and statistical series from over 50 US federal agencies providing authoritative business, trade, and economic information. *STAT-USA* is divided into 2 parts, *State of the Nation*, which contains current and historical economic and financial data for the US, and *GLOBUS & NTDB*. The NTDB is our government's most comprehensive source of international trade data and export promotion information, consisting of over 150 separate trade and business related programs (databases) from more than 50 federal sources. Important types of resources include indices of foreign and domestic companies; how-to market guides; and reports on demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions for hundreds of countries.

SourceOECD (OECD)

<http://new.sourceoecd.org>

SourceOECD is the online library of the OECD, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. The OECD, which consists of 30 member countries sharing a commitment to democratic government and a market economy, has active relationships with over 70 additional countries, NGOs and civil societies with true global reach. OECD publications and statistics cover economic and social issues from macroeconomics, to trade, education, development, and science and innovation. *SourceOECD* comprises 20 book collections by theme, containing all OECD monographs and reports published since 1998 (over 1500 titles), 24 periodicals, and the OECD statistical databases with over 600 *interactive statistical data tables* in 24 database products. Coverage begins with 1998. Titles include the *OECD Main Economic Indicators* series and the *OECD Economic Surveys of Member Countries* series.

Statistical Lexis-Nexis

Statistical Lexis-Nexis provides comprehensive access to statistical information. The service allows users to search summaries of statistical publications, then link to the full-text of selected publications on Statistical (Lexis-Nexis) and government Web sites. Statistical (Lexis-Nexis) provides online access to the content of three important statistical indexes: the *American Statistics Index* (ASI), the *Statistical Reference Index* (SRI), and the *Index to International Statistics* (IIS).

Statesman's Yearbook Online

This database is a dictionary of entries with current statistics on countries, world leaders, major city profiles, international organizations (by region), institutions, and some treaties with over 1,000 links to key websites in the world's leading countries and organizations.

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GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference

World Development Indicators (World Bank)

The *World Development Indicators* includes over 500 time series of economic and socio-economic data from more than 230 countries, incorporating data from the World Bank publications *World Tables*, *Social Indicators of Development*, *World Population Projections*, the *World Development Report*, and the *World Bank Atlas*. Before using the *World Development Indicators Online* it is helpful to examine a paper copy because they have very nice narrative sections explaining the data; then you can use the database for the time series info. Some indicators in the database go back to 1960, although the World Bank only started publishing this data in 1978. Our paper copies go back to 1978.

Available online, use PittCat or E-Journals to search by title.

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UN DATA Database (formerly the United Nations Common Database - UN)

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm>

The *UN DATA* database provides a single access point to multiple UN sources of data including the Demographic Yearbook and the Millennium Indicators Database. It also provides easy access to international statistics collected by the United Nations Statistics Division, UNDP, UNESCO, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank and other related organizations. Population, demographic, economic, development, and health statistics back to 1909 are included.

International Organizations and their Statistical Publications

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

www.fao.org

- **FAOSTAT Statistics Database** <http://faostat.fao.org>

This multilingual database with data back to 1961, contains over 1 million time-series and cross sectional data from 210 countries. International statistics are provided on all aspects of food and agriculture including: nutrition; food production, trade and consumption; food AID shipments; food balance sheets; fishery and forest products; and on land use and irrigation.

FAO Statistical Yearbook (begins with 2004)

HD1421 F367 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference
The FAO yearbooks for Production, Trade, and Fertilizer merged with the FAO Bulletin of Statistics in 2004 to form a single FAO Statistical Yearbook.

- **FAO Production Yearbook (ends with 2003)**
HD1421 F6857p GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference
This FAO yearbook provides yearly data on worldwide, regional and individual countries' agricultural production figures, for both crops and livestock.
- **FAO Bulletin of Statistics (ends with 2003)**
Periodical – GSPIA/Econ, Hillman
Quarterly data on world, regional and national production of food and agricultural commodities.

International Labour Organization (ILO) www.ilo.org

This human rights and labor rights organization's Bureau of Statistics gathers and disseminates labor statistics; sets international standards for labor statistics; and provides technical cooperation, assistance and training in labor statistics.

- **LABORSTA** <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>
LABORSTA database of labor statistics contains statistical data and metadata for over 200 countries or territories ranging from wages, CPI and hours of work to employment, strikes, and occupational injuries.
- **Yearbook of Labour Statistics**
H7801 I61y GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference
This annual provides the principal labor statistics for over 180 countries, areas, or territories. Most tables cover 10 years (subject to availability of data).

International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) www.iiss.org

Considered as the one of the world's leading authorities on political military conflict, the IISS is an independent center for research, information and debate on the problems of conflict. The IISS website includes an overview and history of the institute, publication information, and press release information. Annual publications include *The Military Balance*, and *Strategic Survey*. Journal publications include *The Adelphi Papers*, *Strategic Comments*, and *Survival*.

- **Military Balance**
Available online, use PittCat or E-Journals to search by title.
UA15 L65 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference
An authoritative assessment of the military capabilities and defense economics of nearly 170 countries world wide, provides detailed country-by-country entries listing military organizations, weapons and equipment holdings, personnel, and relevant economic and demographic data. It includes region-by-region analysis covering the major military and economic developments affecting security policy, weapons trade and military equipment.
- **Strategic Survey**
Available online, use PittCat or E-Journals to search by title.
U162 S77 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference
Examines significant security related events of the year in their political context and identifies the trends for international security. The analysis and background data are an invaluable help for interpreting world-wide strategic developments.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) www.imf.org

The International Monetary Fund is the best source for international statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. Their mission is to promote international monetary cooperation, foster economic growth and high levels of employment, and to provide temporary financial assistance to countries that will help ease their balance of payments adjustments. In order to do this the IMF collects extensive economic and financial data on its 185 member countries and publishes this data under 5 titles:

- **International Financial Statistics Yearbook (IFS)**
(IFS Online database is available on the library's website.)
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The IFS is described above under "Statistical Databases Sources." The International Financial Statistics also publishes monthly issues.
- **Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPS)**
HF1014 I61c GSPIA/Econ – Reference
The BOPS Yearbook provides balance of payments data for approximately 140 countries. Part 1 is arranged by country and part 2 is arranged by balance of payments components and aggregates. BOPS's financial transactions between countries include figures on in-coming and out-going foreign direct investments (FDI).
- **Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook (DOTS)**
HF91 D57 GSPIA/Econ – Reference
The yearbooks provide the most recent seven years of detailed trade data by country for approximately 160 countries, the world, and major areas. DOTS also publishes a quarterly journal that provides country tables with current data (or estimates) on the value of imports from and exports to their most important trading partners. Similar summary tables for the world, industrial countries, and developing countries are included.
- **Government Finance Statistics Yearbook (GFS)**
HJ101 G68 GSPIA/Econ – Reference
The GFS Yearbook provides detailed data on revenue, grants, expenditure, lending, financing, and debt of central governments and indicates the amounts represented by social security funds & extra budgetary operations. Data for state & local governments, information on institutional units of government, and sources of information are also included.
- **World Economic Outlook**
<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2008/02/index.htm>
HC59 W645 GSPIA/Econ – Reference
Statistics and graphs are presented along with analysis of the world economy. The "Statistical Appendix" provides a variety of the basic statistics covered in IMF's more specialized publications.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development www.oecd.org

Source OECD (OECD)

Contains all publications of the OECD since 1998, and is described above under "Statistical Database Sources".

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) www.sipri.org

SIPRI monitors and analyzes trends and developments in military expenditure, arms production and arms trade worldwide. This site provides access to several databases and summaries of their publications. <http://www.sipri.org/contents/webmaster/databases>

- **Arms Transfers Database**, which contains information on all bilateral international transfers of major conventional weapons back to 1950, can be used to identify trends in global weapons flow and to generate detailed written reports and statistical data.
- **Military Expenditure Database** contains time series data (1988 - present) on military expenditures for 165 countries in (a) local currency, at current prices; (b) constant (2005) US dollars (millions); and (c) as a share (%) of gross domestic product (GDP).
- **Arms Industry and Production Database** contains the SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing Companies list which includes employment and financial data including sales and profits for arms-producing companies. The list does NOT cover China.
- **SIPRI Yearbook: World Armaments and Disarmament** JX1974 S78g GSPIA/Econ
UA10 I55 Hillman - Latest in Reference
The Yearbook details yearly activities related to armaments, arms control, armed conflicts and conflict resolution, security arrangements, and disarmament. It provides an overview of developments in international security, weapons and technology, military expenditure, the arms

trade and arms production, and armed conflicts, along with efforts to control conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

United Nations <http://www.un.org/>

For Statistics Division see: <http://www.un.org/issues/m-stat.html>

- **UN DATA Database** (formerly the United Nations Common Database - UN)

<http://data.un.org/>

This database which provides a single access point to multiple UN sources, is described above under "Statistical Database Sources." Data is drawn from sources below as well as non-UN sources.

- **Human Development Report**

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/>

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Each theme-based volume of this UN Development Program series contains about 100 pages of selected indicators with the 175 UN member states ranked by Human Development Index (HDI). Detailed statistical tables cover gender issues, poverty, education, literacy, economic aid and other economic and social indicators. The 2007/2008 volume is titled *Fighting Climate Change: Human solidarity in a divided world*.

- **Demographic Yearbook (UN)**

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2.htm>

HA17 D45

GSPIA/Econ – Reference

UN/ ST/ESA/ STAT/ SER.R/

Hillman Government Documents

The Yearbook provides comprehensive statistics on population and vital statistics for over 230 countries or areas. Prepared by the Statistics Division of the United Nations, each issue also focuses on a special topic, such as international migration.

- **Energy Statistics Yearbook (UN)**

Energy Statistics Database (1990-2004,UN) <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/energy/edbase.htm>

UN/ ST/ESA/ STAT/ SER.J/

Hillman Government Documents

Comprehensive energy statistics for over 215 countries and regions provide a comparative global framework on long-term trends in the production, supply, trade, and consumption of primary and secondary forms of energy. Conventional, non-conventional, and new and renewable sources of energy are included. Fuel data and aggregate data for the total mix of commercial fuels for individual countries and areas are summarized into regional and world totals.

- **Environmental Indicators and Statistics**

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/gindicators.htm>

The Environment Statistics Section of the UN Statistics Division (UNSD) collects data, develops methodologies, and assists with technical coordination of environmental statistics and indicators. Statistics are available for air pollution, climate change, water, waste and land use.

- **International Trade Statistics Yearbook**

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UN/ ST/ESA/ STAT/ SER.G/

Hillman Government Documents

This UN source lists trade by country and by commodity. It *DOES NOT* list the direction of the trade to the trading partners, INSTEAD, USE the IMF's *Direction of Trade Statistics*.

- **Statistical Yearbook (UN)**

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GSPIA/Econ – Latest in Reference

UN/ ST/ESA/ STAT/ SER.S/

Hillman Government Documents

The *Statistical Yearbook* provides data collected by UN agencies for population and social topics, national economic activity, and international economic relations for geographic regions and individual countries. **[changed text]**

- **World Economic and Social Survey: Trends and Policies in the World Economy (UN)**

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess/>

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Hillman Government Documents

The Survey provides data and analysis of the state of the world economy and the dimensions of economic and social change. Graphs and statistics are provided throughout the text.

UNESCO www.unesco.org and www.uis.unesco.org

United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization

UNESCO's Institute for Statistics collects global and internationally comparable statistics on education, science, technology, culture and communication.

- **Statistical Yearbook (UNESCO)**

HA12.5 U582 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference

Provides education related statistics of UN member countries, as collected by UNESCO.

UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) www.unctad.org

UNCTAD collects statistics helpful in analyzing international trade, development, foreign direct investment (FDI), and commodities, and for understanding the economic trends in developing countries particularly in the context of globalization.

- **UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics (2000->)**

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1890>

UN/ TD/STAT Hillman Government Documents – Latest in Reference

This handbook provides time series for economic data and development indicators, back to 1950. It enables analysis and tracking of trends in world trade, the global economy and development.

(was Handbook of International Trade and Development -> 1997)

HF1016 U54a GSPIA/Econ – Reference

UN/ TD/STAT Hillman Government Documents

- **World Investment Directory**

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=3204&lang=1>

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UN/ ST/CTC/ Hillman Government Documents - Reference

This series with volumes for Asia and the Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Developed Countries worldwide (including all OECD member countries), Latin America and the Caribbean, West Asia, and Africa. Each volume provides statistics and current trends in foreign direct investments (FDI) for the region, tables for individual countries, and sources. Additional tables cover topics such as industrial distribution of FDI, geographical distribution of in-coming and out-going FDI, the legal framework for FDI, and transnational corporations operations.

- **World Investment Report (WIR)**

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1485&lang=1>

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The Report published annually by the UNCTAD Program on Transnational Corporations, covers the latest trends in foreign direct investment, and includes statistical data. In depth chapters focus on topics related to FDI and development such as transnational corporations, and global, regional, and sectoral trends.

United States Government www.us.gov

- **CIA World Factbook**

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

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The CIA World Fact Book provides US government profiles, a country's description, map and flag, along with current statistics for countries and non-self-governing territories of the world. It is a good starting point for finding basic geographic, demographic, political, economic, transportation, communications, defense-related statistics, and transnational issues for countries. The Factbook also provides information on a country's government structure, diplomatic representation, and international memberships.

- **International Energy Annual (IEA)**
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/iea/>
 TJ163.13 I573 Reference - GSPIA/Econ, Hillman [E 3.11/20](#):
 This IEA annual is the Energy Information Administration's primary report of international energy statistics. Most series data begins with 1980 and covers energy consumption and production; overviews of petroleum, natural gas, coal, and electricity, carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel usage, petroleum prices, energy reserves; includes data unit conversion tables.
- **National Data Book/ Statistical Abstract of the United States**
www.census.gov/compendia/statab/
 C 3.134: Hillman Government Documents - Latest in Reference
 HA202 A385s GSPIA/Econ – Reference
 Published annually since 1878, this authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the US also contains extensive foreign and comparative statistics.
- **National Trade Data Bank (NTDB, US government)**
 Database described above under "Statistical Database Sources."
- **STAT-USA/Internet**
 Database described above under "Statistical Database Sources"

World Bank www.worldbank.org

The World Bank is an invaluable source and starting point for development indicators and data on the social conditions of people, developing countries, emerging markets, and gender based statistics.

World Bank: Data & Research Website:

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/0,,menuPK:476823~pagePK:64165236~piPK:64165141~theSitePK:469372,00.html>

Data is arranged by topic or country, and has separate data files for education, gender, health and nutrition, poverty and country statistical information. Links are provided to Online Atlas of the Millennium Development Goals progress and the Millennium Development Goals website.

- **World Development Indicators (WDI)**
 Database described above under "Statistical Database Sources"
 HC59 W62. GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – World Development Report
 HC59.7 W659. GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference
 Each year *the World Development Report* is a themed volume with about 20 pages of selected indicators and updates on the Millennium Development Goals.

World Health Organization (WHO) www.who.int

The WHO website provides free access to their databases:

- **WHO Statistical Information System (WHOSIS)** <http://www.who.int/whosis/en/>
 Provides national statistics for 50 core indicators on mortality, morbidity, risk factors, service coverage, and health systems.
- **WHO Global InfoBase Online** <http://www.who.int/infobase/report.aspx>
 Provides data on chronic diseases and their risk factors.
- **Global Health Atlas** <http://www.who.int/GlobalAtlas/>
 A graphic version of standardized data and statistics for infectious diseases at country, regional, and global levels.
- **Regional & Country Statistics** <http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/regions/en/index.html>
 Contains health statistics collected by regional offices in Africa, the Americas, South East Asia, Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, and the Western Pacific.

World Resource Institute www.wri.org

The World Resources Institute (WRI), an environmental think tank, supports research into practical ways to both protect the earth and its environment, and improve people's lives. Its yearly *World Resources*

Report is full of statistics, charts and figures. The 2008 report focused on global poverty and the environment.

- **World Resources: A Report** <http://www.wri.org/project/world-resources>
HC10 W667 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference

World Trade Organization www.wto.org

- **Annual Report**
<http://www.wto.org/english/res%5Fe/reser%5Fe/annual%5Freport%5F.htm>
HF1371 A56 v.1-2 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference
Contains international trade statistics compiled and analyzed by WTO economists and statisticians, Volume 1 focuses on “Trade and Foreign Direct Investment, . Volume 2 provides statistics on “Trade by Region” and “Trade by Sector” as well as “Selected Long-Term Trends.”
- **International Trade Statistics**
HF1371 I584 GSPIA/Econ – Reference
http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/statis_e.htm
- **World Trade Report Annual**
http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/world_trade_report_e.htm
HF1385 W675 GSPIA/Econ – Reference
Begun in 2003, this WTO report provides data on world trade, and trade by region and product.

Other Statistical Web Sites and Sources

- **Bureau of Labor Statistics: Statistical Sources on the World Wide Web**
<http://www.bls.gov/bls/other.htm>
This US Bureau of Labor Statistics site contains extensive links to international statistical agencies (by country), major US Federal Statistical agencies, and state labor market links.
- **Country Statistical Yearbooks: An Alphabetical Index**
<http://www.disc.wisc.edu/yearbooks/countryindex.html>
From the Data and Information Services Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this site links to the most recent country yearbooks for about 100 major countries.
- **Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research**
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/ICPSR/access/index.html>
The ICPSR website from the University of Michigan provides a vast, wide ranging archive of social and political science data. It includes both national and international data. Data covers a vast range of topics including terrorism, censuses, child care, crime statistics, mortality causes, aging, and minorities.
- **International Data Base (IDB)**
<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>
This US Census Bureau site provides demographic, and socio-economic data for over 225 countries and areas of the world. IDB contains country summaries and rankings, world population pyramids, world demographic data, and tables with selected indicators, countries and user selected regions, and years.
- **International Development Links**
<http://www.proposalwriter.com/international.html>
This site provides links to development banks and other resources related to International Development.
- **International Statistical Agencies**
http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_int.html
Another US Census Bureau site that provides alphabetical links to the statistical agencies of countries, international organizations and areas of the world like Hong Kong.

- **NationMaster**
<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>
NationMaster allows users to create customized data graphs or maps based on any of its 600 statistical variables. It compiles statistics from such sources as the CIA, UN, World Bank, WHO, World Resources Institute, and OECD. Over 3700 country maps are included.
- **OFFSTATS: Official Statistics on the Web**
<http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/>
Created by the University of Auckland Library in New Zealand, the OFFSTATS database, which provides access to free statistics from official sources on the web, can be searched by a single category, or a combination of categories. Web links are arranged by country, region or subject
- **Penn World Table (PWT)**
<http://pwt.econ.upenn.edu/>
The **Penn World Table**, from the Center for International Comparisons at the University of Pennsylvania, provides purchasing power parity and national income accounts time series data converted to international prices for 188 countries for the years 1950-2004 in constant 2000 dollars. Its expenditure entries are in a common set of prices and in a common currency, so that real quantity comparisons can be made, both between countries and over time.

PITTCat Searching

To find statistical yearbooks or surveys for individual countries, check *PITTCat*, the library catalog, for the appropriate country's yearbook. The University Library System does NOT have yearbooks for every country. For example, to find a statistical yearbook for China enter the terms CHINA STATISTICS PERIODICALS in *PITTCat* as a keyword or subject search.

Examples of subject headings:

Economic Indicators--[country name]--
European Union -- Statistics
Economic Indicators -- United States
China--Statistics--Periodicals
China -- Economic conditions -- Statistics
Mexico--Statistics Vital

You can also try a keyword search:

Sample Keywords:

statistics economic international
United Nations statistics periodicals
European Union trade statistics

After finding a relevant record, select the detailed view and check to see which subject headings were assigned to that item. Use that subject heading in your next search. In some cases there may not be a subject heading that precisely matches the concept or topic being researched. In this case a keyword search may be better. Online guides are available for help with keyword searching, but remember you can always consult a librarian for help constructing your search.

Need Help?

Contact: Lois Kepes, Reference Librarian, GSPIA/Economics Library, 412-648-7575
Or send a question to Ask-A-Librarian: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/reference/>

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