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.

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Statistical Database Sources
available at www.library.pitt.edu - “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
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.

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 with the countries and variables chosen by the user. Tables generated provide the last 6 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 including FDI, 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.

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


A service of the US Department of Commerce, STAT-USA/Internet is a single access point to over 320,000 reports and statistical series from over 35 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, as well as the CIA World Factbook and Country Background Notes.
**SourceOECD (OECD) (a.k.a. OECD iLibrary and OECD.Stat)**

*SourceOECD* is the online library of the OECD, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, which consists of 30 member countries sharing a commitment to democratic government and a market economy. OECD publications and statistics cover economic and social issues from macroeconomics, trade, education, development, and science and innovation. *SourceOECD* includes all OECD monographs, reports, periodicals and statistics published since 1998 (over 2000 titles and 24 periodicals) including the OECD Main Economic Indicators series, the OECD Economic Surveys of Member Countries series, and the OECD Economic Outlook series. *OECD.Stat* contains the 30 OECD statistical databases, over 600 interactive statistical data tables, 300 downloadable datasets, and the OECD Index of Statistical Variables with links to Excel spreadsheets or the publication with the variable.

**Statistical Insight (Lexis-Nexis)**

*Statistical Insight* provides comprehensive online access to the statistical content of the American Statistics Index (ASI) back to 1973, the Statistical Reference Index (SRI) with state government statistics back to 1980, and the Index to International Statistics (IIS) back to 1983. Users search summaries of statistical publications, then link to the full-text of selected publications or to government Web sites.

**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.

JA51 S79  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 of the over 600 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 (2005--->), use PittCat or E-Journals to search by title.

HC59 .W62  GSPIA/Econ - Reference

**UN DATA Database (UN)**  [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm)

The *UN DATA* database provides a single access point to over 6 million records in 30 databases and multiple UN sources such as the Demographic Yearbook and the Millennium Indicators Database. International, economic, financial, and demographic statistics (collected by the United Nations Statistics Division, UNDP, UNESCO, WHO, the World Bank, OECD, and other related organizations) are provided for population, development, crime, education, health, labor, trade, tourism and other areas. Many time series go back to 1970 or 1980, while a few categories start around 1950.

**International Organizations and Their Statistical Publications**

**Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**  [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)


  This multilingual database with data back to 1961, contains over 1 million time-series as well as 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 F6857  
  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.iло.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/*](http://laborsta.ilo.org/)
  
  LABORSTA database of labor statistics contains statistical data and metadata for over 200 countries or territories. Topics range from CPI, employment, hours worked and wages, to strikes, occupational injuries, and international labor migration.

• **Yearbook of Labour Statistics**  
  H7801 161y  
  GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Latest in Reference  
  This annual provides the principal labor statistics for over 190 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 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 from 1997, volume 97 -->, 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 from 1997, volume 98 -->, 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. The IMF 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.)
  HG3881 I6 O72  GSPIA/Econ, Hillman - Reference
  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**
  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](http://www.oecd.org)

Source OECD (OECD)
Contains all OECD publications since 1998, and is described above under “Statistical Database Sources”.

**Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**  [www.sipri.org](http://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.

- **Arms Transfers Database**, which contains information on all bilateral international transfers of major conventional weapons back to 1950, can 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 172 countries in (a) local currency, at current prices; (b) constant (2005) US dollars (millions); and (c) as a share (%) of their gross domestic product (GDP).
- **FIRST, Facts on International Relations and Security Trends**, provides a single access point to over 40 databases related to international relations and security trends. FIRST which covers conflicts, arms transfers, and military expenditures, provides chronologies and economic and social statistics and includes the most recent Corruption Perception Index, Failed State Index, Global Peace Index and Conflict.
- **Multilateral Peace Operations Database**, provides comprehensive data on all (nearly 600) multilateral peace operations (both UN and non-UN) conducted around the world since 2000.
- **Arms Industry and Production Database** contains the SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing Companies list which does NOT cover China, includes company employment and financial data
including sales and profits. Although the database is not currently online, the SIPRI Top 100 for 2007 is. Arms sales, profit and employment data is also found in the SIPRI Yearbook below.

- **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.


  UN Data, which utilizes UN and non-UN sources to provide a single access point to multiple UN sources and 30 databases, is described above under "Statistical Database Sources."

  HD72 W85  GSPIA/Econ – Reference, Hillman
  Yearly theme-based volume 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 2009 volume is on Overcoming Barriers: Human Mobility and Development while the 2008 is on Fighting Climate Change: Human Solidarity in a Divided World.

  HD17 D45  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  Comprehensive population and vital statistics for over 230 countries are prepared by the UN Statistics Division, each issue also focuses on a special topic, such as international migration.

  UN/ ST/ESA/ STAT/ SER.J/  Hillman Government Documents
  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.

  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.

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  HA12.5 U58  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  This UN annual provides up to 10 years of international economic, social and environmental statistics for over 200 countries/territories on 68 topics ranging population, gender and nutrition to agriculture and development assistance, to national economic activity, trade and tourism.
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](http://www.unesco.org) and [www.uis.unesco.org](http://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](http://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](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, investment, international financial flows, the global economy and development.

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

- **World Investment Directory (WID)**
  - [http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=3204&lang=1](http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=3204&lang=1)
  - HG4538 W67  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  - 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 outgoing FDI, the legal framework for FDI, and transnational corporations operations.

- **World Investment Report (WIR)**
  - HG2755.5 W673  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  - This annual from the UNCTAD Program on Transnational Corporations, covers the latest global, regional, and sectoral trends in foreign direct investment, and includes statistical data. In depth chapters focus on topics related to FDI, development and transnational corporations.

United States Government  [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)

- **CIA World Factbook**
  - PrEx 3.15:  Hillman Government Documents - Latest in Reference
  - G122 U65a  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  - 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. A good
starting point for finding basic geographic, demographic, political, economic, transportation, communications, defense-related statistics, and transnational issues for countries, it also includes the country's government structure, diplomatic representation, and international memberships.

- **International Energy Annual (IEA)**
  [http://www.eia.doe.gov/iea/](http://www.eia.doe.gov/iea/)
  TJ163.13 I573 Reference - GSPIA/Econ, Hillman F 3.11/20:
  This Energy Information Administration's primary report of international energy statistics was published annually through the 2006 edition with most series data covering 1980 – 2006. Topics covered include 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/](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/)
  C 3.134: Hillman Government Documents - Latest in Reference
  HA202 A385s GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  Since 1878, this authoritative volume of social, political, and economic statistics has provided extensive US statistics and their sources as well as 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”

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**World Bank**  [www.worldbank.org](http://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:**

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 the *Millennium Development Goals* website, online atlas, and *Data Catalog* with over 2,000 indicators.

- **World Development Indicators (WDI)**
  Database described above under “Statistical Database Sources”
  HC59 W62 GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference

- **World Development Report (WDR)**
  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.

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**World Health Organization (WHO)**  [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

The WHO website provides free access to their databases:

  WHOSIS provides national statistics for 70 core indicators on mortality, morbidity, risk factors, service coverage, and health systems.

- **WHO Global InfoBase Online**  [http://www.who.int/infobase/report.aspx](http://www.who.int/infobase/report.aspx)
  This site provides data on chronic diseases and their risk factors.

  The atlas is a graphic version of standardized data and statistics for infectious diseases at country, regional, and global levels.

  These health statistics are 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 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
The WTO is the main international organization that deals with the rules and agreements of international trade between member nations. Publications focus on the latest developments in world trade.

- Annual Report  http://www.wto.org/english/res%5Fe/reser%5Fe/annual%5Freport%5Fe.htm
  HF1371 A56  GSPIA/Econ, Hillman – Reference
  Yearly international trade analyzed by WTO economists and statisticians with the aims to deepen understanding about trends in trade, trade policy issues and the multilateral trading system.

- International Trade Statistics (2004-present)
  HF1371 I584  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/statis_e.htm
  Annual overview of the latest developments in world trade with detailed trade and FDI statistics, trade by region, merchandise trade by product and trade in commercial services by category

- World Trade Report Annual  (began in 2003)
  http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/world_trade_report_e.htm
  HF1385 W675  GSPIA/Econ – Reference
  Since 2003 this report has provided yearly updates of the WTO structure, budget and activities.

Other Statistical Web Sites and Sources

  http://www.bls.gov/idx/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://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/yearbooks
  From the Data and Information Services Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this site links to the most recent country yearbooks for about 130 major countries.

- Explore GovDocs  http://www.lib.umich.edu/government-documents-center/explore
  This University of Michigan site has extensive links to statistical data sources from international organizations as well as federal, state, local and foreign governments, focused on topics ranging from finance, business, and economics to transportation, agriculture and environment.

- GEOHive  http://www.geohive.com/
  GEO Hive which contains demographic, economic and geopolitical data for countries, regions, provinces and cities, also provides extensive links to country and international organizations sites.

- 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. Most statistics are available from 1950 to the present.

- International Development Links  http://www.proposalwriter.com/international.html
  Provides links to development banks and resources related to International Development.

  Another US Census Bureau site it provides alphabetical links to the statistical agencies of countries, international organizations and areas of the world like Hong Kong.

- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
The ICPSR website from the University of Michigan provides a wide ranging archive of national and international social and political science data. Topics covered include terrorism, censuses, child care, crime statistics, mortality causes, aging, and minorities.

  NationMaster, the world’s largest central data source of comparative country data, allows users to create customized data graphs or maps based on any of its 600 statistical variables. It compiles statistics from sources such as the CIA, UN, World Bank, WHO, World Resources Institute, and the OECD. Over 3700 country maps are included.

  StateMaster, provides comparative state data using maps, graphs, pie charts and scatterplots. Data is drawn from primary sources such as the US Census Bureau, FBI, and the National Center for Educational Statistics.

  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.eco.penn.edu/](http://pwt.eco.penn.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 189 countries for the years 1950-2007 in constant 2005 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]—China--Statistics--Periodicals
- European Union -- Statistics
- Economic Indicators -- United States
- Mexico--Statistics Vital

**You can also try a keyword search:**

Sample Keywords:

- United Nations statistics periodicals
- statistics economic international
- 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.

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