

World Development Indicators

The World Bank has published an annual collection of development indicators since 1960. These are known as the World Development Indicators, or WDI. The most current indicators are available free online in summary tables at the World Bank website.

The Government Documents collection, located on the second floor of Chambers Library, has CD-ROM versions of the World Development Indicators that facilitate customized reports on the economic environments of countries and regions around the world.

Data from the CD is available on the computer workstation in the Government Documents collection.

Open the program with the desktop icon and select the **WDI Data** option from the menu.

Countries are listed alphabetically, but can be grouped by geographical areas, income, or lending categories. Select one or multiple groups, then highlight one or more countries, and click "Select". Click OK to complete the selection and Next to move to the next screen.

Select a Topic from the Hierarchy menu, such as Economic Policy and Debt, or drill down for more detail, and highlight one or more of the available indicators. Click Select and Next.

Choose a year or range of years in the same manner. Some data for the most recent years may not be available.

Results can be viewed in table form by the series indicator. And the formatting and appearance of the table can be customized.

Results can also be viewed in a bar graph, exported to an Excel file or PDF, or viewed in a map.

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