

Geography & Climate

CIA World Factbook

(<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>)

Fairly complete profiles of every country.

U.S. State Dept. Background Notes

(<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>)

Very good general country info updated yearly.

Population

Census Bureau's IDB

(<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>)

Has basic demographic data for countries including population projections.

Demographic Yearbook (Ref. HA 17 .D45 2005)

Basic population stats. U.N. product.

Legal

LexisNexis (database)

Similar to Business Source Complete but includes SEC filings

World Bank's Doingbusiness.org

(<http://www.doingbusiness.org>)

Main product is a set of objective measures of business regulations and their enforcement across 181 economies and selected cities at the sub-national and regional level.

Political

Europa World Yearbook (database)

Provides mainly economic and political data on 250 countries.

Statesman's Yearbook (database)

Brief profiles of every country in the world.

PAIS – Public Affairs Information Service (database)

Indexes international affairs info from a wide variety of sources from over 120 countries.

BBC.com <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Has a country profiles section that includes recent news and other data.

Economist.com

<http://www.economist.com/>

Good, up-to-date data on a wide range of country info which are usually extracts from longer publications.

Rankings

Nationmaster.com

<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>

Compiles lots of country stats in chart form including rankings.

Illustrated Book of World Rankings (Ref. HA 155 .K87 2001)

Arranged by topic (26) covering cultural, social and economic aspects.

Economic

Business Source Complete (database)
Mainly periodical info covering all areas of business plus company, industry and country info.

EconLit (database)
Covers a wide range of literature in all aspects of economics.

IMF's International Financial Statistics (database)
Basically the same info as in the print sources.

FAO Statistical Yearbook (Ref. HD 1421 .F59x 2004)
Food and agriculture stats.

IMF's Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (Ref. HG 3882 .B34 v.58 2007)

IMF's Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook (Ref. HF 91 .I65 2007)

IMF's International Financial Statistics Yearbook (Ref. HG 61 .I57 2007)

International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics (Ref. HC 10 .I673 2007)
Focus is on manufacturing stats.

The World Bank
<http://www.worldbank.org/>
GDP, GNI, and World Bank Country Classifications.

Yearbook of Labour Statistics (Ref. HD 4826 .I63 2007)

Corporate

ThomasGlobal.com
<http://solusource.com/>
Is a directory of 700,000 manufacturers and distributors from 28 countries, classified by 11,000 product and service categories.

Mergent Online (database)
Has lots of company info and some country data

Standard & Poor's (database)
Has lots of company info but no country data

Stat-USA (database) (in library only)
(password required)
Globus & NTDB section has current and historical trade-related releases, international market research, country analysis, and trade and procurement leads.

Export.gov & buyusa.gov
<http://export.gov/>
Bring together resources to assist American businesses in competing globally. Includes market research, trade leads, finance information, and counseling.

European Marketing Data & Statistics (Ref. HA 1107 .E87 2009)

International Marketing Data & Statistics (Ref. HA 42 .I56 2009)
Covers the rest of the world outside Europe.

Cultural

Countries and Their Cultures (Ref. GN 307 .C68 2001)
Covers about 15 major topics for each country. Good general info but no statistics.

Craighead's (Ref. HF 5549.5 .E45D56 2002-03)
Craighead's International Business, Travel, and Relocation Guide to 84 Countries. Title says it all.

Culture Grams (Ref. GN 345.6 .C8 2002)
Briefer entries than CATC but has some info the other doesn't. No statistics.

Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands (Ref. HF 5389.M67 2006)
Covers cultural differences and business protocols for more than 60 countries.

Social

World Development Indicators
(cd-rom)(in gov.doc. area, 2nd floor)
World Bank product that includes country profiles, social indicators data and population projections

Statistical Yearbook (Ref. HA 12.5 .U63 2007)
Economic and social stats. U.N. product.

World Development Report 2009:
Reshaping Economic Geography (Ref. HC 59.7 .W659 2009)
Annual publication of the World Bank which focuses mainly on big policy issues, but also has some charts and rankings that can be helpful.

Miscellaneous

Europa – the E.U. at a glance
<http://europa.eu/>
Excellent source of info on the European Union countries.

GlobalEDGE
<http://globalEDGE.msu.edu>
Created by the International Business Center at Michigan State Univ., this website covers a wide range of topics and resources. It is almost a one-stop shop. Very handy.

International Yellow Pages
<http://www.yellow.com/international.html>
Self-explanatory. English not always available and the quality varies a lot.

World Trade Organization
<http://www.wto.org/>
WTO deals with the rules of trade between nations at a global level, but only 153 nations are members. Has lots of trade statistics.

International Organizations

WTO, GATT – World Trade Organization

<http://www.wto.org/>

EU – Europa – Gateway to the European

Union <http://europa.eu/>

NAFTA – North American Free Trade Agreement <http://www.naftanow.org/>

APEC – Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

<http://www.apec.org/>

ASEAN – Association of Southeast Asian

Nations <http://www.aseansec.org/>

EFTA – European Free Trade Association

<http://www.european-fair-trade-association.org/>

CEFTA – Central European Free Trade

Agreement <http://www.cefta2006.com/>

CARICOM – Caribbean Community

<http://www.caricom.org/>

CACM – Central American Integration

System <http://www.sica.int/>

MERCOSUR (or Mercosul)

<http://www.mercosur.int/>

GCC – Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

<http://www.gcc-sg.org/eng/>

SADC – Southern African Development Community

<http://www.sadc.int/>

Translation Websites

Google Translate

<http://translate.google.com/>

Babel Fish

<http://au.babelfish.yahoo.com/>