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1. Introduction

The aim of this guide is to help the users of statistical websites in navigating and searching for statistical information on the existing websites. This guide gives an overview of the contents of these websites in a standardised form and presents the navigation and search tools available.

This guide does not aim at rating the websites, although some good practises on the existing sites are noted. These in turn can help statistical offices to locate good existing practises that can be followed.

This guide covers the websites of UNECE member countries' national statistical offices (NSO)¹ and websites of selected international organizations' statistical offices (IO)².

Contents of this guide

The guide is organised as follows.

The second part presents some general remarks on the websites of national statistical offices covered in the guide. This is followed by some general remarks on the sites of the selected international organizations. Some good practises in presenting data, the user interface design and search and navigation tools are also discussed.

The fourth part of this guide will introduce the topics covered when collecting and presenting information on individual sites of NSOs and IOs.

The fifth part presents the individual sites on a site by site basis. This section is divided into two; the first part covers websites of NSOs, while the second part presents the websites of selected IOs. Both parts begin with a matrix presenting general information for the NSOs/IOs covered in the section. This is followed by sections on individual websites. All NSOs are presented in a standardised form while some liberties were taken in the presentation of IOs in order to take into account the differing nature of the organizations and thus also that of their websites.

¹ ECE member countries with Statistical offices online at the time of writing (August 2001; 45 out of 55): Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Yugoslavia.

The 10 member countries without statistical office online in August 2001 include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

² Selected International Organizations covered in the survey: Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT), Statistical Office of European Communities (EUROSTAT), Food and Agriculture Organization, statistics (FAOSTAT), International Labour Office (ILO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Economic and social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), UN Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC), UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Statistical Division of United Nations Headquarters (UNSD), World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, World Trade Organization (WTO)

2. General remarks on the websites of National Statistical Offices

WEBSITES

UNECE has carried out similar surveys in 1998 and 1999. Since the last surveys the number of statistical websites has risen from 42 to 44 (February 1998 - 33, September 1999 - 42). For the offices not yet online, online services are expected in the near future.

All of the selected international organizations covered have websites, but as their goals differ, the websites are not analysed with as strict a common form as are the WebPages of the national statistical offices, whose goals on electronic data dissemination are more closely aligned. Comments on the websites of the international organizations are presented in section 6.2, with general remarks in the following section 3.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All of the NSO and IO web sites provide background information on their activities. Some NSO websites do not, however, offer the possibility to give feedback online. While background information does not assist in finding the required data, it still serves its purpose by giving a general overview of the office and its current activities.

The background information generally includes contact information, general information on NSOs' dissemination strategy and in some cases also the legal basis on which the office operates.

USERS

Almost all of the websites are aimed at a group of professional users and the sites are designed accordingly. Only a few have features especially designed for a web surfer coming across the page without a clear idea of what he/she is looking for.

A well designed website can be a good tool for marketing statistical data and therefore everything that helps to attract more users and that makes statistics more interesting is welcome. For this reason, special attention should be given to the visual design of the site. Although this is not the foremost priority, it will have a huge effect on the non-professional users of a NSO page. Some offices, Canada for example, have an online quiz and a special section on how to incorporate statistics in teaching.

Surprisingly few websites collect information about their visitors by, for example, requiring them to register to access certain services. Collecting this information and thus obtaining a clearer picture of who the real users are would allow the NSOs to better design their sites and to present the most sought after information in an easily accessible way. It would also allow the organizations to better suit the metadata offered to the needs observed and help in offering links that would be of interest to users. Such surveys do not need to be carried out constantly; simple surveying of users from time to time will provide the information required for planning and redesigning purposes.

Requiring users to register can discourage occasional site visitors. The purpose of registration should be made very clear, as should the obligations or, in the typical case, lack of obligations the registration brings.

DATA

The amount of data presented and the topics that are available varies significantly. Most of the websites have at least the most recent socio-economic indicators, monthly statistical bulletin and statistical yearbook available online free of charge.

Measuring the amount of data available online is very difficult. This is particularly the case when access to a database is provided, since the database can and does offer all the data the office produces. The amount of data provided online depends also on the role given to Internet dissemination. Several offices have already chosen Internet as their main dissemination channel while others are using it mainly to advertise the office and to provide general information about their activities, with little actual statistical data. Still, as most users are researching data on the website, at least the most basic socio-economic indicators should be available online.

Several offices have expressed the view that, in the near future, Internet will be their main data dissemination channel. When there is a large amount of data covering many topics, the costs of designing and maintaining the website are high. Other concerns with the on-line services include security and staff requirements in providing up-to-date data, when the number of topics is large and the amount of data to constantly update is huge.

Another important issue is the pricing policy of the data disseminated through Internet. In general, users of Internet expect the data to be available free of charge and, for that reason, many offices have opted not to require fees for the data available online. Servicing many groups of users with different needs is costly and some offices are recovering these costs by requiring a fee for more detailed data or analyses. The effect of free data dissemination through Internet on an office's revenues is not clear. Giving out free information could persuade more people to buy more detailed analyses or data from the office, although it could have a negative impact on the revenues from the traditional print publications; the costs associated with setting up and maintaining a comprehensive web service are substantial.

Some of the WebPages have a huge amount of information available ranging from news releases to publications to databases. Still, even if only a limited number of indicators are available, some sites provide in-depth data about those indicators, whereas some of the sites comprising more topics present relatively little data on the topics covered. Examples of the websites offering data on a wide variety of topics include Canada and Netherlands.

SEARCH AND NAVIGATION

As the amount of data available has increased, the need for good search and navigation facilities has become even more important. A local site search engine is needed on the sites that provide a lot of data for two reasons. First, when the site covers a variety of topics and offers a large amount of information about them, navigating through the sites becomes cumbersome. As some users do not have the required knowledge of statistics, a search engine with a thesaurus or a glossary will help them finding the required data. The second reason for a local search engine is the fact that Internet search engines can only access information that is presented as HTML-pages. PDF-files and databases are not accessible to Internet search engines such as Google, Yahoo! and Altavista.

The welcome pages of NSO homepages differ quite substantially, although most clearly present the basic links necessary for navigating the site. Usually sitemap and site search are accessible from the welcome page and links to data pages and online publications are provided. Although starting pages are somewhat similar in structure, convergence towards a standardized structure would be desirable and can be explored in the future in the framework of international cooperation on information and communication technologies.

Most of the sites already have an online search engine; those without a search engine generally present very limited data. On sites containing relatively little information, a well laid-out site or a site map accomplishes the same thing.

Even though most sites have some sort of local search engine, most of these search engines do not function properly. Either the results are simply wrong or even a straightforward search gives out dozens of alternative results.

The above remarks concern the search and navigation when user is already on a statistical office's Website. More general problems of locating statistical data on the Web and some recommendations how to make data better accessible are considered in part 4 of this paper.

DATA FORMATS

The data and information is usually presented in one of four ways, most commonly via tables, publications available online (usually PDF or HTML), pre-defined time-series available for downloading in a format that allows re-processing (the most common format being Excel, some offer CSV as well) or flexible access to databases. It can be considered a major drawback that no specific format is available for statistical data, although work on one is already in progress³. Of the formats possible, graphical files (GIFs etc.) deserve to be mentioned separately as they are not re-processable and, even when re-processing is not required, are not well suited for dissemination of statistical data.

Publications are generally available in PDF format. This is the standard format for publishing copies of the original print version online. PDF-files can be viewed on any computer platform. Their main advantage is their ease of use and, as the documents cannot be edited, copyright issues do not pose a problem for Internet publishing. The advantage of limited editability presents the formats' drawback as well. The format best suits publications with data that is not destined to be re-processed.

Some sites do not make a clear enough distinction between publications that require a fee and those available free of charge online. Sites requiring a fee for publications usually offer the possibility to order them online.

DATABASES

The number of websites offering access to databases has increased since the last survey. At the time of writing, 15⁴ NSOs offered access to their database. Again, the amount of information obtainable and the types of queries made vary significantly across the different countries. Some NSOs provide only basic indicators with a limited number of options on how to create a query, while others have all statistical data available with advanced query options on the database.

A problem foreign users frequently encounter when making queries from these databases is the fact that most of the databases, i.e. their user interfaces, are only available in the local language(s). If

³ A Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) was established in early 2001 with the aim to develop a common standard for the exchange of statistical data and metadata. The Bank of International Settlements (BIS), the European Central Bank (ECB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Eurostat and the United Nations (UNSD and UNECE) are all participating in the Task Force. The goal is to develop a common standard by taking advantage of the experience gained thus far in the area of statistical data exchange and in the promising new technical developments like GESMES/CB, IMF DSBB dissemination format, and e-standards (Extensible Markup Language (XML)).

⁴ NSOs offering access to their database include Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

translation is considered too expensive, then a short online dictionary of statistical terms from the local language into English would help.

Many of the countries providing database access online do not require a fee, although some require users to register. The type of data available varies from country to country; information on topics available and the possible fee or registration required is presented on individual sites.

LANGUAGES

At the moment most sites are available in local language(s) and in English. Some, for example Statistics Norway's website, are offered in five languages, although not with equal content. Although an English version is available for most sites, it generally offers little information compared to the local language site(s) and is generally less frequently updated. Most websites that do not already comprise English versions are planning to introduce them with identical content to that of the local language site.

Somewhat surprisingly, the links to different language versions are very hard to find on some sites, and only a few sites have clearly marked the links between the English version and the local version of the site; links are in one language while the page, data and metadata retrieved are in another.

UPDATING FREQUENCY

Most sites, based on release calendar and frequency of press releases, are updated frequently; however, on some sites the latest monthly bulletin and data update was from three years ago. "News" or "Press Releases" are generally the most consistently updated sections with the most recent updates usually on the basic economic indicators such as unemployment and inflation figures. "Data" is generally less frequently updated. On many sites the local language version is updated more frequently than the English version and some sites do not give the information on when the last update was made.

RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS

Press releases are available on most sites. With few exceptions releases are also regularly updated and usually serve as one of the main channels to disseminate new statistical information. Many sites have release calendars for press releases, and some offer the opportunity to subscribe to upcoming press releases by e-mail. A number of sites of statistical offices also offer the possibility to check the latest (unemployment and inflation) figures using a WAP-phone⁵.

Press releases are generally presented either by release date or by topic, although one site gave the releases in a random order. By presenting releases in such a way with links to further information (in use in only a few websites), this data dissemination channel could be put to more efficient use.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USERS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Although almost all of the sites have sufficient information for users to successfully navigate through the site, some sites lack technical information which is crucial especially when non-standard formats for data are used.

⁵ WAP service with latest CPI and GDP figures and, in some cases, figures on a wide variety of indicators is available for: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, United Kingdom. The service is provided by gelon.net and not all figures are from NSIs.

LINKS TO OTHER NSOS, GOVERNMENT, ACADEMIA

Even though almost all of the NSO sites have “links” sections, few seem to be updating their links. Of the links provided, those to other local government organizations and possibly to local academia are of the greatest use, at least to a foreign user for whom these are the hardest to find.

It can be suggested to use the link to an IO which is maintaining updated links to NSOs so as to allow more resources for updating the relevant national links (to government, etc.)

OTHER REMARKS

Although not yet common, some NSOs already collect data via electronic questionnaires. Some offer the possibility to complete the population census questionnaire online. The possibilities of using electronic questionnaires is expected to rise as network access and the use of internet spreads.

3. General remarks on the websites of selected International Organizations**DATA/DATABASES**

Data on the websites of the selected international organizations vary to a greater scale than does data on the websites of national offices. The objectives and the focus of the organizations have a greater effect on both the topics and the amount of data presented.

Many international organizations provide a rich collection of data on their area of expertise; ILO on labour and employment, FAO on food and agriculture, etc. The advantage is that the data has an added value of comparability, while the disadvantage is often the question of timeliness. The latest data available often dates back to several years while much more up-to-date figures are available at the national statistical offices.

Some international organizations offer access to databases. The amount of information and the query possibilities differ even more than with the national statistical offices. Most international organizations also offer a greater number of different publications titles online and use news releases to disseminate the latest available figures.

LANGUAGES

All of the international organizations covered in the guide have a complete English version available. Most offer the site in different languages with identical content.

UPDATING FREQUENCY/ RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS

Web pages of the international organizations are generally frequently updated. With only a few exceptions press releases and/or the news section is updated almost daily. Data updates also seem to be more frequent than is the case with most NSOs.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USERS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION/SEARCH AND NAVIGATION

Every international organization covered in this guide had the basic search and navigation facilities and many also offered “guided tours” for first time visitors.

DATA FORMATS

The websites of the international organizations offer the data in the same formats as the websites of the national statistical offices. The most common formats in addition to HTML are PDF and Excel files; Excel is more widely used by international organizations than by the national statistical offices.

4. Finding statistical data on the Internet

In order to see how easily users can find statistical data on the Web, a simple experiment was carried out using four standard web search-engines: Alta-Vista, Yahoo, Google and WebCrawler. This is the method that people who do not go directly to a NSO web page would use to search for information. The aim of the experiment was to analyse search and navigation from the users' viewpoint and to share some observations that can help statistical Website designers to make their data more accessible.

Search engines were applied to find data on unemployment, Consumer Price Index (CPI) and life expectancy. These particular indicators were selected because they are commonly used and most of the statistical offices have these data on their Website: about 80% of the UNECE member countries' NSOs provide on their Website data on unemployment, 75% on CPI and 44% on life expectancy. Not to complicate things, we were looking for the generally accepted statistical indicator names. In reality, users might have an additional problem of not knowing exactly which terms are used to denote the phenomena on which they are looking for information.

The results of the experiment are provided in Table 1. The table gives the general number of hits as a reply to the search, number of international organizations' pages and number of UNECE member countries' statistical offices pages that were included among the first 50 hits. We did not look beyond the first 50 links as it is very unlikely that the user will go further than that. The names of countries/agencies that appeared among these hits are listed.

Table 1. Results of the search for specific statistical data using common Internet search engines

Search string	Alta-Vista	Yahoo	Google	WebCrawler	Number of UNECE NSO Websites where these data are available
unemployment	440,641 /1/1 UNSD U.S. BLS	1410,000 /2/2 OECD, UNSD U.S. BLS, Canada (in News)	2,270,000 /1/4 UNSD, U.S. BLS, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands	29,845/ 0 /2 U.S. BLS, Canada	37 (82%)
+unemployment +statistics	164,854 /0/1 U.S. BLS	258,000 /3 /4 ILO, OECD, UNSD U.S. BLS (1. hit) Canada, France, Netherlands	449,000 /1/ 4 ILO U.S. BLS, Canada, France, Netherlands	1,735 / 1 / 3 OECD U.S. BLS, Canada Netherlands	
CPI	217,208 /0 / 1 U.S. BLS	431000 / 0 / 2 U.S. BLS (1. hit) Canada	323,000/ 0 / 3 U.S. BLS, Canada	25,000/ 0 / 2 U.S. BLS, Canada	34 (75%)
+CPI +statistics	36,237 / 1 / 2 ILO U.S. BLS, Canada	52,000 / 1 / 8 ILO U.S. BLS, Canada, Spain, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Norway	92,500 / 1 / 6 ILO U.S.BLS, Canada, Spain, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland	415 /0 / 4 U.S. BLS, Ireland, Canada, Spain	
“Consumer Price Index”	56,070 / 0 /1 Canada	137,000/ 1 /8 IMF U.S. BLS (1. hit), Canada, France, Spain, Switzerland, Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden	286,000 / 0 / 5 U.S. BLS (1. hit), Canada, France, Netherlands, Sweden	2,835 / 0 / 5 U.S. BLS, Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden,	
“life expectancy”	152,357 / 0 /0	192000 / 3 / 2 WHO, World Bank, UNSD U.S. National Centre for Health Statistics (Centre for Disease Control), Canada	346,000 / 2 / 2 WHO, World Bank U.S. National Centre for Health Statistics (CDC), Canada	4,770 / 1 / 1 WHO U.S. National Centre for Health Statistics (CDC)	20 (44%)

Taking into account that the requested data were present on most of the NSO Web pages, search with Internet search engines gave very low results. Several search engines included only 1-2 links to the Websites of statistical offices among the first 50 hits. The agencies most often appearing on the list were U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. BLS) - often at the top of the list, Statistics Canada, also Statistics Sweden, Statistics Netherlands, the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, INSEE (France), etc. International organizations included ILO, UNSD, also OECD, WHO and World Bank. The best performing search engine in this experiment was Yahoo. The results were better when combining the indicator name and “statistics”, which eliminated many non-statistical Websites from the first hits.

Several reasons for such a low response can be identified. Some of these problems can be easily resolved, others require longer-term work. Below are some of the problems that we would recommend to be addressed in order to make statistical data more accessible in the WWW environment. The list serves as a rough guide and is not exhaustive.

Problems that could be solved in the short run:

- ?? no proper indexing (keywords in html);
- ?? several data formats are not accessible to Internet search engines: databases, pdf-files, Word, Excel etc. files (so-called hidden Internet). These limitations should be taken into account and ways found to overcome them, such as including keywords in the html-description of the file, using keywords in Word, pdf, etc. files;
- ?? as the Internet search engines sort pages according to the number of times that the requested string appears on the page, a good way to ensure that your page comes up at a search is to use this string on the page as many times as possible. It can be in the page heading, text, keywords, table and indicator names, etc.;
- ?? shortages of local search engines: it is not always clear what they cover, whether they include data in the databases, all parts of the site, etc.;
- ?? the access to databases is often very non-user-friendly – the user has to go through a long list of selections to obtain the final reply that data are not available, there is no information about the availability of data in databases and no way to find out what went wrong in the query.

Problems that require longer-term work for resolution:

- ?? statistical offices do not market their data properly, there is no common approach that would allow users to find data more easily from the Websites of different countries;
- ?? no possibility to specify in the search that you are looking for statistical data (and not methodological notes, newspaper articles, etc.);
- ?? lack of knowledge of the terminology used by a specific statistical office – is valid for the “professional” user as well as the “ordinary” user, e.g. the same things are called differently in different countries, the ordinary user does not know the specific terms used by statistical agencies – ways to overcome this are thesauruses, data dictionaries, lists of available indicators, A-Z guides, etc.;
- ?? language problems – more comprehensive data is often available only in national language; including keywords in English would help in this respect.

Below are some recommendations to facilitate finding statistical data on the Web:

- ?? take as a starting point listings of statistical websites, e.g.
 - ?? http://www.un.org/Depts/unsd/sd_nat_data.htm - UN Statistical Division's national data sources and links,
 - ?? <http://www.unece.org/stats/links.htm> - the UNECE Statistical Division's Website (for UNECE member countries),
 - ?? http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_fed.html - U.S. Census Bureau list of statistical sites,
 - ?? <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stforeig.html> - University of Michigan Statistical Resources on the Web,
 - ?? <http://ideas.uqam.ca/EDIRC/statoff.html> - list maintained by the Université du Québec à Montréal.
- ?? if looking for data from a specific area, turn to the Website of the international organization dealing with the topic, e.g. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for agriculture statistics, International Labour Office (ILO) for labour statistics, etc. The drawbacks of international organizations' sites are that the data is not very up-to-date (3-4 years delay) and not on a very detailed level. The advantages are good coverage and comparability between countries;
- ?? use local search engines, data dictionaries, glossaries, etc. to find which indicator names are used;
- ?? specify the search, using phrases and + and – operators, e.g. for unemployment look also for “unemployment rate”, “number of unemployed”, “unemployed”; the probability to hit statistical sites is increased when using the term in combination with the word statistics (e.g. +unemployment +statistics - using the + mark directs the search engine to pages where both words are present).

5. Topics covered in the review of the sites

Country name and the **address of the website** (usually English version)

Background information

This section presents notes on the availability of general information about the statistical office, contact information, possibility of giving feedback and information on the legal basis on which the institution operates.

Available data

This section presents notes on the data topics that are covered on the web site. Both the structure of presented information and the topics covered are analysed. All data mentioned in this section is available online free of charge.

Press Releases

This section presents the availability of press releases. The frequency of press release updates and the languages in which they are available are also noted.

Online Publications

This section presents the titles of some of the publications available online and comments on the possibility of ordering print versions online. All publications listed in this section are available online free of charge.

Data Formats

Comments on the data formats available (HTML, PDF, Excel, etc).

Updating Frequency

Notes on the frequency of site and data updates. An individual site is considered to be regularly updated when the latest update has been made not longer than a month ago, whereas a site which is frequently updated means updates are made at least 2-3 times a month.

Metadata

This section comments on availability and the adequacy of Metadata. Possible subscription to IMF data dissemination bulletin board is explicitly mentioned as a source of metadata on certain economic and financial indicators in standardized format.

Search and Navigation

This section offers comments on search and navigation facilities offered on the site, i.e. basic site search, site map, publications, catalogue, etc.

Access to databases

Does the site offer the possibility for users to make queries from NSO's/IO's database?

Languages

In what languages is the web page available?

Albania

<http://www.instat.gov.al/>

Background Information	Site seems to be under construction: information about the office, new activities, etc. not yet available; available: contact data, links to other statistical offices, information on population census
Available Data	CPI, foreign trade data
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Publications catalogue, no publications online
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Latest data for April 2001, updating frequency unknown.
Metadata	Definitions of main economic indicators
Search and Navigation	Several links from the Welcome page do not work
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Albanian, English (equal content)

Andorra

<http://estudis-estadistica.finances.ad/indexDEE.htm>

Background Information	Information about the office; contact information
Available Data	Climate; population; education; trade; construction; energy; telecommunications; consumer price index; finance; tourism
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Five publications in Spanish/Catalonian, some also in English/French (Andorra en xifres 1999; Índex de Preus al Consum d'Andorra; El Principat d'Andorra - Edició 2000; Anuari Estadístic 2000; Butlletí Mensual de Conjuntura)
Data Formats	HTML; PDF
Updating Frequency	Last update 4.4.2001. Frequency of updates unknown.
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publications and on-line publications
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Spanish (some of the online publications also in English/French)

Armenia

<http://www.armstat.am/>

Background Information	General background information available, although not in English
Available Data	Some statistical reports available
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Some summaries of the printed publications available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Frames
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	English, Russian, Armenian

Austria

<http://www.statistik.at/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; feedback
Available Data	Main economic indicators; national accounts; banking and finance; government finance; energy and environment; production; trade; transport; tourism; foreign trade; population; employment and labour market; data from EU and OECD member countries; community data for all 2350 districts
Press-Releases	Available in German; frequently updated
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	Excel; HTML; Word; PDF
Updating Frequency	Frequently updated
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Site help; What's new; publications catalogue with the possibility to order publications online
Access to Databases	ISIS (for a fee) a data warehouse containing data and metadata; STATAS (for a fee) statistical database with excel tables
Languages	German

Azerbaijan

<http://www.statcom.baku-az.com//>

Background Information	Not available
Available Data	Annual general level data for a number of indicators 1999 including main socio-economic indicators.
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown, latest data for 1999
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	No navigation tools. Links to tables are on a separate frame.
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Azerbaijan; English (with equal content)

Belarus

<http://www.president.gov.by/Minstat/en/main.html>

Background Information	General information about the Ministry of Statistics and Analysis; contact information; feedback
Available Data	Main socio-economic indicators 2001; the Republic of Belarus in Figures 1990- 1999(population, labour, living standards, GDP, industry, agriculture, construction, transport, trade, foreign trade, price indices)
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown, last data 2001Q1
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	News (without links to updated items); publications catalogue (possibility to print order form)
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Russian; English (with equal content)

Belgium

<http://www.statbel.fgov.be/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	Geography and environment; Population and demography; employment; wages and salaries; leisure; education and culture; justice; politics; health; national accounts; investment; trade; agriculture; industry; services; finance; interest rates; prices; capital markets etc.
Press-Releases	Available (in French and Dutch) including some data tables
Online Publications	Available (PDF)
Data Formats	Excel, HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Search; release calendar
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Dutch; French; English; German (not all data available in English and German)

Bulgaria

<http://www.nsi.bg/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; organizational structure; contact information
Available Data	Foreign trade; national accounts (GDP); General data (latest data 1996/1998) on population, labour, energy, industry, crops, exports and imports, transport, health services
Press-Releases	News section available in Bulgarian (under construction in English)
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publications, possibility to order by email
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Bulgarian, English (with equal content)

Canada

<http://www.statcan.ca/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	<p>The Economy: latest indicators, economic conditions, international trade primary industries, manufacturing and construction, communication, transportation, trade, finance and services</p> <p>Land: geography, environment</p> <p>The people : population, health, education, families households and housing, labour employment and unemployment, culture leisure and travel</p> <p>The state : government, justice and crime</p> <p>Data on communities and electoral districts, Canada at glance (PDF)</p>
Press-Releases	The Daily (with links to CANSIM databases)
Online Publications	Research papers and free publication available. Possibility to order other publications online.
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; statistical methods explained, guides, documents and discussion papers available
Search and Navigation	Site search; news; release calendar; search on statistical methods
Access to Databases	<p>CANSIM (a socio-economic databases containing data on people, economy and industries)</p> <p>CANSIM II, a newer version to replace CANSIM</p> <p>International merchandise trade database</p>
Languages	English, French (with equal content)

Croatia

<http://www.dzs.hr/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office
Available Data	First releases on Industry, Labour, Prices and the cost of living, Trade Hotels and restaurants and tourism, Financial statistics
Press-Releases	First releases
Online Publications	Statistical Information 2000 (data on country, geography, government, population, basic economic indicators, register of business entities, employment, labour force survey, unemployment, consumption, GDP, government budget, financial statistics, money flows, agriculture hunting and forestry, industry, construction, transport, economic relations, tourism, education, culture, health, pensions, justice, environment) and the First Releases
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated regularly
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB. Releases contain notes on methodology
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publications available
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Croatian, English (with equal content)

Cyprus

<http://www.pio.gov.cy/dsr/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office, its organization and data dissemination policies and legal framework governing it
Available Data	Agriculture, BOP, construction, CPI, Crime, demography, education, energy, foreign trade, health, industrial production, labour, manufacturing, mining and quarrying, money and banking, national accounts, population, prices, public finance, research and development, quality of life, tourism, transport and communications, wholesale and retail trade economic parameters
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML, Excel
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publication, no possibility of ordering online
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Greek, English

Czech Republic

<http://www.czso.cz/eng/angl.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational chart
Available Data	Statistical yearbook available online;
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Statistical yearbook 2000 (with data on basic indicators of national economy, area and climate, environment, population, national accounts, finance, currency and capital markets, prices, income- expenditure- and consumption of the population, labour, tangible and intangible fixed capital, structure of national economy, agriculture, forestry, industry and energy, construction, transport, communications, external trade, internal trade tourism and market services, research and development, education, culture and sport, health, social security, justice crime and accidents) , selected analyses also available, information on municipalities, Czech Republic in figures 2000, Quarterly statistical bulletin, indicators of socio-economic development of Czech Republic, Monthly Statistics of the Czech Republic
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; definitions and methodological notes available, selected nomenclatures available
Search and Navigation	Publication catalogue; Sitemap; Release calendar
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Czech, English (with equal content); French and German with limited content

Denmark

<http://www.dst.dk/dst/dstframesetuk.asp>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational charts; notes on electronic dissemination policy; press releases policies; international benchmarking; ADAM (annual Danish aggregate model), DREAM (Danish rational economic agent model); conferences by statistics Denmark
Available Data	Statistical yearbook 2000 available online. Tables from the publication are available in a database after registering as a user.
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Statistical yearbook 2000 (PDF) with data on environment, energy, population and elections, education and culture, labour markets, social conditions, health, justice, income consumption and prices, general economic statistics, agriculture, manufacturing industries statistics, construction and housing, services sector, transport, external trade, national accounts, public finance, money and capital markets, statistics of Faeroe Islands, Statistics of Greenland, definitions and methodological notes (when registered as a user, tables can be accessed through a database and retrieved in Excel form); Key Indicators; Description of commercial systems; Data on Denmark 2001; data on municipalities; ICT (information and communications technology)
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; Methodological notes available in Danish
Search and Navigation	News; detailed user instructions available in Danish;
Access to Databases	Denmark's statistical database requires registration. Data available in all categories covered in statistical yearbook.
Languages	Danish, English (with limited content)

Estonia

<http://www.stat.ee/>

Background Information	General Information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Main socio-economic indicators, regional statistics, population, education culture and science, financial statistics, agriculture, industry and energy, housing, transport and communications, public health and social protection, justice, living conditions, prices, wages and salaries, finances, labour market, tourism and accommodation, foreign and internal trade, environment
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML, Excel
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; short description of symbols used available
Search and Navigation	Publication catalogue with ordering information; site map; release calendar
Access to Databases	Database includes data on economy, population and social life
Languages	Estonian, English (with equal content)

Finland

http://www.stat.fi/index_en.html

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational structure
Available Data	<p>Economic trends : GDP and employment, industrial production, employment and unemployment, CPI</p> <p>Key Figures (in Finnish): monthly production, national demand and supply, inflation, industry and construction, financial markets, internal and external trade, government finances, population, transportation and accommodation</p> <p>National Accounts: national balance of supply and demand, national income, value added at basic prices by industry, net lending</p> <p>Finland in Figures (Agriculture forestry and fishery, construction, culture and the media, education, elections, energy, enterprises, environment and natural resources, financing, foreign countries, government finance, health, housing, income and consumption, justice, labour market, manufacturing, national accounts, population, prices and costs, science technology and research, social security, trade, transport and tourism, wages and salaries); World in figures (contains 28 Excel tables of country-specific structural data on all the countries of the world. The number of countries is 241 and themes 236);</p> <p>Regional statistics</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Online publications available for a fee
Data Formats	HTML, Excel
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; information on classification system used available
Search and Navigation	Site search; News; release calendar
Access to Databases	StatFin database (housing, energy, prices and costs, public sector, national economy, trade, education, culture and media, transport and tourism, agriculture, justice, wages and salaries, finance, construction, industry, health, income and consumption, labour markets, elections, population, census, environment and natural resources, private enterprises; queries include methodological notes and explanations of symbols and terms used)
Languages	Finnish, Swedish, English (limited content)

France

http://www.insee.fr/en/home/home_page.asp

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	<p>Main indicators : CPI, cost of construction index, economic indicators, economic analysis, quarterly and annual national accounts</p> <p>France in facts and figures: geography, population, labour, employment, income, wages, living standards, health, education, economy, enterprises, agriculture and food industries, construction goods, manufacturing industries, wholesale and retail trade, services</p> <p>Regional data</p>
Press-Releases	
Online Publications	France in facts and figures; Working papers available online (PDF)
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; classifications available in French
Search and Navigation	Site search; release calendar; catalogue of publications;
Access to Databases	SIRENE (official database of French enterprises, in French)
Languages	French, English (limited content)

Germany

http://www.statistik-bund.de/e_home.htm

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	Facts and figures: geography and climate, national accounts, population, business, insolvency registration, employment, agriculture and fishery, wages and salaries, production, CPI, construction and housing, budget and equipment of households, domestic and external trade, finance and taxes, education science and culture, transport, social security, tourism, health, environment, justice, elections, banking and insurance Indicators : labour market, orders received, foreign trade, building permits, construction, employees in manufacturing and in distributive/hotel/restaurants industry, persons engaged in economic activity in labour markets, national accounts, money and banking, hours worked, distributive and hotel and restaurants industry, prices and prices of production, production industries, average wages and salaries, tourism, turnover by industry
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	A number of online publications available in German
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; definition available; releases include methodological notes
Search and Navigation	Site search; sitemap; release calendar
Access to Databases	STATIS-BUND (access to database requires a fee)
Languages	German, English

Greece

<http://www.statistics.gr/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Population, employment and unemployment, household budget survey, education, public health, justice, agriculture, industry, construction, trade, transport and communication, tourism, media, public finance, money and banking, balance of payments, national accounts, CPI
Press-Releases	Press releases available, but <u>without publishing date (English)</u>
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Not available; some tables do not even have the year of the data (English)
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publications
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Greek, English (limited content)

Hungary

<http://www.ksh.hu/eng/index.html>

Background Information	General information about statistical office;
Available Data	<p>Hungary in figures (limited data in aggregate form): geography, roads, population, employment, income, consumption, housing, education, GDP, tourism, finance</p> <p>HCISO reports: vital statistics, staff and earnings in national economy, employment and unemployment, housing, construction, enterprises, GDP, investment, external trade, prices, agriculture, industry, turnover of retail trade and catering, tourism, transport</p> <p>Major annual figures: population, economically active population, earnings, household income consumption and savings, pensions, social security, public health, education, culture, justice, enterprises, GDP, investment, external trade, prices, financial data, energy, agriculture, industry, construction, retail trade, tourism, transport, communication and broadcasting, regional data; Economic and financial data according to IMF DSBB</p>
Press-Releases	News available
Online Publications	A number of publications available against a fee.
Data Formats	HTML, Excel, Word
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; glossary of definitions available
Search and Navigation	News; catalogue of publications; release calendar
Access to Databases	STADAT database for a fee
Languages	Hungarian, English (with equal content)

Iceland

<http://www.statice.is/>

Background Information	Contact information
Available Data	<p>Key figures: population, GDP, CPI, wage index, current account and trade balances, exchange rate, labour force survey</p> <p>Monthly statistics: CPI, construction cost index, wage index, fishery, transport, unemployment</p> <p>Iceland in Figures: geography and environment, population, labour market, agriculture, fishery, manufacturing and construction, energy, tourism, communication and transport, prices and income, consumption, national accounts, external trade, public finance, money and credit, health and social affairs, education and culture, elections;</p> <p>Icelandic External Trade (commodities and countries)</p> <p>Labour market statistics</p> <p>Tourist accommodation</p> <p>Statistical Yearbook</p> <p>Fishery Statistics</p> <p>Local government finances</p> <p>Media and culture</p> <p>Household budget survey</p> <p>Most available in PDF</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Check “data available”
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	Release calendar
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Icelandic, English (with equal content)

Ireland

<http://www.cso.ie/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Key economic indicators; agriculture, area and climate, construction, demography, external trade, financial statistics, labour force, prices and sales, transport and tourism, vital statistics; also links to statistics from other National sources
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Online publications available on following topics: agriculture, building, demography, distribution and services, external trade, finance, general and periodical, industrial employment earnings and hours worked, labour, prices, transport and tourism
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB;
Search and Navigation	Site search; site map; release calendar; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Irish, English

Israel

<http://www.cbs.gov.il/engindex.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Selected data: accommodation, agriculture, balance of payments, climate, commerce, construction, education, energy, finance, foreign trade, health, industry, labour and wages, migration and tourism, national accounts, population, prices, public order, road accidents, transport and communication, vital statistics Statistical abstract of Israel: Area climate and environment, population, vital statistics, migration and tourism, immigration and absorption, national accounts, balance of payments, foreign trade, financial markets, prices, living conditions, labour and wages, agriculture, manufacturing, energy and water, construction, commerce and hotels, transport and communication, banking and insurance, government and local authorities, public order, education, research and development, health, welfare, culture entertainment and sports
Press-Releases	Available (in Hebrew)
Online Publications	Israel in Figures 1999 (PDF); Monthly bulletin of statistics; Price statistics monthly (in Hebrew); Selected economic indicators for last months (in Hebrew); New statistical projects and publications in Israel; Functioning, mobility and self-assessment of persons aged 60+ living in households (internet only, in Hebrew); National expenditure on civilian research and development 1989-1999; Complete life tables of Israel 1994-1999
Data Formats	HTML, Excel, PDF, Word
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB;
Search and Navigation	Site search; publications catalogue; frequently asked questions
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Hebrew, English

Italy

<http://www.istat.it/homeing.html>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Geography, population, culture, households, public administration, media, agriculture, industry, services, external trade, health, justice, national accounts
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Italy in figures
Data Formats	HTML, PDF, Word
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB;
Search and Navigation	Site news; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	Access via Bulletin board system (requires registration)
Languages	Italian, English (limited content)

Kazakhstan

<http://www.kazstat.asdc.kz/indexe.htm>

Background Information	General background information available
Available Data	Basic socio-economic indicators
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Site search, Site map
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	English, Russian

Kyrgyz Republic

<http://stat-gvc.bishkek.su/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; program for statistical development
Available Data	<p>Latest data: national accounts, unemployment wages, CPI, producer price index, government operations, exports and imports of goods and services, international reserves, exchange rates</p> <p>Real sector: GDP, production indices, labour market (employment, unemployment, wages), consumer and producer price indices</p> <p>Fiscal sector: government budget</p> <p>Financial sector: balance of payments</p> <p>External sector: balance of payments, merchandise exports and imports, exchange rates</p> <p>Data files (Excel): agriculture, manufacturing, prices, labour market, privatisations, government finances, exports and imports by economic sectors</p>
Press-Releases	
Online Publications	Results of the first national population census of Kyrgyz Republic 1999 (PDF)
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; metadata also available on site
Search and Navigation	News; release calendar; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Russian, English (with equal content)

Latvia

<http://www.csb.lv/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational structure
Available Data	Basic socio-economic indicators: GDP, finances, population, employment, personal income, price indices, agriculture, industry, investment and construction, transport, foreign trade, domestic trade, education and culture, tourism, public order, health
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	News; catalogue of publications, release calendar
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Latvian, English (with equal content)

Lithuania

http://www.std.lt/default_e.htm

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	Geographical data, natural resources and environment, main economic indicators, population, social statistics, macroeconomic data, business activities statistics, tourism, foreign trade, counties statistics, Survey results (household budget survey, labour survey)
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; classifications available in Lithuanian
Search and Navigation	Contents; news; publications catalogue, release calendar
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Lithuanian, English (with limited content)

Luxembourg

<http://statec.gouvernement.lu/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational chart
Available Data	Luxembourg in figures: climate and geography, population, employment, enterprises, national accounts, agriculture, industry, construction, financial services, communications, transport, services, wages and salaries, elections, public finance, external trade, environment National accounts, population, employment, data by economic activities
Press-Releases	
Online Publications	Quarterly economic reports; Luxembourg in figures; an economic portrait of Luxembourg
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Nomenclatures available
Search and Navigation	Site search; Release calendar; site map
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	French, German and English with limited content

Malta

<http://www.magnet.mt/home/cos/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Main indicators 1989-1998; quarterly GDP figures (latest 1998)
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Summary data and some tables from publications available online
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Press releases appear to be only part of site that is updated. Latest release is from 14 th of May 2001.
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Publications catalogue;
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	English

Netherlands

<http://www.cbs.nl/en/default.asp>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Key figures: population, Labour, agriculture forestry and fisheries, mining and manufacturing, construction, trade hotels restaurants cafes and repairs, financial institutions and markets, households and individuals, international economic relations, prices, economic demography, energy, information and automation, national accounts, justice and public safety, education and science, health and welfare, environment Economic indicators
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Netherlands official statistics (a quarterly); Year 2000 in figures;
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; some methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	Site map; release calendar; catalogue of publications
Access to Databases	STATLINE database (English version limited, Dutch version covers all information available from Statistics Netherlands)
Languages	Dutch, English

Norway

<http://www-open.ssb.no/www-open/english/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	Natural resources and environment, population, health social conditions and services, education, personal economy and housing conditions, labour market, wages, recreational cultural and sporting activities, prices price indices end economic indicators, national economy and external trade, industrial activities, financial markets, public finances
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Statistical yearbook of Norway 2000; Monthly bulletin of statistics; Economic Survey; Discussion papers;
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; some methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	Site search; A-Z guide; release calendar; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Norwegian, English (with almost equal content); French German and Spanish with limited content

Poland

<http://www.stat.gov.pl/english/index.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; dissemination policies
Available Data	<p>Hot data: consumer price indices, production and construction price indices, dwellings completed, indices of industrial and construction-assembly production, average wages and salaries, financial results of non-financial enterprises, prices of agricultural products</p> <p>Foreign trade, quarterly analysis of economic activity of population, quarterly information on the labour market</p> <p>Selected macroeconomic indicators</p> <p>Price indices of consumer goods and services 1950-2000</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB;
Search and Navigation	Site search; Release calendar; site news;
Access to Databases	Access to regional database (In Polish)
Languages	Polish, English (with almost equal content)

Portugal

http://www.ine.pt/en_index.asp

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	<p>General statistical data (tables in bitmap (.bmp) form): Territory and environment, population and social conditions, economy and finance, external trade, agriculture animal production silviculture and fisheries, industry construction and energy</p> <p>Statistical tables (same subject areas as above, requires registration)</p> <p>Time series (same subject areas as above, requires registration)</p> <p>Territorial unit search (same subject areas as above, requires registration)</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Some available (in Portuguese)
Data Formats	HTML, PDF, GIF, BMP
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; metadata available in Portuguese; nomenclatures available
Search and Navigation	Site search; Publications catalogue with possibility to order online;
Access to Databases	STATLINE database (array of statistical tables, already published or yet-to-be-published, via the Internet. This information can be consulted by theme (statistical tables), by geographic unit, by time series and by word-search)
Languages	Portuguese, English (with limited content)

Romania

<http://www.insse.ro/indexe.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Annual and monthly macroeconomic indicators (charts and tables in GIF; text): GDP, industrial production, main primary energy resources, foreign trade, retail trade, market services rendered for the population Annual and monthly social indicators (charts and tables in GIF; text): CPI, salaries and earnings, registered unemployment, population, average number of pensioners
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Romanian statistical yearbook 1998 (ZIP);
Data Formats	HTML, GIF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB;
Search and Navigation	News; Catalogue of publications;
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Romanian, English (with equal content)

Russian Federation

<http://www.gks.ru/eng/>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Current statistical survey (a quarterly); <i>Economic and social indicators</i> : population, employment, household incomes, GDP, industry, agriculture, construction, transport and communications, trade, finance and credit, prices and tariffs, external economic activities, non-state sector of the economy; <i>Overview by sector</i>
Press-Releases	Available, English site last update 10 months ago.
Online Publications	Russia in figures (1999);
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Site search; Sitemap; Release calendar; catalogue of publications
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Russian, English (with limited content)

Slovak Republic

http://www.statistics.sk/webdata/english/index2_a.htm

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	GDP, employment, unemployment, consumer prices, producer prices, average monthly wages, industry, construction, internal trade, foreign trade, state budget, population, business tendency survey
Press-Releases	Available (in Slovak)
Online Publications	Slovak Republic in figures;
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB
Search and Navigation	Publication catalogue; release calendar;
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Slovak, English (with limited content)

Slovenia

<http://www.sigov.si/zrs/eng/index.html>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	<p>First Release: production volume indices, exports and imports, retail price indices, CPI, tourism, GDP at 1995 prices, producer prices of manufactured goods, average monthly earnings, employment, population, labour force survey, business tendency in manufacturing</p> <p>Short term economic indicators: earnings, consumer prices, industrial production, producer price indices, retail price indices, employment, foreign trade</p> <p>Municipal data</p>
Press-Releases	
Online Publications	<p>Statistical Yearbook of Slovenia 2000(PDF/Excel), data on territory and climate, administrative territorial structure, business subjects, population, elections, education, research and development, science and technology, culture, information society, sport, health, social security, crime, labour force, wages, standard of living, prices, agriculture and fishing, forestry and hunting, mining, manufacturing, electricity supply, energy, crafts, construction, transport and communications, external trade, distributive trade, purchase, hotels and restaurants, tourism, national accounts, gross fixed capital formation, consolidated balance of public finance, means of individuals, consumer credit and insurance, balance of payments, environment, regional and municipal statistics;</p> <p>Slovenia in Figures: territory and climate, environment, territorial units, elections, population, dwellings, health and social security, education, culture, research and development, labour market, standard of living, prices, crime, business units, energy, agriculture, mining, manufacturing, electricity supply, construction, distributive trade, hotels and restaurants, tourism, transport and communications, external trade, current account, exchange rates, gross fixed capital formation, GDP;</p>
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; classifications available in Slovenian
Search and Navigation	Publications catalogue; release calendar;
Access to Databases	Not available in English
Languages	Slovenian, English (with limited content)

Spain

<http://www.ine.es/welcoing.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational structure
Available Data	Consumer price indices, Environment, population, vital statistics, migrations, analysis and demographic studies, education, culture and leisure, health, justice, standard of living, labour market, enterprises, national accounts, financial and monetary statistics, foreign trade, agriculture, industry, research and development, energy, construction and housing, domestic trade of services, communications and transport, hotel industry and tourism, other services, elections,
Press-Releases	Available in Spanish
Online Publications	Spain in Figures
Data Formats	PC-AXIS
Updating Frequency	Update frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB, methodological notes available in Spanish
Search and Navigation	Site search; site map; database access by key words
Access to Databases	TEMPUS database; INEBASE database (contains all information produced by statistics Spain, update daily)
Languages	Spanish, English (with limited content; harmonisation of contents is on the way)

Sweden

<http://www.scb.se/eng/index.asp>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information; organizational structure
Available Data	<p>Economy: business cycle indicators, housing and construction, financial markets, trade in goods and services, income and income distribution, national accounts, business activities, public finances, prices and consumption, savings, enterprise registry</p> <p>Labour market: wages national and regional, employment national and regional, labour costs, labour force surveys, work environment, occupational injuries</p> <p>Population and welfare: culture and leisure, citizen influence, family and social relation, children, gender, health, living conditions, names, population, social services</p> <p>Land and environment: agriculture forestry and fishery, environmental accounts, environmental protection, energy</p> <p>Regional statistics</p> <p>Education and research</p> <p>General statistics</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Sweden in figures 2000 (PDF);
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	Site search; news; catalogue of publications
Access to Databases	Statistical database (requires registration)
Languages	Swedish, English (with limited content; eventually both will have the same content)

Switzerland

<http://www.statistik.admin.ch/eindex.htm>

Background Information	General data about statistical office; contact information;
Available Data	<p>Economic indicators: national consumer price index, producer price indices, industrial production, industrial sales, retail trade, unemployment, GDP Municipalities</p> <p>Specialized fields : population, transport and communications, territory and environment, money supply, financial markets, employment, social security, national accounts, health, prices, education and science, production trade and consumption, culture and living conditions, agriculture and forestry, politics, energy, public finance, construction and housing, law and justice, tourism</p> <p>Economic indicators for Switzerland</p>
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML,
Updating Frequency	Frequently updated
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; some methodological notes available
Search and Navigation	Site search; site map; release calendar; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	STATWEB statistical database; GEOSTAT geographical information system
Languages	German, French, English

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

<http://www.stat.gov.mk/index1an.html>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Only very basic annual data; census 1994 data tables
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	News; publications catalogue
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Macedonian, English (with equal content)

Turkey

<http://www.die.gov.tr/ENGLISH/index.html>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	Latest figures (tables in GIF): concentration in manufacturing industry, tourism, environment quarterly indices of wages and earnings, foreign trade, quarterly GDP, wholesale price index, GDP. Monthly and quarterly industrial production, monthly and quarterly manufacturing tendency survey, production workers and hours worked, manufacturing, quarterly construction cost index, construction, motor vehicle statistics, energy, agriculture, research and development, CPI, farmers price index, newly established companies, employment and earnings survey, household income and expenditure survey, elections
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Not available
Data Formats	HTML, GIF
Updating Frequency	Updated regularly
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; data dictionary available
Search and Navigation	Release calendar, publications catalogue,
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Turkish, English

United Kingdom

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

Background Information	General information about National Statistics; contact information
Available Data	Themes: agriculture fishing and forestry, commerce, energy, industry, compendia and reference, crime and justice, economy, education and training, health and care, labour market, natural and built environment, population and migration, social and welfare, transport, travel and tourism
Press-Releases	Available
Online Publications	Huge number of different online publications available (PDF)
Data Formats	HTML; PDF
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; STATSEARCH provides methodological information
Search and Navigation	Site search; sitemap; site tour; what's new
Access to Databases	STATBASE: on-line database, which holds a large selection of Government statistics in STATSTORE. It also provides detailed descriptions of all the UK Government Statistical Service's data sources, derived analyses, all its statistical products and services, and all the relevant contact points in STATSEARCH.
Languages	English

United States of America

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

(Individual websites are not analysed)

Background Information	General information about FEDSTATS; contact information; federal statistical policy
Available Data	Data available for all areas
Press-Releases	Available on individual sites
Online Publications	Individual sites offer online publications
Data Formats	HTML, PDF; CSV; GIF, Excel, Word; TXT
Updating Frequency	Updated frequently
Metadata	Metadata available on IMF DSBB; methodological notes available;
Search and Navigation	Search across different US statistical agencies; A-Z topic links; Statistical reference shelf: collection of online statistics;
Access to Databases	Individual sites offer access to databases
Languages	English

The federal Republic of Yugoslavia

<http://www.szs.sv.gov.yu/homee.htm>

Background Information	General information about statistical office; contact information
Available Data	No statistical data available other than listed on online publications.
Press-Releases	Not available
Online Publications	Basic data on socio-economic trends 2000 (PDF): major indices, economic trends, population, enterprises, employment, average earnings, industrial production, agriculture, forestry, trade, tourism, value of exports and imports by economic activities, producers price index, retail and consumer price indices;
Data Formats	HTML, PDF
Updating Frequency	Updating frequency unknown
Metadata	Not available
Search and Navigation	Catalogue of publications (in Yugoslavian)
Access to Databases	Not available
Languages	Yugoslavian, English

Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Statistical Committee<http://www.cisstat.com/>

Available Data	Main socio-economic indicators for CIS and its member countries (Armenia , Azerbaijan , Belarus , Georgia , Kazakhstan , Kyrgyzstan , Moldova , Russia , Tajikistan , Turkmenistan , Ukraine , Uzbekistan)
General information	About Interstate Statistical Committee
<u>ANNUAL DATA</u> CIS	Main Macroeconomic Indicators on CIS Countries (2000 in % to 1999) Volume Indices of the Gross Domestic Product (at constant prices) Volume Indices of Industrial Output Volume Indices of Agricultural Products Volume Indices of Investment in Fixed Capital Volume Indices of Cargo Transportation by Transport Enterprises (excluding pipelines) Volume Indices of Passenger Transportation by Transport Enterprises Exports and Imports Share of the CIS and Rest of the World Countries In Total Exports and Imports of the CIS Countries
<u>QUARTERLY DATA</u> CIS	Main macroeconomic indicators (January-March 2001 in % to January-March 2000) Retail trade turnover in January - March 2001 Paid services in January - March 2001 Consumer prices rates in January - March 2001 Supply - demand situation of labour force in registered labour market
Updates	Updating frequency unknown
Access to data (bases)	Not available
Languages	English

Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT)

<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/eurostat/eurostat.html>

Online publications	General Statistics ; Economy & Finance ; Population and Social Conditions ; Industry, Trade and Services ; Agriculture and Fisheries ; External Trade ; Transport ; Environment and Energy ; Science and Technology (publications and online publications requiring subscription)
Search and navigation	First Visit ; Site map ;
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	<p>New Cronos (More than 160 million items of data in this macroeconomic and social database are available to all those who need high-quality statistical information for decision-making.); Regio (Eurostat's database for regional statistics. It covers the main aspects of economic and social life in the EU; demography, economic accounts, employment, etc.); COMEXT (The database for statistics on the European Union's external trade and trade between Member States. 11 000 products by year are covered with all partner countries (more or less 250); Europroms (The only source of information in Europe that supplies detailed and comparable data on output, external trade and markets of several thousand industrial products. It makes it possible to calculate in precise terms the domestic market for some 5000 products for most EU countries)</p> <p>Database access requires subscription</p>
Languages	English , German , French

[Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\) Statistics](#)

<http://apps.fao.org/>

General information	FAOSTAT is an on-line and multilingual databases currently containing over 1 million time-series
Online publications	<p>Agricultural Production: Crops Primary , Crops Processed , Live Animals , Livestock Primary , Livestock Processed Agricultural Production Indices Agricultural Production indices</p> <p>Agriculture & Food Trade: Crops & Livestock Primary & Processed , Live Animals</p> <p>Trade Indices: Crops & Livestock Primary & Processed</p> <p>Commodity Balances: Crops Primary Equivalent , Livestock and Fish Primary Equivalent</p> <p>Food Supply: Crops Primary Equivalent , Livestock and Fish Primary Equivalent</p> <p>Food Balance Sheets: Food Balance Sheets</p> <p>Producer Prices: Crops Primary , Livestock Primary</p> <p>Land: Land Use , Irrigation</p> <p>Means of Production: Agricultural Machinery , Fertilizers , Pesticides Trade , Pesticides Consumption</p> <p>Food Aid (WFP): Shipments</p> <p>Exports of Cereals by Source and Destination: Exports of Cereals by Source and Destination</p> <p>Population: Annual Time Series , Long-term Series (quinquennial) Total/Rural/Urban population , Long-Term Indicators</p> <p>Fishery Data: Primary Products , Processed Products</p> <p>Fish Production: Fishes, crustaceans, molluscs and misc.aquatic animals , Aquatic mammals , Crocodiles and alligators , Pearls, corals and sponges , Aquatic plants</p> <p>Forestry Data: Round wood , Sawn wood , Wood-Based Panels , Pulp, Paper&Paperboard</p> <p>Forestry Trade Flow: Bilateral Trade Matrices</p> <p>CODEX ALIMENTARIUS: Pesticide Residues in Food: Maximum Residue Limits , Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits</p> <p>CODEX ALIMENTARIUS: Veterinary Drug Residues in Food: Maximum Residue Limits</p>
Search and navigation	Help ; What's new
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Access to databases free of charge
Languages	English , Spanish , Arabic , Chinese

[International Labour Organization \(ILO\) Statistics](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/index.htm)

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/index.htm>

Available Data	Data and publications on labour (also child labour)
General information	Current activities ;
Online publications	<p>Available free of charge: International Statistical Comparisons of Occupations and Social Structures: Problems, Possibilities and the Role of ISCO-88; Working Paper: Statistics on Public Sector Employment: Methodology, Structures and Trends, 1999; Bureau of Statistics Newsletter; Incorporating Gender Issues in Labour Statistics, WP 99-1.; Article: Labour Statistics which are useful for Gender Concerns; Child Labour Documentation</p> <p>A number of publications available for a fee</p>
Search and navigation	STAT Search ;
Updates	Updating frequency unknown
Access to data (bases)	LABORSTA free of charge (on labour statistics covering economically active population (data since 1945) employment, unemployment, hours of work, wages, labour cost, consumer prices, occupational injuries occupational accidents, and strikes and lockouts (data since 1969)); LABPROJ for fee on a diskette (estimates and projections of the economically active population (fourth round) for all countries and territories with a population of over 200,000 in 1990);
Languages	English , Spanish , French , Portuguese (with limited content)

[International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#)

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

Available Data	Financial and economic data; a number of research papers and periodicals
General information	About the IMF : general information about the organization, resources, practises and current activities
Online Publications and data	<p>Recent Titles (title, series, date), World Economic Outlook 2001 (staff's analysis and projections of economic developments at the global level, in major country groups, and in many individual countries), Country Reports 2001, Country Policy Intentions Documents (available only on Internet), Most Downloaded Working Papers, Working Papers 2001 (theoretical and empirical), Occasional Papers (economical and financial topics), Economic Issues 2001 (by author/title; non-technical language), Policy Discussion Papers 2000 (by author/title), International Economic Policy Review (Policy Discussion Papers), World Economic and Financial Surveys (series), World Economic Outlook Databases, World Economic Outlook Reports, International Capital Markets Reports, Mark III Econometric Model (MULTIMOD Econometric Model), IMF Seminars, Conferences and Workshops</p> <p>Libraries, Archives</p> <p>Country Info (information on a country by country basis)</p> <p>Periodicals: Balance of Payments Statistics Newsletters (information on the work of the Balance of Payments Committee and on statistical developments in balance of payments), Emerging Market Financing (developments and prospects in international capital markets), Finance & Development (articles and book reviews on a wide variety of topics in international economics and finance and economic development), IMF Commodity Prices (annually, quarterly, monthly, and weekly), IMF Research Bulletin (that summarizes key components of research done at the IMF), IMF Survey (topical coverage of the IMF's activities, policies and research), IMF Staff Papers (theoretical and empirical analysis), International Financial Statistics (A monthly publication), Joint BIS-IMF-OECD-World Bank Statistics on External Debt (latest international data available on the external debt of developing and transition countries and territories), Quarterly Update on the Special Data Dissemination Standard (Quarterly report on progress being achieved in the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS).)</p>
Standards and codes	Country Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSCs) , Data Dissemination (DSBB) :(SDDS , GDDS , DQRS), Fiscal Transparency , Transparency in Monetary & Financial Policies , Banking Sector Supervision
IMF Finances	General Information, Where does IMF get its resources, Financial data, IMF lending, IMF interest rates
Search and navigation	A site search engine with instructions for users; site map ; alphabetical site index ; help (with a tour of the site and instructions for downloading searching and the use of CSV files); what's new
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Not available
Languages	English , German , Spanish , French

Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Statistics

<http://www.oecd.org/statistics/>

Available Data	Socio-economic data on member and selected other countries
General information	About OECD
Online publications	<p>Demography (publications for a fee); The Development Assistance Committee (statistics on the flows of aid and other financial resources to aid recipients; database access for a fee); Economic Statistics: the HOT file (free main economic indicators), Main Economic Indicators (for a fee; older free), Leading indicators, labour force statistics (publications and subscriptions for a fee), Economic analysis (publications (Economic Surveys) for a fee; working papers free of charge), Economies in transition/Main economic indicators for non-member countries (economic statistics available free of charge), Economic outlook (summary projections free of charge), National Accounts (possibility to order publications; some available on line free of charge), Industry and services (possibility to order publications), Purchasing power parities (methodological notes and summary statistics available online free of charge), Capital stocks (possibility to order online), International trade in goods and services (possibility to order online); Agricultural databases (possibility to order online); Energy: Energy statistics (link did not work), Selected energy statistics (electricity survey, price statistics for gas and oil, world's and OECD's energy in charts and graphs, key indicators per country), Selected databases (on a diskette); Environment (some indicators available online free of charge); Finance (possibility to order publications); Public sector (possibility to order publications; some data available online free of charge); Science&Technology (for a fee, some available free of charge Information Economy Statistics, Telecommunications Database 1999, Science, technology and industry statistics, World Steel Trade, Road Transport databases); Latest short-term indicators (key indicators available free online); Frequently requested statistics (links to most frequently requested economic statistics); OECD in figures 1999 (possibility to order; some figures available free of charge online)</p> <p>Free publications available</p>
Search and navigation	Search ; first time visitor ;
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Various databases available for a fee
Languages	English , French

[United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#)

<http://unesco-stat.unesco.org/>

Available Data	Data available in the fields of Education, Science and Technology, Culture and Communication; 16 most commonly used indicators on education, e.g. access to schooling, participation in education, internal efficiency – primary education, indicators on resources, literacy, regional and country tables from the World Education Report 2000;
General information	About the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), links, contact data
Publications	Selected tables online from the 1999 UNESCO Statistical Yearbook ; publications online in pdf format: Analysis of the World Education Indicators - 2001 Edition (OECD-UNESCO-UIS) – summary, UIS Annual Report 1999/2000, Facts and Figures 2000, etc.
Search and navigation	Navigation buttons at the bottom of the screen, easy logical structure, no search or sitemap.
Access to databases	Access to statistics on education and literacy 1970-1997 maintained in the UNESCO database (Last update : December 1999).
Other	Electronic questionnaire for the 2001 survey
Languages	English, French

[UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(UN ECLAC\) STAT](#)

<http://www.eclac.cl/estadisticas/default.asp?idioma=IN>

Available Data	Socio-Economic data on Caribbean and Latin American Countries
General information	About ECLAC
Publications	Statistical yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean (PDF) ; Economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean ; Foreign direct investment in Latin America and the Caribbean ; Maritime Profile of Latin America and the Caribbean A lot of different on-line (PDF) publications by subjects
Search and navigation	What's new ; Site map ; FAQ ; Search
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Not available
Languages	English , Spanish

[UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(UN ESCAP\) STAT](http://www.unescap.org/stat/index.htm)

<http://www.unescap.org/stat/index.htm>

Available Data	Socio-Economic data available for all 56 regional members and associate members of ESCAP (Asia and the Pacific in Figures 1998)
Asia and the Pacific in Figures: Country data	Afghanistan , American Samoa , Armenia , Australia , Azerbaijan , Bangladesh , Bhutan , Brunei Darussalam , Cambodia , China , Cook Islands , Democratic People's Republic of Korea , Fiji , French Polynesia , Guam , Hong Kong, China , India , Indonesia , Iran (Islamic Republic of) , Japan , Kazakhstan , Kiribati , Kyrgyzstan , Lao People's Democratic Republic , Macao, China , Malaysia , Maldives , Marshall Islands , Micronesia (Federated States of) , Mongolia , Myanmar , Nauru , Nepal , New Caledonia , New Zealand , Niue , Northern Mariana Islands , Pakistan , Palau , Papua New Guinea , Philippines , Republic of Korea , Russian Federation , Samoa , Singapore , Solomon Islands , Sri Lanka , Tajikistan , Thailand , Tonga , Turkey , Turkmenistan , Tuvalu , Uzbekistan , Vanuatu , Viet Nam
Environment Statistics	Possibility to order publications; some papers available online free of charge
Publications	Statistical Publications of the ESCAP Secretariat (possibility to order)
Search and navigation	Search ;
Updates	Updating frequency unknown
Access to data (bases)	Not available
Languages	English

[United Nations Industrial Development Organization \(UNIDO\)](http://www.unido.org/doc.cfm?did=50215)

<http://www.unido.org/doc.cfm?did=50215>

Available Data	Selected industrial country statistics (1998/99 data)
General information	News, events, contact data, job offers, staff directory, information on technical assistance programmes
Publications	Description of publications and how to order them
Search and navigation	Search engine
Access to databases	Databases available for a fee: UNIDO Industrial Statistics Database, 3-Digit Level of ISIC Code , UNIDO Industrial Statistics Database, 4-Digit Level of ISIC Code . UNIDO Industrial Demand-Supply Balance Database
Languages	English

United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD)<http://www.un.org/Depts/unsd/>

Available Data	Socio Economic data and a number of related publications
General information	About UN Statistical Division
Economic Statistics	Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS On-line) (subscriber access); Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS On-line) sample (free access) and subscription information ; Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook list of products Economic Statistics Methods: International economic and social classifications , System of National Accounts (SNA) News and Notes , System of National Accounts 1993 Glossary
Environmental Statistics	Description of Activities , Newsletters , Environmental Indicators , Workshops and Expert Group Meetings , Papers , SEEA software , Glossary , London Group on Environmental Accounting
Demographic and social statistics	Population of capital cities and cities of 100,000 and more inhabitants , Population and Vital Statistics Report (subscriber access), Social indicators , World's Women 2000: Trends and Statistics Demographic and social statistics methods: City groups on statistical methodologies , Development indicators , International economic and social classifications , Population and housing census dates, 1985-2004 , Time-use surveys , World Population and Housing Census Programme
Statistical databases online	InfoNation and Country-at-a Glance ; Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS On-line) (subscriber access); Population and Vital Statistics Report Series A , quarterly (subscriber access) Latest population census by sex, and latest mid-year estimates , Birth, deaths and infant deaths, numbers, rates and estimated rates ; Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS On-line) sample (free access) and subscription information ; Population of capital cities and cities of 100,000 and more inhabitants ; Social Indicators ; UNSTATS United Nations Common Database (subscriber access); World's Women 2000
Search and navigation	Site Map ; Search
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Available but requires a fee/subscription
Languages	English
Other UN online data sources	United Nations Programme on Ageing (DESA) United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

WHO Statistical Information System <http://www.who.int/whosis/>

WHO regional office in Europe (WHO/Europe) <http://www.who.dk/country/country.htm>

Available Data	<p>WHOSIS: Rich information on Health and health-related topics from the WHO Global Programme on Evidence for Health Policy: Mortality data -- Online version of the World Health Statistics Annual; data on causes of death, causes of infant death, life expectancy and age-standardized death rates; Statistical data from the World Health Report 2000; Statistical Information (Basic Health Indicators, Burden of Disease, Health Personnel, International Classifications, HIV/AIDS, UN Population data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Information about the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in connection with health; HIV/AIDS, Immunization statistics</p> <p>WHO/Europe: Country highlights: overviews of the health and health-related situation in a given country and comparing its position in relation to other countries in the WHO European Region; Health in Europe 1997 - Report on the third evaluation of progress towards health for all in the European Region of WHO (1996-1997).</p>
General information	<p>About WHOSIS, Links to other Sources of Health Information, Links to National Health-Related Websites; Global Programme on Evidence for Health Policy - Discussion Papers; International Classifications; International Travel and Health -- vaccination requirements and health advice for travellers; Burden of Disease activities, WHO Library and information services, etc.</p>
Publications	Publications catalogue with extensive information, no publications online
Search and navigation	Search engine, health topics, site index (on WHO homepage)
Access to databases	WHO/Europe: Health For All Statistical Database containing data on key international health statistics (last update September 2000); Atlas of leading and "avoidable" causes of death in countries of central and eastern Europe.
Languages	English

World Bank<http://www.worldbank.org>

Available Data	Economic and financial indicators and development indicator database
General information	About the World Bank Group : what is the world bank, mission, member countries What we do : Countries and Regions , Evaluation , Inspection Panel , Knowledge Bank , Policies , Products and Services , Projects , Topics and Sectors
Resources	Archives (Bank archives and chronology, oral histories, records management tools), Business & Private Sector (procurement, financing, risk management), Data & Maps (country data, topic data, data query, maps), Development Forum Discussions (Discussions, Communities of Practice), Grant Facility (Grant Strategy, programs), Learning Programs (World Bank Institute, training resources, partnerships), Libraries (World Bank-IMF Library Network, JOLIS catalogue, UN Depository libraries), News & Events (DevNews: news releases, speeches, events), Newsletters (online subscriptions), Journals & Periodicals (newsletters, economic review, Development Outreach), Procurement/Tender (Bank-financed, institutional), Project Finance (Guarantee Program, Country and Project Eligibility), Project Information (project search, project cycle), Publications (publications catalogue, buy online), Research (Policy Working Papers, Abstracts), Scholarships & Employment (Bank Careers, Scholarships, Internships), World Development Sources (containing images and text of over 6,000 World Bank Reports)
Data	Development goals , Country Data (National statistics for countries and regions including Data Profiles and Country at a glance tables), Data by topic (Indicator tables, sectoral data, and links to other sites), Data query (54 indicators, 5 years, and more than 200 countries from the WDI database), Working with data (Methods, modelling tools, and technical assistance), Maps (Sample maps showing some environmental and other data), Data Publications (What's available in print and CD-ROM including World Development Indicators and World Development Report & SWDI)
Search and navigation	Search , help/faq , index ,
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Free access to World Development Indicators database (54 time series indicators for 207 countries and 18 groups, spanning 5 years (1995 to 1999). You can choose several ways of displaying the data: index, percentage change, and graphs, and can export the result in standard formats. Definitions and sources are also available)
Languages	English , Spanish , French , Portuguese , Russian , Japanese

[World Trade Organization \(WTO\)](#)

<http://www.wto.org>

Available Data	Publications and data on trade
General information	The WTO: What is the WTO? ; Decision-making: Organization chart , Ministerial conferences , General Council , Coherence ; Membership, Members and observers , Accessions , Before 1995: GATT signatories before the WTO came into being ; Bureaucracy: The Secretariat and budget , The director-general ; Assistance for developing, transition countries: Technical cooperation , Trade policy courses ; Annual publications: WTO Annual Reports , International Trade Statistics ; How to contact the WTO ; WTO news
Trade topics	<p>Goods: General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Textiles, Agriculture, Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (food safety, animal and plant health and safety), Technical Barriers to Trade, Subsidies and Countervailing duties, Anti-dumping, Safeguards (contingency trade barriers), Rules of Origin, Customs Valuation, Import licensing, State trading enterprises, Information technology products, Trade facilitation</p> <p>Services Intellectual property Dispute Settlement Trade Policy Reviews Accessions Government procurement Investment and trade Competition policy Electronic commerce Environment Development Regionalism</p>
Resources	<p>Statistics: International trade statistics 2000, Historical series, Technical notes Economic research, analysis (special studies working papers, events) Publications (On-line bookshop, WTO Annual Reports — global analysis and statistical roundup, Trade Policy Reviews — reviews of countries' policies, 'Focus' newsletter) Download material (Interactive guides, video clips) Web casting (Watch live and archived WTO events) Links</p>
Search and navigation	Search , on this site ,
Updates	Frequently updated
Access to data (bases)	Not available
Languages	English , Spanish , French