# Country Statistics and Demographics Research

Listed below are resources for Country information…

All databases are available by clicking "Articles and Databases" then "Databases by Name" from the library home page. Click on the letter that corresponds to the first word of the database name.

## Preferred Resources

- Global Issues in Context
  - Robust and accessible source for analysis of social, political, military, economic, environmental, health and cultural issues. Emphasis on current international news and perspectives. Run a basic search using a country name to locate articles in academic journals, popular magazines from around the world, statistics, news and editorials, and encyclopedic references.
- Business Source Complete Country Reports
  - Economic information and forecasts can be found using Business Source Complete's publication search feature. To find country reports, enter a country name in the main search box and select "Country Report" from the Publication Type in the "Limit Your Results" area.
- Country Watch
  - Country Reviews provide cultural, economic, political, and environmental information and current news articles. Select a country from the Quick Links area on the home page, search on country names, or review intelligence reports. Review specific areas of interest or download entire country reports.

## Additional Resources

Databases:

- Mergent Online
  - Country profiles provide statistical data on that country's history, geography, people, government, economy, stock exchange and corporate filing practices. Formerly known as Moody's.
- LexisNexis Academic
  - To find socioeconomic profiles and news regarding a particular country, select a country from the dropdown list in the Research Countries area on the home page. Information source options include Business Monitor International News, Country Briefings, political risk guides, Walden Country Reports, and recent news.
- Factiva (Dow Jones)
  - News sources including Dow Jones Interactive, Reuters Business Briefing, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and thousands of other publications provide summaries of main

headlines from countries around the world. Click on the Region heading to mine down to the country or area of the world you are investigating.

- Oxford Reference Online
  - Encyclopedic coverage arranged by topics. Conduct a quick search on a country name or click on the Encyclopedia link to browse or search the A Guide to Countries of the World.
- World Book Advanced
  - Encyclopedia includes atlases, newspapers from around the world, and historical facts. Create tailored timelines on political leaders, world history, the arts, and science or create customized timelines based on events of interest.

Web Sites:

- Nation Master
  - Large database of encyclopedic content, maps, statistics, and country comparison graphics.
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
  - Select a country from the dropdown box under the IOM Worldwide map to find rate of migration and immigration. Explore the About Migration section for trends, drivers, and related insights into the patterns of migration overall.
- CIA World Factbook
  - Provides statistical and demographic information about countries and non-self-governing territories around the world.
- Federal Trade Statistics: U.S. International Trade Data
  - Information compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau providing statistics on goods and estimates of services shipped from the U.S. to foreign countries.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
  - Data warehouse of statistics on many topics, with dynamic maps and charts.
- Bureau of Labor Statistics: Statistical Sites on the World Wide Web
  - A broad collection of links to statistics and data from over a hundred federal agencies.

Books:

- Basic Catalog Search
  - Search on country names to find print books, electronic books, and additional digital media.
- Gale (2009) *Countries of the world and their leaders yearbook 2010*. (2009). Detroit, MI: Gale.
  - Ebook in the Electronic Book Center (OhioLINK).
- Gannon, M. J., & Pillai, R. (2010). *Understanding global cultures*. Los Angeles: Sage.
  - Library Call # 306 G156U4 4th Ed.
- Stalker, P., & Stalker, P. (2007). *A guide to countries of the world*. Oxford paperback reference. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
  - Content available via Oxford Reference Online

## Recommended Steps

The following steps are recommended for beginning your country research.

STEP ONE: General review of a country's historical, political, and economic history.

- Identify significant eras, leaders, conflicts, allies, as well as potential internal and external threats.
- Determine the economic system in operation, key industries driving the national economy, as well as opportunities and obstacles related to economic growth.
- Assess the country's role in global issues including economic power, dependence on other countries for resources, educational resources, military size and strength, reputation, security issues, and natural resources.

STEP TWO: Gather information required based on the particular project or assignment.

- Data such as population size and growth or decline, demographics, life expectancy, key economic figures and trends (e.g., GDP, labor force, unemployment rates), foreign investors, energy statistics, and migration.
- Current news and analysis from within the country as well as external perspectives.

STEP THREE: Explore content provided.

- Try to verify statistics by using more than one source when possible.
- Determine how frequently various data are updated.
- Keep track of significant names, conflicts, and other events as you go.
- Use acquired information to identify potential news searches.
- Be conscious of the tone of information as well as the objectivity of the authors.