Economics
A Guide to Selected Resources

Reference & Fact Finding

Encyclopedias | Dictionaries | Guides & Handbooks | Biography | Statistics

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Encyclopedia of American Economic History. [REF HC 103 .E52]
Covers the principal economic movements and ideas in the United States. Includes articles on American social history that closely relate to America's economic past.

Encyclopedic coverage on economic concepts, theories, and ideas with extensive bibliographies.

GUIDES & HANDBOOKS

Covers research concepts and methods, and evaluation techniques as applied to business, company, and statistical information. Updated to account for the World Wide Web.

BIOGRAPHIES

Biography in Context
Comprehensive database of biographical information on more than 185,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas. Includes full-text brief biographies, articles, and website suggestions.

The Economists. [HB 119 .A3 S54]


Worldly Economists. [HB 119 .A3 S64]

STATISTICS

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COMPILATION OF STATISTICS

Business Statistics of the United States [REF HC 101 .A13122]
Provides data series covering almost every aspect of the U.S. economy, statistical profiles of major industry groups, tables presenting over 30 years of data - some back to 1963, and detailed background notes with definitions, data revision schedules, and sources of additional information.
Economic Report of the President Annual.
Released each February by the U.S. Council of Economic Advisors, this report on the state of the economy provides a narrative analysis of economic issues and conditions, with over 100 statistic tables on employment, income, and production.

FedStats [https://nces.ed.gov/FCSM/index.asp]
Official statistical information from the Federal Government as collected and published by over 100 Federal agencies.

USA.gov [https://www.usa.gov/]
"The World Wide Web information portal for the United States Federal Government." This site serves as the "first resource to find any government information on the Internet, with topics ranging from business and economy to money and benefits to science and technology." A search engine is provided; you can also browse by the branch of the government; by Interesting Topics; or by Featured Subjects which highlight interesting and timely information. There are also links to state and local government information.

Census Bureau (United States) [http://www.census.gov/]
This is a major source of statistical data. Use the "Subject A-Z" index and check out "Census" ---"1990"---"Lookup." Look by state, county, place or tract using over 250 variables.

Covers 200 years of general population statistics, general agricultural statistics, and general manufacturing statistics. A subject index is provided.

The standard summary of statistics on the social, political and economic organization of the U.S. Includes government and private statistical data that is primarily national in scope. Includes some regional, state, and metropolitan statistics; also some comparative international statistics

Covers statistics through the mid-1990s, on demographics, education, health, labor & employment, income, housing, crime and criminal justice, voting, leisure, the environment, and government.

CURRENT STATISTICAL RESOURCES

The Secrets of Economic Indicators [REF HB 3730 .B38]
Detailed descriptions of over 40 economic indicators, among them employment, consumer spending, national output and inventories, housing and construction, foreign trade, and productivity and wages. Explains what exactly each indicator measures, how it is computed, where to find the relevant report on the web, the day and time this report is released, the source of the information, and how often the information is revised. Also discusses the market impact of these indicators on bonds, stocks, and currency plus profiles of international indicators and a listing of where to locate them on the web.

Bureau of Economic Analysis [http://www.bea.gov/]
An agency of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, BEA's economic statistics "... provide a comprehensive, up-to-date picture of the U.S. economy." BEA's current national, industry, regional, and international estimates usually appear first in news releases which are available in a variety of formats. In addition, its monthly journal of record, the Survey of Current Business pulls together estimates, analyses, research, and methodology.

This is the most current and comprehensive source for economic indicator statistics. Tables include personal income, industrial productivity, business sales and inventories, commodity prices, labor force, and earnings. Statistical series usually give monthly statistics for the last year and annual statistics for the previous two years. The July issue has the annual national income and product accounts (NIPA) statistics.

Consumer price index, producer price index, and other basic measures of labor and the economy can be found here.

Articles on finance, business, and banking that often include economic indicator statistics. Monthly compilation of financial and business statistics, usually for the last four or five years.
Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) [http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/]
Data on CPI, money supply, unemployment and much more.

World Development Indicators
Recent data as well as important regional data and income group analysis are presented in six thematic chapters: World View, People, Environment, Economy, States and Markets, and Global Links.

Most recent CPI data.

Economic Indicators [http://www.census.gov/economic-indicators/]
Monthly data for standard economic indicators, including CPI, gross domestic product, interest rates, labor force and unemployment, and the index of leading indicators can be found at this site. Also available in hard copy in Library [REF HC 103 .E26 1992].

The first section contains in-depth articles on current labor issues. The second part includes statistics on the Consumer Price Index, Producer Price Index, employment and unemployment statistics and collective bargaining agreements. There is less detail, but a longer range of years is covered, than Employment and Earnings.

MassStats [http://www.caliper.com/MassStats3/]
Map-based data on economic condition of Massachusetts, including wages, employment, unemployment, industry and occupation projections.

Books & Articles

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Browse the Call Numbers of print books (find and look around the below locations in the book shelves):

HA Statistics - including collections of general and census statistics
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HC Economic history and conditions - by region or country
HD Economic history and conditions - Production, Land use, Agriculture, Industry, Labor
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HG Finance
HJ Public Finance

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**Business Source Elite**

Full-text coverage of scholarly business, management and economics journals. Also includes Company Profiles with SWOT analysis.

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News, company and industry information, financial information, and full text articles.

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### Great Websites!

**AmosWEB** [http://www.amosweb.com]

See GLOSS*arama for more than 1800 economic terms, WEB*pedia for encyclopedic entries to more than 300 basic economic concepts, and the Pedestrian's Guide to the Economy for explanations of social issues ranging from personal finance to health care to athletes salaries from an economic point of view.

**International Economic Statistics (IES) Database** [https://fred.stlouisfed.org/categories/32263]

Search for key economic indicators by title, country, subject or keyword.

**RePEc (Research Papers in Economics)** [http://repec.org]

The heart of the project is a decentralized database of working papers, journal articles and software components. All RePEc material is freely available.

**RFE: Resources for Economists on the Internet** [http://rfe.org/]

A comprehensive collection of online resources for economists, including journals, working papers, newsletters, research organizations, software, employment opportunities, and other Internet sites that have been chosen based on content.

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