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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.

The New Palgrave: A Dictionary of Economics. 1987. [REF HB 61 .N49]

The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law. 1998. [REF K 487 .E3 N48]

The New Palgrave Dictionary of Money & Finance. 1992. [REF HG 151 .N48]

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

GUIDE

Business Information: Finding and Using Data in the Digital Age 2003. [REF HF 1010 .Z337]

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]

Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences: A Biographical Dictionary. [REF HB 76 .N63]

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](#)

Official statistical information from the Federal Government as collected and published by over 100 Federal agencies.

[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 \(United States\)](#)

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.

Statistical History of the States of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970. [REF HA 202 .B87]

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

Statistical Abstract of the United States. [REF HA 202 .N58]

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

Statistical Portrait of the United States: Social Conditions and Trends. [REF HA 214 .S73]

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](#)

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.

[Survey of Current Business](#) Monthly.

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.

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

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

[Federal Reserve Bulletin](#) Monthly.

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 \(FRED\)](#)

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.

[Current Consumer Price Data-News Releases](#)

Most recent CPI data.

[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].

[Monthly Labor Review](#) Monthly.

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*.

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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.

Great Websites!

Evaluating Web Sites

[International Economic Statistics \(IES\) Database](#)

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

[RePEc \(Research Papers in Economics\)](#)

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](#)

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.

<https://hub.nichols.edu/documents/economics.pdf>

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