

All print resources are available in the Michener Library Reference collection unless otherwise noted.

Where should I start my econometric research?

Some first stops for econometric data include:

- [Colorado by the Numbers](#) – online statistics for the state of Colorado.
- [Fedstats](#) – statistics from over 100 federal agencies
- [LexisNexis Statistical](#) – an online database that provides access to statistics produced by federal agencies, states, and intergovernmental organizations.
- [Statistical Abstract of the United States](#) – social, political, and economic statistics of the U.S. (also available in print edition from 1894 to present at C3.134: in Government Publications).
- [STAT-USA](#) – this online database has both federal and international information; “State of the nation” section includes current and historical U.S. economic data, including employment, housing/construction, manufacturing/retail, and monetary statistics.

Additional statistical sources include:

- **ACCRA Cost of Living Index** – provides comparative data for a “market basket of goods” in 300 different urban areas. Source is updated quarterly. (available in print at HB 235 .U6 C58 – current edition in reference, 2001-2003 in stacks)
- **American FactFinder** (<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>) – provides authoritative, detailed population and economic statistics from the Census Bureau.
- **Bureau of Justice Statistics** (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>) – access statistics dealing with criminal offenders, victims, corrections, and other crime topics. (Note: the FBI’s [Uniform Crime Reports](#), another federal criminal justice statistics source is available at in print in Government Publications area at J1.14/7: from 1938-1942 and 1946-present)
- **Bureau of Labor Statistics** (<http://www.bls.gov/>) – the principal agency for federal information in the field of labor economics and statistics. For labor statistics, consider BLS’s *Monthly Labor Review* (<http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/mlrhome.htm>).
- **Colorado Education Statistics** (http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_stats.htm) – provides graduation and dropout statistics, district statistics, and other education statistics for the state.
- **Federal Reserve** (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/rnd.htm>) – provides federal financial and monetary policy statistics
 - **FRASER** (Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research) (<http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/>) historical data provided by Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
 - **FRED** (Federal Reserve Economic Data) (<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>) a database of over 3000 U.S. economic time series that allows downloading of data into Microsoft Excel and text format.
- **Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970** (available in Reference at HA202 .B87 1975)
- **International Historical Statistics** – provides worldwide tables of statistics
 - **Africa Asia & Oceania: 1750-2000** (available in Reference at HA4675 .M552 2003)
 - **The Americas: 1750-2000** (available in Reference at HA175 .M553 2003)
 - **Europe: 1750-2000** (available in Reference at HA1107 .M5 2003)
- **International Marketing Data and Statistics 2003** (available in Reference at HA42 .I56; earlier editions available in stacks)
- **National Center for Education Statistics** (<http://nces.ed.gov/>) – access federal education statistics here. See especially *Digest of Education Statistics* (<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>)
- **Economic Report of the President** (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eop/>) – appendix includes detailed income, employment, and production statistics (available in print edition in Government Publications area from 1948 to present).
- **Economic Statistics Briefing Room** (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html>) – maintained by the executive office of the president, site provides brief overview of many different statistical sectors.

- **National Center for Health Statistics** (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>) – contains statistics related the American health, ranging from birth rates, divorce rates, nursing home residents, mental health, and data for individual states. See especially FASTSTATS (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/Default.htm>)
- **OFFSTATS** (Official Statistics on the Web) (<http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/subjects/stats/offstats/>) – this University of Auckland Library site provides statistical information by country, region or topic
- **Survey of Current Business** (<https://bea.gov/bea/pubs.htm>) – from the Department of Commerce, this monthly publication includes leading economic indicators, interest rates, disposable income and other relevant statistics.

Some general economics gateways on the web include:

- **American Economic Association** (<http://www.aeaweb.org>)
- **IDEAS** (<http://ideas.repec.org/>) – a large database of working papers, articles, and other information disseminated as part of the Research Papers in Economics (**RePEc**) project.
- **Labor Research Portal** (<http://www.iir.berkeley.edu/library/laborportal/>) – from the Institute of Industrial Relations Library; serving the Institute for Labor and Employment (University of California), the Institute of Industrial Relations (University of California, Berkeley), and the Institute of Industrial Relations (University of California, Los Angeles).
- **Resources for Economists on the Internet** (<http://rfe.org/>) -- from SUNY Oswego's Dept. of Economics
- **VIBES** (<http://library.uncc.edu/vibes/>) – this University of North Carolina, Charlotte site provides over 2,800 links to Internet sources of international business and economic information
- **WebEc** (<http://www.helsinki.fi/WebEc/>) – categorized economic websites from the Helsinki School of Economics in Finland.

Where do I find economics articles and research online?

Access online databases to obtain journal articles and specialized resources. Access the following databases from the Libraries' **Article Finder** (<http://www.unco.edu/library/dbases.htm>) web page. Recommended databases include:

- **Business Source Premier** (EBSCOhost) – provides full text for over 2,800 scholarly business and economic journals. The database also provides country economic reports.
- **EconLit** - produced by the American Economic Association. EconLit indexes and abstracts journal articles, essays, research papers, books, dissertations, book reviews, and working papers from 1969-present.
- **Handbooks in Economics** – A collection of volumes from Elsevier's Handbooks in Economics series. To see the list of handbooks available, scroll down the page to the section labeled "Handbooks in Economics online are:"
- **Infotrac OneFile** – provides some full text news and articles on a wide range of topics.
- **LexisNexis Statistical** – access statistics produced by federal agencies, states, and intergovernmental organizations.
- **NBER Working Papers** – 1994-present. Economic research disseminated by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization.
- **Social Sciences Citation Index** -- 1999-present. Offers bibliographic citations and cited references from a broad range of social sciences disciplines. Often used as a citation analysis tool.
- **STATUSA** – business and economic information from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note: To access a specific journal title in print or electronic form, see the [Periodical Title Search](#) page.

What are some recommended economics journals?

Access many of these journals online using the above online resources.

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| ▪ American Economic Review | ▪ International Labour Review |
| ▪ American Economist | ▪ Journal of Economic Issues |
| ▪ Brookings Review | ▪ Journal of Economic Perspectives |
| ▪ Economic Development & Cultural Change | ▪ Journal of Economics |
| ▪ The Economist | ▪ Journal of Economics and Business |
| ▪ Industrial and Labor Relations Review | ▪ Journal of Housing and Community Development |
| ▪ Industrial Relations | ▪ Journal of Labor Economics |

- Journal of Labor Research
- Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
- Journal of Regional Science
- Journal of Urban Economics
- Labor Law Journal
- Monthly Labor Review
- National Tax Journal
- Review of Economics and Statistics

Where can I get some help citing information?

- **APA** – the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (available at the Reference Desk at BF76.7 .P83 2001) is the definitive source for APA information.
- **MLA** – the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (available at the Reference Desk at LB2369 .G53 2003) is the authoritative source of MLA information.
- **Noodlebib** (available from the UNC Libraries databases at <http://www.unco.edu/library/dbasesalph.htm#n>) – an electronic resource that creates reference lists in APA or MLA format.
- **OWL: Research and Documenting Sources** (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/>) – Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab provides citation and reference list examples and guidance.
- **Research and Documentation Online** (<http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>) includes examples of documentation and sample papers.

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