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This guide provides selected information on economics. Included are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library databases, indicators, metasites, U.S. statistics, international statistics, professional associations, and selected print resources. For specific book titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

Library Databases

[EconLit with Full Text](#)

The American Economic Association's database, which provides indexing and abstracting of international economic literature. It corresponds to the print Journal of Economic Literature and covers books, journal articles, working papers, dissertations, and conference proceedings. Includes full text for more than 430 journals. Coverage is from 1969 to present.

[JSTOR](#)

JSTOR is a full-text collection of back issues of core scholarly journals. It includes over 25 economic journals.

[Business Source Complete](#)

Provides indexing and abstracts for the most important scholarly business journals, including the full-text of the Harvard Business Review back to 1922. Non-journal content includes financial data, books, conference proceedings, case studies, investment research reports, industry reports,

market research reports, country reports, company profiles, SWOT analyses, and more.

[Wall Street Journal](#)

Provides abstracts and full-text articles. Abstracts available from 1984 to date.

[NBER Working Papers](#)

The National Bureau of Economic Research is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to creating a greater understanding of how the economy works. The website provides full-text, searchable NBER working papers which cover broad topics, such as aging, children, health, education, taxation, labor, productivity, and economic growth.

[LEXIS/NEXIS Academic](#)

Provides full-text searching of newspapers, trade journals, wire services, and transcripts of broadcasts. Business, legal, medical and reference sources are included. Newspaper coverage generally starts in the late eighties or early nineties.

[Conference Board](#)

Conference Board is a nonprofit, global, research organization. This database provides full-text economic articles and research that make forecasts and analyze trends.

[Springerlink](#)

The SpringerLink Online Journal collection includes more than 1,200 peer-reviewed journals, comprising more than 600,000 individual documents. Most titles include complete back issues to 1996. Journals cover economics and other social sciences.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

A full-text database with more than 5,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 4,600 peer-reviewed journals. Covers all academic subjects, including economics.

[Academic OneFile \(InfoTrac\)](#)

A source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the leading journals and reference sources. Offers extensive coverage of all academic fields. Includes full-text coverage of the New York Times back to 1995. Updated daily.

[InfoTrac's General Business File](#)

Provides articles from magazines, journals, and investment analysts' reports on major companies, industries, economics, and business. Coverage is from 1980 to the present.

[Project Muse](#)

Provides full-text scholarly journals of the Johns Hopkins University Press and its publishing partners. Nearly a dozen journals deal with the field of economics.

[Source OECD](#)

Contains the full-text of all Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

research reports, plus time series databases. Arranged under topic areas covering issues in agriculture, business, development, economics, education, environment, finance, governance, and statistics. Includes OECD Economic Outlook, OECD Factbook, Monthly Statistics of International Trade, National Accounts Database, and more. The website is keyword searchable.

[EIU Country Commerce](#)

Includes operating conditions, commercial laws, and business regulations of over 60 countries. Covers business environment, trade risks, economic indicators, and trading partners.

[International Financial Statistics \(IMF\)](#)

Allows the creation of user-defined tables of country and world economic data. Includes detailed market and commodity price statistics.

[Balance of Payments Statistics \(IMF\)](#)

Balance of Payments Statistics offers period data containing the economic transactions of an economy with the rest of the world. Allows the creation of user-defined tables of country and world data.

[STAT-USA](#)

A service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, this database includes the National Trade Data Bank (NTDB). Provides full-text reports and statistics on basic U.S. economic and financial data, as well as international trade data.

[Direction of Trade Statistics \(IMF\)](#)

Direction of Trade Statistics provides data on exports and imports between each country and all its trading partners. It includes bilateral and multilateral statistics aggregated at national or regional group level.

[Country Watch](#)

Provides a concise political, economic, corporate, and environmental survey for each of the 191 countries. Coverage is updated daily.

[MergentOnline](#)

MergentOnline allows access to the financial information of over 10,000 U.S. and international public companies. It also provides country profiles, which include demographics, economic statistics, government information, imports, exports, and stock exchange information.

[Emerald](#)

Provides over 40,000 articles from over 100 academic management journals, with full-text archives back to 1994. Subjects covered include marketing, management, engineering, and technology.

Indicators and Forecasting

[Livingston Survey](#)

<http://www.phil.frb.org/econ/liv/>

The Federal Bank of Philadelphia's Livingston Survey "summarizes the forecasts of economists from industry, government, banking, and academics." Includes recent releases and historical data.

[New England Economic Indicators](#)

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/nee/nee.htm>

A monthly publication that contains economic data and performance information for the New England states.

[Survey of Professional Forecasters](#)

<http://www.phil.frb.org/econ/spf/index.html>

Quarterly survey of macroeconomic forecasts in the United States. Includes short and long term inflation forecasts; historical data from 1968 forward; and current quarterly forecasts.

[U.S. Congressional Budget Office](#)

<http://www.cbo.gov>

Includes current and projected budget and economic information. Historic data and full-text publications are also available. Includes the full-text of the *Budget and Economic Outlook*.

[U.S. Economic Indicators](#)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/index.html>

Published monthly by the Council of Economic Advisors. Includes data for gross domestic product, income, corporate profits, employment and unemployment, bank and consumer credit, producer and consumer prices and more.

[U.S. Census Bureau. Briefing Room. Economic Indicators](#)

<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>

Provides current and historic indicator data and graphics covering manufacturing, construction, housing, trade, retail industry, and more.

[World Economic Outlook. International Monetary Fund](#)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=22576.0>

Provides some full-text content of IMF's analysis and projections of "economic developments at a global level." The October 2009 edition focuses on economic recovery.

Metasites

[Resources for Economists on the Internet](#)

<http://www.aeaweb.org/RFE/>

Sponsored by the American Economic Association, this site lists well over 1,000 internet resources of interest to academic and practicing economists.

[RePEC IDEAS](http://ideas.repec.org/)

<http://ideas.repec.org/>

"The largest bibliographic database dedicated to economics and available on the internet."
Includes over 190,000 research items that can be browsed or searched. Over 90,000 are available in full-text.

[Economic Time Series Page from Economagic](http://www.economagic.com/)

<http://www.economagic.com/>

Provides over 100,000 economic time series, for which data and charts can be retrieved. Data can be charted with comparisons, and Excel files are also available. Majority of data sets involve U.S. macroeconomic data from the Federal Reserve, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Department of Commerce. Includes stock price indexes and information from foreign banks, such as the Bank of Japan and the Central Bank of Europe.

[WebEc WWW Resources in Economics](http://www.helsinki.fi/WebEc/)

<http://www.helsinki.fi/WebEc/>

WebEc categorizes mostly free economic information in the Web and is geared toward academic economists. The site is searchable and covers a wide range of subjects, including education, labor, law, business, quantitative methods, public economics, history, and more.

[Dr. T's EconLinks](http://econlinks.com)

<http://econlinks.com>

A large portal of carefully screened economic and finance resources available on the web.

[Open Directory. Social Sciences: Economics](http://dmoz.org/Science/Social_Sciences/Economics/)

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The Open Directory Project is one of the largest, human-edited directories on the Web. Links are arranged by broad topic, and each includes a brief annotation. Coverage includes history, health, trade, finance, indicators, labor, philosophy, game theory, and much more.

[Intute: Social Sciences. Economics](http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/economics/)

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/economics/>

Aggregator site which provides quality links to data and papers in the field of economics, including agricultural economics, international trade, EU economics, microeconomics, public finance, taxes, health economics, and more.

[The International Economics Network](http://www.internationaleconomics.net/)

<http://www.internationaleconomics.net/>

Maintained by Jamus Jerome Lim, this site provides a portal for international economics. Broad topics offered include politics, law, finance, and development. Also links to research papers (some full-text).

[History of Economic Thought](#)

<http://cepa.newschool.edu/het/home.htm>

Provided by the New School for Social Research, New York, this site offers a collections of links and information on the history of economic thought, from the ancient times until the modern day. Most of the material is full-text.

Statistics: United States

[United States Census Bureau](#)

<http://www.census.gov>

Holds the full range of the Census data series. Includes an A to Z listing of data subjects, as well as the latest economic indicators. Includes federal, state, and local data.

[County and City Data Book](#)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/ccdb.html>

Published by the U.S. Census Bureau, this resource provides official population and housing data from the 2000 Census, in addition to selected business data.

[FEDSTATS](#)

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

The gateway to statistics from over 100 U.S. federal agencies. Maintains statistics on federal, state, and county levels, arranged by topic and by agency. Browse topics or search across agency sites.

[U.S. Federal Reserve Board. Economic Research and Data](#)

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/rnd.htm>

Provides full-text of FRB publications, including statistics and historical data, surveys, reports, working papers, and the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

[The Beige Book](#)

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/FOMC/BeigeBook/2010/>

An FRB report published eight times a year. Reports on current economic conditions for each FRB District and provides a regional "picture" of the economy.

[FRED II An Economic Time-Series Database](#)

<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>

This is a new version of Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED), which includes over 3,000 U. S. economic times series. Data categories include balance of payments, GDP, interest rates business and monetary indicators, regional data, and more. Data can be downloaded in Excel and text formats and can be viewed as charts. "On March 23, 2006, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System will cease the publication of the M3 monetary aggregate. It will also cease publishing the following components: large-denomination time deposits, RPs, and eurodollars." Use [ALFRED](#) to retrieve older versions of data that were available on specific

dates.

[University of Michigan. Government Document Center](#)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>

A central reference point for local, state, federal, foreign, and international statistical information. Maintains an extensive listing of links by subject. Includes trade, education, politics, and economics categories.

[Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)

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

This is a Department of Commerce website that provides information on economic growth, regional development, and U.S. status in the world economy. The site includes articles and data from the BEA's international, national, and regional programs. The available data includes national income and products accounts, personal income, international transaction accounts, regional economic accounts, and more. The BEA's monthly [Survey of Current Business](#) is available in full-text beginning in 1994.

[Budget of the United States](#)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/index.html>

Browse or search the annual U.S. Budget from 1996 through 2011. Links to the [Economic Reports of the President from 1947](#).

[Statistical Abstract of the United States](#)

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

Provides links to current PDF sections of the Statistical Abstract. Includes earlier editions.

[Historical Census Browser](#)

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>

Housed at the Virginia Geospatial and Statistical Data Center, the Historical Census Browser includes data that describes the population and economy of the U. S. states and counties from 1790-1960. Content varies with decade. Data can be sorted or graphed according to user-defined variables.

[United States Department of the Treasury](#)

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

The Treasury site provides current budget documents, including the Treasury's request and an analysis of the President's budget. Includes federal borrowing estimates; interest rate statistics; economic updates from the Office of Economic Policy, speeches, testimony, and much more.

[EPI Datazone](#)

http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/datazone_index

The Economic Policy Institute's Datazone provides national, state, and regional labor and employment data, including historical figures. National data can be viewed in both Excel and

PDF. Tables and graphics are available for download from the recently released [The State Of Working America 2008/2009](#).

[Government Section of TreasuryDirect](#)

<http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/govt.htm>

Formerly Public Debt Online, this U.S. government site provides public debt reports, debt schedules, current and past interest rates, and more. Includes colored charts and downloadable files.

[U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

<http://www.bls.gov>

Provides links to government data on the U.S. labor Force, unemployment, salaries, and wages. Includes full-text working papers, surveys, and other publications.

[Bureau of Economic Analysis. International Economic Accounts](#)

<http://www.bea.gov/International/Index.htm>

Data includes international transaction accounts (balance of payments) and the international investment positions accounts (accumulated stocks of the U.S.-owned assets abroad and of foreign-owned assets in the U.S.), plus estimates of U.S. direct investment abroad and foreign direct investment in the U.S. Tables are available in varied formats.

Statistics: Regional

[EconData.Net](#)

<http://www.econdata.net>

EconData is designed to aid researchers, students, and practitioners in gaining access to state and local socioeconomic data. It provides over 1,000 links to socioeconomic data sources. These links are arranged by subject and by provider and cover topics, such as demography, employment, income, trade, industry, quality of life, and prices.

[HUD USER. State of the Cities Data Systems \(SOCDS\)](#)

<http://socds.huduser.org/>

Provided by the federal Policy Development and Research Information Service, this site allow the user to obtain data for individual metropolitan areas, central cities, and suburbs. Data covered includes demographic and economic characteristics, employment, business patterns, crime, urban public finance, building permits, and more.

[New England Economic Indicators](#)

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/nee/nee.htm>

A monthly publication that contains economic data and performance information for the New England states.

[New England Public Policy Center](#)

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/neppc/index.htm>

The NEPPC Provides research and analysis about policy issues in NE, focusing on labor and urban economics, state and local public finance, education, land use, energy, and healthcare. Offers some free full-text working papers, conference reports, and research reports.

[Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development \(EOHED\)](#)

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=ehedhomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Ehed>

The EOHED aligns the state's housing & economic development agencies and hopes to attract and spread economic prosperity in the state. Its website includes recent full-text publications, news, and regulations.

[Massachusetts Economic Data](#)

<http://lmi2.detma.org/Lmi/LMIDataProg.asp>

Provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, this site includes links to economic data on employment, unemployment, wage data, and more.

[Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development \(EOLWD\). Employment/Jobs](#)

<http://lmi2.detma.org/Lmi/Employment.asp>

This site provides current employment and wage data.

[Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Regional Economic Conditions](#)

<http://www.bos.frb.org/economic/regional/index.htm>

Includes links to full-text publications, such as the [New England Economic Indicators](#), and [New England Fiscal Facts](#) (last issue was 2005). This is a searchable economic database includes data on employment, income, consumer prices, real estate, exports, and more.

[Massachusetts Benchmarks](#)

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

This is a project of the University of Massachusetts in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and is managed by the UMass Donahue Institute. The journal is geared to the professional and the researcher, and articles include discussion of economic trends, industry analysis, public opinion, and special topics. Current and past issues are available full-text.

Statistics: International

[OECD Statistics Portal](#)

http://www.oecd.org/statsportal/0,2639,en_2825_293564_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

Produces statistics and research on OECD member countries. Provides mostly abstracts of statistical publications and research, covering economics, finance, labor, trade, environment, and other topics. There is little free full-text publications, but titles are available for purchase. Suffolk University students, faculty, and staff may access OECD material and data through [SourceOECD](#).

[World Bank. Data & Research](#)

<http://econ.worldbank.org>

Provides links to full-text World Bank research reports, working papers, and data sets. Site can be searched by keyword, topic, program, or key output.

[United Nations Statistics Division](#)

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

Some United Nations publications and statistics are available in full-text, covering subjects such as the environment, housing, national accounts, and trade.

[Penn World Table](#)

http://www.pwt.econ.upenn.edu/php_site/pwt_index.php

"Penn World Table provides purchasing power parity and national income accounts converted to international prices for 168 countries for some or all of the years 1950-2000." Three output formats are provided: html table, SAS data, and comma delimited data file. Created by the Center for International Comparisons at the University of Pennsylvania (CICUP)

[CIA World Factbook](#)

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Each entry provides country demographic statistics, economic conditions, industry and trade data, and governmental issues.

[Country and Industry Market Reports](#)

<http://www.export.gov/mrlogin.html>

The Federal Government's Export.Gov website provides links to research reports, studies, and data for global U.S. business. Includes the *Country and Commercial Guides*, prepared by the U.S. Embassy staff to provide the business and economic status of foreign countries. Free registration is required.

[Eurostat](#)

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home/>

Website of the European Union's Statistical Office. Includes data on financial and monetary indicators, trade, consumer prices, balance of payments, unemployment, production, and more. News, working papers, and some publications are available in full-text.

[International Economic Trends](#)

<http://research.stlouisfed.org/publications/iet>

Provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, this site includes information on output, growth, inflation, prices, labor markets, foreign exchange rates, production, and more in graphic form.

Professional Associations

[American Economic Association](#)

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/>

Provides information on the association, its publications, and its members. Members have access to additional information.

[American Finance Association](#)

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

An academic organization devoted to the study of financial economics. Provides membership and meeting information and selected full-text access to the *Journal of Finance*.

[Canadian Economics Association](#)

<http://economics.ca/>

Provides information on publications, conferences, university departments, and memberships.

[Euro-American Association of Economic Development Studies](#)

<http://www.usc.es/~economet/ea.htm>

The "EAAEDS promotes the communication among european and american countries in the field of economic development studies and cooperation, as well international cooperation with other countries." Offers free online working papers and some free journal articles.

Selected Print Resources

[American Incomes](#)

REF HC110.I5 A447 2007

Provides easy-to-read tables largely based on data from the *Current Population Survey* .

[Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook. IMF. \(Annual\).](#)

REF HF1014 .B3

Contains balance of payments data for 160 countries and investment position data for 37 countries. Information is presented in regional and world tables. Available [online](#).

[Business Statistics of the United States](#)

REF HC101 .A13122 2009

Provides basic historical and updated data on the U.S. economy. Contains 3,000 economic time series, largely from federal government sources. Includes data, such as GDP, income, employment, investment, prices, wages, productivity, profits, international trade, and interest rates.

[County and City Extra. Annual Metro, City, and County Data Book.](#)

REF HA203 .668 2009

An annual publication providing statistical information "for every state, county, metropolitan area, congressional district, and for all cities of the U.S. with a 2,000 population of 25,000 or

more." Includes data on population, housing, vital statistics, health, crime, education, income, employment, industry, and more.

[Demographics of the U.S. : Trends and Projections.](#)

REF DESK HC106 .82.R87 2007

Provides statistics and demographic trends from 1950 to the end of the 20th century and projecting some into the future. Covers a wide range of topics, including employment, health, education, income, housing, and more.

[Economic Indicators Handbook. 2d Ed.](#)

REF DESK HC103 .E26 2002

Provides statistical series commonly used to measure the U.S. economy. Includes Gross National Product (GNP) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP); composite indexes of indicators; selected economic series; comprehensive Consumer Price Index (CPI); Producer Price Index; and selected stock market indexes.

[Economic Report of the President](#)

REF HC106.5 .A272 2010

An annual report written by the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. Provides an overview of the country's economic progress, using text and extensive data. Available free [online](#) at GPO Access.

[Government Finance Statistics Yearbook. IMF. \(Annual\).](#)

REF HJ101 .G68

Provides world, country, and institutional tables for government operations. Data includes revenues, expenditures, and debt. Available [online](#) through the Sawyer Library.

[Guide to Economic Indicators. 3rd Ed.](#)

REF DESK HC103 .F9 2000

Provides concise explanations for 70 statistical measures of the U.S. economy.

[Illustrated Book of World Rankings](#)

REF DESK HA155 .K87 2001

"Compares and ranks over 190 nations according to their performance in almost 300 key areas." Most data is gathered from the U.N., the World Bank, the IMF, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

[International Financial Statistics Yearbook. IMF. \(Annual\).](#)

REF HG61 .I57

Excellent source for statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. Available [online](#).

[McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Economics. 2d Ed.](#)

REF HB61 .E55 1994

Provides over 300 articles, covering the most significant subjects in economics and related fields. Each article is signed by an expert and includes a bibliography.

[New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law. \(3 vols.\)](#)

REF K487.E3 .N48 1998

This dictionary is geared toward judges, academic lawyers, and economists. Each of the 399 entries are written by experts and include bibliographies.

[Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History. \(5 vols\)](#)

REF HC15 .094 2003

Covers all global economic history from earliest times to modern times and includes the entire material existence of human history. Includes nearly 900 comprehensive entries, arranged alphabetically under broad topics. Articles are written by academic experts and include extensive bibliographies. Available [online](#) at Oxford Reference Online Premium.

[State Profiles. The Population and Economy of each U.S. State. 2nd Ed.](#)

REF HA203 .S74 2006

Includes individual state data on wages, income, employment, industry, government finances, energy consumption, taxes, population totals, and more.

[Statistical Abstract of the United States](#)

REF DESK HA202 .S797

Issued annually by the U.S. Census Bureau, this reference work provides statistics on social, economic, and political aspects of American life.

[World Economic Factbook](#)

REF DESK HC59.15 .W675

Provides a two-page report on 204 countries plus a comparative World Rankings section. Data is taken from official national sources and supplemented with multilateral sources (IMF, UN, etc.). Annual.

[Worldmark Encyclopedia of National Economies. \(4 vols.\)](#)

REF HC15 .W67 2002

Provides overviews of the economic structure and climate of 198 countries. Each entry includes key data and analysis of economic conditions, their relationship to social and political trends, and their impact on the population. The online version is available through the [Gale Virtual Reference](#) database.

[Law and Economics in a Nutshell](#)

REF K487 .E3H37 2003

Covers terms and controversies in law and economics and basic economic applications to broad areas of the law, such as criminal, tort, and government regulation.

