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A primary government source for business, international trade, and economic statistics.

#### ***State of the Nation***

Choose this area if you want current or historical information on the US economy. This includes data on "General Economic Indicators," "Housing and Construction," "Employment," "Manufacturing and Industry," "Monetary Statistics," and "Economic Policy."

#### ***GLOBUS & NTDB***

Choose this area if you want current or historical information on international trade or international market research. This includes "Current Exchange Rates," "Trade Leads," "Market and Country Research," "International Trade Statistics," and a List of "Contacts."

#### **To Search:**

First, scroll down the screen to get beyond the information on new releases and the section called the *Newstand*, which is a link to reports that are for sale. Next, click on the hypertext link for *State of the Nation* or *GLOBUS & NTDB*. Then, click on the link under the category of information that you want.

For example, click on *State of the Nation*, look under the category called *General Economic Indicators*, and click on the link to the Consumer Price Index.

Or, click on the *GLOBUS & NTDB*, look under *International Trade Statistics*, click on U. S. Imports by Commodity, and then choose and click on a report. At the report level, you will find either the report, itself, which you may download or print out, or a list of links to additional reports. Again, just click on the link, and the report content will appear on your screen.

**Please Note:**

The NTDB offers a handy way to search the entire database by topic. Click on the link to ***Search the Entire National Trade Data Bank*** and enter key words that represent your research question into the text box. For example, if you are interested in exploring the market for healthcare products in China, you could look for reports by typing healthcare and China in the search box. Or, if you are interested in Mexican coffee exports, you could put Mexico and coffee in the search box, and then choose from the reports that are listed on the screen. There is also a handy section called ***Click Here for Searching Tips*** if you would like further assistance.

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