

Data Sources for Econ 196 Papers

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The following resource list may help you with your literature reviews and also in finding data for empirical work undertaken for your research paper. Please understand that this list is not exhaustive (if you look you will be able to find other sources).

Literature Data Bases

The following resources can be accessed via the UC Berkeley library website.

- [Econlit](#) Indexes economic journals, book chapters, and working papers. Covers 1969 onward.
- [IDEAS: Economics and Finance Research](#) Database on economics with working papers, books, book chapters, and journal articles.
- [Web of Science \(SSCI\)](#) Includes the Social Science Citation Index and the Science Citation Index.
- [Ejournal Lookup](#) Directory of journals available electronically to UCB users, searchable by title and category. For complete information on a title, search Oskicat.
- [JSTOR](#) Multidisciplinary electronic archive of selected scholarly journals. JSTOR does not always provide links to the most recent issues of the journals it archives. Depending on the title, there can be 1-5-year gap between the current issue and the back issues available in JSTOR.
- [Business Source Complete](#) Scholarly business data base indexing journals back to 1886. Full text of many articles with additional full text sources such as author profiles, financial data, books, monographs, reference works, book digests, conference proceedings, case studies, investment research reports, industry reports, market research reports, country reports, company profiles, SWOT analyses and more.
- [National Bureau of Economic Research \(NBER\)](#) Research organization of the leading economics scholars around the country. Includes data and working papers.
- [Elsevier Geography](#) Journals, monographs, books, conference proceedings, and theses in geography and international development.
- [OECD iLibrary](#) Publications and data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), including country studies, reports, and datasets.
- [World Bank E-library](#) Full text of 4,500 World Bank publications.
- [Google Scholar \(\[www.scholar.google.com\]\(http://www.scholar.google.com\)\)](#) Online academic paper search engine. Links to UC licensed content if you connect via the UCB Library Proxy or VPN.

Data Sources

- Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). On this site you can search for data sets by keyword or subject.
- IQSS Dataverse Network. Vast network of collection of social science research data worldwide, from Harvard University.
- International Household Survey Network Catalog. International catalog of household surveys with links to national or international databanks.

- Living Standards Measurement Surveys, World Bank. This site provides a list of publicly available household surveys for more than 30 countries for multiple years. Almost all of the surveys it lists are publicly available (and can be downloaded by you).
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). The PSID is a nationally representative longitudinal study of nearly 9,000 US families. Following the same families and individuals since 1968, the PSID collects data on economic, health, and social behavior.
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This site contains a wide range of monthly and annual data collected from households and from firms on a wide variety of variables, including employment, unemployment, compensation, inflation, consumer expenditures, and productivity.
- Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS). This site contains data from the U.S. Decennial Census for the years 1790 - 2000.
- Thomas J. Long Business & Economics Library at UC Berkeley. This site has a substantial number of data sets, some of which are not free to the public but available to UC Berkeley students.
- Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD). This collection will be particularly useful for students interested in development economics.
- National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). This site provides a wide variety of micro- and macroeconomic data sets. NBER working papers, also listed there, are useful for acquiring a sense of how economists frame and answer research questions.
- Investment Climate Survey. The World Bank's Enterprise Surveys collect information about the business environment, how it is perceived by individual firms, how it changes over time, and about the various constraints to firm performance and growth. Business data are available on 100,000+ firms in 118 countries. Data are used to create indicators that benchmark the quality of the business and investment climate across countries.
- World Values Survey (WVS). This is a survey of individual and social attitudes in 87 societies around the world totaling more than 256,000 interviews. The survey has been carried out in 5 rounds (1981-1984, 1989-1993, 1994-1999, 1999-2004, and 2005-2008). The survey data can be downloaded by wave or country, or by pooling all rounds together.

The following data sources are accessible from the Library Research Guide in Economics:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/alacarte/subject-guide/46-Economics>

- CEIC Global Database. A data base of more than 400,000 economic time series covering a growing list of countries in Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Data items include: National Accounts, Industrial, Sales, Construction-Property, Demographic-Labor, Domestic and Foreign Trade, Stock Markets, Banking, Inflation, Monetary, Forex, Investment, Tourism, and Transport/Telecom.
- Commodity Trade Statistics Database (COMTRADE). Trade data by commodity for 130 countries. For many countries, data extends back to 1962. (Caution: some users report problems using this data base with Firefox.)
- China Data Online. Monthly and annual economic statistics for China organized by region and category. Includes macroeconomic, population, census and financial data for more than 568 industrial sectors. Also includes industrial and marketing surveys and an atlas of China. Links are provided to the China Data Center at the University of Michigan, where additional data may be accessed.
- Eurostat. Publications and statistics for the European Union, covering inter alia economics, population, agriculture, trade, transportation, and environmental data. Some state and city level data are also available.

- FAOSTAT. Time series data on food production, agricultural trade, forest products, and fisheries from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for a wide variety of countries.
- Global Financial Data (GFD). Financial and economic data including: long-term historical indices for stock markets, total return data for stocks, bonds, and bills, interest rates; exchange rates, inflation rates, bond indices, commodity indices and prices, consumer price indices, gross domestic product, individual stocks, sector indices, treasury bill yields, wholesale price indices and unemployment rates. Covers upwards of 200 countries. Data are available in ASCII or Excel.
- Historical Statistics of the United States. (HSUS). Comprehensive historical statistics for the United States drawn mainly but not exclusively from census data. Coverage varies by subject with some data going back to 1790. Users may download tables in Excel or CSV and manipulate the data in other ways.
- Indiastat. Statistical data from Indian government and private sources: finance, agriculture, health, housing, transportation, and many other topics. Notably includes census data. User ID and password required. Please inquire at any Library Reference Desk for assistance.
- International Financial Statistics (IFS). From the International Monetary Fund, data on exchange rates, interest rates, balances of payments, government finance, national accounts, prices, foreign reserves, and more.
- OECDiLibrary. Statistical data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for the so-called advanced economies.
- USA Trade Online. Specific U.S. export and import information on more than 18,000 commodities worldwide. This is a password site - to access ask at the Doe Reference Desk.
- UN Data. Range of economic, social, cultural, and demographic indicators: population, environment, health, economics, technology, trade, refugees and more, from the UN.
- UNCTADStat. International commodity price data and foreign direct investment data, from the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development. See also the World Investment Directory, which offers foreign direct investment data by country.
- World Development Indicators (WDI). From the World Bank, time series data (1960-present) for 207 countries. Allows you to chart and map data as well as create reports.
- World Income Inequality Database. Information for over 140 countries on income inequalities at both cross-country and time series levels over the period 1950-98, mostly since 1980. See also the University of Texas Income Inequality Project.
- Data Lab at Doe Library. This site can be used to search the data available at Doe Library. The library also has data consulting services for students on the first floor.
- Harvard's Michael Kremer has put together a list of datasets publicly available for people interested in doing research in development economics. Google him.