Country Research

Information on countries can be found in a variety of resources. This guide is designed to help point you in the right direction by providing a starting point for your research. Remember to always ask a librarian when you need assistance.

Reference Sources

The G and GN section of the Reference collection contains sources relating to country resources.


Databases

You can always access one of the databases available to you via the library’s homepage at http://library.cw.edu or by clicking on the library icon on any on-campus computer desktop. The databases can also be accessed from the CW Portal at http://portal.cw.edu and then clicking on the CW Library link.

Try the following databases to find articles relating to countries:

EBSCO Academic Search Elite
This database offers information in nearly every area of academic study including: computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more.

Mergent Online
Provides company data, annual reports, archival data, bond portraits, and equity portraits for both U.S. and international companies and country profiles.

ProQuest (Research Library)
Search for coverage of a broad range of subjects including arts, business, children, education, general interest, health, humanities, international, law, military, multicultural, psychology, sciences, social sciences, and women's interests.

Internet Resources

There are numerous sources to access country data on the Internet. You should always check the source that is providing the information to ensure that it is valid and reliable. Here is a section of reputable sources that can start you on your way.

Infoplease: Countries of the World
http://www.infoplease.com/countries.html
Country profiles that include: maps, flags, history, population, current ruler, etc.

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State and Country Quick Facts
http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/
Quick, easy access to facts about people, business and geography in the U.S.

UNICEF
Charitable organization that includes country information and statistics about countries throughout the world.

The World Factbook
Includes country profiles, maps, statistical information on population, geographical information and more.

The World Bank Group
http://www.worldbank.org/
Charitable organization that includes articles and statistics about countries that have poor economic conditions.

You can always use a search engine to find professional organizations or additional information that relate to countries. Try Google (http://www.google.com) or the Librarian’s Index to the Internet (http://lii.org).

Additional Resources

Books
Geography: Realms, Regions and Concepts  G 128 D42 2000

Periodicals
National Geographic
The New York Times
U.S. News and World Report

Always remember to ask a librarian for assistance. We are here to help.

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