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Step 1. Collecting Background Information

Library Databases – Find by Name using the A-Z list on the library homepage



Economist Intelligence Unit ViewsWire

 Look for your country from dropdown menu on the left

Economist Intelligence Unit Country Commerce

- Find country county reports:
 - 1. Click See all countries
 - 2. Select you country (if available)
 - 3. Under the **Reports** tab click on the PDF file to open the full county report
 - 4. If your country is not listed, see Export.gov's Market Research Reports below

Business Source Complete

- Find county information:
 - 1. Click on the Country Reports link on the right
 - 2. Browse for your country by name
 - 3. Look in the result list for current country reports

Passport (Euromonitor, formerly GMID)

- Find industry information by country
 - 1. Click Search from the top menu
 - 2. Select your industry
 - 3. Click Now Choose Geographies and select your country
 - 4. Run search

<u>Websites</u>

Country Commercial Guides from Export.Gov- <u>http://export.gov/ccg</u>

• Click **Opportunities** → **Market Research** to access **Country Commercial Guides** via the Market Research Library.



Global Edge- http://globaledge.msu.edu/

• Comprehensive guide to international business intelligence

Find an online version of this guide at:

http://research.library.gsu.edu/busa3000

Login from off campus with your Campus ID and Password



Library Resources for BUSA 3000

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Georgia Department of Economic Development- http://georgia.org

- Competitive Advantages → Business Incentives
- Business Resources → International Business Resources→International Trade:
 - Country Connections
 - Trade Opportunity Alerts
- Business Resources→International Business Resources→ Foreign Direct Investment

CIA World Factbook- https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html

• Country Profiles compiled by CIA; use for basic information/ data on your country

Country Background Notes- <u>http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/</u>

• Country Profiles Compiled by Department of State; use for basic information on your country

BBC News Country Profiles- http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

• Use for background information on countries and links major media outlets

Step 2- Finding Articles & Data

Article Searching Tips

Boolean Connectors – Use the connectors OR and AND to broaden or narrow your search.

Narrow Search: trade and multinational

Expand Search: trade or export or import

Nesting – Use parentheses and Boolean connectors to create sophisticated search strings.

(trade or export or import) AND multinational

Truncation – Use truncation symbol to look for multiple word endings.

Export\$ = exporting or export or exported or exports

Recommended list of article databases:

Factiva (newspapers)

LexisNexis Academic (newspapers, company information)

Business Source Complete (trade & academic publications)

ABI Inform Complete (trade & academic publications)



Verifying that your article is from your country

At the topic of each article in Factiva you will see the source name. Click on this source name to view source details. There you will find country of origin.

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Recommended list Company databases:

- Mergent Online (financials, ratios and filings)
- Thomson One Banker Analytics (financials, filings, analyst reports; only works in IE)
- LexisNexis Academic (lots of info behind the company profile link)
- Business Source Complete (use Company Information link on top of page)

Open (free) Data Sources:

- WDI <u>http://data.worldbank.org/</u> Data from the World Bank; Search by indicator or country
- ILOSTAT- http://www.ilo.org/ilostat International Labour Organization data
- IMF eLibrary Data- http://elibrary-data.imf.org/ International Monetary Fund data
- UN Comtrade Database- <u>http://comtrade.un.org/</u> international trade statistics from the UN

Step 3- Writing and Citing

Citation Help and Tools

OWL- <u>http://owl.english.purdue.edu/</u>

• Use for citation formatting rules and examples in APA, MLA, and Chicago

Citing Business Sources in APA - information and examples

- Business Research Launchpad (APA) <u>http://www.d.umn.edu/~jvileta/citation.html</u>
- Steve Cramer's Guide to Citing Business Sources in APA- <u>http://uncg.libguides.com/bus</u>