

# User Guide to WDI Resources

The World Development Indicators is the World Bank's premier compilation of cross-country comparable data on development. The database currently includes around 1,600 time-series indicators for almost 220 economies and more than 45 country groups, with data for many indicators going back more than 50 years. You can access the data and metadata through a variety of resources:



## World Development Indicators

Explore the World Development Indicators website (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/>): a discovery tool and storytelling platform for our data that takes users behind the scenes with information about data coverage, curation, and methodologies.



## Browse open data by country and indicators

Search for time-series data using World Bank Open Data (<https://data.worldbank.org>). To view a specific indicator online, you can browse the thematic list (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator?tab=all>) or use the url <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/> (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/>) and the indicator code (<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/201175-how-does-the-world-bank-code-its-indicators>). For example, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL> (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>) will display a page which provides global and national trends for total population, the metadata and sources behind the data, data download options, and related indicators.



## Query and visualize data in DataBank

Access the World Development Indicators database in DataBank (<http://databank.worldbank.org/wdi>) to query and analyze time and series data and use the visualization tools to generate, download, and embed tables, charts and maps. For more information, see the DataBank FAQs

(<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/faq/html/databank-faq.html>) or the video tutorial (<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/faq/video/databank-tutorial-overview.html>).



### **Bulk downloads and archived versions**

Download bulk files through the World Bank's data catalog WDI page (<https://datacatalog.worldbank.org/dataset/world-development-indicators>) (available under "Data & Resources") or access individual indicators via API (<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/889386-developer-information-overview>). In addition, archived versions of the WDI database are available from 1989 onwards via DataBank ([http://databank.worldbank.org/data/source/wdi-database-archives-\(beta\)](http://databank.worldbank.org/data/source/wdi-database-archives-(beta))) or the Archive (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/wdi-archives.html>) page.



### **WDI Statistical Tables**

Browse WDI statistical tables (<http://wdi.worldbank.org/tables>) online to see curated data across countries by topic and indicator, and download formatted tables in Excel and PDF form for printing.



### **Sources & methods**

Explore the data compilation methodology (<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/topics/19373-data-compilation-methodology>) used in preparing the World Development Indicators.



### **SDG resources**

SDG related indicators can be explored in the SDG dashboard (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgs/>), which uses WDI data and through DataBank (<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/databases/page/1/orderby/popularity/direction/deqterm=sdg>). In addition to databases, the Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgatlas/>) presents a visual guide to key SDGs developed by World Bank experts.



## WDI back issues

Browse previous issues of the World Development Indicators Report (<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/discover?scope=/&query=World+Development+Indicators&rpp=10>) in PDF format.



## Contact us

The World Development Indicators database was developed by the World Bank's Development Data Group (<https://data.worldbank.org/about>). You can contact us at [data@worldbank.org](mailto:data@worldbank.org) (<mailto:data@worldbank.org>) for data questions and feedback.

## Useful Resources

Data Stories (</world-development-indicators/stories.html>)

The world by income and region (</world-development-indicators/the-world-by-income-and-region.html>)

Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (</world-development-indicators/wdi-and-the-sustainable-development-goals.html>)

Atlas of SDGs 2018 (View online (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgatlas/>) | PDF (<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/29788>))

Atlas of SDGs 2017 (View online (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgatlas/archive/2017>) | PDF (<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/26306>))

WDI: SDG Dashboards (<http://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgs>)

User guide to WDI resources (</world-development-indicators/user-guide.html>)

Sources and methods (</world-development-indicators/sources-and-methods.html>)

Country (<https://data.worldbank.org/country>) and Indicator (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator>) pages

Query and analyze data in DataBank (<http://databank.worldbank.org/wdi>)

Bulk downloads of WDI (<https://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/world-development-indicators>) (Excel ([http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/WDI\\_excel.zip](http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/WDI_excel.zip)) | CSV ([http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/WDI\\_csv.zip](http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/WDI_csv.zip)))

API Documentation (<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/889386>)

Statistical Tables (<http://wdi.worldbank.org/tables>)

WDI reports (</world-development-indicators/world-development-indicators-reports.html>)

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