

DATA SOURCES FOR THE POLICY SCIENCES¹

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This list of data sources started in 2018 as a service to students in my research methods course. After the semester ended, I kept adding to this list whenever I came across or remembered another data source. Although I am now adding new sources less frequently because I have identified the “easy pickings,” this document is a work in progress and open to changes.

In general, I am limiting the list to sites where at least some of the data are available free of charge. There are many private vendors of data that are not included in this document if they charge for all of their data. As much as possible I have avoided duplicate listings of sources and instead relied on cross-references. However, there are instances when duplicating a listing under a different topic makes finding a resource easier for the reader.

I welcome suggestions and, of course, additions to the list. If a link is no longer working, please also let me know, as link failures are unavoidable as time passes. I included the titles of data sources whenever they are available. This will allow you to enter them as search terms if a link is no longer working. All links worked when I first entered them. Comments on how to improve the organization of this resource would be appreciated. Please send suggestions, corrections, and comments to pvschaeffer@gmail.com.

For those interested in microdata, I recommend the following open-access book:

Nuno Crato and Paolo Paruolo, editors. *Data-Driven Policy Impact Evaluation: How Access to Microdata is Transforming Policy Design*. SpringerOpen 2019. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-78461-8>

For those interested in “Big Data,” I recommend:

Steh Stephen-Davidowitz (2017). *Everybody Lies – Big Data, New Data and what the Internet can tell us about who we really are*. Dey Street Books. Available as inexpensive paperback or for Kindle or audio book. I found a free PDF version at <http://www.bdbanalytics.ir/media/1211/everybody-lies-2017.pdf>. Before downloading, make sure it is a legal copy (I think it is). [Also recommended is a Big Data Course by Opportunity Insights: [Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems | Opportunity Insights](#)]

The American Economic Association maintains a data portal you may also find helpful: <https://www.aeaweb.org/resources/data>.

A still relatively new project called TOP (The Opportunity Project) makes access to US Census data easier. Information about the project is available at: [TOP: Colleges and Universities Promote Census Data Accessibility](#)

Even if you never conduct any surveys of your own, every data user should have some knowledge of survey research methods because the data we use are based on surveys. The National Institutes of

¹ The most up-to-date version of this document will always be made available online at <https://www.petervschaeffer.com/publications.html> (look for *Miscellaneous*)

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Health maintain a site about survey research: <http://www.esourceresearch.org/tabid/36/Default.aspx>. Another good resource is a paper published by the U.S. Census Bureau:

William J. Carrington, John L. Eltinge, and Kristin McCue, 2000. *An Economist's Primer on Survey Samples*. Washington, DC: Census Bureau, Discussion Paper CES 00-15.
<https://www2.census.gov/ces/wp/2000/CES-WP-00-15.pdf>

When working with U.S., Canadian, or Mexican industries, familiarity with the NAICS codes is a must. NAICS stands for North American Industrial Classification System, established in 1997. A searchable "handbook" can be found at <https://www.naics.com/search-naics-codes-by-industry/>. The predecessor system in the United States was called the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and differs from the NAICS. If you use older data you may need to "translate" between these two systems, which can be done with the help of <https://www.naics.com/sic-naics-crosswalk-search-results/>.

A word of caution when using a site in a language you are not very familiar with. Online translation software has become much better than it used to be, but it is not perfect. This applies especially to technical terms and language. Also, be aware that the same word can mean different things in different languages. An example is *Corn* in English (*Mais* in German) and *Korn* in German (*wheat* in English, the generic meaning in German is grain and the word is also used for a 70 – 80 proof beverage made from grains). *High School* is another word with different meanings. Literally translated it is *Hochschule* in German; however, in German this word refers to university-level institutions such as the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, ETH). The Scandinavian uses of this word also refer to higher education institutions. Polytechnic is another term in education that does not mean the exact same thing everywhere. An even greater difference exists in the use of *gymnasium* in American English (usually an indoor sports/exercise facility) and a *Gymnasium* in German-speaking countries (a selective high school leading to entry into college). Some terms may almost mean the same in different languages but have subtly different meanings, such as industry. In English, industry can be used for any industrial sector. In German, *Industrie* is often used as a synonym for manufacturing and *Industriebetrieb* (industrial facility) almost always refers to a manufacturing plant. In German, *Fabrik* stands for an industrial production facility while the English fabric is a textile.

For an example other than German versus English, consider the *baccalaureate* in American English, which is a college degree and the French *baccalauréat*, which is a high school diploma. Anyone with knowledge of another language could add to these examples.

Another word of caution concerns definitions. "Rural" has different definitions, even within the United States. In fact, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) alone uses several definitions and distinguishes between different types by degree of rurality. Some differences reflect the missions of the agencies that created the definitions, and of course, the meaning of "rural" in the United States should not be assumed to be the same as in other countries. Therefore, when conducting research that involves data from more than one country, make sure that definitions in each country are sufficiently consistent, or that particular data should not be used or, if no alternative is available, the results should be cautiously interpreted. Similarly, "urban" and "city" have different definitions in different countries. As an aside, in the United States, Virginia has counties but they do not include cities located in the county and statistics about them are kept separate.

Differences in laws can also make for different meanings. For example, foreign residents of countries that do not award automatic citizenship to children born within their borders (*jus sanguinis*) could be native born and foreign residents, something not possible in countries, such as the US, that award citizenship at the time of birth (*jus soli*).

The potential of errors because of different definitions applies to research using data from more than one country and to longitudinal studies. For example, many U.S. counties defined as urban in 2020, reflecting growing urbanization, were not considered urban in 1960. Community boundaries can also change over time because of mergers between communities (e.g., Switzerland, Sweden) or annexation (United States). In addition, even within the United States, there are differences in the powers of local governments. While in most states counties are important, in Rhode Island and Connecticut they play only a minor role. In addition, the rough equivalents of counties in Louisiana are called a parish and in Alaska they are referred to as boroughs. The point is that you should become informed about the places and regions you wish to study and not assume that they are similar to places you are familiar with.

I recommend an article first published in German and then in English by OECD. It deals with the quality of statistical information and is, therefore, useful to all who use statistical data in their research and writing. [Don't trust just any statistics! \(oecdstatistics.blog\)](https://oecdstatistics.blog). This blog regularly publishes articles that explain a variety of data and their limitations.

You may wish to check out the FAIR Guiding Principles of Data Management and Stewardship at [FAIR Principles - GO FAIR \(go-fair.org\)](https://go-fair.org). An excellent open access article on data ethics is [Reframing data ethics in research methods education: a pathway to critical data literacy \(uos.ac.uk\)](https://uos.ac.uk) by Atenas, Havemann, and Timmermann (2023).

In summary, the purpose of this document is to make information about data more easily available, while at the same time alerting new data users to potential issues with data and its uses.

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GENERAL DATA

UNITED STATES

- ✓ Census, *American Community Survey* (ACS): <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>; see also *Statistical Abstracts of the United States*: https://www.census.gov/library/publications/time-series/statistical_abstracts.html
- ✓ Census Linking Project (to generate longitudinal data sets): [Census Linking Project](#)
- ✓ NBER (National Bureau of Economic Research), *Public Use Data Archive*: [Public Use Data Archive | NBER](#)
- ✓ PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records): <https://www.pacer.gov/>
- ✓ Pew Research Center on (1) *Politics and Policy*, (2) *Journalism and Media*, (3) *Internet and Technology*, (4) *Science and Society*, (5) *Religion and Public Life*, (6) *Hispanic Trends*, (7) *Social and Demographic Trends*: <https://www.pewresearch.org/science/>. To access go to “Datasets.” The data are free, but you must register to access them.
- ✓ STATSAMERICA, *Your Portal to US Data* (variety of economic data, including by region): <http://www.statsamerica.org/>
- ✓ US Government Open Data: <https://www.data.gov/>
- ✓ WVU Bureau of Business and Economic Research, *Data* (focused on West Virginia) but also contains links to data for other states): <https://business.wvu.edu/research-outreach/bureau-of-business-and-economic-research/data>

GLOBAL, INTERNATIONAL

- ✓ CIA, *World Factbook*: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- ✓ CIA, [GlobalTrends_2040.pdf \(dni.gov\)](#)
- ✓ Cross National Data Center in Luxemburg, *LIS (Luxemburg Income Study*, covers some 50 countries): <http://www.lisdatacenter.org/our-data/lis-database/>
- ✓ EU (European Union), *EUROSTAT*: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/en/data/database>; also check out [Data and resources | Eurofound \(europa.eu\)](#).
- ✓ Gallup (polls and reports on many issues; not everything is freely available): <https://www.gallup.com/home.aspx>
- ✓ *Gapminder* (gives access to visualization tools made famous in TED Talks): <https://www.gapminder.org/data/>
- ✓ Germany, *Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung* (German Institute for Economic Research): <https://www.diw.de/en>
- ✓ IMF (International Monetary Fund): <http://www.imf.org/en/Data>
- ✓ Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS): [Homepage | IPUMS](#)
- ✓ OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): <https://data.oecd.org/>, also see [oecdstatistics.blog](#)
- ✓ Our World in Data: <https://ourworldindata.org/>
- ✓ Statistics Times: <http://statisticstimes.com/index.php>
- ✓ STATISTA: <https://www.statista.com/>
- ✓ Trading Economics: <https://tradingeconomics.com/>

- ✓ UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland), *UBS Global Risk Radar* (provides general overview of risks potentially impacting the world economy): <https://www.ubs.com/global/en/wealth-management/chief-investment-office/market-insights/global-risk-radar/2020/february.html>
- ✓ UK Data Service: <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/>
- ✓ United Nations: <https://unstats.un.org/home/>
- ✓ World Bank: <https://data.worldbank.org/>; also see: [World Development Indicators | DataBank \(worldbank.org\)](#)
- ✓ World Data (databank with links to a great number of data): <https://worlddata.ai/>

DATA BY TOPIC (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY; AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

- ✓ EC (European Commission), FADN: [Farm accountancy data network | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)
- ✓ EUROSTAT: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Agriculture_statistics_at_regional_level
- ✓ FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization [of the UN]): <http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#home>
- ✓ *Global Hunger Index*: <https://www.globalhungerindex.org/results.html>
- ✓ IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development), *Data on Trends in Structural Transformation, Rural Transformation and Rural Poverty*: https://www.ifad.org/documents/38714170/39381417/Data_Annex.pdf/0915ba4b-841b-426d-9895-5187229f578a
- ✓ ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation): <https://iss-foundation.org/>
- ✓ USDA, *DATA*: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/data>; also see <https://data.nal.usda.gov/>
- ✓ USDA (US Department of Agriculture): https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Ag_Statistics/
- ✓ OECD, *Agriculture Statistics*: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/agriculture-and-food/data/oecd-agriculture-statistics_agr-data-en
- ✓ OECD, *Food Systems*: [Food systems \(oecd.org\)](#)
- ✓ Country Statistical Offices (some national statistical offices charge a fee for full access)

ANIMAL WELFARE

- ✓ ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), *Pet Statistics*: <https://www.aspc.org/animal-homelessness/shelter-intake-and-surrender/pet-statistics>
- ✓ Animal Welfare Institute (international; covers legislations and policy; no systematic numerical statistics): <https://awionline.org/content/animal-welfare-publications>
- ✓ FBI, : <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/-tracking-animal-cruelty>
- ✓ Voiceless: <https://vaci.voiceless.org.au/>

ARTS AND CULTURE

- ✓ National Endowment for the Arts, *Arts Data Profile* (USA): <https://www.arts.gov/artistic-fields/research-analysis/arts-data-profiles/arts-data-profile-10/aabs-tables>
- ✓ Pew Research Center, *Global Attitudes and Trends*: <https://www.pewresearch.org/science/>. To access go to "Datasets." The data are free, but you must register to access them.
- ✓ WVS (*World Values Survey*, currently covers 60 countries): <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/wvs.jsp>

Climate → see Environment and Climate

COMMODITIES AND STOCKS

- ✓ Dow Jones: <http://www.macrotrends.net/1319/dow-jones-100-year-historical-chart>
- ✓ OECD, *Crop Production*: <https://data.oecd.org/agroutput/crop-production.htm>
- ✓ USDA, *Crop Production Data*: <https://www.usda.gov/topics/farming/crop-production>

Community Economic Development → Economic Performance, Stability, and Resilience

COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET

- ✓ Digital Divide Index (DDI, Purdue University): [2019 Digital Divide Index \(DDI\) \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=390e0055-2395-4d3b-af60-81b53974430d)

CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

- ✓ Economist, *Worldwide Cost of Living: How is COVID-19 affecting the prices of consumer goods?* (Registration required for full access but no fee): <https://www.eiu.com/n/campaigns/worldwide-cost-of-living-2020>
- ✓ Johns Hopkins University, *COVID-19 Dashboard for Systems Science and Engineering*: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
- ✓ Mainstreet America, *The Impact of COVID-19 on Small Businesses*: https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NMSC/390e0055-2395-4d3b-af60-81b53974430d/UploadedImages/Resource_Center/COVID_19/NMSC57_MSA_COVID19IMAPCT_SURVEY_F.pdf
- ✓ OECD, *Tackling Coronavirus (COVID-19)*: <https://www.oecd.org/coronavirus/en/> and also [OECD COVID-19 Recovery Dashboard](https://www.oecd.org/coronavirus/en/#recovery)
- ✓ US Census Bureau: [Pandemic Impact on 2020 American Community Survey 1-Year Data \(census.gov\)](https://www.census.gov/past-surveys/special-surveys/2020/pandemic-impact-on-2020-american-community-survey-1-year-data.html)

The following list has been received from the **Industry Studies Association** (May 15, 2020):

- ✓ **Census Bureau**
 - COVID-19 Data Hub <https://covid19.census.gov/>
 - Small Business Pulse Survey <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/small-business-pulse-survey.html>
 - Household Pulse Survey <https://www.census.gov/householdpulsedata>
 - Weekly Business Applications <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1531/census-bureau-weekly-release-business-applications-nation>

- COVID impact questions on five business surveys (Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories & Orders (M3) Survey, Building Permits Survey, Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey, Monthly Retail Surveys, Quarterly Services Survey) <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1546/census-bureau-seeks-keeping-impact-questions-business-surveys>
- Telework questions on Annual Business Survey <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1563/emergency-telework-questions-business-survey-measure-impacts>
- ✓ **Bureau of Labor Statistics**
 - COVID questions on monthly CPS <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1540/covid-questions-monthly-current-population-survey-update>
 - Well-being Supplement to American Time Use Survey <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1551/invites-comments-proposed-being-supplement-american-survey>
 - COVID sick leave survey <https://www.aeaweb.org/forum/1566/requests-emergency-approval-survey-effects-business-policies>
- ✓ **Federal Reserve**
 - Survey of Household Economics and Decision Making (SHED) -- April 2020 COVID supplement <https://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerscommunities/shed.htm>
- ✓ **Bureau of Economic Analysis**
 - Adjustments to GDP estimates (from today's BEA Advisory Committee meeting <https://www.bea.gov/about/bea-advisory-committee>)
 - Presentation: [Impact of Covid-19 on BEA's Economic Accounts](#)
 - Background: [Technical Note: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Impact on First-Quarter 2020 GDP](#)
 - [COVID-19 Pandemic: Federal Recovery Legislation and the NIPAs](#)
 - [How did BEA adjust March 2020 wages and salaries?](#)
 - [How does the 2020 CARES Act affect BEA's estimates of personal interest payments?](#)
 - [How does BEA measure public education services during the closings of schools and college campuses?](#)

CRIME

- ✓ Many states, cities, and colleges publish crime statistics online
- ✓ *Bureau of Justice Statistics* (BJS): <https://www.bjs.gov/>
- ✓ [City-Data.com - Stats about all US cities - real estate, relocation info, crime, house prices, cost of living, races, home value estimator, recent sales, income, photos, schools, maps, weather, neighborhoods, and more](#)
- ✓ [Criminal Victimization, 2019 | Bureau of Justice Statistics \(ojp.gov\)](#)
- ✓ European Commission, *Organised Crime and Human Trafficking*: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/statistics_en
- ✓ Fatal Encounters (database of people killed in the US in encounters with police): <https://fatalencounters.org/>
- ✓ FBI, *Uniform Crime Reporting Program*: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr>; also <https://www.ucrdatatool.gov/> also <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/offenses-known-to-law-enforcement/offenses-known-to-law-enforcement>
- ✓ Gun Violence Archive, *Mass Shootings [Year]* (US): <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>
- ✓ NationMaster, *Prisoners per Capita* (by country, 2003): <https://www.nationmaster.com/country-info/stats/Crime/Prisoners/Per->

[capita#:~:text=Crime%20%3E%20Prisoners%20%3E%20Per%20capita%3A%20Countries%20Compared,per%20100%2C000%20people%20%2037%20more%20rows%20](#)

- ✓ NUMBEO: [Crime Index \(numbeo.com\)](#) (available by major city and by country)
- ✓ Organized Crime Index, *Africa*: <https://ocindex.net/>
- ✓ Prison Studies, *Prison Data*: <https://www.prisonstudies.org/highest-to-lowest/prison-population-total>
- ✓ UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), *Crime Statistics*: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/data-and-analysis/Crime-Monitoring-Surveys.html>
- ✓ The Guardian, *The Counted: People Killed by Police in the US*: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2015/jun/01/the-counted-police-killings-us-database>
- ✓ Washington Post, *Fatal Force* (Police Shooting Database, US): [Police shootings database 2015-2021 - Washington Post](#)
- ✓ World Bank, Intentional Homicides (per 100,000 people): <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/vc.ihr.psrc.p5>

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE², STABILITY, AND RESILIENCE → ALSO SEE MONEY, CREDIT, AND BANKING OR STOCK MARKETS OR TRADE

- ✓ ADB (Asian Development Bank), *Selected Input-Output Tables*: <https://www.adb.org/data/icp/input-output-tables>
- ✓ BEA (Bureau of Economic Analysis, US), *U.S. Economy at a Glance*: <https://www.bea.gov/news/glance>
- ✓ BEA (Bureau of Economic Analysis, US), *Input-Output Accounts Data*: <https://www.bea.gov/industry/input-output-accounts-data>
- ✓ BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S.), *CPI Inflation Calculator*: <https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>
- ✓ BLS, *Inter-industry Relationships* (Input-Output Matrix): <https://www.bls.gov/emp/data/input-output-matrix.htm>
- ✓ BLS, *Multifactor Productivity*: <https://www.bls.gov/mfp/>
- ✓ BLS and US Census Bureau, *Labor Productivity and Costs – Dispersion Statistics on Productivity* (new in 2020, experimental data set): <https://www.bls.gov/lpc/productivity-dispersion.htm> or <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ces/data/public-use-data/dispersion-statistics-on-productivity.html>; also: [Employment Cost Index - 2022 Qo3 Results \(bls.gov\)](#)
- ✓ Census (US), *Business and Economy*: <https://www.census.gov/topics/business-economy.html> also: [Business Formation Statistics Monthly Data Release \(census.gov\)](#)
- ✓ Census (US), SAIPE (Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates): [Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\) Program \(census.gov\)](#)
- ✓ College Salary Report: [The Highest-Paying Careers with a Bachelor's Degree for 2018 | Payscale](#)
- ✓ Conference Board (Consumer Confidence): [Data | The Conference Board \(conference-board.org\)](#)

² In addition to data, you also may need to check on applicable laws, rules, customs, or norms. In the case of labor market competition, see: [Non-Compete Clause Rulemaking | Federal Trade Commission \(ftc.gov\)](#)

- ✓ Credit Suisse, *Global Wealth Report* (annual): <https://www.credit-suisse.com/about-us/en/reports-research/global-wealth-report.html>
- ✓ Duke-Fuqua, *Duke CFO Global Business Outlook*: <https://www.cfosurvey.org/>
- ✓ ESCoE (Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence; various economic and economic policy data; focus on UK): [Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence - ESCoE : ESCoE](#)
- ✓ Edelman, Trust Barometer (Covers a cross-section of countries): <https://www.edelman.com/trustbarometer>
- ✓ EIG (Economic Innovation Group), *Distressed Communities Index* (DCI, annual): <https://eig.org/dci>
- ✓ Economic Policy Institute: [State of Working America Data Library \(epi.org\)](#)
- ✓ EUROSTAT, Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables:
- ✓ FFIEC (Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; Community Reinvestment Act , CRA, data may be particularly useful): <https://www.ffiec.gov/>
- ✓ Federal Reserve Bank, Philadelphia, Monthly Coincidence Index (by US state): [State Coincident Indexes \(philadelphiafed.org\)](#)
- ✓ Federal Reserve Bank, New York: [Global Supply Chain Pressure Index: March 2022 Update - Liberty Street Economics \(newyorkfed.org\)](#) (site contains links to other data, such as balance of payments, etc.)
- ✓ Federal Reserve Bank, New York: [Survey of Consumer Expectations - FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of NEW YORK \(newyorkfed.org\)](#)
- ✓ Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED): [Federal Reserve Economic Data | FRED | St. Louis Fed \(stlouisfed.org\)](#)
- ✓ [Federal Reserve Board - Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking](#)
- ✓ FRED and University of Michigan: [University of Michigan: Consumer Sentiment \(UMCSENT\) | FRED | St. Louis Fed \(stlouisfed.org\)](#)
- ✓ GTAP (Global Trade Analysis Project; not all databases are free), *Free Databases and Related Utilities*: https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/resources/free_resources.asp
- ✓ Inflation Calculator (for major industrial countries, mostly European): <https://fxtop.com/en/inflation-calculator.php>
- ✓ IDE-JETRO (Institute of Developing Economies-Japan External Trade Organization), *International Input-Output Tables*: <https://www.ide.go.jp/English/Data/lo>
- ✓ IIOA (International Input-Output Association), *IO-Data*: <https://www.iioa.org/news/io-data.html>
- ✓ Legatum Institute, *The Legatum Prosperity Index*: [Legatum Institute \(li.com\)](#)
- ✓ Living Wage Calculator (maintained at MIT for US): [Living Wage Calculator \(mit.edu\)](#)
- ✓ MERIC Cost of Living Index (US states): <https://meric.mo.gov/data/cost-living-data-series#:~:text=MERIC%20derives%20the%20cost%20of%20living%20index%20for,Economic%20Research%20%28C2ER%29%20survey%20on%20a%20volunteer%20basis.>
- ✓ MIT, *Living Wage Calculator* (US): <https://livingwage.mit.edu/>
- ✓ NBER (National Bureau of Economic Research), *Public Use Data Archive*: [Public Use Data Archive | NBER](#)
- ✓ NUMBEO: [Cost of Living Index 2023 \(numbeo.com\)](#) (in cities around the world, published annually)
- ✓ OEC (Observatory of Economic Complexity), *Economic Complexity Legacy Rankings* (country ranking): <https://oec.world/en/rankings/country/neci/>

- ✓ OECD, *Economic Resilience* (also see Insurance and Risk Assessment, Uncertainty): <https://www.oecd.org/eco/growth/economic-resilience.htm>
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- ✓ OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, provides production and sales statistics, and other useful data): www.oica.net
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING⁵

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- ✓ Center for Measuring University Performance, *The Top American Research Universities* (annual report): [Measuring University Performance \(umass.edu\)](http://www.umass.edu/measuring-university-performance)
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- ✓ Inside Higher Ed: [Reports & Data | Inside Higher Ed](http://www.insidehighered.com)
- ✓ MSI Data Project (US higher education Minority Serving Institutions): [DATA | MSI Data Project](http://www.msidataproject.org)
- ✓ MUP (The Center for Measuring University Performance): [Measuring University Performance \(umass.edu\)](http://www.umass.edu/measuring-university-performance)
- ✓ National Center for Education Statistics (U.S.): [National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\) Home Page, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/els2002/](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/els2002/) (data tables at <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/els2002/tables.asp>) and <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data>
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- ✓ [Partner Hire Scorecard](#) (US higher education ranked by support for spousal/partner hiring)
- ✓ [Retraction Watch Database \(retractiondatabase.org\)](http://retractiondatabase.org) (research/publication misconduct)
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- ✓ SREB (Southern Regional Education Board), [Median Salaries of Full-Time Faculty by Discipline and Rank at Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities, United States - Southern Regional Education Board \(sreb.org\)](#)
- ✓ SHEEO (State Higher Education Executive Officers Association), *SHEF Report* (State Higher Education Finance): [Report - SHEF \(sheeo.org\)](http://sheeo.org)
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- ✓ US Department of Education: [College Scorecard | College Scorecard \(ed.gov\)](#)
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- ✓ *The Nation's Report Card* (US, K-12): <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>
- ✓ Times Higher Education, *World University Rankings*: https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2019/world-ranking#!/page/0/length/25/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/stats
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ENERGY → ALSO SEE MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES

- ✓ ACC (American Coal Council): <http://www.americancoalcouncil.org/>
- ✓ BP: [Statistical Review of World Energy | Energy economics | Home \(bp.com\)](#)
- ✓ EIA (US Energy Information Administration): <https://www.eia.gov/>
- ✓ IEA (International Energy Agency): <http://www.iea.org/>
- ✓ IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency): [Data & Statistics \(irena.org\)](http://irena.org/)
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- ✓ West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training (MHS&T): www.wvminesafety.org/STATS.HTM

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS FORMATION → ALSO SEE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE → ALSO LOOK UNDER ENERGY

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- ✓ CDP (Carbon Data Project): [CDP Open Data Portal | CDP Open Data Portal](#)
- ✓ ECIU (Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit): [Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit | Net Zero Tracker \(eciu.net\)](#)
- ✓ EPI (Environmental Performance Index, Yale): [Welcome | Environmental Performance Index \(yale.edu\)](#)
- ✓ EPA (Environmental Protection Agency): <https://edg.epa.gov/metadata/catalog/main/home.page>
- ✓ EPA, *Land, Waste and Cleanup Topics*: <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/land-waste-and-cleanup-topics>
- ✓ Germanwatch, *Climate Change Performance Index*: <https://germanwatch.org/en/ccpi>

- ✓ Germanwatch, *Global Climate Risk Index*: https://germanwatch.org/sites/germanwatch.org/files/20-2-01e%20Global%20Climate%20Risk%20Index%202020_10.pdf
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- ✓ IQAir | *Führend in der Luftqualitätsmessung* (Air quality by country and for 121 cities around the world)
- ✓ ISSF (International Seafood Sustainability Foundation): <https://iss-foundation.org/>
- ✓ IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* (free registration required to access all materials): <https://www.iucnredlist.org/>
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- ✓ NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), *Statistical Weather and Climate Information*: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/climate-information/statistical-weather-and-climate-information>; also see NOAA's National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/help-past-weather>; see also *Climate Data Online*: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/> and also [NOAA Climate.gov | science & information for a climate-smart nation](https://www.noaa.gov/science-information)
- ✓ NUMBEO: [Pollution Index by City 2024 Mid-Year \(numbeo.com\)](https://www.numbeo.com/pollution/index.php) (published annually)
- ✓ OECD: <http://www.oecd.org/env/indicators-modelling-outlooks/data-and-indicators.htm> also see [Understanding datasets on greenhouse gas emissions \(oecdstatistics.blog\)](https://www.oecd.org/env/indicators-modelling-outlooks/understanding-datasets-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions/)
- ✓ UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), *NDC Global Outlook Report, 2019* (Climate): https://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/planet/climate-change/NDC_Outlook_Report_2019.pdf
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GOVERNANCE⁶

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- ✓ Cato, *Human Freedom Index*: <https://www.cato.org/human-freedom-index-new>
- ✓ Center for Systemic Peace (Data on governance and stability) [index \(systemicpeace.org\)](#)
- ✓ CES (Cooperative Election Study): [Cooperative Election Study \(harvard.edu\)](#)
- ✓ CFR (Council on Foreign Relations), *Women's Power Index*: <https://www.cfr.org/article/womens-power-index>
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- ✓ National Conference on Citizenship, *Civic Health Index*: <https://ncoc.org/CHI/>
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- ✓ World Bank: <http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/#home>
- ✓ WEF (World Economic Forum), *Social Mobility Index* (only a few years old; indices for 82 countries): http://www3.weforum.org/docs/Global_Social_Mobility_Report.pdf also <https://www.weforum.org/reports/global-social-mobility-index-2020-why-economies-benefit-from-fixing-inequality>
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Health → see Wellbeing and Health

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE; COST OF LIVING → ALSO SEE LAND USE

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- ✓ [City-Data.com](https://www.city-data.com/) - Stats about all US cities - real estate, relocation info, crime, house prices, cost of living, races, home value estimator, recent sales, income, photos, schools, maps, weather, neighborhoods, and more
- ✓ Economist, *Worldwide Cost of Living 2020* (full access requires registration but no fee): <https://www.eiu.com/n/campaigns/worldwide-cost-of-living-2020>
- ✓ Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED), *Case-Shiller Index of Housing Prices*: <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CSUSHPIA>
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HISTORY

- ✓ Data on the historic slave trade: [Slave Voyages](#)

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY → ALSO SEE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS FORMATION

- ✓ *Global Innovation Index* (annual): <https://www.globalinnovationindex.org/Home>
- ✓ OEC (Observatory of Economic Complexity), *Economic Complexity Legacy Rankings* (country ranking): <https://oec.world/en/rankings/country/neci/>
- ✓ [EPO - PATSTAT. Worldwide Patent Statistical Database](#) (you may also wish to check out: [International Patent Classification \(IPC\) \(wipo.int\)](#))
- ✓ Pew Research Center: *Internet and Technology* and *Science and Society*, respectively: <https://www.pewresearch.org/science/>. To access go to "Datasets." The data are free, but you must register to access them.
- ✓ SolAbility, Intellectual Capital (by country): <http://solability.com/the-global-sustainable-competitiveness-index/the-index/intellectual-capital>
- ✓ USPTO (US Patent and Trademark Office): <https://www.uspto.gov/>
- ✓ WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), *Data for Researchers*: https://www.wipo.int/econ_stat/en/economics/research/. Also: <https://www.wipo.int/ipstats/en/> and: [WIPO Global Brand Database](#)

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INSURANCE, RISK ASSESSMENT, UNCERTAINTY, STABILITY

- ✓ American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), annual data, by state: <https://www.acli.com/-/media/ACLI/Files/Fact-Books-Public/FB17CH10.ashx?la=en>
- ✓ Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU), *World Uncertainty Index*: <http://www.policyuncertainty.com/index.html> and more in *EPU Indices*: https://www.policyuncertainty.com/categorical_epu.html
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- ✓ Munich RE, *Emerging Risks*: <https://www.munichre.com/en/group/focus/emerging-risks/index.html>; on *Climate Change*: <https://www.munichre.com/topics-online/en/climate-change-and-natural-disasters/climate-change/is-climate-change-involves-extreme-weather-events.html>
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- ✓ WEF (World Economic Forum), *The Global Risks Report 2020*: <https://www.weforum.org/global-risks/reports>

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION; INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY; REFUGEES

- ✓ Abdeslam Marfouk (personal website), *International Migration by Origin, Sex, Education Level and Destination*: <http://www.abdeslammarfouk.com/dlm-database.html>
- ✓ Center for Immigration Studies: [Database: National Security Vetting Failures \(cis.org\)](https://www.cis.org/)
- ✓ DHS (US Department of Homeland Security), *Immigration Data & Statistics*: <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics>
- ✓ DHS: [FY 2020 Entry Exit Overstay Report \(Public Version\) \(dhs.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/refugees-asylees)
- ✓ DHS, *Refugees and Asylees*: <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/refugees-asylees>
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- ✓ EPU (Economic Policy Uncertainty), *Migration Fears and EPU*: https://www.policyuncertainty.com/immigration_fear.html
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- ✓ *Migration Data Portal* (by International Organization for Migration): https://migrationdataportal.org/data?i=stock_abs_&t=2017
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- ✓ Esteban Ortiz-Ospina and Max Roser, *International Trade*. Online publication, historical data and study: <https://ourworldindata.org/international-trade>
- ✓ Google Document, *Chinese Loans to Africa*: https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sais-cari.org%2F%2FUpload_LoanData_v11_September2018-1.xlsx
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- ✓ UNCTAD: [Trade indicators – UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics 2021](#)
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LABOR → FOR WOMEN IN LABOR MARKET ALSO SEE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STATUS

- ✓ BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics): <https://www.bls.gov/home.htm>
- ✓ Center for the Study of the Legacies of British Slavery: [Legacies of British Slavery \(ucl.ac.uk\)](http://legaciesofbritishslavery.ucl.ac.uk)
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- ✓ National Mining Association (US), *Statistics*: <https://nma.org/category/statistics/>
- ✓ West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, *Oil and Gas Production Data* (from 1985 on; other states have similar data): <https://dep.wv.gov/oil-and-gas/databaseinfo/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✓ West Virginia Mining Statistics: <http://www.wvminesafety.org/STATS.HTM>
- ✓ UNIDO (UN Industrial Development Organization), *World Statistics on Mining and Utilities*: <https://www.unido.org/resources/publications/cross-cutting-services/world-statistics-mining-and-utilities>
- ✓ US Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration: <https://arlweb.msha.gov/OpenGovernmentData/OGIMSHA.asp>
- ✓ USGS (US Geological Survey), *National Minerals Information Center*: <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/mineral-commodity-summaries>

MONEY, CREDIT, AND BANKING

- ✓ BIS (Bank for International Settlements): <https://www.bis.org/statistics/index.htm>
- ✓ FFIEC (Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council): <https://www.ffiec.gov/>
- ✓ Federal Reserve: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/data.htm>

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS → ALSO SEE VOLUNTEERING AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ IRS (Internal Revenue Service), *SOI Tax Stats – Charities & Other Tax Exempt Organization Statistics*: <https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-charities-and-other-tax-exempt-organizations-statistics>

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- ✓ UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division: <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/>

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Public Transit → see Transportation and Shipping

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- ✓ West Virginia University: [RRI Input-Output Archive | West Virginia University Research | The Research Repository @ WVU](#)

RELIGION

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- ✓ ASARB (Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies): [Products \(asarb.org\)](#) [co-sponsor of the decennial US Religion Census: [Home | U.S. Religion Census | Religious Statistics & Demographics](#)]
- ✓ CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate; data on US Catholic institutions): [The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate \(CARA\) at Georgetown University: 202-687-8080](#)
- ✓ Pew Research Center, *Religion Around the World*: <http://www.pewforum.org/2018/06/13/the-age-gap-in-religion-around-the-world/>; also see *The Global Religious Landscape*: https://www.google.com/search?q=religion+statistics&rlz=1C1GCEV_enUS824US824&oq=Religion+st&aqs=chrome..69i57j0l5.6446j1j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
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- ✓ PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute), *America's Changing Religious Identity (2017)*: <https://www.prri.org/research/american-religious-landscape-christian-religiously-unaffiliated/> (PRRI homepage: <https://www.prri.org/>, look for *Data Vault*: <https://www.prri.org/data-vault/>)
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Shipping → see Transportation and Shipping

STOCK MARKETS

- ✓ Kaggle¹⁰, *Daily Historical Stock Prices (1970 – 2018)* (registration required for access, no charge): https://www.kaggle.com/ehallmar/daily-historical-stock-prices-1970-2018#historical_stock_prices.csv
- ✓ Microtrends, *Dow Jones – DJIA – 100 Year Historical Chart* (data can be downloaded): <https://www.macrotrends.net/1319/dow-jones-100-year-historical-chart>
- ✓ WSJ (Wall Street Journal), *WSJ Markets – Market Data: Market Data (wsj.com)*

TAXES, TAX REVENUE, GOVERNMENT BUDGETS

- ✓ IRS (Internal Revenue Service), *Tax Statistics* (focused on US, but includes international data as well): [Statistics | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/statistics)
- ✓ KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation), *Distribution of State Expenditures*: <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/distribution-of-state-spending/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>
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- ✓ OECD, *Tax Revenue*: <https://data.oecd.org/tax/tax-revenue.htm>
- ✓ Statista, *US Government Tax Revenue – Statistics and Facts*: [U.S. government tax revenue - statistics & facts | Statista](https://www.statista.com/statistics/268822/us-government-tax-revenue-statistics-facts/)
- ✓ Tax Foundation (U.S.): <https://taxfoundation.org/>
- ✓ TPC (Tax Policy Center, organized by Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, offers a variety of data for US): [Statistics | Tax Policy Center](https://www.taxpolicycenter.org/statistics)

TOURISM

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- ✓ OECD, *OECD Tourism Trends and Policies* (report can be accessed and read free of charge online or downloaded as PDF file): https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/industry-and-services/oecd-tourism-trends-and-policies_20767773
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- ✓ STATISTA: <https://www.statista.com/topics/962/global-tourism/>
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TRADE

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- ✓ OECD, *OECD Balanced Trade Statistics*: [OECD Balanced Trade Statistics - OECD](#)
- ✓ Swiss Confederation, Federal Office for Customs and Border: [Annual reports \(admin.ch\)](#) (many countries make similar reports available online)
- ✓ UN, *UN Trade Statistics*: [Trade Statistics - United Nations Statistics Division](#)
- ✓ US Census Bureau, *Foreign Trade*: [U.S. International Trade Data - Foreign Trade - US Census Bureau](#)
- ✓ US Customs and Border Protection, *Trade Statistics*: [Trade Statistics | U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(cbp.gov\)](#)
- ✓ World Bank – WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution, offers trade statistic by country and region): [Trade Statistics by Country | WITS \(worldbank.org\)](#)
- ✓ WTO, *Documents and Resources*: [WTO | documents and resources gateway](#)

TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING

- ✓ ACSM (American College of Sports Medicine), *ACSM American Fitness Index* (ranks 100 cities and addresses bike-ability, walkability and pedestrian safety for a subset of 10 cities): <https://americanfitnessindex.org/>
- ✓ ARCADIS, *Sustainable Cities Mobility Index*: <https://www.arcadis.com/en/global/our-perspectives/sustainable-cities-mobility-index-2017/>
- ✓ [The Deloitte City Mobility Index | Deloitte Insights US](#)
- ✓ International Transport Forum (ITF): <https://www.itf-oecd.org/>
[ITF – Walking and Cycling: <https://www.itf-oecd.org/walking-and-cycling/>]
- ✓ OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers, provides production and sales statistics, and other useful data): www.oica.net
- ✓ Oliver Wyman Forum: [Urban Mobility Readiness Index - Rankings \(oliverwymanforum.com\)](#)
[covers 60 cities across all continents]
- ✓ Regional Transportation Council(s) [example, link to North Central Texas]: <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/>
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Values → Arts and Culture

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Weather → Environment and Climate

WELLBEING AND HEALTH

- ✓ ACSM (American College of Sports Medicine), *ACSM American Fitness Index* (ranks 100 cities; also addresses bike-ability, walkability and pedestrian safety for a subset of 10 cities → Transportation and Shipping): <https://americanfitnessindex.org/>
- ✓ AHD (American Hospital Directory), *Hospital Statistics by State*: https://www.ahd.com/state_statistics.html
- ✓ CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- ✓ CDC, *National Center for Health Statistics*: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/index.htm>
- ✓ Credit Suisse, *Global Wealth Report* (annual): <https://www.credit-suisse.com/about-us/en/reports-research/global-wealth-report.html>
- ✓ *Demographic Health Survey* (international): <https://dhsprogram.com/>
- ✓ Economic Innovation Group, *Distressed Communities Index* (USA): <https://eig.org/>
- ✓ Economist, The: [The-Global-Liveability-Index-Summary-Report-final.pdf](https://www.eiu.com/research/the-global-liveability-index-summary-report-final.pdf) (eiu.com)
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- ✓ Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, *County-level Measure of Social Capital*: <https://aese.psu.edu/nercrd/community/social-capital-resources>
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- ✓ OECD, *Health at a Glance 2019* (comprehensive report, covers 80 indicators for OECD member countries): https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/health-at-a-glance-2019_4dd50c09-en, also see: <https://data.oecd.org/health.htm>
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- ✓ Pennsylvania State University, *County-level Measure of Social Capital*: <https://aese.psu.edu/nercrd/community/social-capital-resources>
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- ✓ Social Progress Imperative, *Social Progress Index*: <https://www.socialprogress.org/>
- ✓ SolAbility, *Social Capital* (by country): <http://solability.com/the-global-sustainable-competitiveness-index/the-index/social-capital>
- ✓ Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality: [Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality](#)
- ✓ UN Development Program (UNDP), *Gender Inequality Index*: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/gender-inequality-index-gii>
- ✓ UNU (United Nations University), World Income Inequality Database (WIID): [UNU-WIDER : World Income Inequality Database \(WIID\)](#)
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- ✓ USDA-ERS, *Food Environment Atlas*: <https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/food-environment-atlas-f4a22>
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- ✓ *World Happiness Report*: [World Happiness Report 2021 | The World Happiness Report](#)
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