

**All topics: obtain newspaper, magazine and journal articles through these sources:**

[ABI/Inform](#) (subscription) -- business

[Academic OneFile](#) (subscription) -- interdisciplinary

[Academic Search Premier](#) (subscription) -- interdisciplinary

[Business Source Premier](#) (subscription) -- business

[LexisNexis Academic](#) (subscription) – newspapers from across the country and around the world.

**Country Overview**

[Europa World Plus](#) (subscription)

[Library of Congress country studies](#) (open) – “description and analysis of the historical setting and the social, economic, political, and national security systems and institutions of countries throughout the world.” Last published 1998; best for historical content. A few country studies have been updated, most recently Indonesia (2011).

[World Factbook](#) (open) -- Single-year statistics (2004 has 2003 estimates). Quick links to comparative data lists by country and notes defining terms.

**Economic**

Country Reports in [Business Source Premier](#) (subscription) – Select “Country Report” from the Publication Type list in limiters below the search boxes. Be sure to make your country the Subject of the report.

[World Development Indicators](#) (open) -- DataBank is an analysis and visualization tool that contains collections of time series data on a variety of topics. Create your own queries, and set up a “My Databank” account to generate tables, charts and maps.

**Political**

Country Reports in [Business Source Premier](#) (subscription) – see above under “Economic.” Consider adding “risk” or “politic\*” or “PESTLE” to your search.

Background notes / factsheets from the [State Department](#) (country index, Open)

Journal articles in [WorldWide Political Science Abstracts](#) (subscription)

**Country Culture / Social Conditions**

[Countries and Their Cultures](#) (eBook, Subscription) -- Provides 7-12 page overviews of a country’s social, political, and commercial structure. Sections on National Identity, Symbolism, Socialization, and Etiquette.

[Encyclopedia of Food and Culture](#) (eBook, Subscription) -- The role of food in different holidays and festivals; national cuisines, etc.

[Food Cultures of the World](#) (eBook, Subscription) – Sections on Cooking, Eating Out, Special Occasions, Diet & Health.

[Global Road Warrior](#) (database, Subscription) -- Country profiles including business culture, social customs, health and medical information, and more

## Regulatory / Legal / Taxes

[Business Oregon International Export Assistance](#) (open)

[Export.gov federal export assistance](#) (open)

[“Export Now: Five Keys to Entering New Markets”](#) (ebook, requires login, and possibly the need to search for the book again once you arrive at the vendor’s site)

[Oregon Small Business Development Center Exporting Guide](#) (open)

[World Bank “Doing Business” series](#) (open)

## Business Culture

[Global Road Warrior](#) (database, Subscription) -- Country profiles including business culture, social customs, health and medical information, and more

[Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands](#) (Reference book. library use only) -- This book’s 6-7 page country profiles include “Cultural Orientation” information such as “Cognitive Styles” and “Value Systems,” making it useful for a range of research needs.

## Market

[Export.gov Market Research Library](#) (open, free registration might be required)

[Mergent Regional Industry Reports](#) (subscription) – reports on broad industry categories, for Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America world regions.

[Intel Global Market Navigator](#) (subscription) – After clicking through the license, locate consumption statistics for 40 countries and 18 industries.

[TradeStats Express](#) (open) – From the International Trade Administration. Two suggestions:

1. “National Trade Data” → “Global Patterns of U.S. Merchandise Trade” takes you to search engine retrieving exports / imports / balance of trade for specific industries, e.g. what are the biggest markets in the world for US frozen fish exports.
2. “State Export Data” → “Export Product Profile” takes you to state-level product profile, e.g. which industries provide most of Oregon’s exports to South Africa.

Tip for both TradeStats search engines: Under “Product,” select “Change” to experiment with different coding systems. HS (Harmonized System) is generally most detailed, followed by SITC (Standard International Trade Classification), and then NAICS.

## U. S. Company / Product Information

[Company Search](#) in LexisNexis Academic (subscription) – Open “Advanced Options” to select specific publishers, such as Hoover’s.

[ImportGenius](#) (open) – Search U.S. Customs bills of lading to examine U.S. imports from all countries, plus exports to specific countries. “Distance from Zip Code” search shows you nearby importers.

[Oregon Business Support Resources: International Trade](#) (open)