

Library Information Guide

Azusa Pacific University

Sources for Country Information

APU Electronic Resources

The following are available through APU's Online Resources page:

<http://www.apu.edu/library/apuresources/onlineresources/>

[Lexis-Nexis](#)

- *Walden Country Reports*
- *CIA World Factbook*

Both are located in the Country Profiles section of the Reference Academic Search Form. *Walden Country Reports* provides detailed annual reports on over 100 countries. The *CIA World Factbook* contains basic information on over 250 geographic entities.

[Mergent Online](#)

Country profiles for about 100 countries focusing on history, geography, politics, and economy. Special emphasis is given to stock exchange and financial information for each country.

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Access to the same content found in the print volumes, including some of the images, with an emphasis on physical and human geography, economy, and history of each country and region.

Recommended Web Sites

Background Notes

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

Full-text reports on countries from the U.S. State Department containing detailed country information. They are also an excellent source for history, politics, economics, and foreign relations.

Country Studies / Area Handbooks

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

This series of books was published by the Library of Congress under the auspices of the Department of the Army from 1988 to 1998. Over 100 countries have been profiled.

Country Profiles

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/profiles.html>

Brief, summarized country information from the Library of Congress' Country Studies program. Date of revision is noted on each report.

Economist.com Country Briefings

<http://www.economist.com/countries/>

Covering approximately sixty countries, this site offers news stories, fact sheets, and links to official government sites.

Portals to the World

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Selected links to Internet resources on over 120 countries and regions compiled by Area Specialists of the Library of Congress.

World Factbook

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Published annually by the Central Intelligence Agency, this is a good source for basic information on countries of the world.

Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

An extensive collection of over 5000 online maps from the Libraries of the University of Texas at Austin.

United Nations Cartographic Section

<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm>

Over 100 general maps of the world's countries and regions.

Print Sources

Europa World Year Book

[JN 1 .E85](#)

Detailed and authoritative country information published annually since 1926. Also includes extensive information on international organizations such as the United Nations, the European Union, and NATO. Especially noteworthy is the recent history essay available for each country.

Clement's Encyclopedia of World Governments

[JF 37 .C53](#)

Published biennially since 1974, this publication emphasizes governmental organization. A good source for information on economics and foreign relations.

Statesman's Yearbook

[JA 51 .S7](#)

Published annually since 1864, this volume presents current demographic, political, economic and social information on all the world's countries.

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life

[GN 333 .W67 1998](#)

Four-volume set covering twenty areas of daily life (food, clothing, folklore, religion, etc.) from approximately 500 cultural groups worldwide.

Maps on File

[G 1021 .M33](#) (vs.1 & 2)

Regularly updated, this is an excellent collection of reproducible outline maps of countries, regions and continents of the world.