

Macro Databases

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International Monetary Fund (IMF): “International Financial Statistics (IFS)”	Time series covering more than 200 countries starting in 1948. Includes data on exchange rates, prices, money aggregates, financial sector accounts, Balance of Payments, National Accounts and a series of economic indicators	http://www.imf.org/ (go to Data and Statistics)	You need to contact Prof. Vegh in order to get a login and password.
IMF: “World Economic Outlook (WEO)”	Individual-country and Country-group time series data for GDP growth, inflation, unemployment, exports, imports, external debt, capital flows, and commodity prices.	http://www.imf.org/ (go to Data and Statistics)	
Organization for Economic Co- operation and Development (OECD)	Country time series on a wide range of indicators including, production, health, education, communications and technology, and others.	www.oecd.org (go to Statistics and look for OECD.Stat)	

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Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	International data on the global financial system (i.e. cross-border lending and borrowing of internationally active banks, issuing activity in international and domestic securities markets, external debt positions, etc.)	www.bis.org	
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	Several Databases: (1) Datagob: Governance indicators, (2) EQXIS: social indicators to monitor the Millennium Development Goals, (3) Mapping the Majority: Economic participation and living conditions in Latin America and the Caribbean, (4) Sociometro: Social indicators, (5) GlobalLink: Over 500 indicators consolidating data on macroeconomics, social issues, trade, capital flows, markets and governance, (6) DataIntal: Trade statistics of countries in the Americas developed by the Institute for the Integration of Latin America (INTAL)	http://www.iadb.org/research/data.cfm?language=EN&parid=2	These databases contain data only for Latin America and the Caribbean
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Databases and reports (economic, financial, and social indicators for Asian countries)	http://www.adb.org/Statistics/default.asp	(1) The databases are just for Asian countries, (2) These data sets are harder to handle since they are in .pdf format

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African Development Bank (AFDB)	Reports and data tables on economic, environmental and poverty indicators	http://www.afdb.org (go to “knowledge” and then to statistics)	(1) The databases are just for African countries, (2) These data sets are harder to handle since they are in .pdf format
International Measures of Schooling Years and Schooling Quality Data set	This is a database that expands the data set used by Robert Barro and Jong-Wha Lee in their paper “Sources of Economic Growth” (1994, Carnegie Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy). Their updated paper is called "International Data on Educational Attainment: Updates and Implications" (CID Working Paper No. 42, April 2000)	(1) For the schooling data just google “International Measures of Schooling Years and Schooling Quality Data set “ (this will take you to a web page within the world bank site). (2) For the Barro and Lee (2000) data set go to www.cid.harvard.edu (3) For the original Barro and Lee (1994) database go to Robert Barro’s web page and look for “data sets”	
International Labor Organization- LABORSTA	The LABORSTA database contains panel labor market data (i.e. hours worked) useful for cross-country studies.	www.ilo.org Go to Statistics and look for LABORSTA	
Penn World Table	Purchasing power parity and national income accounts converted to international prices for 188 countries for some or all of the years 1950-2004	pwt.econ.upenn.edu	