

Countries and Cultures

a brief guide to *current* information sources @ FHU

World Almanac & Book of Facts

CONTENT: population language religion history
 education economy government

ACCESS: through "Journals & Websites" portion of library web page.

Follow the links for ALL-PURPOSE / REFERENCE resources, then for "World Almanac Book of Facts."

Choose "World Almanac Encyclopedia" tab at the very top of the initial page.

Use "Table of Contents" option at right-hand side of page. Then, browse alphabetically for your geographic region.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online

CONTENT: background history yearbooks graphs
 statistics maps flags tables

ACCESS: through "Journals & Websites" portion of library web page.

Follow the links for ALL-PURPOSE / REFERENCE resources, then for "Encyclopedia Britannica."

Type in name of geographic region in the search box provided on the left, and perform search.

World Fact Book

A resource of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

CONTENT: background geography people
 government economy communications
 transportation military transnational issues

ACCESS: The Fact Book is free to all through the web.

The site is available at <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Use drop-down menu at top to search an alphabetical listing of countries.

PLEASE NOTE: Country Profiles from the World Fact Book are also accessible through LEXIS-NEXIS ACADEMIC UNIVERSE (from the library's list of *electronic resources—all-purpose / reference*). Once in Lexis, find country info. by following Lexis-Nexis "Reference" link, then its "Country Profiles" option.

Encyclopedia of World Cultures

A CD-ROM resource (1998)

CONTENT: history religion culture family
 economy demography geography industry
 marriage language customs

ACCESS: Available at the Audio / Visual main desk in Draughton bldg. (first floor). Call number is *COMP GN307 .E53 1998*. May be used only at CD-ROM station near AV main desk.

CultureGrams

Published hard copy annually (also available in CD-ROM format)

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| CONTENT: | land | climate | history | population |
| | government | economy | education | customs |
| | transportation | statistics | lifestyle | religion |

ACCESS: Current *print* volume is kept on top of the missions file (first floor, to the right of the restrooms). CultureGrams is also available on CD-ROM (at the Audio / Visual main desk in Draughon).

The Statesman's Yearbook

Published annually

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| CONTENT: | social statistics | population | historical events |
| | climate | government | current administration |
| | military | economy | industry |
| | natural resources | communications | social institutions |
| | culture | international trade | |

ACCESS: Current volume is shelved in Reference (call number: *REF JAI .S83*). Look up country or region alphabetically.

A – Z of Countries of the World

An online, FHU Library database

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| CONTENT: | population | language | religion |
| | commerce | government | climate |

ACCESS: through “Journals & Websites” portion of library web page. Follow the links for ALL-PURPOSE / REFERENCE resources, then for [Oxford Reference Online Collection](#). Use A – Z directory to quickly find the appropriate country name.

Country Studies

Provided by the Library of Congress (Federal Research Division)

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| CONTENT: | social statistics | population | economy | industry |
| | government | military | military | |

ACCESS: Country Studies is free to all on the web. You may access it by following the link:

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

Using the [Browse by Continent](#) option on the main page is the most convenient way to locate your geographic region.
