World Development Indicators, World Bank

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SUMMARY

The World Bank's Open Data is an initiative from the the World Bank Group to produce reliable data about its member countries, including a number of macro, financial, and sector databases. Their datasets include ones focused on development, aid effectiveness, climate change, economy, education, debt, infrastructure, etc. The World Bank also has a World Development Indicators (WDI) database, which is the premier compilation of cross country comparable data on development and is the primary collection of development indicators. WDI specifically contains 1,400 time series indicators from 217 economies, with much of that data going back more than 50 years. Data for Open Data and WDI is compiled from statistical systems of member countries and officially recognized international sources. Most social and economic data are updated annually or less often and some economic and financial data are updated quarterly. The WDI database is updated quarterly, sometimes more often.

The data team uses World Bank Open Data and WDI for a number of series about education, agriculture, aid, gender issues, environment, finances, economics, and development. Most importantly, WB databases are used for GDP and GDPPC. Example series from the World Bank include but are not limited to, SeriesAgFoodProductIndex, SeriesAidRec%GNI, SeriesCompanyValue%GDP, SeriesExportImport%GDP.

STEPS TO PULL DATA FROM WORLD BANK

Step 1. To pull data from the world bank, navigate to data.worldbank.org

Step 2. To find the series, you can type in the search bar, click <Country> or click <Indicator>.

Step 3. Go to step 4 if clicked on <Country> or to step 7 if clicked on <Indicator>.

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Step 4. If clicked on <Country>, you can select an individual country or options under various categories, such as <Region> and <Income levels>. This example will use the <High Income> category.

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Australia	Austria	Income levels
Azerbaijan		High income
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Countries and Economies main page

Step 5. If a category is selected, the following example screen of <High Income> will formulate. From here, select the relevant topic/theme/SDG Goal, then click on the desired indicator. Then skip to steps 10-12, which show how to download an indicator.

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High Income example page

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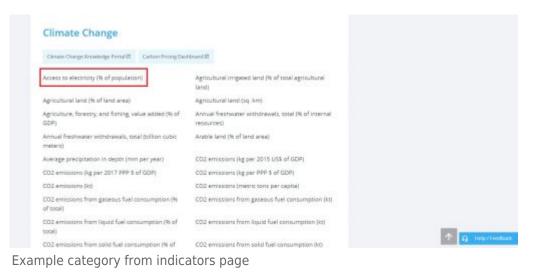
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Step 7. If clicked on <Indicator>, navigate to the relevant category of the desired indicator or type in the search bar. For this example, click on the <Climate Change> category.

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Access to electricity indicator

Step 10. If a more specific variable is desired, select one of the options of the right side. As an example, <Access to electricity, urban (% of urban population)> is showed here.

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Step 11. Before downloading, select desired time range on the sliding scale beneath the graph.

Step 12. On the right side of the graph, under <Download>, click <EXCEL>. An excel data set will immediately download. You may also click <WDI Tables> to see the data in a slightly different format.

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STEPS TO PULL DATA FROM WORLD BANK WDI (WORLD DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS)

Step 1. To pull data from the World Bank's World Development Indicators database, navigate to https://databank.worldbank.org/source/world-development-indicators

Step 2. In order to pull data, you'll need to first make selections regarding the database to pull from, countries, series, and time. These variables are on the left hand side.

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Step 5. Third, select series from keywords or alphabetical list. This example will choose <Access to electricity, (% of population)>.

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Notes for Updates in Jul. 2024

We updated 82 series from WDI, 71 of them are preprocessors and 11 non preprocessors.

	Definition	Units	Years		UsedInPreprocessorFileName		Decimal Places	Formula
Armsimp%Totimp	Arms imports (SIPRI trend indicator values)	Percent	1960-2022		ECONOMY	MS.MIL.MPRT.KD	3	%'NE.IMP.GNFS.CD'
XDebtPNG%GDP	External debt, private non-guaranteed, as percentage of gross domestic product External debt, public and publicly guaranteed, as percentage of gross domestic	Percent	1970-2022		ECONOMY	DT.DOD.DPNG.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	product	Percent	1970-2022	1	ECONOMY	DT.DOD.DPPG.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
XFlowsIDA%GDP	Net flows from IDA as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2022	1	ECONOMY	DT.NFL.MIDA.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Net nonconcessional flows from IMF as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2022	1	ECONOMY	DT.NFL.IMFN.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	IMF credits as % of GDP Income payments as % of GDP	Percent Percent	1970-2022 1960-2023	1	ECONOMY ECONOMY	DT.DOD.DIMF.CD BM.GSR.FCTY.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD %'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Portfolio investment in bonds (PPG and PNG) as % of GDP	Percent Percent	1960-2023	1	ECONOMY	DT.NFL.BOND.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD %'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
XPortEquity%GDP	Portfolio investment in equity as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023	1	ECONOMY	BX.PEF.TOTL.CD.WD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
XReserves%GDP	Gross international reserves as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023	1	ECONOMY	FI.RES.TOTL.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Net concessional flows from IMF as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2022		ECONOMY	DT.NFL.IMFC.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Income receipts as % of GDP Net flows from IBRD as % of GDP	Percent Percent	1960-2023 1970-2022	1	ECONOMY ECONOMY	BX.GSR.FCTY.CD DT.NFL.MIBR.CD	3	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD %'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	IBRD loans and IDA credits as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2022	1	ECONOMY	DT.DOD.MWBG.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
GovtCurRev%GDP	Current government revenue as % of GDP	Percent	1972-2022	1	ECONOMY	GC.REV.XGRT.GD.ZS	3	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Exports of services as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023		ECONOMY	BX.GSR.NFSV.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Exports of merchandise as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023		ECONOMY	TX.VAL.MRCH.CD.WT	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
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XWorkerRemitPaid%GDP	Worker remittances by country where paid as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2023		ECONOMY	BM.TRF.PWKR.CD.DT	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Worker remittances received by country as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2023		ECONOMY	BX.TRF.PWKR.CD.DT	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	External debt as percentage of gross domestic product	Percent	1970-2022		ECONOMY	DT.DOD.DECT.CD	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CD
	Net Foreign Assets (current LCU) as a percent of GDP.	Percent	1960-2023	0		FM.AST.NFRG.CN	4	%'NY.GDP.MKTP.CN
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LaborFemale%	Portion of labor force made up by women	Percent	1991-2023 1991-2022	1	POPULATION	SL.TLF.TOTL.FE.ZS	4	
	Labor in industry as % of total Labor in services as % of total	Percent	1991-2022 1991-2022	0		SL.IND.EMPL.ZS SL.SRV.EMPL.ZS	4	
	Value added in industry as percent of GDP	Percent	1960-2023		ECONOMY	NV.IND.TOTL.ZS	3	
OresMetsIm%Merchim	Ores and Metals imports as % of merchandise imports	Percent	1962-2023	1	ECONOMY	TM.VAL.MMTL.ZS.UN	4	
GovtDebt%GDP	Central government debt as % of GDP	Percent	1970-1971,1989-2022	1	ECONOMY	GC.DOD.TOTL.GD.ZS	4	
	Value added in manufacturing as percent of GDP Foreign population as % of total population	Percent Percent	1960-2023 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015		ECONOMY	NV.IND.MANF.ZS SM.POP.TOTL.ZS	3	
PopForeign% LaborAgriSector	Foreign population as % of total population Agricultural labor force as % of total employment, ISIC multiple revisions	Percent Percent	1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 201 1991-2022	1	ECONOMY	SM.POP.TOTL.25 SL.AGR.EMPL.ZS	4	
	Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, female (% of 24 hour day)		2000-2022	0		SG.TIM.UWRK.FE	2	
	Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, male (% of 24 hour day).	Percent	2000-2022	1	POPULATION	SG.TIM.UWRK.MA	2	
IncBelow2D15c%	Percentage of the population living on less than \$2.15 a day at 2017 international	Percent	1963-2023	0		SI.POV.DDAY	4	
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IncBelow6D85c%	Percentage of the population living on less than \$6.85 a day at 2017 international	Percent	1963-2023	0		SI.POV.UMIC	4	
	prices, estimation by World Bank, Poverty and Inequality Platform.			0				
PovGap2D15cperDay	Poverty gap at \$2.15 per day (2017PPP), percent, estimation by World Bank, Poverty and Inequality Platform	Percent	1963-2023	1	ECONOMY	SI.POV.GAPS	4	
PovGan3D65perDay	Poverty gap at \$3.65 per day (2017PPP), percent, estimation by World Bank, Poverty	Percent	1963-2023	1	ECONOMY	SI.POV.LMIC.GP	4	
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	Exports of goods and services as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023	1	ECONOMY	NE.EXP.GNFS.ZS	4	
EnElecTransLoss%	Electric power transmission and distribution losses (% of output)	Percent	1960-2014		INFRASTRUCTURE	EG.ELC.LOSS.ZS	4	
GovtEdPub%GDP	Educational expenditures (public) as percent of GDP	Percent	1970-2023	1	ECONOMY	SE.XPD.TOTL.GD.ZS	4	
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	Military expenditures (as percent of GDP). Taiwan, China values filled by SIPRI. Government (general) final consumption as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2022		ECONOMY	MS.MIL.XPND.GD.25 NF.CON.GOVT.75	*	
	Government expense as % of GDP (compare with govt expenditures)	Percent	1972-2022		ECONOMY	GC.XPN.TOTL.GD.ZS	3	
ImportGoodSer%	Imports of goods and services as % of GDP	Percent	1960-2023	1	ECONOMY	NE.IMP.GNFS.ZS	4	
EnElecConsPerCap	Electricity consumption per capita	KWH/Cap	1960-2019	1	INFRASTRUCTURE	EG.USE.ELEC.KH.PC	4	
	Gross capital formation (Investment), percent of GDP	Percent	1960-2023 1970-2022		ECONOMY ECONOMY	NE.GDI.TOTL.ZS BX.KLT.DINV.WD.GD.ZS	3	
	Foreign direct investment net inflow as % of GDP Foreign direct investment net outflow as % of GDP	Percent	1970-2022 1970-2022		ECONOMY	BX.KLT.DINV.WD.GD.ZS BM.KIT.DINV.WD.GD.ZS		
	Income share of poorest 20% of population	Percent	1963-2023		ECONOMY	SI.DST.FRST.20	3	
LaborUnemploy%	Labor unemployment, % of labor force	Percent	1991-2023	1	POPULATION	SL.UEM.TOTL.ZS	3	
TaxImportDuties%Rev	Customs and other import duties (% of tax revenue)	Percent	1972-2023		ECONOMY	GC.TAX.IMPT.ZS	4	
	Ores and Metals exports as % of merchandise exports	Percent	1962-2023 1961.1963.1965-2021		ECONOMY	TX.VAL.MMTL.ZS.UN SP.DYN.CONU.ZS	4	
	Prevalence of contraceptive use Access to electric energy National (% of population)	Percent percentage	1961,1963,1965-2021 1990-2022	0	INFRASTRUCTURE	SP.DYN.CONU.ZS EG.ELC.ACCS.ZS	4	
EnElecAccess%Rural	Access to electric energy National (% of population) Access to electricity in Rural areas (% of population)	percentage	1990-2022		INFRASTRUCTURE	EG.ELC.ACCS.RU.ZS	4	
EnElecAccess%Urban	Access to electricity in Urban areas (% of population)	percentage	1990-2022	1	INFRASTRUCTURE	EG.ELC.ACCS.UR.ZS	4	
MaInChil%WeightWB	Percentage of children under 5 malnourished based on weight; US benchmark	Percent	1983,1985-2023	1	AGRICULTURE	SH.STA.MALN.ZS	4	
	Taxes on goods and services as % of total govt revenue	Percent	1972-2022		ECONOMY	GC.TAX.GSRV.RV.ZS	3	
	Social security taxes as % of total govt revenue Gini index of income inequality (lower = more equal)	Percent Index	1972-2022 1963-2023		ECONOMY ECONOMY	GC.REV.SOCL.ZS SI.POV.GINI	3	
ICTInternet%Pop	Percent of population on-line	Percent	1963-2023	1	SOCIOPOL	IT.NET.USER.ZS	4	
LaborAgr%TotFemale	Employees, agriculture, female as % of female employment	Percent	1991-2022	1	POPULATION	SL.AGR.EMPL.FE.ZS	4	
VaddAg%	Value added in agriculture as percent of GDP	Percent	1960-2023		ECONOMY	NV.AGR.TOTL.ZS	3	
VaddSer%	Value added in services as percent of GDP	Percent	1960-2023		ECONOMY	NV.SRV.TOTL.ZS	3	
LaborAgr%TotMale	Employees, agriculture, males as % of male employment	Percent	1991-2022	1	POPULATION	SLAGR.EMPL.MA.ZS	4	
XCurActBal%GDP MaternalMortalityRatio	Current account balance (% of GDP) Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births	Percent Ratio	1960-2023 2000-2020	1	ECONOMY POPULATION	BN.CAB.XOKA.GD.ZS SH.STA.MMRT	3	
EnvPMWDI		micrograms per cubic	1990,1995,2000,2005,2010-2019	-	ENVIRONMENT	EN.ATM.PM25.MC.M3	5	
	PM2.5 air pollution, mean annual exposure (micrograms per cubic meter)			1			د	
ChildStuntingPercentWDI	Stunting (Height for age) amongst children aged under the age of 5	Percent	1983,1985-2023	1	HEALTH	SH.STA.STNT.ZS	5	
HealthMalarBedNetsWDI	Use of insecticide-treated bed nets (% of under-5 population) Grants and other revenue include grants from other foreign governments, international errapitations and other revenues represent units:	Percent	1999-2021		HEALTH	SH.MLR.NETS.ZS	3	
	organizations, and other government units;	' Percent	1972-2022	1	ECONOMY	GC.REV.GOTR.ZS	3	
	Population below national poverty line	Percent	1985-2023		ECONOMY	SI.POV.NAHC	1	
	Imports of ICT goods as % of total goods imports	Percent	2000-2021	0		TM.VAL.ICTG.ZS.UN	2	
	Exports of ICT goods as % of total goods imports	Percent	2000-2021	0		TX.VAL.ICTG.ZS.UN	2	

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- 2. Open the WDICSV.csv file.
- 3. Use the "**Code in Source**" from the DataDict and "**Indicator Code**" from WDICSV file to preprare the series.
- 4. Be care of the "Formula", if there is a "%**XXXX**"(the XXXX is the "Indicator Code"), then you need to use the series divide the series after "%". The series after "%" also in the WDICSV.
 - 1. Please keep in mind *100 after you finish the division to make it in "**Percent**" instead of decimal.
 - 2. Always applying "**round**" function after you applied multiplying 100.
- 5. The "**Years**" for some series are discountinued, please remove the years with all "Nulls" before importing.
- 6. Blending with Old data in IFsHistSeries:

- A country that has data in the previous release but not anymore. For this case, we need to bring the data in unless we have a solid proof to say they delete a country's data on purpose. For example, in the table GovCon%GDP, Nigeria used to have values, but the new table has all nulls for it because WDI somehow removes values for Nigeria.
- 2. Some historical years of data are missing completely for all countries. WDI does this every now and then. For example, for certain tables, it used to have coverage back to 1960, then along the updates WDI only offers data back to 1980 or even 2000.
- 7. If you want to try to use python scripts to pull the data, you may access the scripts from here.

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