

Chapter 1. Websites for Economic Information and Commentary

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1. <http://rfe.org> *Resources for Economists*
This American Economics Association website has an encyclopedic list of all sorts of web-based economics sites.
2. <http://www.economagic.com/> *Economagic -- Economic Times Series Page*
Economagic is an excellent site for all kinds of U.S. economic data, including national income accounts, the Federal Reserve, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and more. The site includes a very useful graphing function and allows downloads to excel worksheets as well as simple statistical functions.
3. <http://www.econstats.com/> *Economic Statistics*
EconStats is another site with links to all kinds of US data. It also has links to data for many other countries.
4. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html> *Economics Statistics Briefing Room*
This is the White House site for overall economics statistics. This also includes links to other parts of the government.
5. <http://www.cbpp.org/index.html> *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*
The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities is a non-partisan web site that focuses on economic policies related to the budget and their effects on low- and moderate-income people.
6. <http://www.argmax.com/> *ArgMax*
This is an excellent site for economic news, data links and analysis.
7. <http://www.econlib.org/> *Library of Economics and Liberty*
The Library of Economics and Liberty web site features articles and links to many books and other economics related resources.
8. <http://www.heritage.org/> *Heritage Foundation*
The Heritage Foundation comments on economic policy from a conservative viewpoint. This link takes you to a very useful federal budget calculator that will help you understand what the federal government spends its money on and where they get the money from.
9. <http://www.kowaldesign.com/budget/> *Budget Explorer*
This site contains a budget explorer which I like because it allows you not only to calculate your own budget but also links to the various executive branch departments with spending authority, so you can see exactly where the money is going.
10. <http://www.concordcoalition.org/> *The Concord Coalition*
The Concord Coalition is a non-partisan group advocating a balanced budget. Their site contains very useful graphs and projections showing what current taxing and spending proposals mean for the federal budget in the years ahead.
11. <http://www.economy.com/dismal/> *The Dismal Scientist*
This is a very good web site for evaluations of current statistics and policy.

12. <http://www.federalbudget.com/> *National Debt Awareness Center*
The National Debt Awareness Center has a useful graph providing up to date information on the size of the national debt and what the Federal Government is spending money on.
13. <http://www.ombwatch.org/> *OMB Watch*
OMB Watch is another web site devoted to information on what is happening to the federal budget.
14. <http://www.brook.edu/default.htm> *The Brookings Institution*
The Brookings Institution publishes lots of good articles on current economic and political policy.
15. <http://www.realtor.org> *National Assoc. of Realtors*
Check this site if you want information on real estate.
16. <http://www.census.gov/> *U.S. Census Bureau*
The U.S. Census Bureau web site provides demographic and population numbers.
17. <http://www.briefing.com/Investor/Index.htm> *Briefing.com*
For a more in-depth analysis of stock and bond markets and the factors that influence them, check out Briefing.com.
18. <http://www.imf.org/> *International Monetary Fund*
The International Monetary Fund is an excellent site for data on all member countries, with a particular emphasis on balance of payments, exchange rate and financial/monetary data.
19. <http://worldbank.org/> *The World Bank Group*
The World Bank has cross country data on a wide variety of subjects.
20. <http://www.undp.org/> *United Nations Development Programme*
The UNDP has cross country data with a particular focus on measures of human welfare and poverty.
21. <http://www.fao.org/> *Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN*
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN has cross country information on food and agriculture.
22. <http://datacentre2.chass.utoronto.ca/pwt/> *Penn World Tables*
The Penn World Tables are a useful source for a variety of economic data series not available from other sources.
23. <http://www.bls.gov/fls/> *U.S. Department of Labor, Foreign Labor Statistics*
The Foreign Labor Statistics program provides international comparisons of hourly compensation costs; productivity and unit labor costs; labor force, employment and unemployment rates; and consumer prices. The comparisons relate primarily to the major industrial countries, but other countries are included in certain measures.
24. <http://www.kyle.aem.cornell.edu/> *Professor Kyle's Web Site*
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