



## Resources for Country Overviews, Forecasts, and Maps

### Internet Resources (available without a password)

- **BBC Country Profiles**  
 Full profiles provide an instant guide to history, politics and economic background of countries and territories, and background on key institutions. Also included are audio and video clips from BBC archives.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)
- **The CIA World Factbook**  
 The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities. The Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, as well as flags of the world, a physical map of the world, a political map of the world, and a standard time zones of the world map.  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

The CIA World Factbook also contains Country Comparison pages presorted with lists of data from selected Factbook data fields.  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- **Congressional Research Service Reports (CRS) And Issue Briefs**  
 Search by region by clicking on By Region in left navigation box.  
<http://fpc.state.gov/c18185.htm>
- **Freedom House**  
<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=1>

Freedom House contains “Nations in Transit”, a comprehensive, comparative, and multidimensional study of reform in the former Communist states of Europe and Eurasia. Select Country Reports on the Nations in Transit page.  
<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=17&year=2008>

“Countries at the Crossroads” is an annual survey of government performance in 70 strategically important countries worldwide that are at a critical crossroads in determining their political future. The in-depth comparative analyses and quantitative ratings – examining government accountability, civil liberties, rule of law, anticorruption efforts and transparency – are intended to help international policymakers identify areas of progress, as well as to highlight areas of concern. Scroll to the bottom of this section to find the Interactive Features, which include maps and graphs.

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=139&edition=8>

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**  
Click on the Country Info tab or click on the Regional Economic Outlook box in the middle of the home page.  
<http://www.imf.org/external/index.htm>
- **National Defense University Map Resources**  
On the Map Resources page, under the words “Start Here”, click on the Perry-Castenada Map Collection for CIA maps.  
<http://www.ndu.edu/library/Map/map.cfm>
- **United Nations—Peacekeeping**  
In the left navigation bar, see Current Operations for information by region.  
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/dpko.shtml>
- **U.S. Agency for International Development**  
Click on Locations link in the top navigation bar for information by region.  
<http://www.usaid.gov/>
- **United States Department Of State**  
Click on the Countries & Regions tab or use the drop down menu on the right for Country Profiles.  
<http://www.state.gov/>
- **United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs**  
Click on Subcommittees in the top navigation bar for information by region.  
<http://www.internationalrelations.house.gov/subcommittees.asp>
- **U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**  
In lower right of the home page, under the heading Subcommittees, select by region.  
<http://foreign.senate.gov/>
- **The World Bank**  
Click on Countries tab at the top of the page.  
<http://www.worldbank.org/>

- **The World Health Organization/Disease and Injury by Country Estimates**  
[http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global\\_burden\\_disease/estimates\\_country/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global_burden_disease/estimates_country/en/index.html)
- **The World Health Organization/Statistics from WHO Regional Offices**  
<http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/regions/en/index.html>