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UPCOMING ACCIDENTAL LIBRARIAN WEBINARS

- December 14: Inside the Serial Set with Carmen Orth-Alfie
 - January 27: Data products of the Minnesota Population Center
 - February 17: StatsCanada for Non-Canadians with Michelle Edwards
 - March: Government Apps with Emily Lawson
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MAKING PEACE WITH UNITED NATIONS DATA:

NAVIGATING UN DATA INFORMATION SOURCE

Wednesday, November 11, 12pm - 1pm EST

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DATA REPOSITORIES



- UNdata.org: Statistical portal, allows simultaneous searching of 24 statistical databases from UN Statistics and Population Divisions, UN specialized agencies (ILO, FAO, WHO, etc.) and Member Countries.
- UN Data Explorer: <http://data.un.org/Explorer.aspx>; Your go to resource for datasets, sources (agency) or topic
- UN Statistical Division (UNSD): unstats.un.org; supports the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Contains statistics collected by the statistical division, publications produced by the statistical division and information about the work of the division.
- UN Comtrade Database: <http://comtrade.un.org/data/>; Free download of trade data, currently in beta, annual trade statistics starting from 1962 and monthly trade statistics since 2010
- Country Data: <http://data.un.org/countryData>
- Need some guidance? See Agency Glossary: <http://www.un.org/en/sections/about-un/funds-programmes-specialized-agencies-and-others/index.html>

Photo: http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2015/Progress_E.pdf

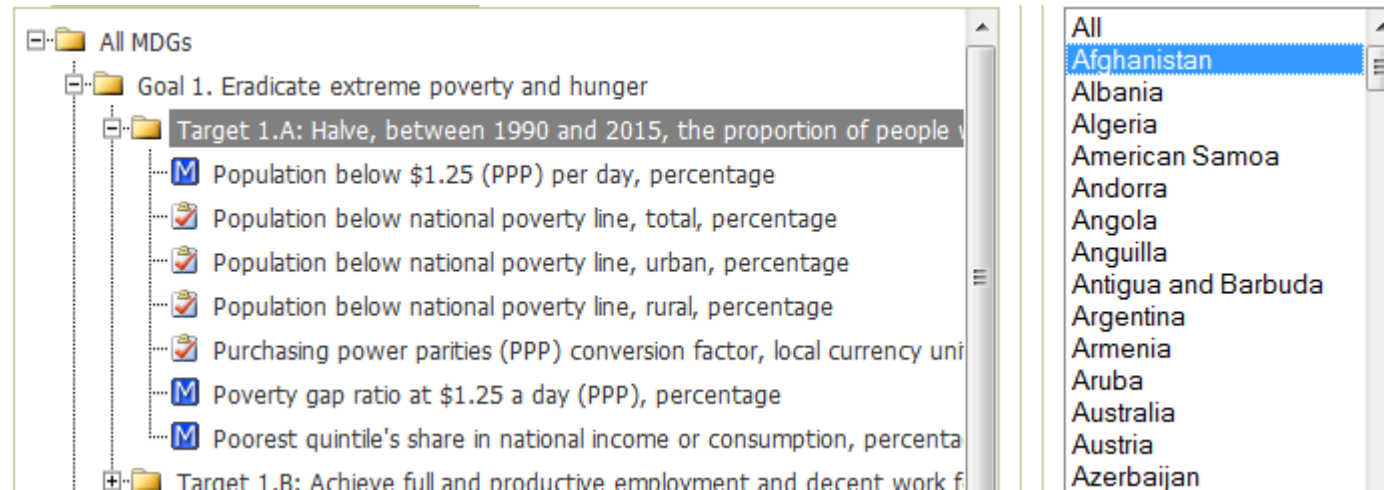
DATA REPOSITORIES

UNSD Statistical Databases

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm>

Examples:

- Demographic Yearbook System
- Joint Oil Data Initiative (JODI)
- Millennium Indicators Database
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics Online



DATA STANDARDS

- Provide country level data, regional snapshots, data availability by series, regional groupings,
- Metadata information for UNdata <http://data.un.org/DataMartInfo.aspx>
- Tables, charts and reports available, can download data in csv, xls, ASCII, Beyond 20/20 formats
- Date ranges vary; fees for some databases
- May be download size limits and/or fees
- From agency websites, check under Resources for statistical information if “database” not listed. Determine UN publication that contains statistics you are searching for.

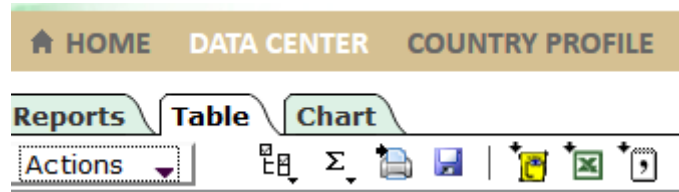
REFERENCE CONSULTATIONS

- **Initiative** – Sustainable Development Goals, Zero Hunger Challenge
- **Agency** – UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UN Development Programme
- **Indicator** - Population density, literacy rates, infant mortality, agricultural production index
- **Topic** – Commerce, Human Rights, Peace and Security
- Intermingle specific terms from above PLUS combinations of “current” terminology:

Digital, library, archives, repository, finding aid, digital collections, datasets, data visualization, statistics, metadata, raw data, infographic

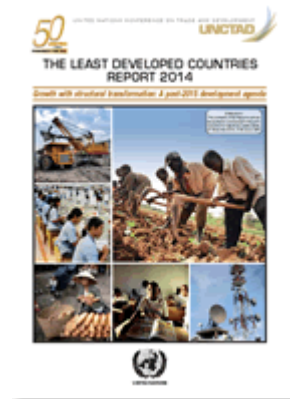
INFORMATION HIERARCHY - AGENCIES

UNCTADStat - Data Center and Country Profiles; 150+ indicators and statistical time series - <http://unctadstat.unctad.org/EN/>



Catalogue of Indicators

- International trade
- Economic trends
- Foreign direct investment
- External financial resources
- Population and labour force
- Commodities
- Information economy
- Creative economy
- Maritime transport



INFORMATION HIERARCHY - TOPIC

Agency websites, look under Resources

Dag Hammarskjöld Library

<http://research.un.org/en>

ask.un.org

By topic
Commerce and Trade
Development
Disarmament
Environment
Health
Human Rights
Humanitarian Affairs
International Law
Peace and Security
Transport and Communication

WHAT IS DIGITIZED?

- Official Document Search (ODS)

<http://ods.un.org/>

- General Assembly, Security Council Minutes 1946-1993:

http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/digitization_program.htm

http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/digitization_program_status_report.pdf

- Agency dependent – check agency sites, Twitter for updates

DATA CITATIONS

- Data Sets:

Point readers to raw data by providing a Web address (use "Retrieved from") or a general place that houses data sets on the site (use "Available from").

- Graphic Data: (e.g. Interactive Maps and Other Graphic Representations of Data)

Give the name of the researching organization followed by the date. In brackets, provide a brief explanation of what type of data is there and in what form it appears. Finally, provide the project name and retrieval information.

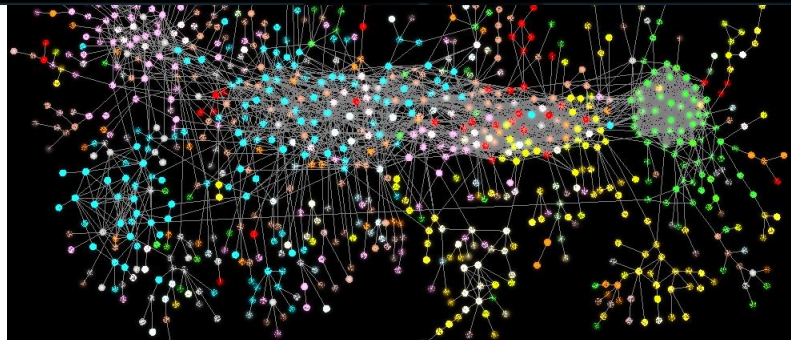
Source: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

UN'S DATA VISUALIZATION: COMTRADE

Visualize Data (<http://comtrade.un.org/labs/>)

Filter by product category

Mineral & Animal Products Vegetable Products Foodstuffs Mineral Products Chemicals & Allied Industries Plastics & Rubbers Leathers and Furs Wood & Wood Products Textiles Footwear & Headgear Stone & Glass Metals Machinery & Electrical Transportation Miscellaneous



PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES



- UN's World Statistics Day 2015
- Seek campus-wide opportunities for data visualization instruction and collaboration
- Involve multiple disciplines, graduate student outreach
- Make data less scary

STAYING CURRENT

Twitter:

- UN Library
- UNdata
- UNStats

UNStats
354 Tweets

8 FOLLOWING 4,757 FOLLOWERS

Tweets Media Likes

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72 2015
64 1995

68 2015
60 1995

The infographic shows two human figures, a woman on the left and a man on the right. Above each figure are two birthday cakes representing life expectancy. For the woman, the top cake is labeled '72' and '2015', and the bottom cake is labeled '64' and '1995'. For the man, the top cake is labeled '68' and '2015', and the bottom cake is labeled '60' and '1995'. An upward-pointing arrow is between the two cakes for each figure.

#StatsDay15 Globally life expectancy

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Syrian Arab Republic: Humanitarian Snapshot (as of 31 October 2015)

Map showing Syrian Arab Republic: Humanitarian Snapshot (as of 31 October 2015). The map displays various regions with data points and icons representing different humanitarian metrics. A legend is provided on the right side of the map.

As of 31 Oct, 6.5 million people are internally displaced in #Syria & 4.1m more are refugees v @OCHA_Syria

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176 Tweets

Tweets Media Favorites

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Updates: Comtrade bit.ly/1HVRDks; Nat'l Acct bit.ly/1oZmuRm; Tourism bit.ly/1OxrvvZ. Thnx @UNTradeStats & @UNWTO

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Also, thanks to @UNStats colleagues for updates to EnergyStats bit.ly/1t8QESs & NA Main Aggregates bit.ly/1JuMnxy databases

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Seton Hall University Libraries UN Research Guide:

<http://library.shu.edu/un>

UN Geneva Library Statistics Research Guide:

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/statistics>

Where can I find UN statistics?:

<http://ask.un.org/faq/14429>

United Nations Statistics:

<http://research.un.org/az.php?t=3701>

Statistics Resource Guide - Statistics by Theme:

<http://libraryresources.unog.ch/content.php?pid=197682&sid=1671737>

EVEN MORE RESOURCES

Voting Records: <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unms/cms.shtml#vMemStates>


Data Visualization

<http://data.worldbank.org/mdgs/progress-status-across-groups-number-of-countries>

<http://data.myworld2015.org/>

<http://millionvoices-data.worldwewant2015.org/>

<http://post2015.unglobalpulse.net/>



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