

Country Comparisons

Two sources allow you to examine the economic profiles of countries, such as Australia or New Zealand.

1. The OECD website

The OECD website provides easy access to **statistical country profiles**, with the ability to pull up further times series data for any indicator in the profile.

- Open the OECD website:
<http://www.oecd.org/home/>
- Click on **By Country** in the blue box
- Select **New Zealand** (or Australia)



- Click on the **Statistics** link
- Click on the first publication in the list
OECD Statistical Profile of NZ - 2006



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More than 100 indicators covering a wide range of areas: ec and quality of life, industry, information and communications expenditure and R&D. Click on the red **i** beside each indicator definition of the indicator, comments on comparability of the To compare New Zealand with other OECD countries, click comparative data in Excel format.

- The statistical profile appears, data is included for the years 2000-2004:

Macroeconomic trends	Size of GDP i	Gross domestic product i	79.3	83.6	88.5	93.8	100	..
		GDP per capita i	20 473	21 365	22 270	23 230	24 498	..
		Volume index of GDP	4.3	86.2	86.8	87.3	..	..
	Evolution of GDP i	Real GDP growth i	4.76	4.633	3.596	4.356	..	..
	Investment rates i	Gross fixed capital forma	973	20.364	21.709	23.101	..	..
		Gross fixed capital forma	869	8.841	9.3	..	..	..
		Gross fixed capital forma	994	5.719	6.703	..	..	..
	Inflation i	GDP deflator i	1.05	0.42	2.49	3.7	..	..
	Labour productivity i	GDP per hour worked i	993	1.725	1.524	0.21	..	..
	Multi-factor productivity i	Multi-factor productivity i	513	1.315	..	..	..	..
	Value added by activity i	Value added in agricultur	993	..	..	..	..	..
		Value added in industr	117	..	..	..	..	..

- For any variable eg **Macroeconomic trends > Size of GDP > GDP per capita** click on the red *information icon* **i** to view more details concerning unit of measure.

From here you are also able to click on **Country Comparison Table** (or Chart) to view a much longer time series of data, presented in Excel format eg. GDP per Capita data from 1970 onwards:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	OECD Factbook 2006: Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics - ISBN 92-64-03561-3 - © OECD 2006								
2	Macroeconomic trends - gross domestic product (GDP) - size of GDP								
3	GDP per capita								
4	US dollars, current prices and PPPs								
5		1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
6	Australia	4 261	4 505	4 841	5 404	5 813	6 463	6 304	7 21
7	Austria	3 735	4 104	4 517	4 374	5 628	6 153	6 817	7 51
8	Belgium	3 703	4 026	4 400	4 315	5 567	5 396	6 688	7 14
9	Canada	4 230	4 617	5 013	5 530	6 228	6 842	7 511	8 11

2. Business Source Premier

From the [LEARN](#) homepage click [Databases & Article Searching](#) > [B](#) > [Business Source Premier](#) click on **CONNECT** (from home you will be prompted to enter your **NetID** details at this point). Country reviews collated by the Economist Intelligence Unit are found in this database.

- Enter **Australia country review** in the first search box and select **SO Publication Name**
- Enter **economic** in the second search box and select **TI Title**, then click on **SEARCH**

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Research Databases search interface. The search criteria are: 'australia country review' in 'SO Publication Name', 'and economic' in 'TI Title', and the search is performed in 'Business Source Premier'. The results page shows 1.7 of 7 results on page 1. The first result is 'ECONOMIC OVERVIEW, Australia Country Review, 2006, p39, 25p; (AN 19651520)' with a PDF Full Text link (105K) and a LEARN link. The second result is 'ECONOMIC OVERVIEW, Australia Country Review, 2005, p31, 24p; (AN 15140819)' with a PDF Full Text link (99K) and a LEARN link. A sidebar on the left shows 'Narrow Results by Subject' with links for AUSTRALIA, ECONOMIC indicators, and AUSTRALIA -- Economic conditions.

- The economic chapter of the country review is retrieved, 2006 is the first search result, with a *PDF link to the fulltext*
- Repeat this same search strategy for **New Zealand** data:

The screenshot shows the search interface for 'New Zealand country review'. The search criteria are: 'new zealand country review' in 'SO Publication Name', 'and economic' in 'TI Title', and the search is performed in 'Business Source Premier'. The 'Search' button is visible.

- NOTE - to view the *full* reports exclude the term "economic" from the above searches