Citing Business Databases and Related Sources in APA Style

This guide provides examples of citations from commonly used sources of business and related information. Some sources are library-owned resources and others are freely available information on the web. The general format for APA style citation is,

Author or agency. (Date). Title of article or statistical table or data set. Source Publication. volume#(issue#), starting page # - ending page #. Retrieved from database name or http://url.

Academic Search Complete


Annual Reports


Business Source Complete


CCH Internet Tax Research Network


Census.gov

Population data:

Economic Census:

County Business Patterns:
Commodity & Industry Codes

Harmonized codes:

NAICS codes:

SIC codes:

SITC codes:

Comtrade


Consumer Expenditure Survey (BLS)


Corporate Affiliations


Country Commercial Guides


EconLit


Note: EconLit usually provides the DOI (Digital Object Identifier), which APA requires you to use instead of "Retrieved from EconLit."

EDGAR (S.E.C.)


Historical Statistics of the United States


Note: This second reference is for an essay, not a table.
**Hoover's (via LexisNexis Academic)**


**IBISWorld Industry Market Research**


**LexisNexis Academic**


**Mintel**


**Morningstar**


**National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers**


**ReferenceUSA**


**RIA Checkpoint**


**S&P NetAdvantage**


SimplyMap


SourceOECD


USITC Trade Database


Wall Street Journal (via Proquest)


Henry Ford’s experiment may be the new found justice; gift of $10,000,000 to employees called advertising; effect of working men on eight-hour shifts. (1914, January 8). Wall Street Journal, p2. Retrieved from ProQuest Historical Newspapers database.

Note: In many old WSJ articles, no author is given, so the title goes first.

Web Sites


World DataBank


As much as possible, these examples follow the 2007 APA Style Guide to Electronic References, which has been incorporated into the 6th (2010) edition of the APA Manual. The APA Style Guide to Electronic References states, "With the exception of hard-to-find books and other documents of limited circulation delivered by electronic databases, the database name is no longer a necessary element of the reference. If you do include the database name in a reference, do not include the database URL" (p. 2, emphasis mine). I decided to include database names when the database URL would not be distinctive (e.g., Ebsco and Gale databases).

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