

IIF Data

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. HOW MANY AND WHICH COUNTRIES DO YOU COVER?

We cover nearly 60 emerging and frontier markets in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East & North Africa (MENA) and Sub Saharan Africa. Of these, 25 are included in our Capital Flows Report. A full listing of countries by region can be found by clicking on "Research" on the home page, then clicking on "Regional and Country", and then selecting the region (see question 3B).

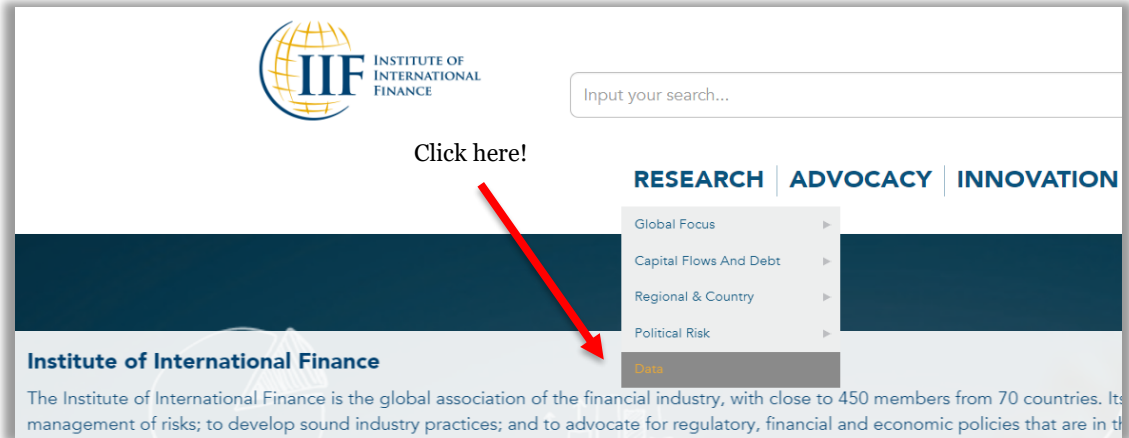
2. OVER WHAT TIME PERIOD DO THE DATABASES EXTEND?

If it is published by the authorities, data series for some countries go back as far as 1978. Forecasts go forward two years.

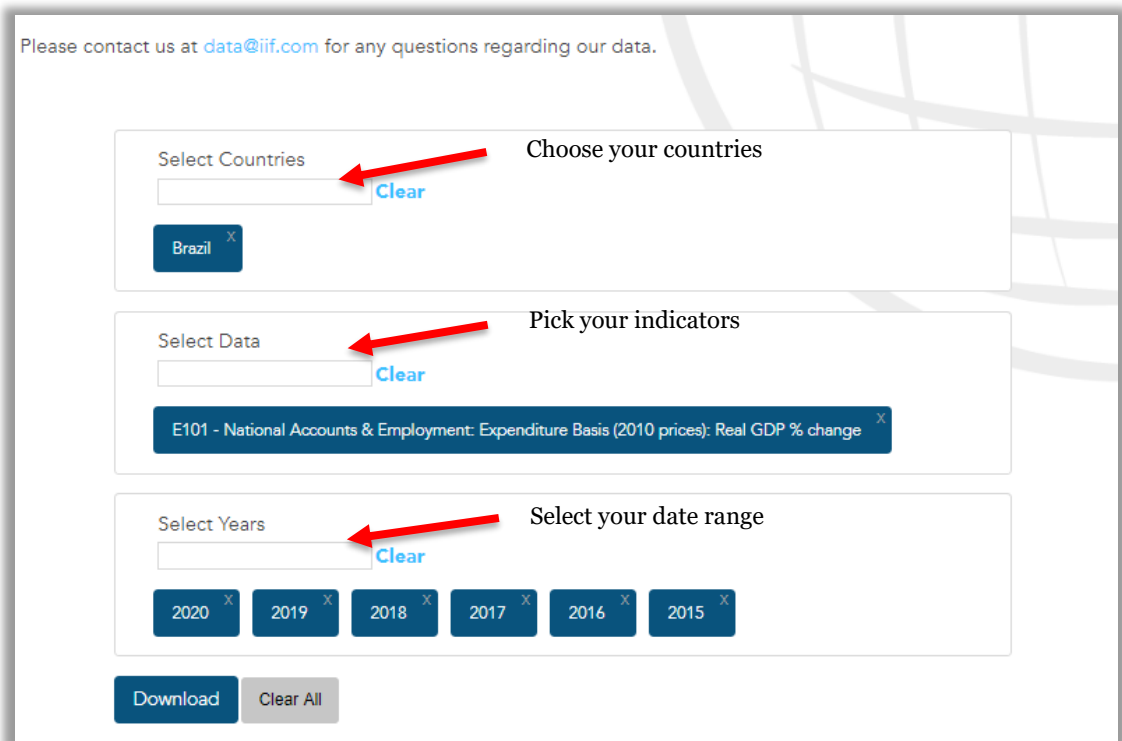
3. WHERE CAN I DOWNLOAD DATA FROM THE IIF WEBSITE?

There are two ways to download country data:

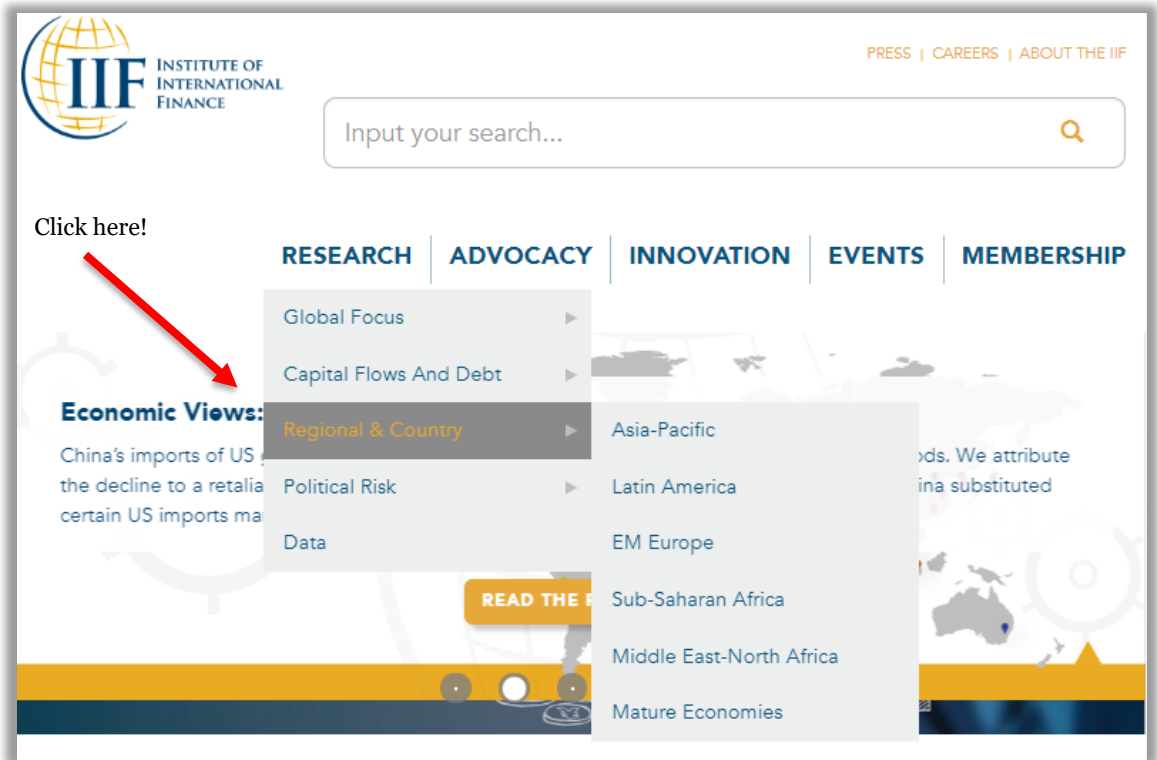
- A. Using the download tool – on the home page click on “Research” then scroll down and click on the “Data” icon (see below) or click [here](#). This is the best place to download cross-country data.



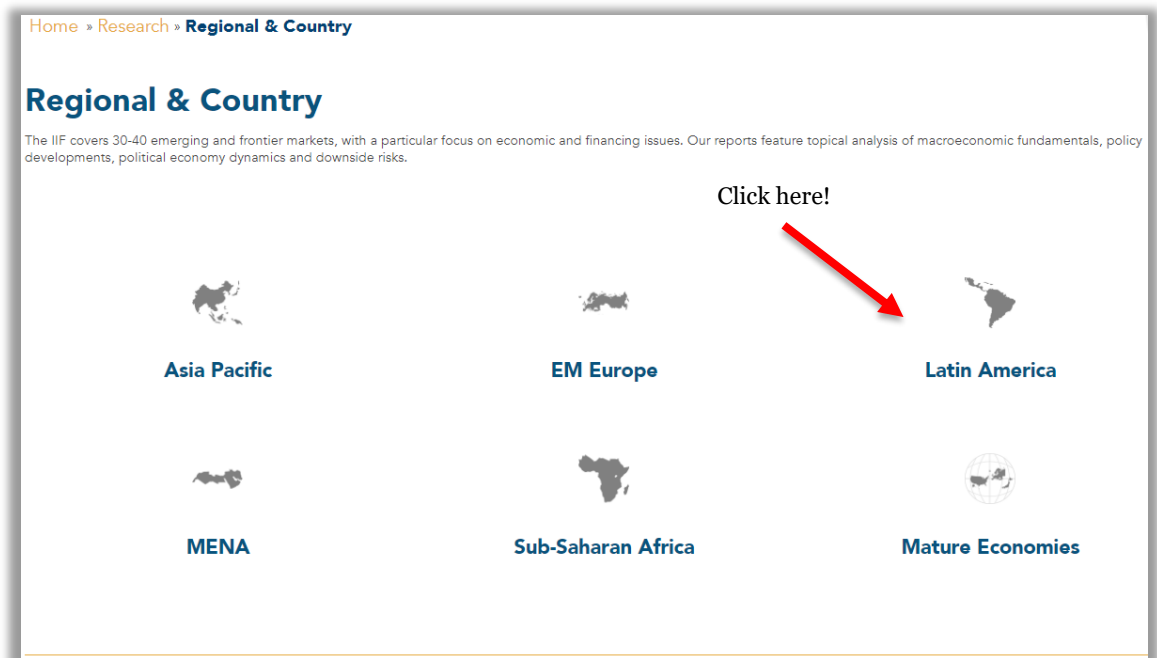
Once you are on the data tool page you have a variety of options for downloading data. You can select specific variables, for select countries, over a desired time period (see below). Alternatively, you can download all our economic data by selecting *All Countries*, *All Data*, and *All Years* in download tool.



- B. From the individual country page - on the home page click on “Research”, then click on “Regional and Country” in the grey bar (see below).



Then select the region and country you are interested in (see below).



At the top of country page click on “Country Economic Database” box (see below). This is the best place to download a full set of the most relevant individual country data in excel. This covers the most recent six years and includes two-year forecasts.

The screenshot shows the IIF website navigation bar with links for RESEARCH, ADVOCACY, INNOVATION, EVENTS, and MEMBERSHIP. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for GLOBAL FOCUS, CAPITAL FLOWS AND DEBT, REGIONAL & COUNTRY, POLITICAL RISK, and DATA. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home » Research » Regional & Country » Latin America » Brazil. The main heading is 'Brazil'. A red arrow points to a box labeled 'Database' with the text 'Click here!' above it. Below this is a box containing a plus sign, the date 'December 5, 2018', and the text 'Database file: Brazil Economic Database'. Further down is a section for 'Recent Publications' with a featured article titled 'Economic Views: Contrasting BoP Fortunes in Brazil & Mexico' dated January 22, 2019.

4. WHERE CAN I FIND A COMPLETE LIST OF VARIABLES AVAILABLE IN THE DATA DOWNLOAD TOOL WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS?

All variables with their codes and definitions are listed in the [IIF Database Glossary](#)– a link to which can be found at the top of Data Download page (Home/Research/Data). Please see below.

The screenshot shows the IIF Data Download tool interface. At the top, there is a paragraph of instructions: 'Select the data you wish to download from the fields below, then click download to proceed. Note that you must select at least one item from each list (at least one country, data type, and year). For an explanation of the data series used in the data download tool, please refer to the [IIF Database Glossary](#).' A red arrow points to the 'IIF Database Glossary' link with the text 'Click here!'. Below this is a line of text: 'Please contact us at data@iif.com for any questions regarding our data.' The main form consists of three selection fields: 'Select Countries', 'Select Data', and 'Select Years', each with a dropdown menu and a 'Clear' button. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Download' and 'Clear All'.

5. WHAT ARE THE CODES FOR SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR VARIABLES?

Real GDP growth (E101), unemployment (S440), current account, % of GDP (B252), nonresident capital flows (F100), nonresident foreign direct investment (F110), nonresident portfolio flows (F120), reserve accumulation (F500), total external debt (D100), reserves excluding gold (A500), import cover (A506), private sector credit growth (M252), inflation (M805 and M815), policy rate (K500 and K501), budget deficit % of GDP (G302), government debt % of GDP (G502 and G602)

6. WHO DO I REACH OUT TO IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

If you are having difficulty using the data download tool or have general questions, please contact data@iif.com. If you have country specific questions, please contact the analyst responsible for the country. Contact details can be found on all country-specific publications (see below).

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7. WHERE CAN I FIND IIF'S GLOBAL GROWTH OUTLOOK??

We publish the global growth outlook as well as growth projections for the key emerging markets twice a year (April/October) as an addendum to our flagship [Capital Flows to Emerging Markets Report](#).

8. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE IIF DATABASES RELATIVE TO OTHER WIDELY USED ONES LIKE THE IMF'S WEO OR THE WORLD BANK'S GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS?

The IIF uses an internally consistent framework to generate forecasts. All databases use the same assumptions for external variables such as oil prices and global interest rates. Additionally, we are unique in our approach in reconciling capital flows with changes in debt stocks.

9. WHERE CAN I FIND DATA REGARDING THE EM GROWTH TRACKER DATASET?

We publish the EM Growth Tracker on our webpage [here](#).

10. WHERE CAN I FIND DATA REGARDING THE IIF EM BANK LENDING SURVEY?

We publish the complete dataset for our EM Bank Lending Survey on our webpage [here](#).

11. WHERE CAN I FIND THE CAPITAL FLOWS TO EMERGING MARKETS REPORT DATA?

We publish the complete dataset for our Capital Flows to Emerging Markets report on our webpage [here](#).

12. WHERE CAN I FIND THE CAPITAL FLOWS TRACKER DATA?

We publish the complete dataset for our Capital Flows Tracker on our webpage [here](#).

13. WHERE CAN I FIND THE GLOBAL DEBT MONITOR DATA?

We publish the complete dataset for our Global Debt Monitor publication on our webpage [here](#).

14. HOW FREQUENTLY ARE THE VARIOUS IIF DATASETS UPDATED?

The IIF datasets are updated as follows: i) country databases are updated 2 times a year, in line with our Global Economic Monitor publication. Moreover, country analysts can provide ad-hoc updates throughout the year when significant events occur; ii) the EM Growth Tracker is updated on a monthly basis; iii) the Bank Lending Survey is updated on a quarterly basis; iv) the Capital Flows to Emerging Markets report and corresponding annual/quarterly datasets are published at a minimum twice a year; v) the Capital Flows Tracker is updated on a monthly basis; vi) the Global Debt Monitor and corresponding dataset is published on a quarterly basis.

15. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact us at data@iif.com for any questions regarding our data.