

List of Research Database

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Here listed below are the most used database in the research related to this course. Some of them are publicly available; while others are only accessible via CBS network. Remember, it's always better to have a research idea and a concrete research question before going to the data. You may also find the best way to locate a data source is through the **data section** of a published research paper. And of course, always consult me when you have trouble using the data.

(The list may not be complete and subject to change.)

1. BEA at <http://www.bea.gov/international/index.htm#omc>
Database on US MNEs, as in Yeaple (2003), Hanson and Slaughter (2001), and Antras et al. (2009). **This is industry-level data**. For a detailed description of the data, please see Data Appendix in Hanson and Slaughter (2001).
2. Orbis (former Amadeus) at
http://uk.cbs.dk/bibliotek/search_the_library/e_resources/baser_alfabetisk/orbis_company_data
This is the largest firm-level database. It includes information about 77 million companies from the whole world, and 241,000 Danish companies. Companies within banking, finance and assurance are also included. The M&A section of Orbis is called Zephyr, as below.
3. Zephyr at
http://uk.cbs.dk/bibliotek/search_the_library/e_resources/baser_alfabetisk/zephyr
This is a database of corporate mergers and acquisitions (M&A), initial public offerings (IPO), private equity and venture capital deals. It contains deals that are completed, pending, withdrawn, announced or rumored, with **five years of global coverage**, and **with pan-European deals dating back to 1997**. The deal record describes the acquiring and target companies, along with descriptive information about the deal itself.
4. WRDS at
http://uk.cbs.dk/bibliotek/search_the_library/e_resources/baser_alfabetisk/wrds
One of **the most used database in finance**. You need to register first through CBS to get access. WRDS is a gateway to financial, accounting, banking, economics, management, and marketing data accessible through a single web-based interface. Data is retrieved from multiple resources such as **COMPUSTAT, CRSP**.
5. World Bank Open Data Catalog at <http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog>
A good source for country-level data, WDI, or World Development Indicators, is especially popular.

6. IMF financial database at <http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm>
Another good source for country-level data, incl. FDIs.
7. OECD Stan. database at
<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?usercontext=sourceoecd&lang=en#>
Another **great source for country-level data** in OECD countries. You have four ways to access the data as explained on their homepage.
8. GGDC database at <http://www.ggdc.net/databases/>
Mostly concerned with the data related to economic growth, both at country and industry level.
9. Datastream only accessible at CBS Library (physically), info at
http://uk.cbs.dk/bibliotek/search_the_library/e_resources/baser_alfabetisk/datastream_only_in_lrc
Another most used database in financial economics. It contains current and historical financial statistics, covering shares, bonds, interest rates, exchange rates, commodities etc. and financial company information.