

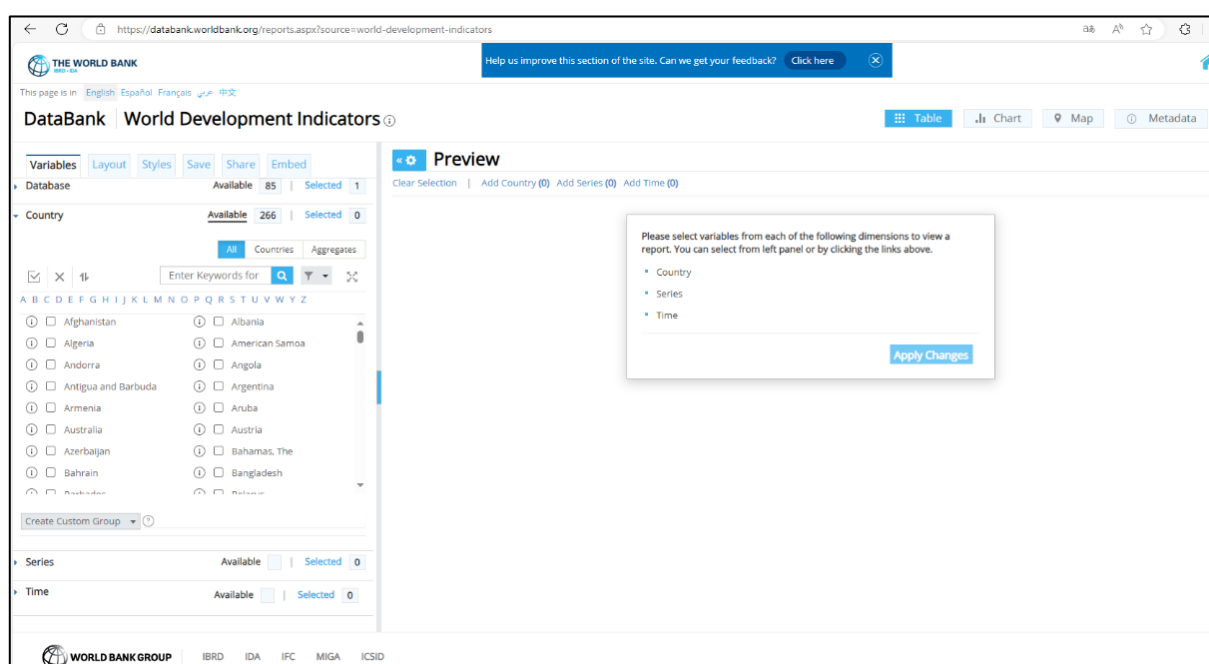
Guide to using the World DataBank

These instructions for using the World DataBank will guide you through the process of choosing the correct database, relevant variables, time frame and exporting data for further use in Excel.

This will be demonstrated by using the example of Argentina's GDP in local currency (LCU) at current prices from 2000 through 2020.

1. The Database <https://databank.worldbank.org/reports.aspx?source=world-development-indicators>

Click on the link above.



The screenshot displays the World Bank DataBank interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://databank.worldbank.org/reports.aspx?source=world-development-indicators>. The page title is "DataBank | World Development Indicators". The interface includes a navigation bar with "Table", "Chart", "Map", and "Metadata" options. The main content area is divided into "Variables" and "Preview" sections. The "Variables" section has tabs for "Database", "Layout", "Styles", "Save", "Share", and "Embed". Under "Database", there are 85 available and 1 selected items. Under "Country", there are 266 available and 0 selected items. A search bar is present with the text "Enter Keywords for" and a search icon. Below the search bar is a list of countries with checkboxes, including Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, The, Bahrain, Bangladesh, and Bhutan. There is also a "Create Custom Group" dropdown. Under "Series", there are 0 available and 0 selected items. Under "Time", there are 0 available and 0 selected items. The "Preview" section shows a message: "Please select variables from each of the following dimensions to view a report. You can select from left panel or by clicking the links above." with a list of dimensions: Country, Series, and Time. An "Apply Changes" button is located at the bottom right of the preview area. The footer of the page includes the World Bank Group logo and the text "IBRD IDA IFC MIGA ICSID".

2. Selecting Variable – Countries

Select the country of interest from the list, in this case Argentina.

The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface. The 'Country' section is highlighted with a red box. It displays a search field with the text 'Enter Keywords for' and a search button. Below the search field is a list of countries with checkboxes. 'Argentina' is selected. The 'Preview' panel on the right shows a message: 'Please select variables from each of the following dimensions to view a report. You can select from left panel or by clicking the links above.' The dimensions listed are 'Country', 'Series', and 'Time'. The 'Apply Changes' button is visible at the bottom of the preview panel.

3. Selecting Series

Lower on the Page, select the drop down menu for series. Then select the letter g or type GDP (current lcu) into the search field. The check the box in front of GDP (current LCU)

The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface. The 'Series' section is highlighted with a red box. It displays a search field with the text 'gdp (current)' and a search button. Below the search field is a list of series with checkboxes. 'GDP (current LCU)' is selected. The 'Preview' panel on the right shows a message: 'OK, Please select remaining variables to continue.' The dimensions listed are 'Country', 'Series', and 'Time'. The 'Apply Changes' button is visible at the bottom of the preview panel.

4. Selecting Timeframe

Under the menu for series, open the drop down menu for Time. Then check the desired timeframe, in this case all boxes from 2000 through 2020. You can check the selection in the window on the right.

The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface. The 'Time' section is highlighted with a red box. It shows a grid of years from 2015 to 2023, with checkboxes for each year. The 'Preview' window on the right shows the selected items: Country, Series, and Time.

Database Available 85 | Selected 1

Country Available 266 | Selected 1

Series Available 281 | Selected 1

Time Available 64 | Selected 21

Availability Range: Year [1960 - 2023]

VIEW RECENT YEARS 5 10 15 20 25 50

<input type="checkbox"/> 2023	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> 1975
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> 1974
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005	<input type="checkbox"/> 1989	<input type="checkbox"/> 1973
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2020	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2004	<input type="checkbox"/> 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> 1972
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2003	<input type="checkbox"/> 1987	<input type="checkbox"/> 1971
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> 1970
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> 1985	<input type="checkbox"/> 1969
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> 1968
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1983	<input type="checkbox"/> 1967

Create Time Function

Preview

Clear Selection | Add Country (1) | Add Series (1) | Add Time (21)

Please click on Apply Changes to view the report.

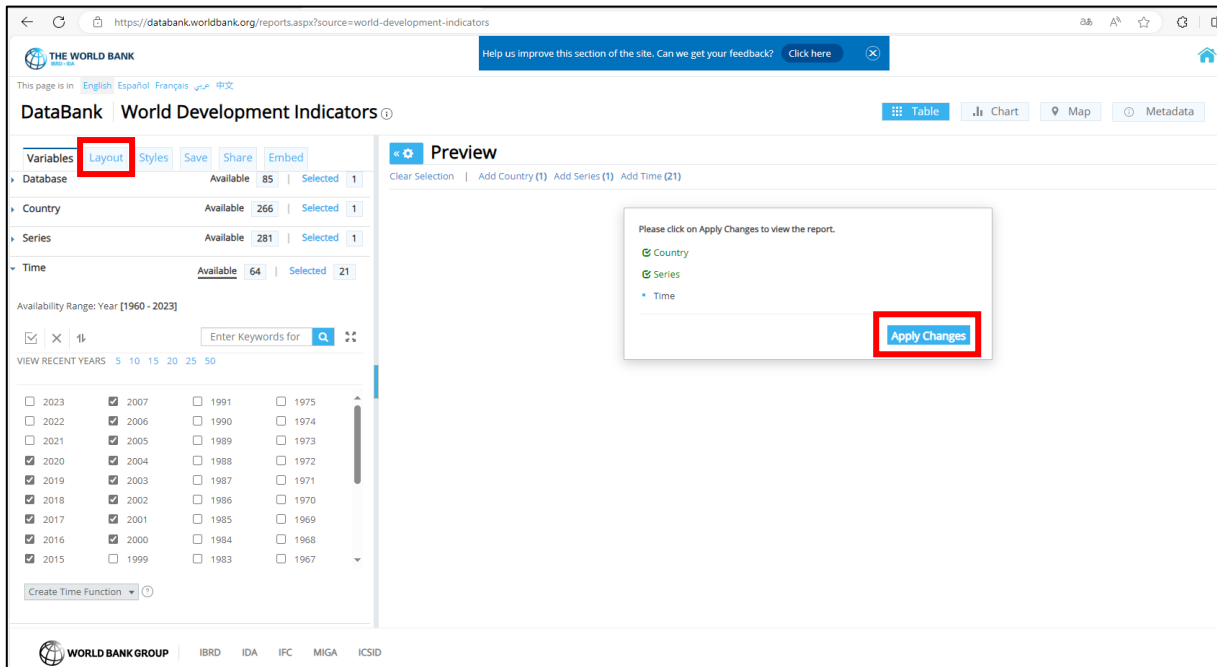
- Country
- Series
- Time

Apply Changes

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5. Creating a Table

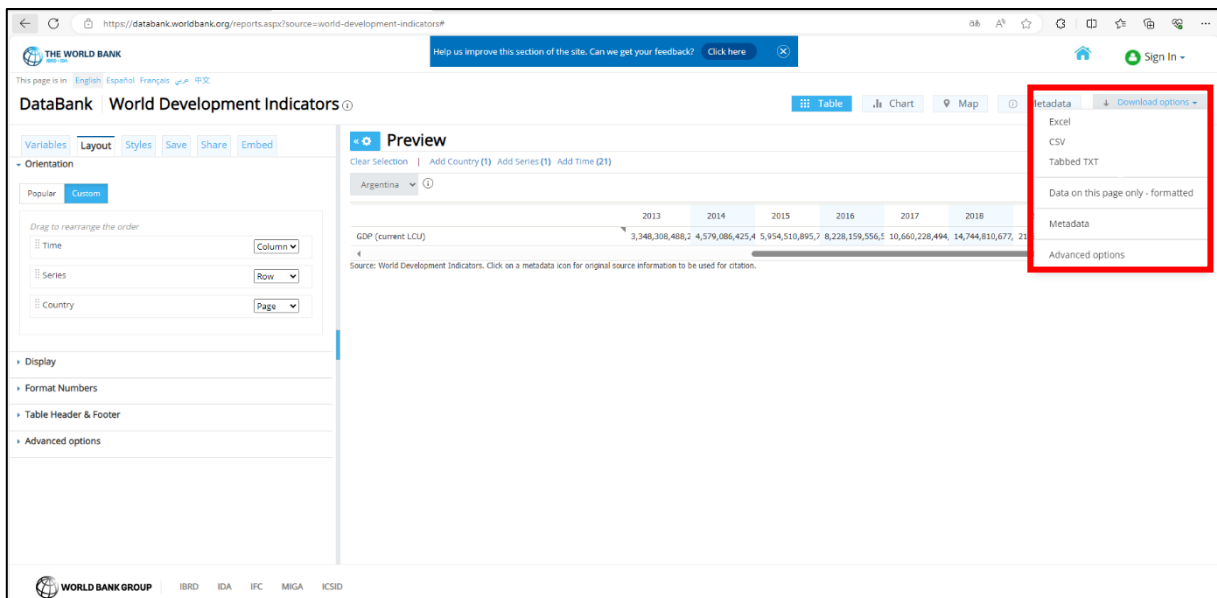
Then click on “Apply Changes”. You can format the table by using the Layout-tab on the left side (more useful with bigger tables). Don't forget to click the “Apply Changes” button.



The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface. The 'Layout' tab is selected in the left sidebar. A modal dialog box is displayed in the center, prompting the user to click 'Apply Changes' to view the report. The 'Apply Changes' button is highlighted with a red box. The interface also shows a list of years from 2015 to 2023, with 2015-2020 selected.

6. Downloading the Table

After that click on the “Download Options” button and select your preferred choice of file type eg Excel. You are now done! 😊



The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface with the 'Download Options' menu open. The 'Excel' option is selected. The interface also shows a table of data for GDP (current LCU) for Argentina from 2013 to 2018. The 'Download Options' menu is highlighted with a red box.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (current LCU)	3,348,308,488.2	4,579,086,425.4	5,954,510,895.7	8,228,159,356.1	10,660,228,494.	14,744,810,677.2