

Guide for Retrieval of IMF Data

This is a quick guide to use the IMF's data sources. This guide will demonstrate how to use the website to retrieve annual Balance of Payment data of Albania from 2000 through 2021.

1. Go to <https://data.imf.org/>

The new IMF Data Portal is LIVE. You may continue to access the retiring system at legacydata.imf.org until May 31, 2025. Questions? DataHelp@IMF.org

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

ABOUT RESEARCH COUNTRIES CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS VIDEOS DATA PUBLICATIONS

IMF DATA SIGN IN HELP

ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DATA

Search IMF Data SEARCH

Popular search requests: [gdp](#) [m3](#) [exchange.rate](#) [cpi](#)

[DATA EXPLORER](#) | [DATASETS](#) | [RELEASE CALENDAR](#)

Latest Updates

- NEWS** 21 MAR
New Global Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released the seventh edition of the Integrated Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual...
- DATA BRIEF** 19 MAR
Foreign Portfolio Investment Equity Holdings Hit Record High in June...
Portfolio Investment Positions by Counterpart Economy, Country Data, June 2024
- CHART OF THE WEEK** 20 FEB
Foreign Direct Investment Increased to a Record \$41 Trillion
India, Mexico, Brazil, and some other major emerging economies recorded strong growth, while the United States continued to extend its lead as the top...
- NEWS** 3 FEB
Macroeconomic Statistics Training
Discover our full curriculum of free and open trainings on macroeconomics and financial data.

2. Register or sign up

The new IMF Data Portal is LIVE. You may continue to access the retiring system at legacydata.imf.org until May 31, 2025. Questions? DataHelp@IMF.org

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

ABOUT RESEARCH COUNTRIES CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS VIDEOS DATA PUBLICATIONS

IMF DATA SIGN IN HELP

ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DATA

Search IMF Data SEARCH

Popular search requests: [gdp](#) [m3](#) [exchange.rate](#) [cpi](#)

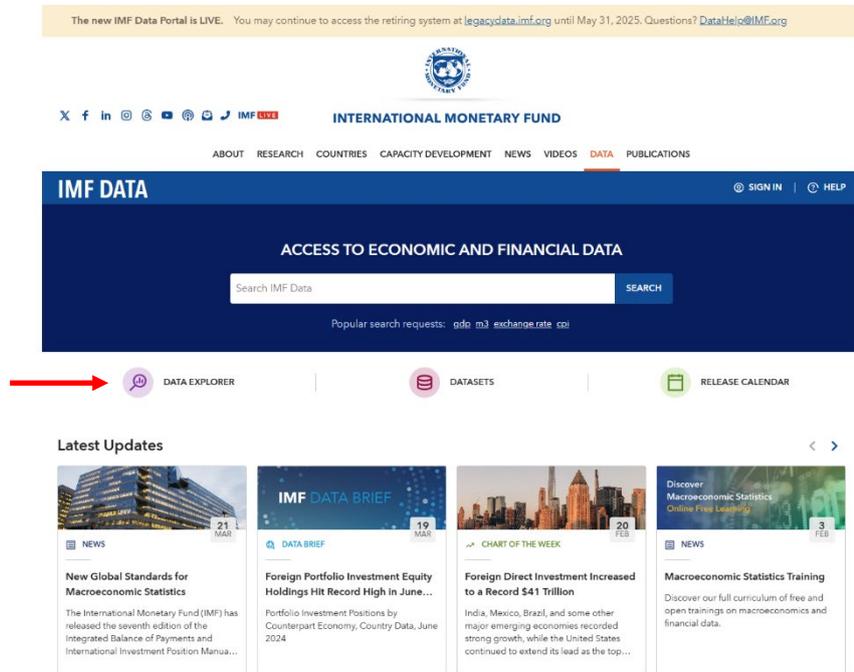
[DATA EXPLORER](#) | [DATASETS](#) | [RELEASE CALENDAR](#)

Latest Updates

- NEWS** 21 MAR
New Global Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released the seventh edition of the Integrated Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual...
- DATA BRIEF** 19 MAR
Foreign Portfolio Investment Equity Holdings Hit Record High in June...
Portfolio Investment Positions by Counterpart Economy, Country Data, June 2024
- CHART OF THE WEEK** 20 FEB
Foreign Direct Investment Increased to a Record \$41 Trillion
India, Mexico, Brazil, and some other major emerging economies recorded strong growth, while the United States continued to extend its lead as the top...
- NEWS** 3 FEB
Macroeconomic Statistics Training
Discover our full curriculum of free and open trainings on macroeconomics and financial data.

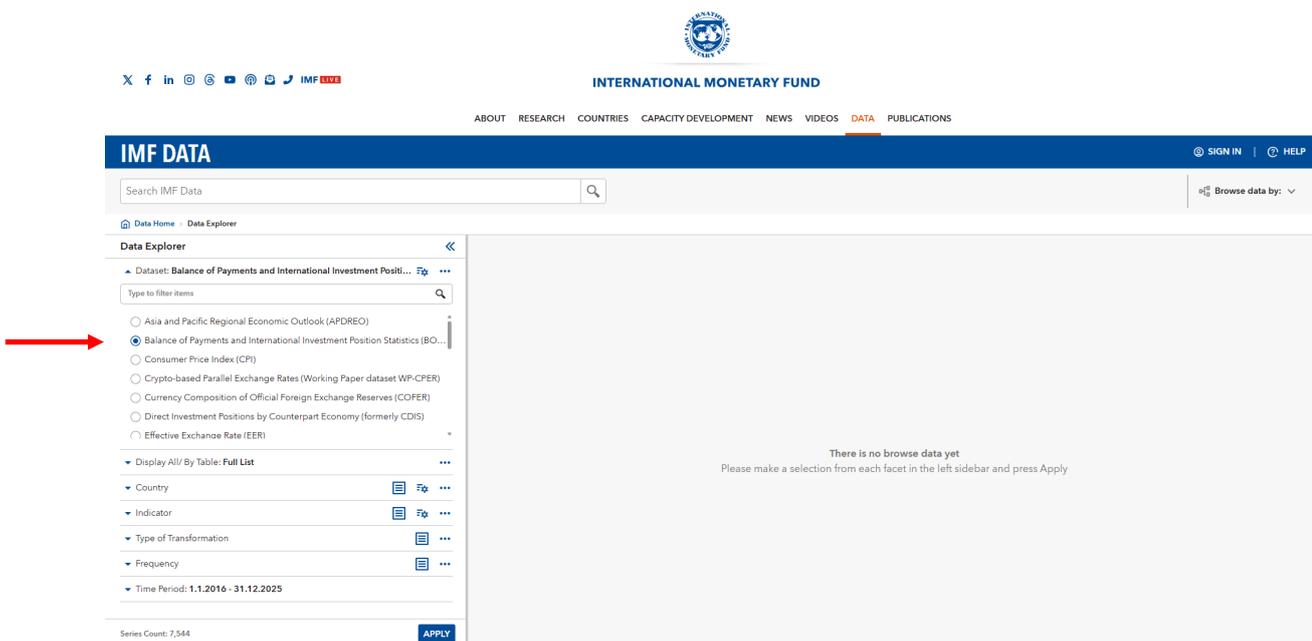
3. Enter the Data Explorer

Select “DATA EXPLORER” to enter the query view



4. Build a Query

Select “Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics (BOP/IIP)”



5. Amend Time and Country to preferences

Click on the triangular shape to open the drop-down menu for further options.

- For the “Frequency” option: select “Annual”
- For the “Time Period” option: select “Custom” and enter the respective start- and end-date
- For the “Country” option: select the countries of interest or country aggregates

The screenshot shows the IMF Data Explorer interface. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, RESEARCH, COUNTRIES, CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, NEWS, VIDEOS, DATA, and PUBLICATIONS. The main header is 'IMF DATA' with a search bar and 'SIGN IN' and 'HELP' links. The 'Data Explorer' sidebar on the left contains the following filters:

- Dataset: Balance of Payments and International Investment Positi... [Filter]
- Display All/ By Table: Full List [Filter]
- Country [Filter]
- Indicator [Filter]
- Type of Transformation [Filter]
- Frequency [Filter]
- Time Period: 1.1.2016 - 31.12.2023
 - Past 5 years
 - Past 10 years
 - Past 10 years and 5 future years
 - Past 15 years
 - All
 - Custom
 - 01/01/2016 [Calendar]
 - 12/31/2023 [Calendar]

The main content area displays a message: "There is no browse data yet. Please make a selection from each facet in the left sidebar and press Apply." The footer includes the IMF logo and navigation links for ABOUT, RESEARCH, COUNTRIES, VIDEOS, DATA, PUBLICATIONS, PRIVACY POLICY, CAREERS, and language options (العربية, 中文, FRANÇAIS).

6. Select the correct indicator

The screenshot shows the IMF Data Explorer interface with the 'Indicator' filter expanded. The 'Indicator' filter is highlighted with a red arrow. The list of indicators includes:

- All
- Other investment: Net acquisition of financial assets: Assets
- Goods and services: Credit/Revenue
- Goods and services: Debit/Expenditure
- Secondary income: Credit/Revenue
- Secondary income: Debit/Expenditure
- Primary income: Credit/Revenue
- Direct investment: Net acquisition of financial assets: Assets

The main content area displays a message: "There is no browse data yet. Please make a selection from each facet in the left sidebar and press Apply." The footer includes the IMF logo and navigation links for ABOUT, RESEARCH, COUNTRIES, VIDEOS, DATA, PUBLICATIONS, PRIVACY POLICY, CAREERS, and language options (العربية, 中文, FRANÇAIS).

After clicking on the triangular shape next to “Indicator”, select all desired indicators by marking the checkbox to the left of the respective indicator.

7. Table options

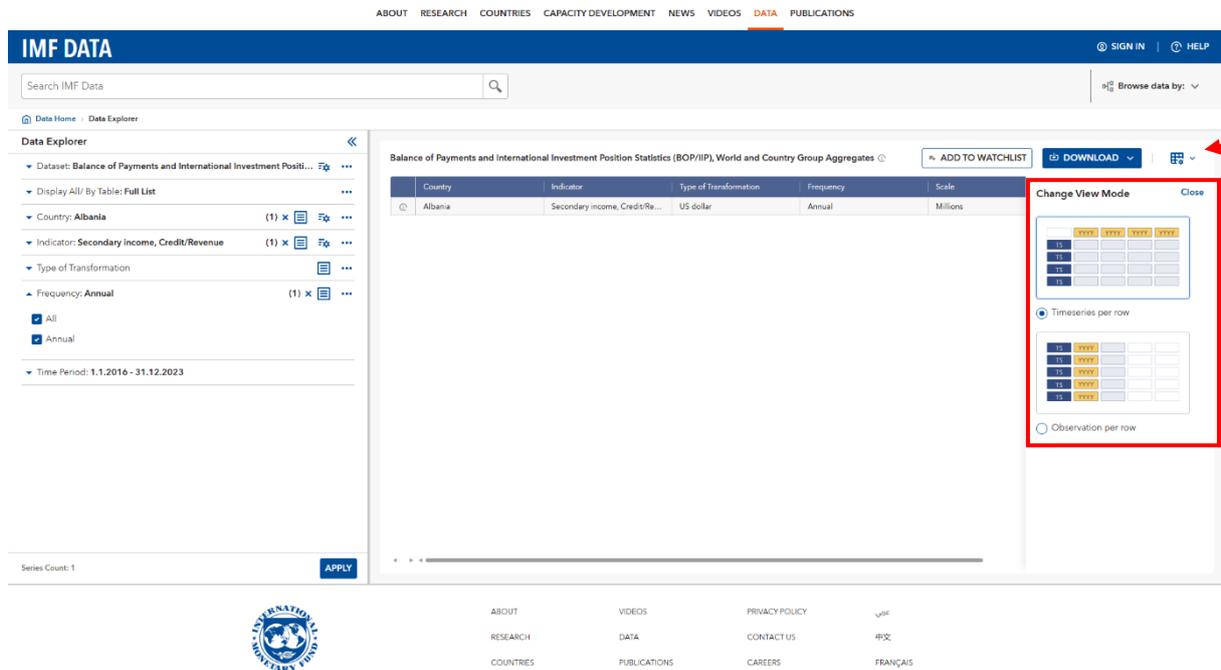
After completing your selections click on the “APPLY” button on the lower left and your query results will show up in the right part of the window. If no data is available for a given year, the IMF leaves the corresponding entry blank.

The screenshot shows the IMF Data Explorer interface. The top navigation bar includes 'ABOUT', 'RESEARCH', 'COUNTRIES', 'CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT', 'NEWS', 'VIDEOS', 'DATA', and 'PUBLICATIONS'. The main header is 'IMF DATA' with 'SIGN IN' and 'HELP' links. A search bar contains 'Search IMF Data'. The left sidebar, titled 'Data Explorer', shows filters for Dataset, Country (Albania), Indicator (Secondary Income, Credit/Revenue), Type of Transformation, Frequency (Annual), and Time Period (1.1.2016 - 31.12.2023). A red arrow points to the 'APPLY' button at the bottom of the sidebar. The main content area displays a table titled 'Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics (BOP/IIP), World and Country Group Aggregates'. The table has columns for Country, Indicator, Type of Transformation, Frequency, Scale, and years 2016, 2017, and 2018. The data row shows Albania with a value of 1,043.81 in 2016, 1,091.22 in 2017, and 1,185 in 2018.

Country	Indicator	Type of Transformation	Frequency	Scale	2016	2017	2018
Albania	Secondary income, Credit/Re...	US dollar	Annual	Millions	1,043.81	1,091.22	1,185



8. Table options

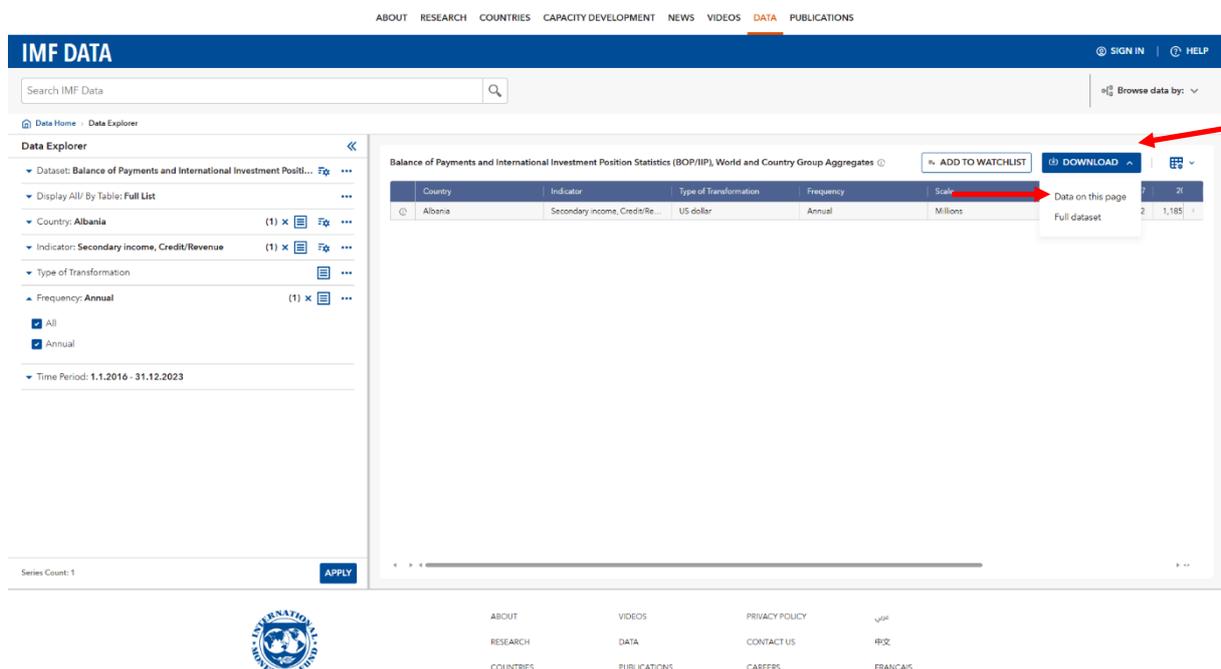


The screenshot shows the IMF Data Explorer interface. The main content area displays a table titled "Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics (BOP/IIP) World and Country Group Aggregates". The table has columns for Country, Indicator, Type of Transformation, Frequency, and Scale. The data row shows Albania, Secondary income, Credit/Revenue, US dollar, Annual, and Millions. A "Change View Mode" dropdown menu is open, showing options for "Timeseries per row" (selected) and "Observation per row". A red arrow points to the "DOWNLOAD" button in the top right corner, and another red arrow points to the "Change View Mode" dropdown menu.

By clicking on the table icon on the right, you can enter the table options and by choosing the “Change View Mode” on the drop-down menu you can switch between two options regarding the data format.

9. Exporting the data

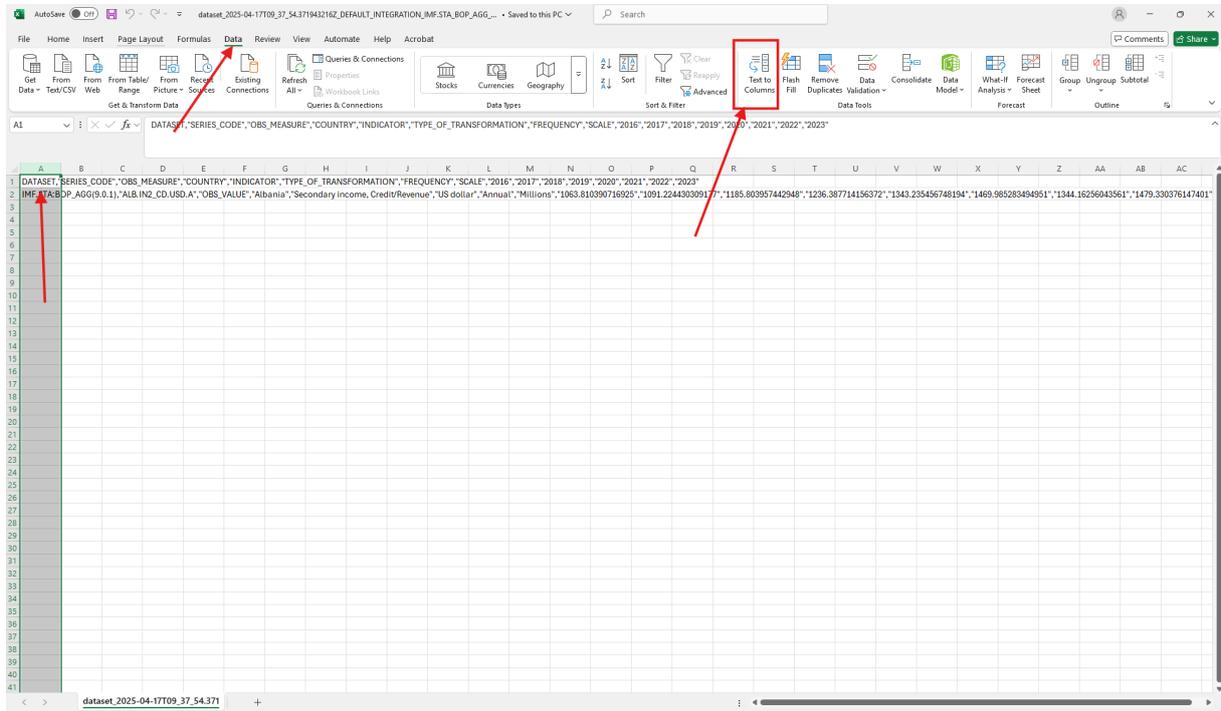
By clicking the “DOWNLOAD” symbol marked by the red arrow and choosing “Data on this page” you can export the data in different formats. Note: Unfortunately, it is not possible to download the data in the convenient .xlsx format, you can only choose the .csv format.



The screenshot shows the IMF Data Explorer interface. The main content area displays the same table as in the previous screenshot. A "DOWNLOAD" dropdown menu is open, showing options for "Data on this page" (selected) and "Full dataset". A red arrow points to the "DOWNLOAD" button in the top right corner, and another red arrow points to the "Data on this page" option in the dropdown menu.

10. Change the .csv format to .xlsx

To change the .csv format to .xlsx select column A, click on “Data” and then “Text to Columns”



Select “Delimited” and click “Next”, then select “Comma” and “Next”, finally click on “Finish” and save the new file as “Excel Workbook (*.xlsx)”.

