

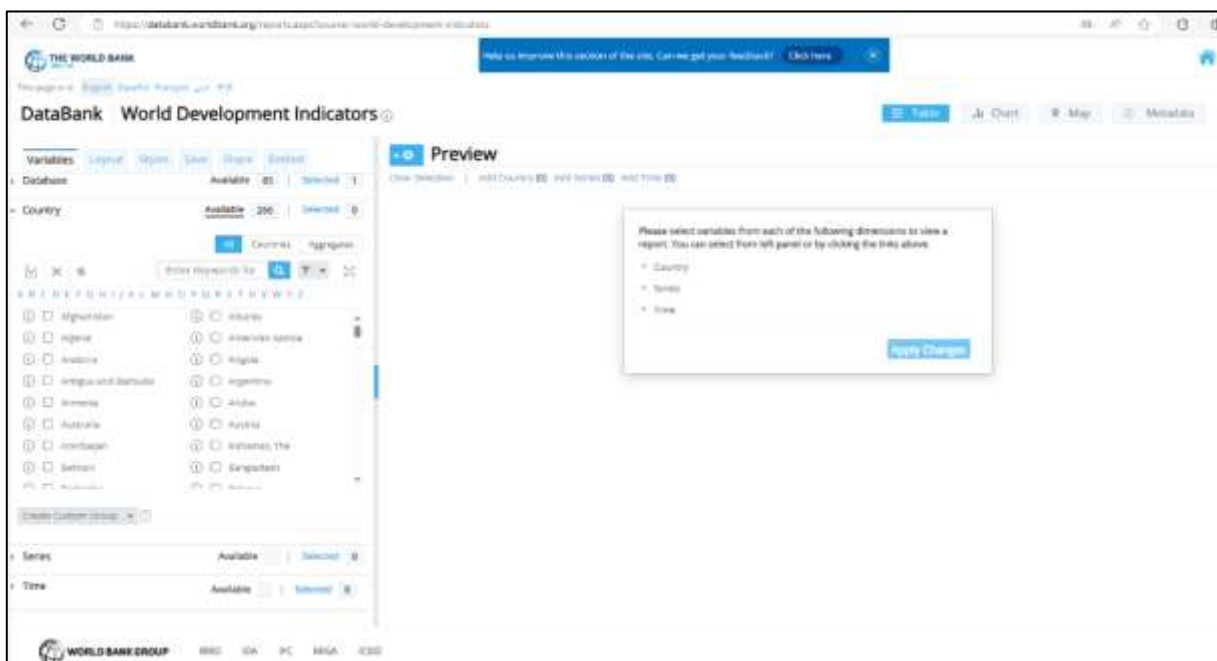
Guide to using the World DataBank

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.



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' dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of countries. The country 'Argentina' is selected and highlighted. 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 'Country' dimension is currently selected.

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' dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of series. The series 'GDP (current LCU)' is selected and highlighted. 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 'Series' dimension is currently selected.

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' dropdown menu is open, and the years 2000 through 2020 are selected. A preview window on the right shows the selected series and time.

Variables | Source | Styles | Color | Charts | Entities

Database Available: 85 Selected: 1

Country Available: 206 Selected: 1

Series Available: 281 Selected: 1

Time Available: 04 Selected: 21

Availability Range: from (1960-2023)

Search keywords for

new selection mode

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Apply Changes

Please click on Apply Changes to save the report.

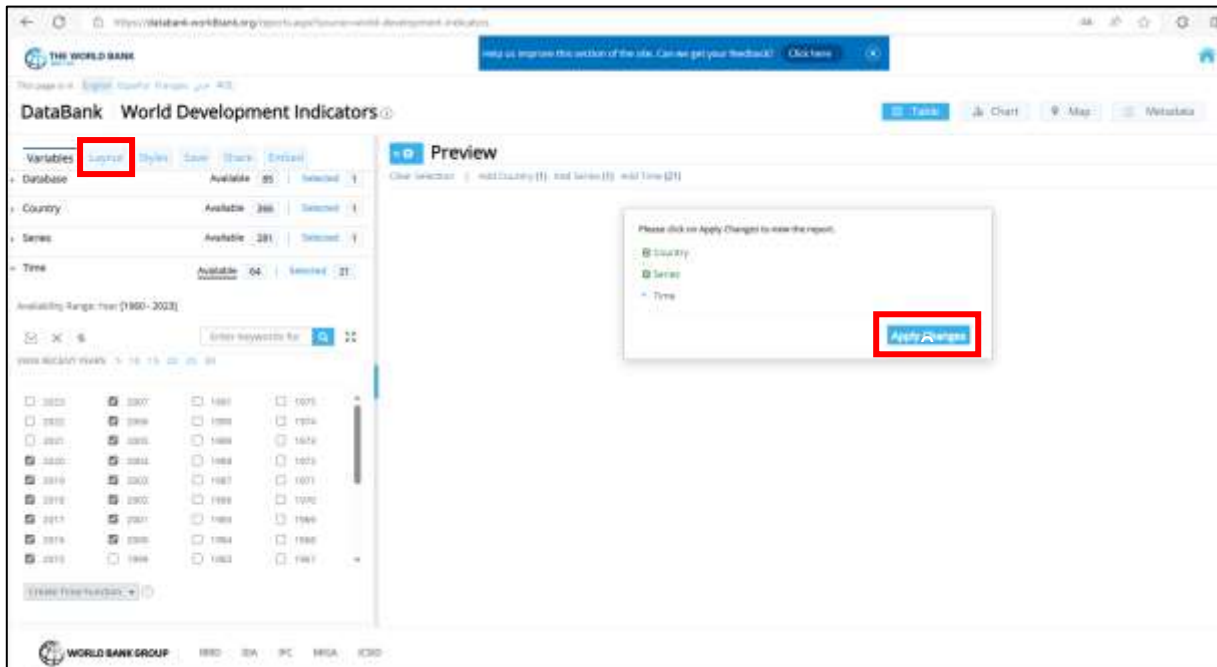
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5. Creating a Table

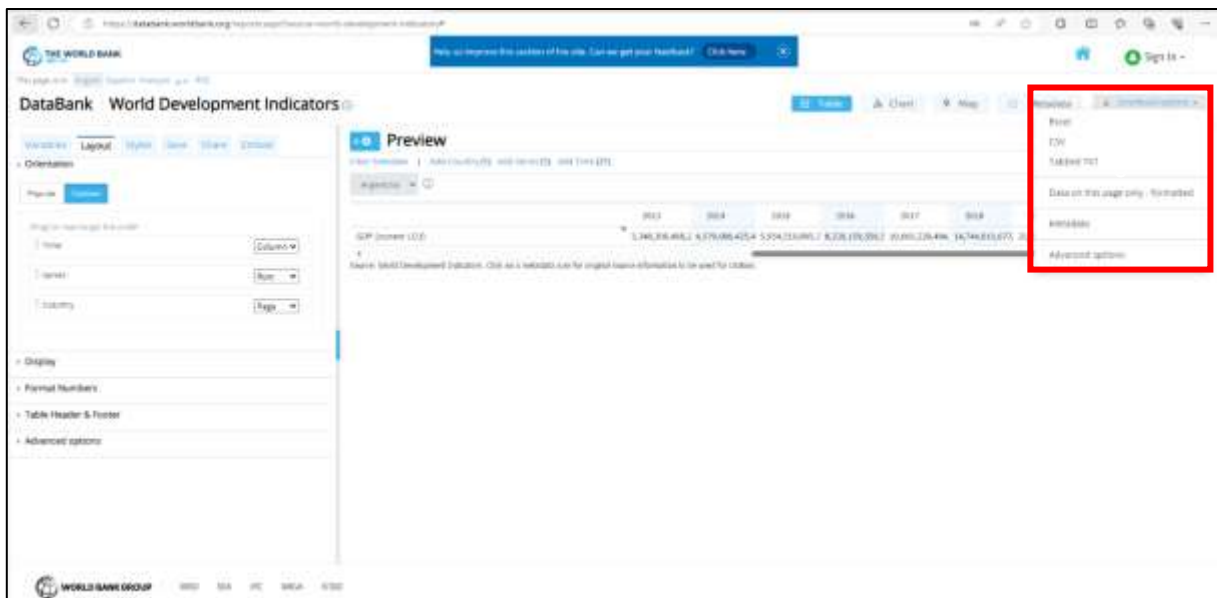
Then click on “Apply Changes”. You can format the table by using the Layout-tab on the left side (more useful with bigger tables). Don’t forget to click the “Apply Changes” button.



The screenshot shows the World Bank DataBank interface. The 'Preview' tab is active, displaying a message: "Please click on Apply Changes to view the report." Below this message, there are three selection options: "Country", "Series", and "Time". A red box highlights the "Apply Changes" button in the bottom right corner of the preview area. On the left side, the "Variables" tab is also highlighted with a red box.

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 menu is highlighted with a red box and contains the following options: "Print", "CSV", "Table HTML", "Data on this page only - formatted", "Download", and "Advanced options". The "Table HTML" option is selected. The main preview area shows a table with columns for years 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The row for "GDP (current LCU)" is visible, with values: 3,240,844,427,046,424; 5,504,230,917,828,110,982; 6,000,228,496,147,400,075; 6,000,228,496,147,400,075; 6,000,228,496,147,400,075; 6,000,228,496,147,400,075.