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# State of the Nation® Gets Historical

For several years, one of the biggest requests STAT-USA has received has been for an organized archive of the economic information available through STAT-USA/ Internet's State of the Nation (SOTN) database. Today, STAT-USA is pleased to be able to make that wish come true by introducing the **State of the Nation Archive (http://www.stat-usa.gov/sotnarchive)**!

### **Collection of Data**

Over the years, STAT-USA has gathered a wealth of historical economic reports. Many were automatically posted in the State of the Nation Library, with no real way of distinguishing the older reports from the current ones, unless you paid close attention to the dates. Not only was this confusing for customers, it was also cumbersome for searching.

With the creation of the <u>State of the Nation Archive</u>, we've reorganized the economic data to reflect what we believe is the most relevant data in the SOTN Library, which will make searching more efficient. We've also added over 15,000 files to the <u>State of the Nation Archive</u> covering the Top 50 Reports and many other popular files!

## Quick and Easy!

The <u>State of the Nation Archive</u> is designed to complement the existing State of the Nation Library. As such, you'll see some familiar topic headings, such as "Economic Indicators" and "Fiscal & Monetary Policy". However, in an effort for easier browsing, some new categories like "Construction" and "Agricultural Sales" have been added as well.

With the new <u>State of the Nation Archive</u>, customers are able to quickly locate time series data for many of the most popular files. While the main view lists all available reports together, the <u>Browse Location</u> option lets you immediately jump to the data series you're most interested in. Searching is also available in the State of the Nation Archive and from the main site search!

### Plus "More"!

Each area listed in Browse Location will automatically display the first 150 reports available by date (newest listed first). For file areas with more than 150 reports, a link will appear at the top of the page for "**Want More**" that will send you to a section where all the files are available and sorted by year!

Due to previous inconsistencies in archiving, the number of documents under each category varies in size and there are some interruptions in the series.

