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Recent Changes to STAT-USA®/Internet™

August brought a bevy of activity to STAT-USA/Internet, as new data were added and more educational tools were introduced.

Here are the highlights:

State of the Nation File Descriptions

State of the Nation houses a wealth of current and historical economic reports and releases, many used to analyze the U.S.'s economic situation. Alongside each report title in the "Current Versions of America's Top 50" section, we've added a question mark icon: . When clicked, each of these icons brings up a pop-up box that describes the corresponding report. The descriptions vary in length, but all provide an overview of the report, how it's compiled, its release schedule (weekly, monthly, et cetera) and the source agency.

These icons are used all over the STAT-USA/Internet site now, including in both the State of the Nation Library and the International Trade Library. In these instances, the descriptions are for subject areas within the libraries, not individual files.

International Trade Library (ITL) Update

Two new programs have been added to the International Trade Library, while another got a minor face-lift.

Country Studies Country Profile Reports

These 20-30 page reports developed by the Library of Congress pick up where the Army Area Handbooks left off. The profiles offer brief, summarized information on a country's historical background, geography, society, economy, transportation, telecommunications, government and politics, and national security.

International Trade Update Newsletter

Published by the Office of Public Affairs of the International Trade Administration, this monthly newsletter provides an overview of the month's trade news, including summits, press conferences, trade agreements and initiatives the U.S. government is working on regarding international trade.

Country Background Notes

The older, since-updated reports have been removed so it is now much easier to find the country information you're interested in. This has dramatically decreased the size of the database, making QuickSearch much more time efficient.

