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**EIU CountryData** is a database of macroeconomic indicators and forecasts. It covers 317 series for 201\* countries, 45 regions and regional aggregates (such as the Euro Area) totalling over a million data points. The information dates back to 1980 and includes five years of forecasts. For the 82 most important markets key variables are projected to 2030.

### What can you do with CountryData?

All the functionality you need is built into **CountryData**, so you can manipulate the data quickly and easily even before you download it. You can:

- look at one country across a range of variables, including market size, inflation rates, debt levels, private consumption and interest rates
- compare economic criteria across your choice of countries and create tables and graphs to illustrate your findings
- compare regional aggregates to determine the performance of a region as a whole - or use them as a benchmark
- assess detailed sourcing information and series definitions

### What information does CountryData contain?

The variables are divided into the following seven major categories:

- Gross domestic product
- Fiscal and monetary indicators
- Demographics and income
- Foreign payments
- External debt stock
- External debt service
- External trade

In addition **CountryData** includes access to the **commodities module** which incorporates details of 40 soft and hard commodities - essential to any business with exposure to international commodity markets. Prices are forecasted for five years with forecasts of factors that can influence prices including: production, consumption and stock levels. These individual commodity prices are used to calculate the EIU commodity price index to provide a snapshot of global trends.

The historical information is reviewed weekly and the forecasts monthly. For clarity forecasts, estimates and actual figures are presented in different colours.

**Country outlooks** are also included. These are textual summaries of the Economist Intelligence Unit's short term political and economic forecasts on the 160 countries included in **CountryData**, plus a further 21 countries. These outlooks help you to put the data in context and give you a broader picture of a country's economic health and prognosis.

### A topline view with regional aggregates

**CountryData** includes preset groups of key indicators that give you a quick overview of a country's or a region's economic situation as well as pre-calculated regional aggregates. These aggregates contain figures that are either sums or weighted averages (depending on the syntax of the series) to indicate how a region is performing as a whole. The world is included as an aggregate to give you a quick insight into global economic performance. These aggregate figures provide a benchmark for you to compare an individual country's performance against.