

International Economic Growth

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Gather basic facts about the GDP, Per Capita GDP, Growth Rates and distribution of family income with the Gini-index in each of the following societies. Then pick two countries you are interested in and gather the same information on these countries.

Country	GDP (purchasing power parity)	Per Capita GDP	Growth Rate	Gini Index
Brazil				
China				
South Africa				
Sweden				
USA				

Of the countries you studied:

1. Which country had the highest GDP?
2. Which country had the highest per capita GDP?
3. Which country had the highest growth rate?
4. Which country had the lowest growth rate?
5. Which country had the most equality?
6. Which country had the most inequality?

GDP

1. Which region is listed ahead of the US in the highest GDP?
2. Which country is listed after the US in GDP?
3. Which is the only country from Latin America in the top 10 GDP?

Per Capita GDP

1. Compare the top 10 countries in per capita GDP. Are there any that are in the top 10 for total GDP?
2. Where does the US rank?
3. Look at the nations in the bottom 10 of GDP. Where are these countries?

Growth Rates

1. Which continents are the countries with the highest growth rates?
2. Did the US have a positive or negative growth rate in 2009?
3. Can you speculate why other high per capita GDP countries might also currently have a low growth rate or negative growth rate?

Gini Index - Distribution of Family Income

1. What does this index measure?
2. Where are the nations with the highest levels of inequality?
3. Where are the nations with the highest levels of equality?
4. Where is the US on the equality scale?