

## What is the difference between STAT-USA/Internet and USA Trade Online?

STAT-USA®/Internet™ and USA Trade® Online both are major databases of STAT-USA, an office the Department of Commerce.



**STAT-USA®/Internet™** - an extensive collection of U.S. economic, financial, and trade data grouped in two collections, State of the Nation® and GLOBUS® & NTDB® (Global Business & National Trade Data Bank):



**State of the Nation®** - Contains over 50,000 current and historical U.S. statistical releases, state and regional analysis reports, forecasts, and financial data.



**GLOBUS® & NTDB®** - Contains over 200,000 current and historical trade-related releases, international market research, country analysis, and trade and procurement leads.

For more information on STAT-USA®/Internet™ see:

- [STAT-USA®/Internet™ Web site](#)
- [A Brief Guide to STAT-USA®/Internet™](#) (08/11/2008)
- [A Brief Guide to USA Trade® Online](#) (06/12/2008)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [STAT-USA Companion to International Marketing: Highlighting Accessibly-Designed Information and Communications Technology](#) (09/07/2007)



**USA Trade® Online** – a collaboration between STAT-USA and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. This database is the official source of current and cumulative U.S. export and

import statistics. It provides more than 18,000 export commodities and 24,000 import commodities worldwide, using the Harmonized System (HS) and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes.

For more information on USA Trade® Online see:

- [USA Trade® Online Web site](#)
- [USA Trade® Online Quick State Guide](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

How is access provided to STAT-USA/Internet and USA Trade Online?

Access is provided in two ways. A library may choose either access via a user name/password or by IP authentication.

**How can we apply for access to these services?**

**All** depository libraries that want access to STAT USA **must** complete an [Account Validation Form](#) regardless of the method of access. Libraries are required to complete this form every two years as a way to reinforce the terms and conditions of free access.

**How does my library qualify for IP authentication?**

To qualify for IP authentication, a depository library **must** have static IP addresses for the two designated computer workstations from which access will be provided. These IP addresses must be fixed and not randomly assigned.

**If we choose username and password access, who assigns the usernames and passwords;**

Passwords are assigned by STAT USA and provided to depository libraries by Library Services and Content Management. Depository libraries accessing the databases using passwords will be assigned new passwords every two years.

**Can we limit access to two simultaneous users as opposed to two specific computer workstations?**

Access to the databases must be limited to two designated computer workstations, located

within your library.

**Can we share one of our passwords with a Selective House Agreement (SHA) partner?**

Libraries with a SHA may allocate one or both passwords, or one or both IP addresses, for a SHA site's usage, provided the arrangement is made through the usual and customary selective housing agreement.

**If we share our IP or username and password usage with a selective housing site, can we still use them at our library?**

A depository library may have only two passwords or static IP addresses. One may be shared with a SHA partner if the depository library desires to do so and one may be kept for the depository library itself. Or, the depository may keep both for their own use or give both to the SHA partner.

**Is remote access permitted?**

No. As a condition for free access through the Federal Depository Library Program, libraries **must** restrict access to in-library use only.

**Why is remote access to this service prohibited?**

This is a requirement that is clearly and firmly stipulated by STAT-USA. In-library access to the databases must be through two designated computer workstations.

**Does in-house library usage permit proxy server or VPN access?**

No. Access through proxy servers, VPN, etc, is not permitted, even if the library user is authenticated.

**With whom can the passwords be shared?**

Passwords may be shared with any library staff who would normally log users onto the designated computer workstations.

**With whom, beside authorized library staff, may we share our username and password.**

Libraries are **not** permitted to share passwords and user IDs with patrons, to post online or in print, or otherwise make the passwords publically available.

### **How does our library retrieve usage statistics?**

This option is only available to libraries using IP authentication and is not available to Federal depository libraries whose only source of access is through passwords. Depositories with IP access can obtain usage statistics by going to “**Account Maintenance**” and using their account username and password. From there, follow the “

**Click here for site license including account activity**

” to access monthly usage statistics over the last 12 months.

### **Whom do I contact in order to get usage statistics of this service for our library?**

Usage statistics are only available from the web site for FDLs that are coded as pseudo-sites. They are not available for FDLs logging in with a userID and password. Download information by userID for STAT-USA/Internet only is available from STAT-USA. FDLs may request usage statistics by calling the 1-800-STAT-USA (800-782-8872) or 202-482-1986. Alternatively, they may send an email to [statmail@esa.doc.gov](mailto:statmail@esa.doc.gov).

**Are libraries permitted to create scripts and embed them behind an icon to automatically log in users on two designated computer workstations? Then users just click on the icon to access the database as opposed to a staff member having to log in the user.**

If the script that contains the password to access the database is not publically viewable, either on the screen or visible in the Web page’s source code, the use of scripts is permitted. Federal depository libraries must also verify that Web crawlers cannot access the source code of the page or otherwise identify the password.

For More Information

- [Stat-USA FAQs page](#)
- [USA Trade Online FAQs page](#)
- [askGPO](#) - Ask a Question, choose the Federal Depository Libraries category and the Passwords subcategory