

Tools to Aid in Research for Petitions

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- **DataWeb-** <https://dataweb.usitc.gov/login?return=%2Ftrade%2Fsearch>
 - The United States International Trade Commission's (ITC) DataWeb can be used to help identify import activity and change, to show possible Trade impact for Article Petitions. Reports can be generated and saved for a specific commodity (HTS, SIC, SITC or NAICS), according to specific countries/regions and timeframes. An increase in imports could indicate that the manufacturers' products could compete with imported products of a like or similar nature or a production shift to a foreign country which would signal Trade impact and the basis for filing a Trade petition. (see DataWeb Tip Sheet)
- **USITC Import Monitoring Tool-** https://www.usitc.gov/import_monitoring.htm
 - The United States International Trade Commission's (ITC) Import Monitoring Tool uses public monthly U.S. import data from the U.S. Department of Commerce and shows quantity and value of imports and exports by country and Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) for the last eight quarters, which can be useful in petition research. The Tool allows the user to view ranked changes in imports by HTS product, percentage change, country, and specific import partners that can serve as an indicator of possible Trade impact for petition filing. (see Import Monitoring Tool Tip Sheet)
- **Security and Exchange Commission-** <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>
 - Used to view quarterly filings for companies as well as annual reports which may provide helpful information regarding company operations and locations
- **Seeking Alpha-** <https://seekingalpha.com>
 - Provides similar information as Security & Exchange (SEC.gov) website. Can view articles for companies, press releases, and earnings calls. Helpful company information can be found by searching the company and viewing the "summary tab".
- **HTSUS Codes Breakdown-** <https://traderiskguaranty.com/trgpeak/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/trg-infographic-htsus-code-breakdown.pdf>
 - Explains the breakdown of HTS codes.
- WARN Notices, Rapid Response lists/State tracking database
- UI Claims data & Business Intelligence tools
- Company tax information
- State Business Registry
- State Career Information Systems
- Search Engines: (e.g., Rocket Reach, Google)- search terms: "layoffs in state," "top industries in state", "top 10 manufacturing in state"
 - Identify industries for the state
 - Identify layoffs
 - News articles that identify layoffs, plant closures (temporary or permanent), and reduction in staff/workers
 - Identify companies to review company websites for information, contacts, press releases and additional news articles
 - Identify industry-required certifications and product specifications to identify additional employers to research
- Websites – TheLayoff.com, Am I Next?, [Daily Job Cuts](http://DailyJobCuts.com), [ThomasNet](http://ThomasNet.com), Indeed.com, Glassdoor.com (employee reviews of companies), FederalRegister.gov (news information), Sec.gov (newsroom information), [USDA](http://USDA.gov)
- Online Newspapers (local, national, international)
- Social media sites (LinkedIn, Facebook)
- [DOL TAA website](http://DOL.TAA.website) for similar previously filed petitions in other states- same company or same industry (certified, denied, pending)

- ITC decisions and pending investigations – Read ITC publications (Commission Publication Library), news and press releases – ITC notices, USDOLs FAQs regarding ITC, and the USITC website
- ITA (International Trade Administration)
- [TAA Database](#)
- Import/Export data from various websites
- Labor market Information – by state
- [SEC filings](#) & transcripts from quarterly calls
- Company supplier list (downstream and upstream connections)
- Sharing/requesting/collaboration on information with other states
- Communication with company officials
- Company Unions
- Information from Navigators & Area Workforce Partners (Think Differently Form)
- Business Services & Rapid Response referrals
- Hotline Inquiries & TAA entitlement applications