

# PRIMARY DATA DOCUMENTATION

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The World Bank is not a primary data collection agency for most areas other than business and enterprise surveys, living standards surveys, and external debt. As a major user of socioeconomic data, however, the World Bank recognizes the importance of data documentation to inform users of differences in the methods and conventions used by primary data collectors—usually national statistical agencies, central banks, and customs services—and by international organizations, which compile the statistics that appear in the *World Development Indicators* database. These differences may give rise to significant discrepancies over time both within countries and across them. Delays in reporting data and the use of old surveys as the base for current estimates may further compromise the quality of data reported here.

The tables in this section provide information on sources, methods, and reporting standards of the principal demographic, economic, and environmental indicators in *World Development Indicators*. Additional documentation is available from the World Bank's Country Statistical Information Database at [www.worldbank.org/data](http://www.worldbank.org/data).

The demand for good quality statistical data is increasing. Timely and reliable statistics are key to the broad development strategy often referred to as “managing for results.” Monitoring and reporting on publicly agreed indicators are central to implementing poverty reduction strategies and lie at the heart of the Millennium Development Goals and the new Results Measurement System adopted for the 14th replenishment of the International Development Association.

A global action plan to improve national and international statistics was agreed on during the Second Roundtable on Managing for Development Results in February 2004 in Marrakech, Morocco. The plan, now referred to as the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics, or MAPS, has been widely endorsed and forms the overarching framework for statistical capacity building. The third roundtable conference, held in February 2007 in Hanoi, Vietnam, reaffirmed MAPS as the guiding strategy for improving the capacity of the national and international statistical systems. See [www.mfdr.org/RT3](http://www.mfdr.org/RT3) for reports from the conference.

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	Currency	National accounts						Balance of payments and trade			Government finance	IMF data dissemination standard
		Base year	Reference year	System of National Accounts	SNA price valuation	Alternative conversion factor	PPP survey year	Balance of Payments Manual in use	External debt	System of trade	Accounting concept	
Afghanistan	Afghan afghani	2002/03		VAB				Preliminary	G	C	G	
Albania	Albanian lek	a	1996	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G
Algeria	Algerian dinar	1980		VAB				BPM5	Actual	S	B	
American Samoa	U.S. dollar											
Andorra	Euro										G	
Angola	Angolan kwanza	1997		VAP	1991–96	2005	BPM5	Actual	S		G	
Antigua and Barbuda	Eastern Caribbean dollar	1990		VAB				BPM5		G		G
Argentina	Argentine peso	1993		b	VAB	1971–84	2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S
Armenia	Armenian dram	a	1996	b	VAB	1990–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S
Aruba	Aruban florins	1995								S		
Australia	Australian dollar	a	2007	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S
Austria	Euro	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5		S	C	S
Azerbaijan	New Azeri manat	a	2003	b	VAB	1992–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G
Bahamas, The	Bahamian dollar	1991		b	VAB			BPM5		G	B	G
Bahrain	Dinar	1985		VAP			2005	BPM5		G	C	G
Bangladesh	Bangladesh taka	1995/96		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	G
Barbados	Barbados dollar	1974		VAB				BPM5		G	C	G
Belarus	Belarusian rubel	a	2000	b	VAB	1990–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S
Belgium	Euro	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5		S	C	S
Belize	Belize dollar	2000		b	VAB			BPM5	Actual	G		G
Benin	CFA franc	1985		VAP	1992	2005	BPM5	Preliminary	S	B	G	
Bermuda	Bermuda dollar	1996		VAB								
Bhutan	Ngultrum	2000		b	VAB		2005		Actual		C	
Bolivia	Boliviano	1990		b	VAB	1960–85	2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	G
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Konvertible mark	a	1996	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Botswana	Botswana pula	1993/94		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Preliminary	G	B	G
Brazil	Brazilian real	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S
Brunei Darussalam	Brunei dollar	2000		VAP			2005			G		G
Bulgaria	Bulgarian lev	a	2002	b	VAB	1978–89, 1991–92	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S
Burkina Faso	CFA franc	1999		VAB	1992–93	2005	BPM4	Actual	G	B	G	
Burundi	Burundi franc	1980		VAB			2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Cambodia	Cambodian riel	2000		VAB			2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G
Cameroon	CFA franc	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	B	G
Canada	Canadian dollar	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S
Cape Verde	Escudos	1980		VAP			2005	BPM5	Actual	S		G
Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands dollar											
Central African Republic	CFA franc	2000		VAB			2005	BPM4	Preliminary	S	B	G
Chad	CFA franc	1995		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	G
Channel Islands	Jersey pound & Guernsey pound	2007 & 2003	2007	b	VAB							
Chile	Chilean peso	2003		b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S
China	Chinese yuan	2000		b	VAP	1978–93	2005	BPM5	Preliminary	S	B	G
Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong dollar	2006		b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S
Colombia	Colombian peso	2000		b	VAB	1992–94	2005	BPM5	Actual	S	B	S
Comoros	CFA franc	1990		VAP			2005		Preliminary			
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Congo franc	1987		b	VAB	1999–2001	2005	BPM5	Estimate	S	C	G
Congo, Rep.	CFA franc	1978		VAP	1993	2005	BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	G	
Costa Rica	Costa Rican colon	1991		b	VAB			BPM5	Actual	S	C	S
Côte d'Ivoire	CFA franc	1996		VAP			2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	G
Croatia	Croatian kuna	a	1997	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S
Cuba	Cuban peso	1984		VAP						G		
Cyprus	Euro	a	2000	VAB			2005	BPM5		G	C	
Czech Republic	Czech koruna	2000	1995	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S
Denmark	Danish krone	2000		b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S
Djibouti	CFA franc	1990		VAB			2005		Actual			

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Afghanistan	1979	MICS, 2003					1977	2000
Albania	2001	MICS, 2005	LSMS, 2005	Yes	1998	2005	2007	2000
Algeria	2008	MICS, 2006	IHS, 1995		2001		2006	2000
American Samoa	2000			Yes				
Andorra	2000			Yes			2006	
Angola	1970	MICS, 2001	IHS, 2000		1964–65		1991	2000
Antigua and Barbuda	2001			Yes			2007	1990
Argentina	2001		IHS, 2005	Yes	2002	2002	2006	2000
Armenia	2001	DHS, 2005	IHS, 2003	Yes			2006	2000
Aruba	2000						2007	
Australia	2006		ES/BS, 1994	Yes	2001	2005	2006	2000
Austria	2001		IS 2000	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2006	2000
Azerbaijan	1999	DHS, 2006	ES/BS, 2005	Yes		2005	2006	2005
Bahamas, The	2000					1998	2007	
Bahrain	2001			Yes			2007	2003
Bangladesh	2001	MICS 2006	IHS, 2005		2005	1998	2006	2000
Barbados	2000			Yes			2007	2000
Belarus	1999	MICS, 2005	ES/BS 2005	Yes	1994		2007	2000
Belgium	2001		IHS, 2000	Yes	1999–2000 <sup>c</sup>	2004	2006	
Belize	2000	MICS, 2006					2007	2000
Benin	2002	DHS, 2006	CWIQ, 2003		1992		2005	2001
Bermuda	2000			Yes				
Bhutan	2005		IHS, 2003		2000			2000
Bolivia	2001	DHS, 2003	IHS, 2005		1984–88	2001	2006	2000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1991	MICS, 2006	LSMS, 2004	Yes			2007	
Botswana	2001	MICS, 2000	ES/BS, 1993/94		1993	2005	2007	2000
Brazil	2000	DHS, 1996	IHS, 2007		1996	2004	2006	2000
Brunei Darussalam	2001			Yes			2006	
Bulgaria	2001		ES/BS, 2003	Yes		2005	2006	2000
Burkina Faso	2006	DHS, 2003	CWIQ, 2003		1993		2004	2000
Burundi	1990	MICS, 2000	CWIQ, 2006				2007	2000
Cambodia	2008	DHS, 2005	IHS, 2004			2000	2004	2000
Cameroon	1987	MICS, 2006	PS, 2001		1984		2006	2000
Canada	2006		LFS, 2000	Yes	1996/2001	2002	2006	2000
Cape Verde	2000		ES/BS, 2001	Yes	2004		2007	
Cayman Islands	1999			Yes				
Central African Republic	2003	MICS, 2006	PS, 2003		1985		2005	2000
Chad	1993	DHS, 2004	PS, 2002				1995	2000
Channel Islands	2001			Yes				
Chile	2002		IHS, 2006	Yes	1997	2005	2006	2000
China	2000	NSS, 2006	IHS, 2003		1997	2005	2006	2000
Hong Kong, China	2006			Yes			2006	
Colombia	2005	DHS, 2005	IHS, 2006		2001	2005	2006	2000
Comoros	2003	MICS, 2000	IHS, 2004				2007	
Congo, Dem. Rep.	1984	DHS 2007	1–2–3, 2005		1990		1986	2000
Congo, Rep.	1996	DHS, 2005	CWIQ/ PS, 2005		1985–86		1995	2002
Costa Rica	2000	RHS, 1993	LFS, 2005	Yes	1973		2006	2000
Côte d'Ivoire	1998	MICS, 2006	IHS, 2002		2001		2007	
Croatia	2001		ES/BS, 2005	Yes	2003		2006	
Cuba	2002	MICS, 2006		Yes			2006	2000
Cyprus	2001			Yes		2005	2006	2000
Czech Republic	2001	RHS, 1993	IS 1996/97	Yes	2000	2004	2006	2000
Denmark	2001		ITR 1997	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2006	2000
Djibouti	1983	MICS, 2006	PS, 2002				2000	

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Dominica	Eastern Caribbean dollar	1990	b	VAB			BPM5	Actual	G		G	
Dominican Republic	Dominican peso	1990		VAP			BPM5	Actual	G	C	G	
Ecuador	U.S. dollar	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	B	S	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Egyptian pound	1991/92		VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	B	S	
El Salvador	Salvadoran colon	1990		VAB			BPM5	Actual	S	C	S	
Equatorial Guinea	CFA franc	2000		VAB	1965–84	2005						
Eritrea	Eritrean nakfa	1992		VAB			BPM4	Actual	G			
Estonia	Estonian kroon	2000	b	VAB	1987–95	2005	BPM5		G	C	S	
Ethiopia	Ethiopian birr	1999/2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G	
Faeroe Islands	Danish krone			VAB			BPM5		G			
Fiji	Fijian dollar	1995		VAB		2005	BPM4	Actual	G	B	G	
Finland	Euro	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S	
France	Euro	a	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	S	C	S	
French Polynesia	CFP franc								G			
Gabon	CFA franc	1991		VAP	1993	2005	BPM5	Preliminary	S	B	G	
Gambia, The	Gambian dalasi	1987		VAB		2005	BPM5	Estimate	G	B	G	
Georgia	Georgian lari	a	1996	b	VAB	1990–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G
Germany	Euro	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		S	C	S	
Ghana	Ghanaian cedi	1975		VAP	1973–87	2005	BPM5	Preliminary	G	B	G	
Greece	Euro	a	2000		VAB		2005	BPM5	S	C	S	
Greenland	Danish krone								G			
Grenada	Eastern Caribbean dollar	1990		VAB			BPM5	Actual	G		G	
Guam	U.S. dollar											
Guatemala	Guatemalan quetzal	2001	b	VAP			BPM5	Actual	S	B	G	
Guinea	Guinean franc	1996		VAB		2005	BPM5	Estimate	S	B	G	
Guinea-Bissau	CFA franc	1986		VAB		2005	BPM5	Preliminary	G		G	
Guyana	Guyana dollar	1988		VAB			BPM5	Actual	S			
Haiti	Haitian gourde	1975/76		VAB	1991		BPM5	Preliminary	G			
Honduras	Honduran lempira	2000	b	VAB	1988–89		BPM5	Actual	S	B	G	
Hungary	Hungarian forint	a	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	S	C	S	
Iceland	Iceland kronur	2000		VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S	
India	Indian rupee	1999/2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S	
Indonesia	Indonesian rupiah	2000		VAP		2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Iranian rial	1997/98		VAB	1980–02	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C		
Iraq	Iraqi dinar	1997		VAB	1997, 2004	2005	BPM5		S			
Ireland	Euro	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S	
Isle of Man	Manx pound	2005	2003									
Israel	Israeli new shekel	2005	b	VAP		2005	BPM5		S	C	S	
Italy	Euro	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		S	C	S	
Jamaica	Jamaica dollar	1996		VAB			BPM5	Actual	G	C	G	
Japan	Japanese yen	2000		VAB		2005	BPM5		G	C	S	
Jordan	Jordan dinar	1994		VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	B	G	
Kazakhstan	Kazakh tenge	a	1995	b	VAB	1987–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S
Kenya	Kenya shilling	2001	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	B	G	
Kiribati	Australian dollar	1991		VAB					G		G	
Korea, Dem. Rep.	Democratic Republic of Korea won						BPM5					
Korea, Rep.	Korean won	2000	b	VAB		2005	BPM5		S	C	S	
Kuwait	Kuwaiti dinar	1995		VAP		2005	BPM5		S	C	G	
Kyrgyz Republic	Kyrgyz som	a	1995	b	VAB	1990–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S
Lao PDR	Lao kip	1990		VAB		2005	BPM5	Preliminary	G			
Latvia	Latvian lat	2000	b	VAB	1987–95	2005	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S	
Lebanon	Lebanese pound	2005		VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	B	G	
Lesotho	Lesotho loti	1995	b	VAB		2005	BPM5	Actual	G	C	G	
Liberia	Liberian dollar	1992		VAB		2005	BPM5	Estimate			G	

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Dominica	2001			Yes			2006	
Dominican Republic	2002	DHS, 2007	IHS, 2005		1971		2001	2000
Ecuador	2001	RHS, 2004	LFS, 2007		1999–2000	2005	2007	2000
Egypt, Arab Rep.	2006	DHS, 2005, SPA 2004	ES/BS, 2005	Yes	1999–2000	2002	2007	2000
El Salvador	2007	RHS, 2002/03	IHS, 2005	Yes	1970–71		2006	2000
Equatorial Guinea	2002							2000
Eritrea	1984	DHS, 2002				2005	2003	2004
Estonia	2000		ES/BS, 2004	Yes	2001	2005	2006	2000
Ethiopia	2007	DHS, 2005	ES/BS, 2004–05		2001–02	2005	2007	2002
Faeroe Islands	2002						2006	
Fiji	2007			Yes			2007	2000
Finland	2000		IS, 2000	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2006	2000
France	2006		ES/BS, 1994/95	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2006	2000
French Polynesia	2007			Yes			2007	
Gabon	2003	DHS, 2000	CWIQ/ IHS, 2005		1974–75		2006	2000
Gambia, The	2003	MICS, 2005/06	IHS, 2003/04		2001–02		2007	2000
Georgia	2002	MICS, 2005	IHS, 2005	Yes	2004	2005	2007	2005
Germany	2004		IHS, 2000	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2006	2000
Ghana	2000	MICS, 2006	LSMS, 2005		1984	2003	2007	2000
Greece	2001		IHS, 2000	Yes	1999–2000	1998	2006	2000
Greenland	2000			Yes			2006	
Grenada	2001			Yes			2006	
Guam	2000			Yes				
Guatemala	2002	RHS, 2002	LSMS, 2006	Yes	2003		2006	2000
Guinea	1996	DHS, 2005	CWIQ/, 2002/03		2000–01		2002	2000
Guinea-Bissau	1991	MICS, 2006	CWIQ, 2002		1988		1995	2000
Guyana	2002	MICS, 2006	IHS, 1998				2006	2000
Haiti	2003	DHS, 2005	IHS, 2001		1971		1997	2000
Honduras	2001	DHS, 2005	IHS, 2006		1993		2006	2000
Hungary	2001		ES/BS, 2004	Yes	2000	2004	2006	2000
Iceland	2000			Yes		2005	2006	2000
India	2001	DHS, 2005/06	IHS, 2004/05		1995–96/ 2000–01	2004	2007	2000
Indonesia	2000	DHS, 2002/03	IHS, 2005		2003	2003	2007	2000
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2006	DHS, 2000	ES/BS, 2005	Yes	2003	2004	2006	2004
Iraq	1997	MICS, 2006			1981	1998	2007	2000
Ireland	2006		IHS, 2000	Yes	2000	2004	2006	2000
Isle of Man	2006			Yes				
Israel	1995		ES/BS, 2001	Yes	1981	2004	2006	2004
Italy	2001		ES/BS, 2000	Yes	2000	2004	2006	2000
Jamaica	2001	MICS 2005	LSMS, 2004		1996		2007	2000
Japan	2005			Yes	2000	2005	2006	2000
Jordan	2004	DHS, 2007	ES/BS, 2004		1997	2005	2006	2005
Kazakhstan	1999	MICS, 2006	ES/BS, 2003	Yes			2007	2000
Kenya	1999	DHS, 2003, SPA, 2004	IHS, 2005		1977–79	2005	2007	2003
Kiribati	2005						2005	
Korea, Dem. Rep.	1993	MICS, 2000						2000
Korea, Rep.	2005		ES/BS, 1998/99	Yes	2000	2005	2006	2000
Kuwait	2005	FHS, 1996		Yes	1970		2007	2002
Kyrgyz Republic	1999	MICS 2005/06	ES/BS, 2004	Yes	2002	2005	2006	2000
Lao PDR	2005	MICS, 2006	ES/BS, 2002		1998–99	1999	1975	2000
Latvia	2000		IHS, 2004	Yes	2001	2005	2006	2000
Lebanon	1970	MICS, 2000			1998–99	1998	2004	2005
Lesotho	2006	DHS, 2004	ES/BS, 2002–03		1999–2000		2004	2000
Liberia	2008	DHS, 2007					1984	2000



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Libya	1995	MICS, 2000			2001		2004	2000
Liechtenstein	2000			Yes				
Lithuania	2001		ES/BS, 2004	Yes	2003	2005	2006	2000
Luxembourg	2001			Yes	1999–2000 <sup>c</sup>	2003	2007	
Macao, China	2006			Yes			2007	
Macedonia, FYR	2002	MICS, 2005	ES/BS, 2003	Yes	1994	2001	2007	
Madagascar	1993	DHS, 2003/04	PS 2005		2004	2005	2007	2000
Malawi	2008	MICS 2006	LSMS, 2004		1993	2001	2006	2000
Malaysia	2000		ES/BS, 2004/05	Yes		2004	2006	2000
Maldives	2006	MICS, 2001		Yes			2007	
Mali	1998	DHS, 2006	IHS, 2006		1984		2007	2000
Malta	2005			Yes	2001	2005	2007	2000
Marshall Islands	1999				1984–85		2006	2000
Mauritania	2000	DHS, 2000/01	IHS, 2000					
Mauritius	2000			Yes		2004	2007	2003
Mayotte	2007							
Mexico	2005	ENPF, 1995	LFS, 2006		1991	2000	2007	2000
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	2000							
Moldova	2004	DHS, 2005	ES/BS, 2004	Yes		2005	2007	2000
Monaco	2000							
Mongolia	2000	MICS, 2005	LSMS, 2005	Yes		2000	2006	2000
Montenegro	2003	MICS, 2005/06		Yes				
Morocco	2004	DHS, 2003/04	ES/BS, 2007		1996	2005	2006	2000
Mozambique	2007	DHS, 2003	ES/BS, 2002/03		1999–2000		2007	2000
Myanmar	1983	MICS, 2000			2003		1992	2000
Namibia	2001	DHS, 2006/07	ES/BS, 1993/94		1996–97		2006	2000
Nepal	2001	DHS, 2006	LSMS, 2003/04		2002	2002	2007	2000
Netherlands Antilles	2001			Yes		2004		2000
Netherlands	2001		IHS, 1999	Yes	1999–2000 <sup>c</sup>	2004	2006	
New Caledonia	2004			Yes			2006	
New Zealand	2006			Yes	2002	2004	2006	2000
Nicaragua	2005	DHS, 2001	LSMS, 2005		2001		2007	2000
Niger	2001	DHS/MICS, 2006			1980		2007	2000
Nigeria	2006	MICS, 2007	IHS, 2003		1960		2006	2000
Northern Mariana Islands	2000							
Norway	2001		IS, 2000	Yes	1999	2004	2006	2000
Oman	2003	FHS, 1995			1978–79	2005	2007	2003
Pakistan	1998	DHS, 2006/07	LSMS, 2004/05		2000		2007	2000
Palau	2005			Yes				
Panama	2000	LSMS, 2003	LFS, 2006		2001	2001	2006	2000
Papua New Guinea	2000	DHS, 1996	IHS, 1996			2001	2004	2000
Paraguay	2002	RHS, 2004	IHS, 2007		1991	2002	2006	2000
Peru	2007	DHS, 2004	LSMS, 2006		1994	2005	2006	2000
Philippines	2007	DHS, 2003	ES/BS, 2006	Yes	2002	2003	2006	2000
Poland	2002		ES/BS, 2005	Yes	1996/2002	2004	2007	2000
Portugal	2001			Yes	1999	2004	2006	2000
Puerto Rico	2000	RHS, 1995/96		Yes	1997/2002			
Qatar	2004			Yes	2000–01	2004	2006	2005
Romania	2002	RHS, 1999	LFS, 2005	Yes	2002	2005	2007	2000
Russian Federation	2002	RHS, 1996	IHS, 2005	Yes	1994–95	2005	2007	2000
Rwanda	2002	DHS, 2005	IHS, 1999		1984	1999	2005	2000



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Samoa	2006				1999		2005	
San Marino	2000			Yes				
São Tomé and Príncipe	2001			Yes			2005	
Saudi Arabia	2004	Demographic survey, 2007			1999		2005	2006
Senegal	2002	DHS, 2005	PS 2005		1998–1999	2002	2006	2002
Serbia	2002	MICS, 2005/06		Yes			2006	
Seychelles	2002			Yes	1998		2006	2003
Sierra Leone	2004	MICS, 2005, DHS 2008	IHS, 2002/03		1984–1985		2007	2000
Singapore	2000	General household, 2005		Yes		2004	2006	
Slovak Republic	2001		IS, 1997	Yes	2001	2004	2006	
Slovenia	2002		ES/BS, 2004	Yes	2000		2006	
Solomon Islands	1999							
Somalia	1987	MICS, 2006					1982	2003
South Africa	2001	DHS, 1998	ES/BS, 2000		2000	2005	2007	2000
Spain	2001		IHS, 2000	Yes	1999	2004	2006	2000
Sri Lanka	2001	DHS, 1987	ES/BS, 2002	Yes	2002		2005	2000
St. Kitts and Nevis	2001			Yes			2006	
St. Lucia	2001		IHS, 1995	Yes			2007	
St. Vincent & Grenadines	2001			Yes				
Sudan	1993	MICS-PAPFAM 2006				2001	2006	2000
Suriname	2004	MICS, 2000	ES/BS, 1999	Yes		2004	2001	2000
Swaziland	2007	DHS, 2006	ES/BS, 2000/01		2003		2007	2000
Sweden	2005		IS, 2000	Yes	1999–2000	2004	2007	2000
Switzerland	2000		ES/BS, 2000	Yes	2000	2003	2006	2000
Syrian Arab Republic	2004	MICS, 2006			1981		2007	2003
Tajikistan	2000	MICS, 2005	LSMS, 2004	Yes	1994		2000	2000
Tanzania	2002	DHS, 2004, SPA, 2006	ES/BS, 2000/01		2002–2003		2007	2002
Thailand	2000	MICS 2005/06	IHS, 2004		2003	2000	2006	2000
Timor-Leste	2004	DGHS, 2003	LSMS, 2001					
Togo	1981	MICS, 2006	CWIQ, 2006		1996		2007	2002
Tonga	2006			Yes	2001		2007	
Trinidad and Tobago	2000	MICS, 2006	IHS, 1992	Yes	2004	2005	2006	2000
Tunisia	2004	MICS, 2006	IHS, 2000		2004		2006	2000
Turkey	2000	DHS, 2003	LFS, 2005		2001	2001	2006	2003
Turkmenistan	1995	DHS, 2006	LSMS, 1998	Yes			2000	2000
Uganda	2002	DHS, 2006	PS, 2005		1991	2000	2006	
Ukraine	2001	DHS, 2007	ES/BS, 2005	Yes		2004	2007	2000
United Arab Emirates	2005				1998		2006	2005
United Kingdom	2001		IS, 1999	Yes	1999–2000 <sup>c</sup>	2004	2006	2000
United States	2000	CPS(monthly)	LFS 2000	Yes	1997/2002	2004	2007	2000
Uruguay	2004		IHS, 2006	Yes	2000	2004	2006	2000
Uzbekistan	1989	MICS, 2006	ES/BS, 2003	Yes				2000
Vanuatu	1999						2006	
Venezuela, RB	2001	MICS, 2000	IHS, 2006	Yes	1997		2006	
Vietnam	1999	MICS, 2006	IHS, 2006		2001	2000	2006	2000
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	2000			Yes				
West Bank and Gaza	2007	PAPFAM, 2006			1971			
Yemen, Rep.	2004	MICS, 2006	ES/BS, 2005		2002	2004	2006	2000
Zambia	2000	DHS, 2001/02, SPA, 2005	IHS, 2004		1990		2006	2000
Zimbabwe	2002	DHS, 2005/06			1960	1996	2006	2002

Note: For explanation of the abbreviations used in the table see notes following the table.

a. Original chained constant price data are rescaled. b. Country uses the 1993 System of National Accounts methodology. c. Conducted annually. d. Reporting period switch from fiscal year to calendar year from 1996. Pre-1996 data converted to calendar year.

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• **Base year** is the base or pricing period used for constant price calculations in the country's national accounts. Price indices derived from national accounts aggregates, such as the implicit deflator for gross domestic product (GDP), express the price level relative to base year prices. • **Reference year** is the year in which the local currency, constant price series of a country is valued. The reference year is usually the same as the base year used to report the constant price series. However, when the constant price data are chain linked, the base year is changed annually, so the data are rescaled to a specific reference year to provide a consistent time series. When the country has not rescaled following a change in base year, World Bank staff rescale the data to maintain a longer historical series. To allow for cross-country comparison and data aggregation, constant price data reported in *World Development Indicators* are rescaled to a common reference year (2000) and currency (U.S. dollars). • **System of National Accounts** identifies countries that use the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA), the terminology applied in *World Development Indicators* since 2001, to compile national accounts. Although more countries are adopting the 1993 SNA, many still follow the 1968 SNA, and some low-income countries use concepts from the 1953 SNA. • **SNA price valuation** shows whether value added in the national accounts is reported at basic prices (VAB) or producer prices (VAP). Producer prices include taxes paid by producers and thus tend to overstate the actual value added in production. However, VAB can be higher than VAP in countries with high agricultural subsidies. See *About the data* for tables 4.1 and 4.2 for further discussion of national accounts valuation. • **Alternative conversion factor** identifies the countries and years for which a World Bank–estimated conversion factor has been used in place of the official exchange rate (line rf in the International Monetary Fund's [IMF] *International Financial Statistics*). See *Statistical methods* for further discussion of alternative conversion factors. • **Purchasing power parity (PPP) survey year** is the latest available survey year for the International Comparison Program's estimates of PPPs. See *About the data* for table 1.1 for a more detailed description of PPPs. • **Balance of Payments Manual in use** refers to the classification system used to compile and report data on balance of payments items in table 4.15. BPM4 refers to the 4th edition of the IMF's *Balance of Payments Manual* (1977), and BPM5 to the 5th edition (1993). • **External debt** shows debt reporting status for 2007 data. *Actual* indicates that data are as reported, *preliminary* that data are preliminary and include an element of staff estimation, and *estimate* that data are World Bank staff estimates. • **System of trade** refers to the United Nations general trade

system (G) or special trade system (S). Under the general trade system goods entering directly for domestic consumption and goods entered into customs storage are recorded as imports at arrival. Under the special trade system goods are recorded as imports when declared for domestic consumption whether at time of entry or on withdrawal from customs storage. Exports under the general system comprise outward-moving goods: (a) national goods wholly or partly produced in the country; (b) foreign goods, neither transformed nor declared for domestic consumption in the country, that move outward from customs storage; and (c) nationalized goods that have been declared for domestic consumption and move outward without being transformed. Under the special system of trade, exports are categories a and c. In some compilations categories b and c are classified as re-exports. Direct transit trade—goods entering or leaving for transport only—is excluded from both import and export statistics. See *About the data* for tables 4.4, 4.5, and 6.2 for further discussion. • **Government finance accounting concept** is the accounting basis for reporting central government financial data. For most countries government finance data have been consolidated (C) into one set of accounts capturing all central government fiscal activities. Budgetary central government accounts (B) exclude some central government units. See *About the data* for tables 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12 for further details. • **IMF data dissemination standard** shows the countries that subscribe to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) or General Data Dissemination System (GDDS). S refers to countries that subscribe to the SDDS and have posted data on the Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board at <http://dsbb.imf.org>. G refers to countries that subscribe to the GDDS. The SDDS was established for member countries that have or might seek access to international capital markets to guide them in providing their economic and financial data to the public. The GDDS helps countries disseminate comprehensive, timely, accessible, and reliable economic, financial, and sociodemographic statistics. IMF member countries elect to participate in either the SDDS or the GDDS. Both standards enhance the availability of timely and comprehensive data and therefore contribute to the pursuit of sound macroeconomic policies. The SDDS is also expected to improve the functioning of financial markets. • **Latest population census** shows the most recent year in which a census was conducted and in which at least preliminary results have been released. The preliminary results from the very recent censuses could be reflected in timely revisions if basic data are available, such as population by age and sex, as well as the detailed definition of counting, coverage and completeness. The census includes registration-based censuses for Andorra,

Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, San Marino, and Sweden. These countries produce similar census tables every 5 or 10 years instead of conducting traditional censuses. A rare case, France has been conducting a rolling census every year since 2004; the 1999 general population census was the last to cover the entire population simultaneously ([www.insee.fr/en/recensement/page\\_accueil\\_rp.htm](http://www.insee.fr/en/recensement/page_accueil_rp.htm)). • **Latest demographic, education, or health household survey** indicates the household surveys used to compile the demographic, education, and health data in section 2. CPS is Current Population Survey, DGHS is Demographic and General Health Survey, DHS is Demographic and Health Survey, ENPF is National Family Planning Survey (Encuesta Nacional de Planificación Familiar), FHS is Family Health Survey, LSMS is Living Standards Measurement Survey, MICS is Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, NSS is National Sample Survey on Population Change, PAPFAM is Pan Arab Project for Family Health, RHS is Reproductive Health Survey, and SPA is Service Provision Assessments. Detailed information for DHS and SPA are available at [www.measuredhs.com/aboutsurveys](http://www.measuredhs.com/aboutsurveys); for MICS at [www.childinfo.org](http://www.childinfo.org); and for RHS at [www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/surveys](http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/surveys). • **Source of most recent income and expenditure data** shows household surveys that collect income and expenditure data. Names and detailed information on household surveys can be found on the website of the International Household Survey Network ([www.surveynetwork.org](http://www.surveynetwork.org)). Core Welfare Indicator Questionnaire Surveys (CWIQ), developed by the World Bank, measure changes in key social indicators for different population groups—specifically indicators of access, utilization, and satisfaction with core social and economic services. Expenditure survey/budget surveys (ES/BS) collect detailed information on household consumption as well as on general demographic, social, and economic characteristics. Integrated household surveys (IHS) collect detailed information on a wide variety of topics, including health, education, economic activities, housing, and utilities. Income surveys (IS) collect information on the income and wealth of households as well as various social and economic characteristics. Labor force surveys (LFS) collect information on employment, unemployment, hours of work, income, and wages. Living Standards Measurement Studies (LSMS), developed by the World Bank, provide a comprehensive picture of household welfare and the factors that affect it; they typically incorporate data collection at the individual, household, and community levels. Priority surveys (PS) are a light monitoring survey, designed by the World Bank, for collecting data from a large number of households cost-effectively and quickly. Income tax registers (ITR) provide information on a population's income and allowance, such

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as gross income, taxable income, and taxes by socio-economic group. 1-2-3 surveys (1-2-3) are implemented in three phases and collect sociodemographic and employment data, data on the informal sector, and information on living conditions and household consumption. • **Vital registration complete** identifies countries judged to have at least 90 percent complete registries of vital (birth and death) statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division and reported in Population and Vital Statistics Reports. Countries with complete vital statistics registries may have more accurate and more timely demographic indicators than other countries. • **Latest agricultural census** shows the most recent year in which an agricultural census was conducted and reported to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. • **Latest industrial data** show the most recent year for which manufacturing value added data at the three-digit level of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC, revision 2 or 3) are available in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization database. • **Latest trade data** show the most recent year for which structure of merchandise trade data from the United Nations Statistics Division's Commodity Trade (Comtrade) database are available. • **Latest water withdrawal data** show the most recent year for which data on freshwater withdrawals have been compiled from a variety of sources. See *About the data* for table 3.5 for more information.

### Exceptional reporting periods

In most economies the **fiscal year** is concurrent with the calendar year. Exceptions are shown in the table at right. The ending date reported here is for the fiscal year of the central government. Fiscal years for other levels of government and reporting years for statistical surveys may differ. And some countries that follow a fiscal year report their national accounts data on a calendar year basis as shown in the *reporting period* column.

The **reporting period for national accounts data** is designated as either calendar year basis (CY) or fiscal year basis (FY). Most economies report their national accounts and balance of payments data using calendar years, but some use fiscal years. In *World Development Indicators* fiscal year data are assigned to the calendar year that contains the larger share of the fiscal year. If a country's fiscal year ends before June 30, data are shown in the first year of the fiscal period; if the fiscal year ends on or after June 30, data are shown in the second year of the period. Balance of payments data are reported in *World Development Indicators* by calendar year and so are not comparable to the national accounts data of the countries that report their national accounts on a fiscal year basis.

### Economies with exceptional reporting periods

Economy	Fiscal year end	Reporting period for national accounts data
Afghanistan	Mar. 20	FY
Australia	Jun. 30	FY
Bangladesh	Jun. 30	FY
Botswana	Jun. 30	FY
Canada	Mar. 31	CY
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Jun. 30	FY
Ethiopia	Jul. 7	FY
Gambia, The	Jun. 30	CY
Haiti	Sep. 30	FY
India	Mar. 31	FY
Indonesia	Mar. 31	CY
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Mar. 20	FY
Japan	Mar. 31	CY
Kenya	Jun. 30	CY
Kuwait	Jun. 30	CY
Lesotho	Mar. 31	CY
Malawi	Mar. 31	CY
Mauritius	Jun. 30	FY
Myanmar	Mar. 31	FY
Namibia	Mar. 31	CY
Nepal	Jul. 14	FY
New Zealand	Mar. 31	FY
Pakistan	Jun. 30	FY
Puerto Rico	Jun. 30	FY
Sierra Leone	Jun. 30	CY
Singapore	Mar. 31	CY
South Africa	Mar. 31	CY
Swaziland	Mar. 31	CY
Sweden	Jun. 30	CY
Thailand	Sep. 30	CY
Uganda	Jun. 30	FY
United States	Sep. 30	CY
Zimbabwe	Jun. 30	CY

### Revisions to national accounts data

National accounts data are revised by national statistical offices when methodologies change or data sources improve. National accounts data in *World Development Indicators* are also revised when data sources change. The following notes, while not comprehensive, provide information on revisions from previous data.

- **Bhutan.** Data revisions reflect changes in sources. Current and constant price value added data from 1980 to 2006 are from the government of Bhutan. Current price expenditure data for 1989–2005 and constant price expenditure data for 2000–05 are from the Asian Development Bank's *Key Indicators 2007*. • **Botswana.** Large changes in constant price consumption indicators from 1998–2006 are due to statistical discrepancy. The Central Statistical Office published large-scale revisions of constant price discrepancies in GDP for 1996/97–2004/05 in April 2006 and May 2007. • **Brazil.** The Institute

of Geography and Statistics revised its national accounts data. Among the changes are new sources and a change in base year to 2000. • **Burkina Faso.** National accounts value added and expenditure data have been revised for 1985–2006 according to recently released data from the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Constant price series have been linked back since 1984. Valuation is value added at basic prices, and the new base year is 1999. • **Chile.** Data from 2003 onward reflect the Central Bank's new series using 2003 as the base year. • **China.** The base year for constant price data changed from 1990 to 2000. • **Côte d'Ivoire.** Data for 1999–2006 were revised using data from the IMF, national authorities, and World Bank staff estimates. • **Egypt.** Constant price data are updated from official published national accounts. Constant price import and export data have been revised based on data from the Central Bank website ([www.cbe.org.eg](http://www.cbe.org.eg)), which lists the constant price expenditure components of GDP. • **Fiji.** Data revisions reflect changes in sources. Data for 1996–2005 were revised using data from the Asian Development Bank's *Key Indicators 2007*. • **India.** In May 2007 the Central Statistical Organization published revised national accounts data for 1951–99 consistent with the new series of national accounts statistics released on January 31, 2006. • **Jordan.** Data have been revised by the Central Bank and the Department of Statistics. • **Lebanon.** Data have been revised by the Central Bank. • **Malawi.** The National Statistical Office, with assistance from Norway, revised its national accounts data. The initial outcome is that GDP will increase by approximately 37 percent. • **Morocco.** The government revised national accounts data from 1998 onward. National accounts value added data switched from producer prices to basic prices. The new base year is 1998. • **São Tomé and Príncipe.** Data have been revised by the National Statistics Institute. Revised GDP estimates are much higher (47.5 percent for the new base year 2001) than those of the previous series and reflect improvements in coverage. • **Senegal.** National accounts data have been revised to conform to 1993 SNA methodology, and the base year has changed to 1999. Value added data are now in basic prices. Agricultural sector data are entered in the year of production (N) in the 1999 base year of the SNA as opposed to the year following the year of production (N+1) in base year 1987. • **Sudan.** Expenditure items in both current and constant prices for 1988–95 were revised using recent United Nations Statistics Division and IMF *World Economic Outlook* estimates. • **Tanzania.** National accounts expenditure data in current and constant prices have been revised from 1995 onward. Data are from IMF and World Bank staff estimates and Tanzanian authorities.