

# Primary data documentation

The World Bank is not a primary data collection agency for most areas other than living standards surveys and external debt. As a major user of socioeconomic data, however, the World Bank places particular emphasis on data documentation to inform users of data in economic analysis and policymaking. The tables in this section provide information on the sources, treatment, and timeliness of the main demographic, economic, and environmental indicators in the *World Development Indicators*.

Differences in the methods and conventions used by the primary data collectors—usually national statistical agencies, central banks, and customs services—may give rise to significant discrepancies over time both among and within countries. Delays in reporting data and the use of old surveys as the base for current estimates may sometimes compromise the quality of national data.

Although data quality is improving in some countries, many developing countries lack the resources to train and maintain the skilled staff and obtain the equipment needed to measure and report demographic, economic, and environmental trends in an accurate and timely way. The World Bank recognizes the need for reliable data to measure living standards, track and evaluate economic trends, and plan and monitor development projects. Thus, working with bilateral and other multilateral agencies, it continues to fund and participate in technical assistance projects to improve statistical organization and basic data methods, collection, and dissemination.

The World Bank is working at several levels to meet the challenge of improving the quality of the data that it collates and disseminates. At the country level the Bank is carrying out technical assistance, training, and survey activities—with a view to strengthening national capacity—in the following areas:

- Poverty assessments in most borrower member countries.
- Living standards measurement and other household and farm surveys with country partner statistical agencies.
- National accounts and inflation.
- Price and expenditure surveys for the International Comparison Programme.
- Statistical improvement projects in the countries of the former Soviet Union.
- External debt management.
- Environmental and economic accounting.

At the international level, the World Bank is working closely with other agencies to achieve a common language in concepts, standards, classifications, nomenclatures, and definitions with a view to providing greater consistency and comparability to data from different countries and time periods.

	National currency	Fiscal year end	National accounts					Balance of payments and trade			Government finance	IMF special data dissemination	
			Reporting period	Base year	SNA price valuation	Alternative conversion factor	PPP survey year	Balance of Payments Manual in use	External debt	System of trade			Accounting concept
Albania	Albanian lek	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAP				BPM5	Actual	G		
Algeria	Algerian dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAB				BPM5	Actual	S		
Angola	Angolan adjusted kwanza	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB	1993-96			BPM5	Actual	S		
Argentina	Argentine peso	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAP	1972-81	1980		BPM5	Actual	S	C	S*
Armenia	Armenian dram	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1990-95	1990		BPM5	Preliminary			
Australia	Australian dollar	Jun. 30	CY	1989	VAP		1993		BPM5		G	C	S
Austria	Austrian schilling	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993		BPM5		S	C	S*
Azerbaijan	Azeri manat	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP	1990-95	1990		BPM4	Preliminary			
Bangladesh	Bangladesh taka	Jun. 30	FY	1985	VAP		1993		BPM4	Actual	G		
Belarus	Belarussian ruble	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB	1990-96	1993		BPM4	Actual		C	
Belgium	Belgian franc	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP		1993		BPM5		S	C	S*
Benin	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP	1992	1993		BPM5	Actual	S		
Bolivia	Boliviano	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAP	1974-85	1980		BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnian dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP				BPM5	Actual			
Botswana	Botswana pula	Mar. 31	CY	1986	VAP		1993		BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Brazil	Brazilian real	Dec. 31	CY	1984	VAB		1980		BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	
Bulgaria	Bulgarian leva	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP	1991-93	1993		BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	
Burkina Faso	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB	1992-93			BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Burundi	Burundi franc	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAB				BPM5	Actual	S		
Cambodia	Cambodian riel	Dec. 31	CY	1989	VAP				BPM5	Preliminary	S		
Cameroon	CFA franc	Jun. 30	FY	1980	VAP	1993	1993		BPM4	Preliminary	S	C	
Canada	Canadian dollar	Mar. 31	CY	1986	VAB		1993		BPM5		G	C	S*
Central African Republic	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB				BPM5	Actual	S		
Chad	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1977	VAB				BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Chile	Chilean peso	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAP		1980		BPM5	Actual	S	C	S*
China	Chinese yuan	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1986		BPM5	Preliminary	G	B	
Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong dollar	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB		1993		BPM4		G		S*
Colombia	Colombian peso	Dec. 31	CY	1975	VAP	1993-95	1980		BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	S*
Congo, Dem. Rep.	New zaire	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP	1993			BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	
Congo, Rep.	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1978	VAP		1993		BPM5	Estimate	S		
Costa Rica	Costa Rican colon	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP		1980		BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Côte d'Ivoire	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAP		1993		BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	
Croatia	Croatian kuna	Dec. 31	CY	1994	VAB		1993		BPM5	Preliminary		C	S*
Cuba	Cuban peso	Dec. 31	CY								S		
Czech Republic	Czech koruna	Dec. 31	CY	1984	VAP		1993		BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	
Denmark	Danish krone	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAB		1993		BPM5		G	C	S*
Dominican Republic	Dominican peso	Dec. 31	CY	1970	VAP	1992-95	1980		BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Ecuador	Ecuadorian sucre	Dec. 31	CY	1975	VAP		1980		BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Egyptian pound	Jun. 30	FY	1992	VAB		1993		BPM4	Actual	S	C	
El Salvador	Salvadoran colon	Dec. 31	CY	1962	VAP	1990-95	1980		BPM5	Actual	S	B	
Eritrea	Ethiopian birr	Dec. 31	CY	1992	VAB				BPM4	Actual			
Estonia	Estonian kroon	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1990-95	1993		BPM5	Actual		C	
Ethiopia	Ethiopian birr	Jul. 7	FY	1981	VAB	1991-92	1985		BPM4	Actual	G	B	
Finland	Finnish markka	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB		1993		BPM5		G	C	S*
France	French franc	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAP		1993		BPM5		S	C	S*
Gabon	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1989	VAP	1993	1993		BPM5	Actual	S	B	
Gambia, The	Gambian dalasi	Jun. 30	FY	1976	VAB				BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Georgia	Georgian lari	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB	1990-95	1990		BPM4	Preliminary			
Germany	Deutsche mark	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993		BPM5		S	C	S*
Ghana	Ghanaian cedi	Dec. 31	CY	1975	VAP	1994			BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Greece	Greek drachma	Dec. 31	CY	1970	VAB		1993		BPM5		S	C	
Guatemala	Guatemalan quetzal	Dec. 31	CY	1958	VAP		1980		BPM5	Actual	S	B	
Guinea	Guinean franc	Dec. 31	CY	1989	VAP		1993		BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	
Guinea-Bissau	Guinea-Bissau peso	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAB	1972-86			BPM5	Actual	S		
Haiti	Haitian gourde	Sep. 30	FY	1976	VAP				BPM5	Preliminary	G		
Honduras	Honduran lempira	Dec. 31	CY	1978	VAB		1980		BPM5	Actual	S		

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Albania	1989	LSMS, 1996	✓		1993	1970		
Algeria	1987	PAPCHILD, 1992	✓		1993	1990		
Angola	1970					1987		
Argentina	1991		✓	1988	1993	1976	1988	1992
Armenia	1989		✓		1991	1994		
Australia	1996		✓	1990	1992	1985	1990	1990
Austria	1991		✓	1990	1994	1991	1993	1993
Azerbaijan	1989		✓			1995		
Bangladesh	1991	DHS, 1996-97			1992	1987		
Belarus	1989		✓			1990	1992	1992
Belgium	1991		✓	1990	1994	1980	1990	1990
Benin	1992	DHS, 1996		1992	1981	1994	1989	1989
Bolivia	1992	DHS, 1994			1994	1987	1991	1991
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1991		✓		1991			
Botswana	1991	DHS, 1988			1994	1992		
Brazil	1991	DHS, 1996			1992	1990	1995	1994
Bulgaria	1992	LSMS, 1995	✓		1994	1988	1992	1992
Burkina Faso	1996	SDA, 1995			1983	1992		
Burundi	1990				1991	1987	1989	1989
Cambodia	1962					1987		
Cameroon	1987	DHS, 1991			1994	1987		
Canada	1991		✓	1991	1993	1991	1991	1992
Central African Republic	1988	DHS, 1994-95			1992	1987	1990	1984
Chad	1993	DHS, 1996-97				1987		
Chile	1992		✓		1993	1975	1988	1994
China	1990	Population, 1995			1994	1980	1993	1993
Hong Kong, China	1991		✓		1993			
Colombia	1993	DHS, 1995		1988	1992	1987	1982	1982
Congo, Dem. Rep.	1984			1990		1990		
Congo, Rep.	1984				1998	1987	1984	1984
Costa Rica	1984	CDC, 1993	✓		1994	1970	1992	1986
Côte d'Ivoire	1988	DHS, 1994			1993	1987		
Croatia	1991		✓		1992		1992	1992
Cuba	1981		✓		1989	1975	1992	1992
Czech Republic	1991	CDC, 1993	✓	1990	1993	1991	1994	1994
Denmark	1991		✓	1989	1991	1990	1993	1993
Dominican Republic	1993	DHS, 1996			1985	1987		
Ecuador	1990	LSMS, 1995			1994	1987	1990	1990
Egypt, Arab Rep.	1996	DHS, 1995-96	✓		1992	1993	1991	1991
El Salvador	1992	CDC, 1994			1994	1975	1992	1992
Eritrea	1984							
Estonia	1989		✓			1995	1994	1994
Ethiopia	1994	Family and fertility, 1990		1989-92	1990	1987		
Finland	1990		✓		1994	1991	1993	1993
France	1990	Income, 1989	✓	1988	1994	1990	1993	1993
Gabon	1993				1982		1987	1986
Gambia, The	1993				1982	1982		
Georgia	1989		✓		1992	1990	1991	1991
Germany			✓		1993	1991	1989	1989
Ghana	1984	DHS, 1993			1987	1970		
Greece	1991		✓		1993	1980	1993	1993
Guatemala	1994	DHS, 1995	✓		1990	1970	1988	1988
Guinea	1996	SDA, 1994-95		1989		1987	1984	1984
Guinea-Bissau	1991	SDA, 1991		1988		1991		
Haiti	1982	DHS, 1994-95				1987		
Honduras	1988	DHS, 1994		1993	1994	1992		

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Hungary	Hungarian forint	Dec. 31	CY	1991	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S*
India	Indian rupee	Mar. 31	FY	1980	VAB		1985	BPM4	Actual	G	C	S
Indonesia	Indonesian rupiah	Mar. 31	CY	1993	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	S*
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Iranian rial	Mar. 20	FY	1982	VAB		1993	BPM5	Estimate	S	C	
Iraq	Iraqi dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1969	VAB					S		
Ireland	Irish pound	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Israel	Israeli new shekel	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB		1980	BPM5		S	C	S*
Italy	Italian lira	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	S*
Jamaica	Jamaica dollar	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAP	1995-96	1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G		
Japan	Japanese yen	Mar. 31	CY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Jordan	Jordan dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB		1993	BPM4	Actual	G	B	
Kazakhstan	Kazakh tenge	Dec. 31	CY	1994	VAB	1990-95	1990	BPM4	Actual			
Kenya	Kenya shilling	Jun. 30	CY	1982	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Korea, Dem. Rep.	Democratic Republic of Korea won	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP			BPM5				S
Korea, Rep.	Korean won	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	
Kuwait	Kuwaiti dinar	Jun. 30	CY	1984	VAP			BPM5		S	C	
Kyrgyz Republic	Kyrgyz som	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1990-95	1990	BPM4	Actual			
Lao PDR	Lao kip	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP			BPM5	Preliminary			
Latvia	Latvian lat	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1990-95	1993	BPM5	Actual		C	S
Lebanon	Lebanese pound	Dec. 31	CY	1994	VAB		1993	BPM4	Actual	G		
Lesotho	Lesotho loti	Mar. 31	CY	1980	VAB			BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Libya	Libyan dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1975	VAB		1993	BPM5		G		
Lithuania	Lithuanian litas	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1990-95		BPM5	Preliminary		C	S*
Macedonia, FYR	Macedonian denar	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993		Actual			
Madagascar	Malagasy franc	Dec. 31	CY	1984	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Malawi	Malawi kwacha	Mar. 31	CY	1978	VAB		1985	BPM5	Preliminary	G	B	
Malaysia	Malaysian ringgit	Dec. 31	CY	1978	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	S*
Mali	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB		1985	BPM5	Actual	S		
Mauritania	Mauritanian ouguiya	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	S		
Mauritius	Mauritian rupee	Jun. 30	CY	1992	VAB		1985	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Mexico	Mexican new peso	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S*
Moldova	Moldovan leu	Dec. 31	CY	1995	VAB	1990-95	1993	BPM5	Actual			
Mongolia	Mongolian tugrik	Dec. 31	CY	1986	VAB	1993	1993	BPM5	Actual		C	
Morocco	Moroccan dirham	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAP		1985	BPM5	Preliminary	S	C	
Mozambique	Mozambican metical	Dec. 31	CY	1995	VAB			BPM5	Actual	S		
Myanmar	Myanmar kyat	Mar. 31	FY	1985	VAP			BPM4	Actual	G	C	
Namibia	Namibia dollar	Mar. 31	CY	1990	VAB			BPM5			C	
Nepal	Nepalese rupee	Jul. 14	FY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM4	Actual	G	C	
Netherlands	Netherlands guilder	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	S*
New Zealand	New Zealand dollar	Jun. 30	CY	1982	VAP		1993	BPM5		G	B	
Paraguay	Paraguayan guarani	Dec. 31	CY	1980	VAP			BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Niger	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP	1993	1993	BPM5	Actual	S		
Nigeria	Nigerian naira	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB	1974-96	1993	BPM5	Estimate	G		
Norway	Norwegian krone	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Oman	Rial Omani	Dec. 31	CY	1978	VAP		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Pakistan	Pakistan rupee	Jun. 30	FY	1981	VAB		1980	BPM4	Actual	G	C	
Panama	Panamanian balboa	Dec. 31	CY	1992	VAB			BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea kina	Dec. 31	CY	1983	VAP		1980	BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Paraguay	Paraguayan guarani	Dec. 31	CY	1982	VAP		1980	BPM4	Actual	S	C	
Peru	Peruvian new sol	Dec. 31	CY	1979	VAP	1987-91	1993	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S*
Philippines	Philippine peso	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G	B	S*
Poland	Polish zloty	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	C	S*
Portugal	Portuguese escudo	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	S
Puerto Rico	U.S. dollar	Dec. 31	CY				1993					
Romania	Romanian leu	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB	1992	1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	
Russian Federation	Russian ruble	Dec. 31	CY	1996	VAB	1990-94	1993	BPM4	Preliminary		C	

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Hungary	1990	Income, 1995	✓		1994	1991	1993	1993
India	1991	National family health, 1992-93		1986	1992	1975	1990	1990
Indonesia	1990	DHS, 1994			1994	1987	1988	1988
Iran, Islamic Rep.	1991	Demographic, 1995		1988	1993	1993	1985	1985
Iraq	1997				1992	1970	1993	1993
Ireland	1996		✓	1991	1994	1980	1988	1988
Israel	1995		✓		1993	1989	1984	1992
Italy	1991		✓	1990	1991	1990	1993	1993
Jamaica	1991	LSMS, 1994			1992	1975	1986	1986
Japan	1995		✓	1990	1993	1990	1992	1991
Jordan	1994	DHS, 1990			1994	1993	1986	1986
Kazakhstan	1989	DHS, 1995	✓			1993		
Kenya	1989	DHS, 1993			1994	1990		
Korea, Dem. Rep.	1993					1987		
Korea, Rep.	1995				1994	1994	1994	1994
Kuwait	1995		✓		1993	1974	1984	1984
Kyrgyz Republic	1989	LSMS, 1993	✓			1994		
Lao PDR	1995					1987		
Latvia	1989		✓		1994	1994	1994	1994
Lebanon	1970					1994	1980	1980
Lesotho	1996	DHS, 1991			1994	1987		
Libya	1995	PAPCHILD, 1995		1987	1989	1994	1980	1980
Lithuania	1989		✓		1994	1993	1992	1992
Macedonia, FYR	1994		✓		1994		1991	1991
Madagascar	1993	DHS, 1992; SDA, 1993			1988	1984	1989	1988
Malawi	1987	DHS, 1996			1989	1994		
Malaysia	1991		✓		1993	1975	1992	1992
Mali	1987	DHS, 1995-96			1981	1987		
Mauritania	1988	PAPCHILD, 1990				1985		
Mauritius	1990	CDC, 1991	✓		1993	1974	1992	1992
Mexico	1990	Population, 1995			1991	1991	1993	1993
Moldova	1989		✓			1992		
Mongolia	1989				1994	1987		
Morocco	1994	DHS, 1995			1994	1992		
Mozambique	1997					1992		
Myanmar	1983			1993	1993	1987		
Namibia	1991	DHS, 1992				1991		
Nepal	1991	DHS, 1996		1992	1993	1987	1980	1980
Netherlands	1971		✓	1989	1993	1991	1991	1991
New Zealand	1996		✓	1990	1992	1991	1993	1993
Nicaragua	1995	LSMS, 1993			1985	1975	1987	1987
Niger	1988	Household budget and consumption, 1993			1982	1988		
Nigeria	1991	Consumption and expenditure, 1992			1990	1987	1987	1987
Norway	1990		✓	1989	1992	1985	1993	1993
Oman	1993	Child health, 1989		1992-93	1993	1991		
Pakistan	1981	LSMS, 1991		1990	1990	1991	1990	1987
Panama	1990			1990	1992	1975		
Papua New Guinea	1989				1989	1987		
Paraguay	1992	DHS, 1990; CDC, 1992		1991	1981	1987		
Peru	1993	DHS, 1996			1992	1987	1981	1984
Philippines	1995	DHS, 1993			1992	1975	1984	1984
Poland	1988		✓	1990	1994	1991	1992	1992
Portugal	1991		✓	1989	1994	1990	1990	1990
Puerto Rico	1990		✓	1987	1994			
Romania	1992	LSMS, 1994-95	✓		1993	1994	1994	1994
Russian Federation	1989	LSMS, 1992	✓		1994	1994	1993	1993

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Rwanda	Rwanda franc	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB		1985	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian riyal	Hijri year	Hijri year	1970	VAP		1993	BPM5		S		
Senegal	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB	1992-93	1993	BPM5	Preliminary	S		
Sierra Leone	Sierra Leonean leone	Jun. 30	CY	1990	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	B	
Singapore	Singapore dollar	Mar. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Slovak Republic	Slovak koruna	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary			S
Slovenia	Slovenian tolar	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual			S*
South Africa	South African rand	Mar. 31	CY	1990	VAB		1993	BPM5	Preliminary		C	S*
Spain	Spanish peseta	Dec. 31	CY	1996	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	S
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka rupee	Dec. 31	CY	1982	VAB		1985	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Sudan	Sudanese dinar	Jun. 30	FY	1982	VAB			BPM4	Estimate	G		
Sweden	Swedish krona	Jun. 30	CY	1990	VAB		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Switzerland	Swiss franc	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1993	BPM5		S	C	S*
Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian pound	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAP	1993-96	1993	BPM5	Estimate	S	C	
Tajikistan	Tajik ruble	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAP	1990-96	1990	BPM4	Estimate			
Tanzania	Tanzania shilling	Jun. 30	FY	1992	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G		
Thailand	Thai baht	Sep. 30	CY	1988	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	S*
Togo	CFA franc	Dec. 31	CY	1978	VAP			BPM5	Actual	S		
Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago dollar	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	S		
Tunisia	Tunisian dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAP		1991	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Turkey	Turkish lira	Dec. 31	CY	1993	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	S	C	S*
Turkmenistan	Turkmen manat	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAP	1990-96	1990	BPM4	Actual			
Uganda	Uganda shilling	Jun. 30	FY	1991	VAB			BPM4	Actual	G		
Ukraine	Ukraine hryvnya	Dec. 31	CY	1995	VAB	1990-95	1993	BPM5	Actual			
United Arab Emirates	U.A.E dirham	Dec. 31	CY	1985	VAB			BPM4		G	B	
United Kingdom	Pound sterling	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
United States	U.S. dollar	Sep. 30	CY	1985	VAP		1993	BPM5		G	C	S*
Uruguay	Uruguayan peso	Dec. 31	CY	1983	VAP		1980	BPM5	Actual	S	C	
Uzbekistan	Uzbek sum	Dec. 31	CY	1987	VAB	1990-96	1990	BPM4	Actual			
Venezuela	Venezuelan bolívar	Dec. 31	CY	1984	VAP		1980	BPM5	Actual	G	C	
Vietnam	Vietnamese dong	Dec. 31	CY	1989	VAP		1993	BPM4	Preliminary			
West Bank and Gaza	Israeli new shekel	Dec. 31	CY		VAP							
Yemen, Rep.	Yemen rial	Dec. 31	CY	1990	VAB	1990-96	1993	BPM4	Actual	G	C	
Yugoslavia, FR (Serb./Mont.)	Yugoslav new dinar	Dec. 31	CY	1984	VAP		1985		Estimate	S		
Zambia	Zambian kwacha	Dec. 31	CY	1977	VAP		1993	BPM5	Preliminary	G	C	
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe dollar	Jun. 30	CY	1990	VAB		1993	BPM5	Actual	G	C	

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

	Latest population census	Latest household or demographic survey	Vital registration complete	Latest agricultural census	Latest industrial data	Latest water withdrawal data	Latest survey of scientists and engineers engaged in R&D	Latest survey of expenditure for R&D
Rwanda	1991	DHS, 1992			1986	1993	1985	1985
Saudi Arabia	1992	Maternal and child health, 1993			1989	1992		
Senegal	1988	DHS, 1992-93			1994	1987	1981	1981
Sierra Leone	1985	SHEHEA, 1989-90			1993	1987		
Singapore	1990	General household, 1995	✓		1994	1975	1994	1994
Slovak Republic	1991		✓		1994	1991		
Slovenia	1991		✓		1994		1992	1992
South Africa	1996	LSMS, 1993			1992	1990	1991	1991
Spain	1991		✓	1989	1992	1991	1993	1993
Sri Lanka	1993	DHS, 1993	✓		1993	1970	1985	1984
Sudan	1993	DHS, 1989-90				1995		
Sweden	1990		✓		1994	1991	1993	1993
Switzerland	1990		✓	1990	1994	1991	1992	1992
Syrian Arab Republic	1994	PAPCHILD, 1995			1992	1993		
Tajikistan	1989		✓			1994		
Tanzania	1988	DHS, 1996			1988	1994		
Thailand	1990	DHS, 1987		1988	1991	1987	1991	1991
Togo	1981	DHS, 1988			1984	1987		
Trinidad and Tobago	1990	DHS, 1987	✓		1993	1975	1984	1984
Tunisia	1994	PAPCHILD, 1994-95			1993	1990	1992	1992
Turkey	1997	Population and health, 1983		1991	1993	1992	1991	1991
Turkmenistan	1995		✓			1994		
Uganda	1991	DHS, 1995		1991	1989	1970		
Ukraine	1991		✓			1992	1989	1989
United Arab Emirates	1980				1985	1995		
United Kingdom	1991		✓	1993	1994	1991	1993	1993
United States	1990	Current population, 1996	✓	1987	1994	1990	1993	1993
Uruguay	1996			1990	1993	1965		
Uzbekistan	1989	DHS, 1996	✓			1994	1992	1992
Venezuela	1990	LSMS, 1993	✓		1993	1970	1992	1992
Vietnam	1989	Intercensal demographic, 1995				1992	1985	1985
West Bank and Gaza		Demographic, 1995						
Yemen, Rep.	1994	DHS, 1991-92				1990		
Yugoslavia, FR (Serb./Mont.)	1991		✓		1994		1992	1992
Zambia	1990	DHS, 1996		1990	1994	1994		
Zimbabwe	1992	DHS, 1994			1993	1987		

• **Fiscal year end** is the date of the end of the fiscal year for the central government. Fiscal years for other levels of government and the reporting years for statistical surveys may differ, but if a country is designated as a fiscal year reporter in the following column, the date shown is the end of its national accounts reporting period. • **Reporting period** for national accounts and balance of payments data is designated as either calendar year basis (CY) or fiscal year (FY). Most economies report their national accounts and balance of payments data using calendar years, but some use fiscal years, which straddle two calendar years. In the *World Development Indicators* fiscal year data are assigned to the calendar year that contains the larger share of the fiscal year. Saudi Arabia follows a lunar year whose starting and ending dates change with respect to the solar year. Because the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reports most balance of payments data on a calendar year basis, balance of payments data for fiscal year reporters in the *World Development Indicators* are based on fiscal year estimates provided by World Bank staff. These estimates may differ from IMF data but allow consistent comparisons between national accounts and balance of payments data. • **Base year** is the year used as the base period for constant price calculations in the country's national accounts. Price indexes derived from national accounts aggregates, such as the GDP deflator, express prices in current years relative to prices in the base year. Constant price data reported in the *World Development Indicators* are partially rebased to a common 1987 base year. See the notes to table 4.1 for further discussion. • **SNA price valuation** shows whether value added in the national accounts is reported at basic or producers' prices (VAB) or at purchasers' prices (VAP). Purchasers' prices include the value of taxes levied on output and value added that are collected from consumers and thus tend to overstate the actual value added in production. See the notes to table 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 (IFS line rf) exchange rate. See *Statistical methods* for further discussion of the use of alternative conversion factors. • **PPP survey year** refers to the latest available survey year for the International Comparison Programme's estimates of purchasing power parities (PPPs). See the notes to tables 4.10, 4.11, and 5.6 for further details. • **Balance of Payments Manual in use** refers to the classification system used for compiling and reporting

data on balance of payments items in table 4.16. BPM4 refers to the fourth edition of the IMF's *Balance of Payments Manual* (1977), and BPM5 to the fifth edition (1993). Since 1995 the IMF has adjusted all balance of payments data to BPM5 conventions, but some countries continue to report using the older system. • **External debt** shows debt reporting status for 1996 data. "Actual" indicates data are as reported, "preliminary" indicates data are preliminary and include an element of staff estimation, and "estimate" indicates data are staff estimates. • **System of trade** refers to the general trade system (G) or the special trade system (S). For imports under the general trade system, both goods entering directly for domestic consumption and goods entered into customs storage are recorded, at the time of their first arrival, as imports. 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 from domestic consumption and move outward without having been transformed. Under the special system of trade exports comprise categories (a) and (c). In some compilations categories (b) and (c) are classified as re-exports. Direct transit trade, consisting of goods entering or leaving for transport purposes only, is excluded from both import and export statistics. See the notes to tables 4.4 and 4.5 for further discussion. • **Government finance accounting concept** describes 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 the central government's fiscal activities. Budgetary central government accounts (B) exclude central government units. See the notes to table 4.12 for further details. • **IMF special data dissemination** shows the countries that subscribe to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). "S" refers to countries that subscribe; "S\*" indicates subscribers that have posted data on the Internet. (Posted data can be reached through the IMF Dissemination Standard Bulletin Board at <http://dsdb.imf.org/>). The IMF established the SDDS to guide member countries that have or that are seeking access to international capital markets in providing economic and financial data to the public. The SDDS

is expected to enhance the availability of timely and comprehensive data and therefore contribute to the pursuit of sound macroeconomic policies; it is also expected to contribute to the improved functioning of financial markets. Although subscription is voluntary, it commits the subscriber to observing the standard and to providing information to the IMF about its practices in disseminating economic and financial data. A related General Data Dissemination System (GDDS), recently introduced by the IMF, is designed to encourage good practice in data production and dissemination. • **Latest population census** shows the most recent year in which a census was conducted. • **Latest household or demographic survey** gives information on the surveys used in compiling the household and demographic data presented in section 2. LSMS is Living Standards Measurement Study, PAPCHILD is the Pan Arab Project for Child Development, DHS is Demographic and Health Survey, SDA is Social Dimensions of Adjustment, CDC is Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and SHEHEA is Survey of Household Expenditure and Household Economic Activities. • **Vital registration complete** identifies countries judged to have complete registries of vital (birth and death) statistics by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, Statistical Division, and reported in *Population and Vital Statistics Reports*. Countries with complete vital statistics registries may have more accurate and more timely demographic indicators. • **Latest agricultural census** shows the most recent year in which an agricultural census was conducted and reported to the Food and Agriculture Organization. • **Latest industrial data** refer to the most recent year for which manufacturing value added data at the three-digit level of the International Standard Industrial Classification (rev. 2 or rev. 3) are available in the UNIDO database. • **Latest water withdrawal data** refer to the most recent year for which data have been compiled from a variety of sources. See the notes to table 3.5 for more information. • **Latest surveys of scientists and engineers engaged in R&D and expenditure for R&D** refer to the most recent year for which data are available from a data collection effort by UNESCO in science and technology and research and development (R&D). See the notes to table 5.12 for more information.