

Government Budget Balance

Percent of nominal GDP

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Australia	-3.7	-2.4	-0.7	1.6	2.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.3
Austria	-5.7	-4.0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.3	-1.6	-0.1	-0.7	-1.8	-1.3	-1.7	-1.5	-0.8
Canada	-5.3	-2.8	0.2	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.6	1.0	1.3
Chile	2.4	2.1	1.8	0.4	-1.3	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.2	2.6	5.0	8.1	.
China	-1.0	-0.7	-0.7	-1.1	-1.9	-2.5	-2.3	-2.6	-2.2	-1.3	-1.2	-0.8	0.7
Denmark	-2.9	-1.9	-0.5	-0.0	1.4	2.3	1.2	0.2	-0.1	1.9	4.6	4.7	4.8
Finland	-6.2	-3.5	-1.2	1.7	1.6	6.9	5.0	4.1	2.3	2.1	2.5	3.7	4.0
France	-5.5	-4.0	-3.3	-2.6	-1.8	-1.5	-1.6	-3.2	-4.1	-3.6	-3.0	-2.6	-2.5
Germany	-3.2	-3.3	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	1.3	-2.8	-3.6	-4.0	-3.8	-3.4	-1.6	0.0
Greece	-9.1	-6.6	-5.9	-3.8	-3.1	-3.7	-4.4	-4.8	-5.7	-7.2	-5.2	-2.8	-2.9
Indonesia	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.0	-1.2	-2.5	-1.3	-1.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.9	-1.3
Ireland	-2.1	-0.1	1.4	2.3	2.6	4.7	1.0	-0.4	0.4	1.4	1.2	2.9	2.2
Israel	-4.2	-5.9	-4.7	-4.1	-4.4	-2.1	-4.2	-4.5	-6.9	-4.9	-3.1	-1.8	-3.4
Italy	-7.4	-7.0	-2.7	-3.1	-1.8	-0.9	-3.1	-3.0	-3.5	-3.5	-4.3	-4.5	-2.2
Japan	-5.1	-5.1	-4.0	-5.8	-7.4	-7.6	-6.3	-8.0	-7.9	-6.2	-6.4	-2.9	-3.4
Korea	3.8	3.4	3.3	1.6	2.7	5.4	4.6	5.4	0.4	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
Malaysia	6.5	5.7	7.5	4.3	4.0	1.5	4.5	3.9	4.2	1.7	1.6	2.8	2.6
Mexico	-0.7	-0.4	-1.3	-1.7	-1.9	-1.6	-1.1	-2.3	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-2.0	-2.2
Netherlands	-4.3	-1.9	-1.2	-0.9	0.4	2.0	-0.3	-2.0	-3.1	-1.8	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
New Zealand	2.9	2.9	1.7	0.1	-0.2	1.6	2.1	3.2	3.8	4.3	4.5	3.8	3.3
Norway	3.2	6.3	7.6	3.3	6.0	15.4	13.3	9.2	7.3	11.1	15.2	18.0	17.1
Philippines	0.6	0.3	0.1	-1.9	-3.8	-4.1	-4.0	-5.4	-4.6	-3.8	-2.7	-1.1	-0.2
Singapore	13.3	14.5	9.6	16.8	10.4	11.3	-0.3	-1.6	6.4	5.5	6.7	9.7	12.2
South Africa	-4.3	-4.6	-4.1	-2.6	-1.8	-1.8	-1.0	-0.5	-2.1	-2.6	-0.8	0.0	.
Spain	-6.5	-4.9	-3.4	-3.2	-1.4	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	1.0	1.8	1.9
Sweden	-7.4	-3.4	-1.7	1.2	1.2	3.8	1.7	-1.5	-1.1	0.6	2.1	2.3	2.9
Switzerland	-1.4	-1.2	-1.3	0.1	-0.6	0.9	0.3	-0.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	0.5	-0.4
Thailand	3.2	0.7	-1.8	-2.7	-2.6	-2.2	-2.6	-1.4	0.3	0.0	-0.5	1.4	-2.0
Turkey	-4.1	-8.4	-7.8	-5.3	-8.6	-7.7	-11.9	-11.2	-8.8	-5.4	-1.5	-0.7	-1.7
United Kingdom	-5.8	-4.1	-2.1	0.1	1.1	4.0	0.9	-1.7	-3.3	-3.3	-3.5	-2.8	-2.9
United States	-3.1	-2.2	-0.8	0.4	0.9	1.6	-0.4	-3.8	-4.8	-4.4	-3.6	-2.6	-2.8
Venezuela	-1.4	1.6	0.3	-4.9	-2.2	-4.6	-5.2	-1.5	-3.7	-2.8	1.0	-0.6	0.8