

Table IV. General government gross debt - Percentage of GDP (source : Eurostat, OECD)

The general government sector (sector S.13 in ESA 1995, 2.68) comprises central government, state government, local government, and social security funds. Data for the general government sector are consolidated between sub-sectors at the national level. The series are measured in euro (ECU before 1999) and as a percentage of GDP. General government gross debt: general government consolidated gross debt, at end-year nominal value. The ESA 95 (European System of Accounts) regulation may be referred to for more specific explanations on methodology.

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Euro-zone	65.6	68.4	73.1	74.6	74.3	73.6 ^(r)	72.2 ^(r)	69.6 ^(r)	69.6	69.5	70.8	71.3	
Euro-zone (12 countries)	66.3	69.0	73.7	75.2	74.9	74.2 ^(r)	72.8 ^(r)	70.4 ^(r)	69.6	69.5	70.8	71.3	71.7
EU (25 countries)	:	:	:	:	:	67.5 ^(r)	66.7 ^(r)	62.9 ^(r)	62.2	61.7	63.3	63.8	64.1
EU (15 countries)	:	66.4 ^(r)	70.8 ^(r)	72.6 ^(r)	71.0 ^(r)	68.9 ^(r)	67.9 ^(r)	64.1 ^(r)	63.3	62.7	64.3	64.7	65.0
Belgium	137.9	135.9	134.0	130.2	124.8	119.6	114.8	109.1 ^(r)	108.0	105.4	100.0	95.6	94.9
Czech Republic	:	:	:	:	12.2	12.9	13.4	18.2 ^(r)	27.2	30.7	38.3	37.4	36.4
Denmark	81.1 ^(r)	77.4 ^(r)	73.2 ^(r)	69.7 ^(r)	65.7 ^(r)	61.2 ^(r)	57.7 ^(r)	52.3 ^(r)	47.8	47.2	44.7	42.7	40.5
Germany	46.9	49.3	57.0	59.8	61.0	60.9	61.2	60.2	59.4	60.9	64.2	66.0	68.0
Estonia	:	:	:	:	6.4	5.6	6.0	4.7	4.4	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.3
Greece	110.1	107.9	108.7	111.3	108.2	105.8	105.2	114.0 ^(r)	114.8	112.2	109.3	110.5	108.9
Spain	58.4	61.1	63.9	68.1	66.6	64.6	63.1	61.1 ^(r)	57.8	55.0	51.4	48.9	46.5
France	45.3	48.4	54.6	57.1	59.3	59.5	58.5	56.8 ^(r)	57.0	59.0	63.9	65.6	66.2
Ireland	95.1	89.6	81.8	73.3	64.5	53.8	48.6	38.3	35.8	32.6	32.0	29.9	29.8
Italy	118.7	124.8	124.3	123.1	120.5	116.7	115.5	111.2 ^(r)	110.7	108.0	106.3	105.8	105.6
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	61.6	62.0	61.6 ^(r)	61.9	65.2	69.8	71.9	69.1
Latvia	:	:	:	:	:	9.8	12.6	12.9	14.9	14.1	14.4	14.4	14.0
Lithuania	:	:	:	:	15.2	16.5	23.0	23.8	22.9	22.4	21.4	19.7	21.2
Luxembourg	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.2	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.5	7.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	7.8
Hungary	:	:	:	:	64.2	61.9	61.2	55.4	52.2	55.5	56.9	57.6	57.8
Malta	:	:	:	:	51.5	64.9	56.8	56.4 ^(r)	62.4	62.7	71.8	75.0	76.4
Netherlands	79.3	76.4	77.2	75.2	69.9	66.8	63.1	55.9	52.9	52.6	54.3	55.7	57.6
Austria	61.8	64.7	69.2	69.1	64.7	64.8 ^(r)	67.5 ^(r)	67.0 ^(r)	67.1	66.7	65.4	65.2	64.4
Poland	:	:	:	:	44.0	39.1	40.3	36.6	36.7	41.2	45.4	43.6	46.8
Portugal	59.1	62.1	64.3	62.9	59.1	55.0	54.3	53.3	55.9	58.5	60.1	61.9	66.2
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	23.6	24.9	27.4	28.1	29.5	29.4	29.4	30.2
Slovakia	:	:	:	:	28.6	28.6	43.8	49.9	48.7	43.3	42.6	43.6	44.2
Finland	55.9	58.0	57.1	57.1	54.1	48.6	47.0	44.6 ^(r)	43.8	42.5	45.3	45.1	44.3
Sweden	:	73.9	73.7 ^(r)	73.5	70.6	68.1 ^(r)	62.7 ^(r)	52.8	54.3	52.4	52.0	51.2	50.3
United Kingdom	45.4	48.6	51.8	52.3	50.8	47.7	45.1	42.0 ^(r)	38.8	38.3	39.7	41.6	41.9
Norway	:	:	:	:	27.5	26.2	26.8	30.0	:	:	:	:	:

Table III. General government deficit (-) / surplus (+) - Percentage of GDP (source : Eurostat, OECD)

The general government sector (sector S.13 in ESA 1995, 2.68) comprises central government, state government, local government, and social security funds. Data for the general government sector are consolidated between sub-sectors at the national level. The series are measured in euro (ECU before 1999) and as a percentage of GDP. General government deficit (-) / surplus (+); general government net borrowing (-) / net lending (+) (balancing item B.9 in ESA95). The ESA 95 (European System of Accounts) regulation may be referred to for more specific explanations on methodology.

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Euro-zone	:	:	:	-4.2 (r)	-2.6 (r)	-2.2 (r)	-1.3	0.2 (r)	-1.7	-2.4	-2.8	-2.7	-2.7
Euro-zone (12 countries)	:	:	:	-4.3 (r)	-2.6 (r)	-2.2 (r)	-1.3	0.1 (r)	-1.7	-2.4	-2.8	-2.7	-2.6
EU (25 countries)	:	:	:	:	:	-1.7 (r)	-0.8 (r)	0.8 (r)	-1.2	-2.3	-2.9	-2.6	-2.6
EU (15 countries)	:	:	:	-4.2 (r)	-2.4 (r)	-1.6 (r)	-0.7 (r)	1.0 (r)	-1.1	-2.2	-2.8	-2.6	-2.5
Belgium	-7.3	-5.0	-4.3	-3.8	-2.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.2 (r)	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.2
Czech Republic	:	:	:	:	-2.5	-4.2	-3.4	-3.7 (r)	-5.9	-6.8	-11.7	-3.0	-4.5
Denmark	-3.7 (r)	-3.2 (r)	-3.1 (r)	-1.9 (r)	-0.5 (r)	0.2 (r)	2.4 (r)	1.7 (r)	3.1	1.7	1.2	2.8	2.1
Germany	-3.1	-2.4	-3.3	-3.4	-2.7	-2.2	-1.5	1.3 (r)	-2.8	-3.7	-3.8	-3.7	-3.3
Estonia	:	:	:	:	1.9	-0.3	-3.7	-0.6 (r)	0.3	1.4	3.1	1.8	0.9
Greece	-13.4	-9.4	-10.2	-7.4	-4.0	-2.5	-1.8	-4.1 (r)	-3.6	-4.1	-5.2	-6.1	-4.5
Spain	:	:	:	-4.9	-3.2	-3.0 (r)	-1.2	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	0
France	-6.0	-5.5	-5.5	-4.1	-3.0	-2.7	-1.8	-1.4 (r)	-1.5	-3.2	-4.2	-3.7	-3.0
Ireland	-2.7 (r)	-2.0 (r)	-2.1 (r)	-0.1 (r)	1.1 (r)	2.4	2.4	4.4 (r)	0.9	-0.4	0.2	1.3	-0.6
Italy	-10.3	-9.3	-7.6	-7.1	-2.7	-2.8	-1.7	-0.6	-3.0	-2.6	-2.9	-3.0	-3.6
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	-4.3 (r)	-4.5 (r)	-2.4	-2.3	-4.5	-6.3	-4.2	
Latvia	:	:	:	:	:	-0.6	-4.9	-2.8 (r)	-2.1	-2.7	-1.5	-0.8	-1.6
Lithuania	:	:	:	:	-1.1	-3.0	-5.6	-2.5	-2.0	-1.5	-1.9	-2.5	-2.4
Luxembourg	1.5	2.7	2.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	3.5	6.0 (r)	6.2	2.3	0.5	-1.1	-1.5
Hungary	:	:	:	:	-6.8	-8.0	-5.6	-3.0 (r)	-3.7	-8.5	-6.2	-4.5	-3.9
Malta	:	:	:	:	-10.7	-10.8	-7.6	-6.2 (r)	-6.5	-5.8	-10.5	-5.2	-3.9
Netherlands	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2	-1.8	-1.1	-0.8	0.7	2.2	-0.1	-1.9	-3.2	-2.5	-2.0
Austria	-4.2	-5.0	-5.2	-3.8	-1.9	-2.4	-2.3	-1.5 (r)	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3	-2.0
Poland	:	:	:	:	-4.0	-2.1	-1.4	-0.7 (r)	-3.9	-3.6	-4.5	-4.8	-4.4
Portugal	-8.9	-6.6	-4.5	-4.0	-3.0	-2.6	-2.8	-2.8	-4.4	-2.7	-2.9	-2.9	-4.9
Slovenia	:	:	:	:	:	-2.2	-2.1	-3.5 (r)	-2.8	-2.4	-2.0	-1.9	-2.2
Slovakia	:	:	:	:	-5.5	-4.7	-6.4	-12.3	-6.0	-5.7	-3.7	-3.3	-3.8
Finland	-7.3	-5.7	-3.7	-3.2	-1.5	1.5	2.2	7.1	5.2	4.3	2.5	2.1	1.7
Sweden	-11.6	-9.3 (r)	-7.0 (r)	-2.7 (r)	-0.9 (r)	1.8 (r)	2.5 (r)	5.1	2.5	-0.3	0.2	1.4	0.8
United Kingdom	-8.0	-6.8	-5.7	-4.3	-2.0	0.2	1.0	3.8 (r)	0.7	-1.7	-3.4	-3.2	-3.0
Norway	:	0.4	3.4	6.5	7.8	3.6	6.3	15.6	:	:	:	:	: