

**Public balance** is a measure of the difference between [government spending and income](#) .

In the context of government finance statistics it can be defined as the difference between the [revenue](#) and the [expenditure](#) of the [general government sector](#) . This difference is usually expressed relative to [gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#) .

## Related concepts

- [Convergence criteria](#)
- [Excessive deficit procedure \(EDP\)](#)
- [Government revenue and expenditure](#)

## Statistical data

- [Government finance statistics](#)