

A **flash estimate** is an [early estimate](#) for an economic variable of interest over the most recent [reference period](#) and is normally calculated on the basis of a statistical or econometric model. The flash estimate should have a release date appreciably earlier than the [first release](#) date of the actual [data](#) for that variable.

Although it is likely calculated using a more incomplete set of information than the set used for traditional estimates, it is produced using the same methodology that is employed for the regular [estimates](#) . Statistical techniques can help in adjusting the temporary incomplete observations.

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