

The **third release** (or **final estimate**) is the third official real-time release of an economic variable of interest for the most recent [reference period](#) . It concerns the release of generally [hard data](#) produced using the same methodology of [aggregation](#) and construction as for [regular estimates](#) .

This release updates information published in the [second estimate](#) by using in most cases a full [coverage](#) of the sub-aggregates. It includes detailed [output](#) . The role of hard data is compulsory. In most case this third release can also be called the 'final estimate' which doesn't mean that the figure will not further be [revised](#) when more [accurate](#) information is made available.

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