

Glossary:Third release

Statistics Explained

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.

Further information

- [Handbook on Data Quality - Assessment Methods and Tools](#)

Related concepts

- [First release](#)
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