

Glossary: Government debt structure survey

Statistics Explained

Eurostat's annual **Government debt structure survey**, also **debt survey** for short, collects data on the gross debt of [general government](#), as well as its subsectors: [central government](#), [local government](#) and, where applicable [social security funds](#) and [state government](#). The purpose of the survey is to study the structure of debt in Europe in detail.

The survey contained eleven tables: a set of five tables (central government debt, state government debt, local government debt, social security funds' debt and general government debt) for the year t-2 and the same set of tables for the year t-1, all offering a detailed breakdown by initial maturity and by sector of debt holder, as well as a table with additional classifications of government debt (currency denomination, remaining maturity, market value of government debt and government guarantees (part of contingent liabilities)).

Results become public at around t+6 months after the end of the reference period.

Related concepts

- [Economic and monetary union \(EMU\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Structure of government debt](#)