

Glossary:National accounts (NA)

Statistics Explained

National accounts , sometimes called **macroeconomic accounts** and abbreviated as **NA** , are statistics focusing on the structure and evolution of economies. They describe and analyse, in an accessible and reliable way, the economic interactions (transactions) within an economy. There are an almost unimaginable large number of these transactions.

All [institutional units](#) operating within an economy can be assigned to a particular [institutional sector](#) . Breakdowns by institutional sector are given by the [sector accounts](#) .

Macroeconomic developments, such as economic growth and [inflation](#) , are driven by the actions of the individual economic subjects in an economy. Grouping economic subjects with similar behaviour into institutional sectors helps significantly in understanding the functioning of the economy.

Related concepts

- [European system of national and regional accounts \(ESA 2010\)](#)
- [Gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#)

Statistical data

- [National accounts and GDP](#)