

IMF Global Debt Database

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SUMMARY

The Global Debt Database (GDD) is the result of a multiyear investigative process that started with the October 2016 Fiscal Monitor. The dataset comprises total gross debt of the (private and public) nonfinancial sector for an unbalanced panel of 190 advanced economies, emerging market economies and low-income countries, dating back to 1950. Both the private and public indicators that make up the GDD have a range from 1950-2021 and therefore are not updated any further.

The Data Team uses the GDD for series such as **SeriesGovtDebt%GDPIMF** and **SeriesGovtDebtGen%GDPIMF**, which both measure Government Debt.

For instructions on how to pull data from the GDD, refer to the instructions below.

STEPS TO PULL FROM GLOBAL DEBT DATABASE

Step 1: Navigate to the Global Debt Database Home Page



The screenshot shows the IMF Global Debt Database Home Page. At the top, there is the IMF logo and the text "INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND". Below this, there are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram. A search bar is located on the right side. The main content area has a blue header with "IMF DATAMAPPER", "DATASETS", and "GLOBAL DEBT DATABASE". The title "Global Debt Database" is centered. The text below the title reads: "The Global Debt Database (GDD) is the result of a multiyear investigative process that started with the October 2016 Fiscal Monitor. The dataset comprises total gross debt of the (private and public) nonfinancial sector for an unbalanced panel of 190 advanced economies, emerging market economies and low-income countries, dating back to 1950. For more details on the methodology and definitions, please see the Mbaye, Moreno Badia and Chae (2018)." Below this, there is a paragraph: "We rely on the feedback from users to address any problems they may encounter with the data. Notification of any omissions or supplementary sources is welcome and would be fully acknowledged. Suggestions can be sent to IMF-GDD@imf.org". At the bottom, there is a reference: "Reference: Mbaye, S., Moreno-Badia, M., and K. Chae. 2018. 'Global Debt Database: Methodology and Sources,' IMF Working Paper, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC". At the very bottom, there is a footer with "PRIVATE DEBT" and "6 INDICATORS, 1950 - 2021".

Step 2: Scroll down and click the desired indicator (ex. General Government Debt)

The screenshot shows the IMF Global Debt Monitor interface. At the top, there are two main sections: 'PRIVATE DEBT' (6 INDICATORS, 1950 - 2021) and 'PUBLIC DEBT' (4 INDICATORS, 1950 - 2021). Under 'PRIVATE DEBT', five indicators are listed: 'Private debt, loans and debt securities', 'Household debt, loans and debt securities', 'Nonfinancial corporate debt, loans and debt securities', 'Private debt, all instruments', and 'Household debt, all instruments'. Under 'PUBLIC DEBT', four indicators are listed: 'Central Government Debt', 'General Government Debt' (highlighted with a red box), 'Nonfinancial Public Sector Debt', and 'Public Sector Debt'. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links for 'GLOBAL DEBT MONITOR', 'DATASET', 'METHODOLOGY', and 'FEEDBACK'.

GDD Indicators

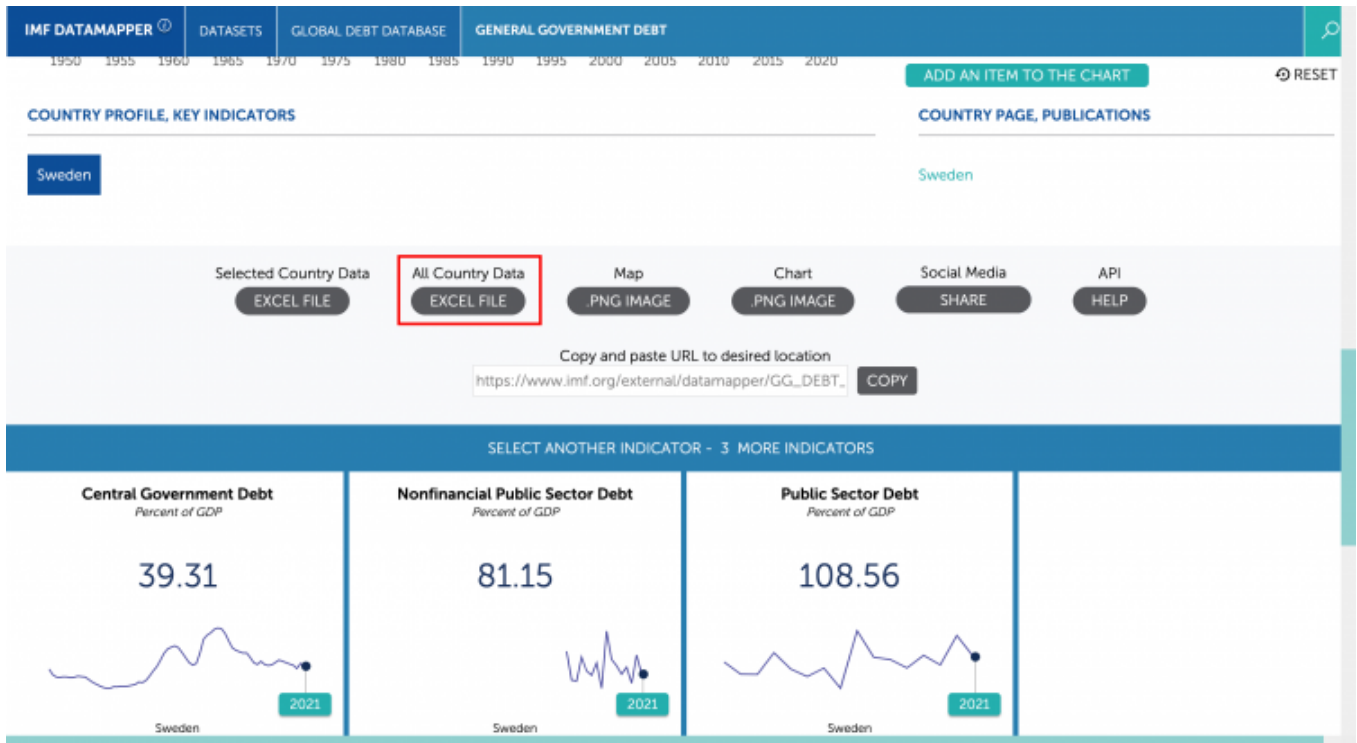
You will be navigated to this page:

The screenshot shows the IMF 'General Government Debt' data page. The page title is 'General Government Debt' with a subtitle 'Percent of GDP'. Below the title, there is a 'MAP (2021)' section with a legend indicating debt levels: 100% or more (dark green), 75% - 100% (medium green), 50% - 75% (light green), 25% - 50% (blue), less than 25% (orange), and no data (grey). To the right of the map is a 'LIST (2021)' table with columns for 'Country', 'Region', 'Analytical group', and 'Value'. The table lists countries and their corresponding debt values as a percentage of GDP for 2021.

Country	Region	Analytical group	Value
Afghanistan			no data
Albania			73.85
Algeria			no data
Angola			no data
Antigua and Barbuda			no data
Argentina			no data
Armenia			no data
Australia			58.38
Austria			82.88
Azerbaijan			no data

General Government Debt Data Page

Step 3: Scroll down and select the Excel File button under All Country Data to download the data for that indicator



All Country Data Download Option

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