

# IMF Global Debt Database

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## SUMMARY

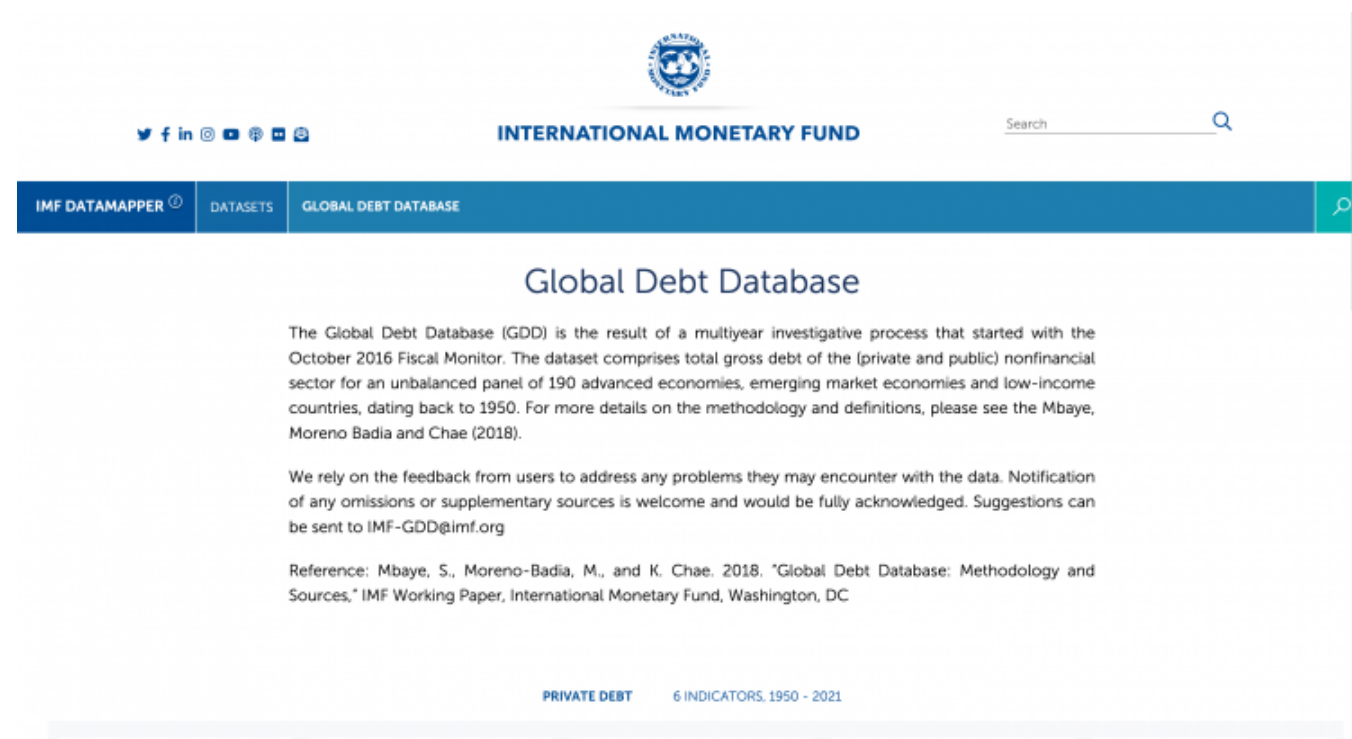
The Global Debt Database (GDD) is the result of a multiyear investigative process that started with the October 2016 Fiscal Monitor. The dataset comprises total gross debt of the (private and public) nonfinancial sector for an unbalanced panel of 190 advanced economies, emerging market economies and 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 of the header. The main content area has a blue navigation bar with "IMF DATAMAPPER", "DATASETS", and "GLOBAL DEBT DATABASE" (which is highlighted). Below the navigation bar, the title "Global Debt Database" is displayed. The main text describes the GDD as a multiyear investigative process starting with the October 2016 Fiscal Monitor, covering total gross debt of 190 countries from 1950 to 2021. It also includes a reference to Mbaye, S., Moreno-Badia, M., and K. Chae (2018) and a note about user feedback. At the 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 is a section for 'PRIVATE DEBT' with 6 indicators from 1950 to 2021. Below this is a section for 'PUBLIC DEBT' with 4 indicators from 1950 to 2021. The 'General Government Debt' indicator is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links for 'GLOBAL DEBT MONITOR', 'DATASET', 'METHODOLOGY', and 'FEEDBACK'.

GDD Indicators

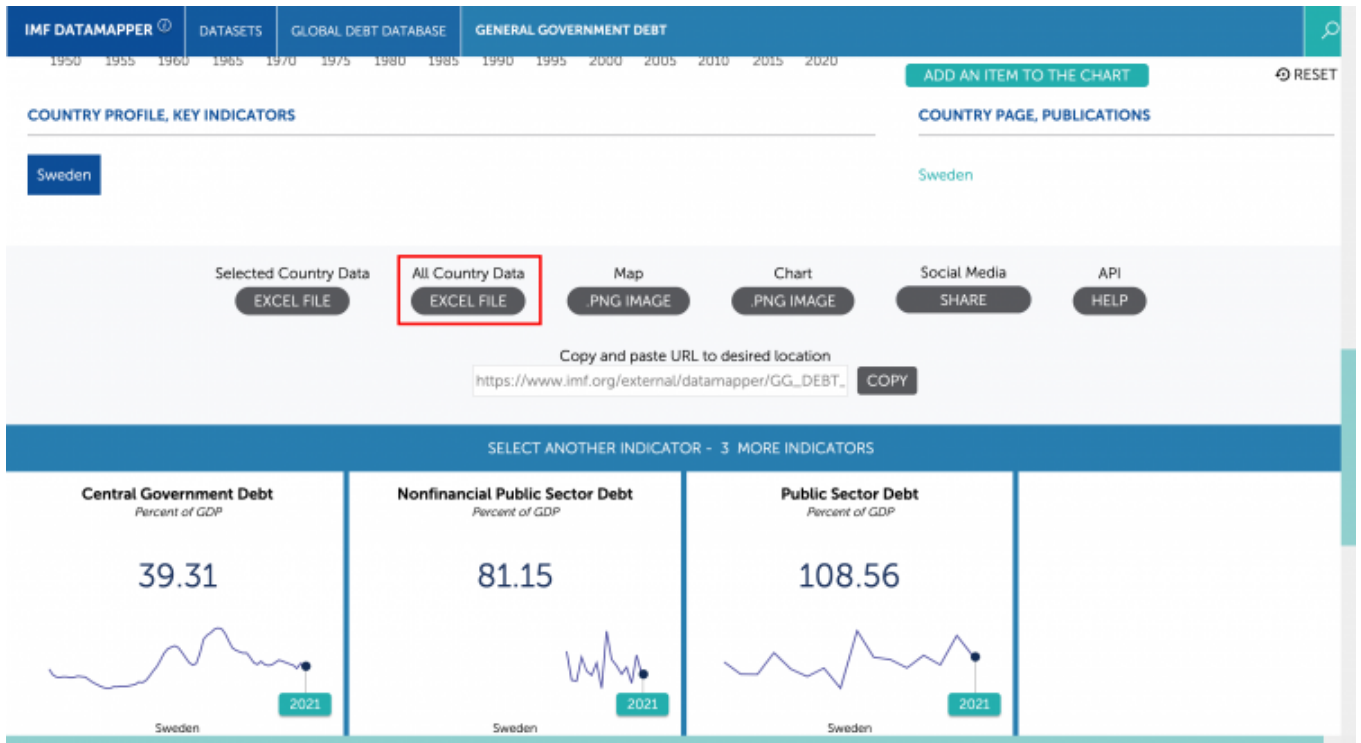
You will be navigated to this page:

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 world map color-coded by debt levels. A legend indicates the following categories: 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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