IMF GFS Government Finance Statistics

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SUMMARY

The Government Finance Statistics (GFS) database compiles detailed data on revenue, expenses, transactions in assets and liabilities, and stocks positions in assets and liabilities of general government as well as its subsectors. The GFS database's main purpose to provide a framework that is ideal for analyzing and evaluating fiscal policy, most importantly the performance of the general government and the broader public sector.

The Data Team uses the GFS database for a number of series such as

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