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- ... to indicate that data are not available;
- to indicate that the figure is zero or less than half the final digit shown, or that the item does not exist;
- between years or months (e.g., 1989–90 or January–June) to indicate the years or months covered, including the beginning and ending years or months;
- / between years (e.g., 1985/86) to indicate a crop or fiscal (financial) year.

“Billion” means a thousand million.

“Trillion” means a thousand billion.

Länder are the states of the Federal Republic of Germany; DM denotes deutsche mark, the currency of the Federal Republic of Germany; M denotes marks, the currency of the former German Democratic Republic; GNP is gross national product; GDP is gross domestic product; and NMP is net material product.

Minor discrepancies between constituent figures and totals are due to rounding.