

Abbreviations and acronyms used in the *Handbook of Statistics*

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
ANCOM	Andean Community
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APTA	Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (Former Bangkok Agreement)
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
BPM	<i>Balance of Payments Manual</i> (IMF)
BSEC	Black Sea Economic Cooperation
CACM	Central American Common Market
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (formerly UDEAC)
CEPGL	Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (formerly PTA)
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of OECD)
DRS	Debtor Reporting System
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organisation
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCSWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
EU	European Union
excl.	Excluding
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FDI	foreign direct investment
f.o.b.	free on board
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	gross domestic product
GFCF	gross fixed capital formation
GNP	gross national product
HIPC	heavily indebted poor countries
HS	Harmonized System
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LAIA	Latin American Integration Association
LDC	least developed countries
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común Sudamericano
MFN	most favoured nation
MRU	Mano River Union
MSG	Melanesia Spearhead Group
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
NIE	newly industrialized economies
n.i.e.	not included elsewhere
NPIISHS	non-profit institutions serving households
OA	official aid
ODA	official development assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECs	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OOF	other official flows
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAR	Special Administrative Region
SDR	special drawing rights
SFR	Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia (former)
SIDS	Small island developing States
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
TFYR	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
TNC	transnational corporation
UMA	Arab Maghreb Union
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UN/DESA/SD	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNWTO	World Tourism Organization
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WITS	World Trade Integrated System
WTO	World Trade Organization

Symbols

- 0** Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible.
- The symbol underscore indicates that the item is not applicable.
- ..** Two dots indicate that the data are not available or are not separately reported.
- Use of a hyphen between years (e.g. 1985-1990) signifies the full period involved, including the initial and final years.
- (b)** Break in the series
- (e)** Estimate
- (p)** Provisional data
- (r)** Revised data

Notes

Unless otherwise specified, country aggregates are the sums of the relevant country data by group. Calculations of aggregates may in some cases include data estimated by the UNCTAD secretariat that are not necessarily all reported separately.

Because of rounding, details and percentages in tables do not necessarily add up to totals.

Data were collected and checked to ensure that they matched the geographical coverage of the countries, as described at the beginning of the Handbook. However, some gaps could not be avoided due to data unavailability and are described in the notes at the end tables.

Unless otherwise stated, dollars (\$) refer to United States dollars and data in dollars are expressed in current United States dollars of the year to which they refer.

Average annual growth rates are defined as the coefficient b in the exponential trend function $y = ae^{bt}$ where t stands for time. This method takes all observations in a period into account. Therefore, the resulting growth rates reflect trends that are not unduly influenced by exceptional values.