

RG -- Real Government Purchases of Goods & Services

1. Expressed in billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted, annual rate.
2. First Vintage: 1965:Q4
3. First Observation: 1947:Q1
4. High-Frequency Source: BEA's *Survey of Current Business*
5. Deep-History Source: BEA's *Survey of Current Business* or Special Supplements to *Survey of Current Business* or *National Income & Product Accounts*
6. Vintage Names: RGyyQq, where yy is the year of the vintage (two digits), Q represents the word quarter, and q is the quarter of the vintage (one digit).
7. Vintage Dates: Quarterly vintages reflect the data available in the middle of the quarter. This corresponds to the advance report of the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Special Notes

1. This series is real, fixed-weight government purchases of goods & services in all vintages prior to that of 1996:Q1 and real, chain-weight government consumption & gross investment thereafter.
2. **RG65Q2 to RG69Q4 – Missing Observations.** Because of delays in BEA reporting, vintages for Q2, Q3, and Q4 over the years 1965 to 1969 do not include the last observation.
3. **RG82Q3 – BEA Corrections.** The 1982:Q3 vintage incorporates BEA corrections (published in the 7/82 *Survey of Current Business*) to originally published data for RG for observations 1973:Q1 to 1976:Q4. These corrections are not incorporated into vintages prior to that of 1982:Q3.
4. **RG92Q1 to 92Q4 – Short Time Series History.** In vintages from 1992:Q1 to 1992:Q4, RG is only available from 1959:Q1 to present because data prior to 1959 were not reported in our deep-history source.
5. **RG92Q2 – BEA Corrections.** The 1992:Q2 vintage incorporates BEA corrections (published in the 4/92 *Survey of Current Business*) to originally published data for RG for observations 1959:Q1 to 1971:Q4. These corrections are not incorporated into vintages prior to that of 1992:Q2.
6. **RG96Q1 – Missing Observation.** Because of a delay in the release of statistical data caused by the federal government shutdown, the 1995:Q4 observation for RG is missing in the 1996:Q1 vintage.
7. **RG96Q1 to RG97Q1 – Short Time Series History.** In vintages from 1996:Q1 to

1997:Q1, RG is only available from 1959:Q3 to present because data prior to 1959:Q3 were not reported in our deep-history source.

8. **RG99Q4 to RG00Q1 – Short Time Series History.** On October 28, 1999, the BEA released a comprehensive revision to the NIPA. However, not all revised observations were released. In the vintages 1999:Q4 to 2000:Q1, observations for RG are available starting in 1959:Q1. Beginning with the vintage 2000:Q2, the observations start in 1947:Q1.

9. **RG11Q3 – Flexible Annual Revision.** On July 29, 2011, the BEA released a flexible annual revision to the national income and product accounts. Flexible annual revisions may affect more observations than those of the past three years. In addition, flexible annual revisions can incorporate methodological changes to the way in which the BEA constructs the data in the national accounts.