

## Changes in comparison with previous version

In this document the changes between the Total Economy Database of February 2003 and the Total Economy Database of July 2003 are explained. This is constrained to the sources and methods, for the details the source notes for the specific variables can be consulted.

For all variables:

Non-OECD countries series run to 2001 now.

### **GDP:**

New sources:

- OECD *National Accounts vol. 1, 2003*
- Updated OECD National Accounts (June 2003)
- Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), NIPA tables, April 2003
- UNECE, *Economic Survey of Europe 2003 no. 1*
- IMF, *World Economic Outlook database*, April 2003 version
- ECLAC (2002), *Statistical Yearbook of Latin America and the Caribbean*
- ECLAC (2002), *Preliminary overview of the economies of the Latin American and Caribbean countries*

Other:

All Germany, West Germany and East Germany were based on the Maddison figures for All Germany and West Germany, East Germany was calculated as a residue. In the new database the 1990 value for West Germany from Maddison (2001) is the starting point. The East German figure is derived with the ratio of East to West and all Germany is a summation of both parts. For 1989 and 1991 East and West Germany are extrapolated with a trend from the DIW, while All Germany is again a summation. For the period after 1991 the trend of OECD National Accounts is used for All Germany, while these value is subdivided into East and West with shares from the Statistisches Bundesamt.

The series for China and Sri Lanka contained a strange break, which is replaced in the new version.

### **Employment:**

New sources:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (2003), *Comparative Civilian Labour Force Statistics, Ten countries, 1959-2002*
- OECD, *Economic Outlook*, April 2003

Other:

Previous numbers for the Netherlands (from OECD Labour Force Statistics 2002) showed a jump in employment in 1987, which was due to a change in methodology. In the new database BLS data has been used, where they made an adjustment for the changed methodology.

### **Hours :**

New sources:

- OECD, *Employment Outlook*, July 2003

Other:

Former Czechoslovakia and Slovakia have been added  
1950 and 1998 numbers from Maddison (2001) are used now for Latin America.

**Population:**

New sources:

-Biro Pusat Statistik, *Statistical Yearbook of Indonesia*, various issues

Other:

-Series from Maddison are used for the period 1950-1999 (Asia) or 1998. Series for latest years from the International Population Database of the US Bureau of Census are linked to Maddison's series.

**Compensation:**

New sources:

-OECD, *National Accounts*, vol. 1, 2003