

## **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.