The debt-to-GDP ratio explained
Economists tend to make long-term comparisons using the debt-to-GDP ratio — the rate at which a country's government (whether national or state) accumulates debt in comparison to its gross domestic product (GDP). Expressed in terms of GDP, it represents the annual debt service (interest and payments on the debt) the government must make to its creditors.

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