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Balance ended up with a surplus

Notification of government deficit and debt – 2019

**Following the regular consultations between Eurostat and the Czech Statistical Office, the data on government balance and government debt as published in the Press release on the 1 October 20**[**20**](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/ari/notification-of-government-deficit-and-debt-2015_) **were confirmed. In 2019, the balance of the Czech government sector reached a surplus CZK 15.3 billion and the government debt CZK 1 738.5 billion.**

Notification table of government deficit and debt, the Czech Republic, 2016–2019

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|  | Unit | Year |
| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Net borrowing/lending of general government  | CZK mil. | 34 143 | 76 733 | 49 382 | 15 267 |
| General government consolidated gross debt  | CZK mil. | 1 754 737 | 1 749 677 | 1 734 602 | 1 738 453 |
| Gross domestic product (GDP), current prices | CZK mil. | 4 796 873 | 5 110 743 | 5 408 766 | 5 748 668 |
| Net borrowing/lending of general government as % of GDP | % | 0.71 | 1.50 | 0.91 | 0.27 |
| General government consolidated gross debt as % of GDP  | % | 36.58 | 34.24 | 32.07 | 30.24 |

Due to technical reasons, GDP in 2018 and 2019 published in the Press release on 1 October was incorrect. Consequently, the government debt ratio in 2018 and 2019 was affected. We apologize for the mistake.

Eurostat has no reservations on the data on the government deficit and debt of the Czech Republic.

Data for all Member States of the EU will be released on the website of Eurostat on 22 October 2020 at 11 a.m.

*Notes:*

*Notification of government deficit and debt is compiled always for the past four years and submitted to the European Commission by each Member State of the European Union always at the end of March and September each year, including a projection for the current year. The projection for the current year is compiled and published by the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic. Quantification of fiscal indicators is based on the ESA 2010 methodology. Pursuant to the Maastricht criteria, the government deficit must not exceed 3% of the GDP and the level of the accumulated government debt must not exceed 60% of the GDP.*

*Government surplus/deficit is represented by the item B.9 “net borrowing (−) or net lending (+)” in the system of national accounts. The indicator refers to the ability of the general government sector in the given year to finance other sectors of the economy (+) or the need of the general government sector to be financed (−) by other sectors.*

*The government debt consists of consolidated liabilities of the general government sector in the form of currency and deposits, issued debt securities, and received loans. In case of foreign exchange debt instruments hedged against currency risk, value in CZK is obtained by means of a contractual exchange rate.*

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