

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Analyses in the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2014* are based on data and information available up to the middle of June 2014.

Groupings of countries and territories/areas referred to in the present issue of the *Survey* are defined as follows:

- ESCAP region: Afghanistan; American Samoa; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; French Polynesia; Georgia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam
- Developing ESCAP region: ESCAP region excluding Australia, Japan, New Zealand and North and Central Asian economies
- Developed ESCAP region: Australia, Japan and New Zealand
- Least developed countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- Landlocked developing countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- East and North-East Asia: China; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Macao, China; Mongolia and Republic of Korea
- North and Central Asia: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- Pacific: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Marina Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- Pacific island developing economies: Pacific excluding Australia and New Zealand
- Small island developing states: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- South and South-West Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey
- South-East Asia: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam

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Growth rates are on an annual basis, except where indicated otherwise.

Reference to "tons" indicates metric tons.

References to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The term "billion" signifies a thousand million. The term "trillion" signifies a million million.

In the tables, two dots (..) indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported; a dash (-) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible; and a blank indicates that the item is not applicable.

In dates, a hyphen (-) is used to signify the full period involved, including the beginning and end years, and a stroke (/) indicates a crop year, fiscal year or plan year. The fiscal years, currencies and 2013 exchange rates of the economies in the ESCAP region are listed in the following table:

<i>Country or area in the ESCAP region</i>	<i>ISO Alpha-3 code</i>	<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Currency and abbreviation</i>	<i>Rate of exchange for \$1 as of December 2013</i>
Afghanistan	AFG	21 March to 20 March	afghani (Af)	56.01
American Samoa	ASM	..	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Armenia	ARM	1 January to 31 December	dram	405.64
Australia	AUS	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.13
Azerbaijan	AZE	1 January to 31 December	Azerbaijan manat (AZM)	0.78
Bangladesh	BGD	1 July to 30 June	taka (Tk)	77.75
Bhutan	BTN	1 July to 30 June	ngultrum (Nu)	61.90
Brunei Darussalam	BRN	1 January to 31 December	Brunei dollar (B\$)	1.27
Cambodia	KHM	1 January to 31 December	riel (CR)	3 995.00
China	CHN	1 January to 31 December	yuan (Y)	6.10
Cook Islands	COK	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.22
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK	..	won (W)	97.79
Fiji	FJI	1 January to 31 December	Fiji dollar (F\$)	1.90
French Polynesia	PYF	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	87.11
Georgia	GEO	1 January to 31 December	lari (L)	1.74
Guam	GUM	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Hong Kong, China	HKG	1 April to 31 March	Hong Kong dollar (HK\$)	7.75
India	IND	1 April to 31 March	Indian rupee (Rs)	61.90
Indonesia	IDN	1 April to 31 March	Indonesian rupiah (Rp)	12 189.00
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	IRN	21 March to 20 March	Iranian rial (RIs)	24 774.00
Japan	JPN	1 April to 31 March	yen (¥)	105.30
Kazakhstan	KAZ	1 January to 31 December	tenge (T)	154.06
Kiribati	KIR	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.13
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	49.25
Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO	1 October to 30 September	new kip (NK)	8 013.92
Macao, China	MAC	1 July to 30 June	pataca (P)	7.99
Malaysia	MYS	1 January to 31 December	ringgit (M\$)	3.28
Maldives	MDV	1 January to 31 December	rufiyaa (Rf)	15.41
Marshall Islands	MHL	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Micronesia (Federated States of)	FSM	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Mongolia	MNG	1 January to 31 December	tugrik (Tug)	1 659.34
Myanmar	MMR	1 April to 31 March	kyat (K)	987.00
Nauru	NRU	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.12
Nepal	NPL	16 July to 15 July	Nepalese rupee (NRs)	98.97
New Caledonia	NCL	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	87.11
New Zealand	NZL	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.22
Niue	NIU	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.22
Northern Mariana Islands	MNP	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Pakistan	PAK	1 July to 30 June	Pakistan rupee (PRs)	105.68
Palau	PLW	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Papua New Guinea	PNG	1 January to 31 December	kina (K)	2.42

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Philippines	PHL	1 January to 31 December	Philippine peso (P)	44.41
Republic of Korea	KOR	1 January to 31 December	won (W)	1 055.60
Russian Federation	RUS	1 January to 31 December	ruble (R)	32.73
Samoa	WSM	1 July to 30 June	tala (WS\$)	2.34
Singapore	SGP	1 April to 31 March	Singapore dollar (S\$)	1.27
Solomon Islands	SLB	1 January to 31 December	Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$)	7.29
Sri Lanka	LKA	1 January to 31 December	Sri Lanka rupee (SL Rs)	130.75
Tajikistan	TJK	1 January to 31 December	somoni	4.77
Thailand	THA	1 October to 30 September	baht (B)	32.81
Timor-Leste	TLS	1 July to 30 June	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Tonga	TON	1 July to 30 June	pa'anga (T\$)	1.86
Turkey	TUR	1 January to 31 December	Turkish lira (LT)	2.14
Turkmenistan	TKM	1 January to 31 December	Turkmen manat (M)	2.85
Tuvalu	TUV	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.12
Uzbekistan	UZB	1 January to 31 December	Uzbek som (som)	2 202.00
Vanuatu	VUT	1 January to 31 December	vatu (VT)	97.86
Viet Nam	VNM	1 January to 31 December	dong (D)	21 036.00

Sources: United Nations, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*. Available from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs/app/DataSearchTable.aspx> (accessed 15 June 2014); and national sources.