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- **Surplus Budget:** A budget surplus is a period when income or receipts exceed outlays or expenditures. A budget surplus often refers to the financial states of governments; individuals prefer to use the term 'savings' instead of the term 'budget surplus.' A [surplus](#) is an indication that the government is being effectively managed.
- **Deficit Budget:** When expenditures exceed income, the outcome is a [budget deficit](#), which is funded by borrowing funds and paying interest on the borrowed money.
- **Primary Deficit:** Gross Primary Deficit is Gross Fiscal Deficit less interest payments. Net Primary Deficit is Net Fiscal Deficit minus net interest payments. Net interest payment is interest paid minus interest receipt.
- **Taxes:** A fee [charged](#) or levied by a [government](#) on a [product](#), [income](#), or [activity](#). If tax is levied [directly](#) on [personal](#) or [corporate](#) income, then it is a [direct tax](#). If tax is levied on the [price](#) of a good or service, then it is called an [indirect tax](#).
- **Debts:** Debt is an amount of money borrowed by one party from another. A debt arrangement gives the borrowing party permission to borrow money under the condition that it is to be paid back at a later date, usually with interest.
- **Debt Stabilization:** Debt stabilization means changing taxes or spending in such a way that debt remains constant from then on



