

Update and Extension of Germany Series

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Methodological Notes:

1) The top income share series-income including capital gains have been extended to cover, annually, 2001-2007 (the previous version covered up to 1998). The top income share series-income excluding capital gains have not been extended yet (thus they still end in 1998), due to the structure of the tabulated data.

2) The top income shares series, income both including and excluding capital gains, have been adjusted in 1980-1998, due to revised National Accounts (and thus total income control) as explained in (6). For a comparison of old and new series, see Table 1.

3) The basic methodology remains the one explained in detail in:
Dell, Fabien (2007). Top Incomes in Germany Throughout the Twentieth Century 1891-1998; in Atkinson, A. B. and Piketty, T. (editors) *Top Incomes over the Twentieth Century. A Contrast Between Continental European and English-Speaking Countries*, Oxford University Press, chapter 9.

4) Raw data source: Fachserie 14 R7.1 and R7.1.1, yearly from 2001 onwards; additional more detailed volumes for 2001 and 2004 (links may change).

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5) Tax units series: individuals aged 20+ old (no relevant change from previous methodology) using population statistics at year's end from the Statistical Yearbooks.

6) Total income control series: 90% of NPIPH-Net Primary Income of Private Households (no change from previous methodology), based on *Fachserie 18 Reihe 1.5 Volkswirtschaftliche Gesamtrechnungen. Inlandsproduktberechnung Lange Reihen ab 1970 – 2010 Stand August 2011 (16/9/2011)*, which includes revised figures from 1980 onwards. For a comparison of old and new series, see Table 1.

