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How to find the Real Gross Domestic Product Chart

1. Open your internet browser.

*Note – the following steps have been listed for Mozillafirefox but can be done in any other compatible explorer also.*

1. Type in “<http://www.economagic.com/>” in your address bar.
2. Click on the link “Most Requested Series”

If you cannot find the link go to “<http://www.economagic.com/popular.htm>”

*The professor told us about the S&P 500 Total Return Chart which you can see after you do the 2nd step. He told us that those are the 500 Largest US companies and usually they are the index for the 401k.*

*He also told us that all the amounts that are listed are in Current dollars which can be said Nominal dollars in other words.*

1. Ok, after you have a brief look around that page, you can proceed further and click on the “chart” of Real Gross Domestic Product.

If you cannot find the link of the chart you can go to “http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/charter.exe/nipa/T1t1t6l1q”

1. Now after you are on that page, you can see the Real GDP Chart from the first quarter of 1990 to the last quarter of 2010

*Note - If you want to see different quarters, you can change the months according to the quarters they fall in.*

*Note – The information available is the most current information, and cannot exceed the current date.*

1. He wanted us to have a look from the year 1970 and be able to see recession bars and have a grid for our better understanding.
2. To do that, you have to scroll down on the webpage and where change the value of the year 1990 to 1970.

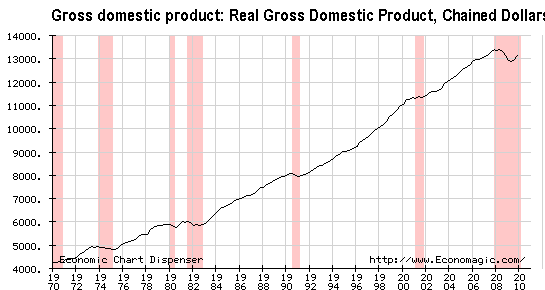
If you cannot find that text box, you can press “ctrl + f” on your keyboard and type in 1990. After you find 1990, change that to 1970 and let the month be the same.

1. After that you have to click on the radio button of “show recessions” once you check that button, you will notice that the radio button of “do not shot recessions” has been automatically unchecked.
2. Bellow “show recessions” you will find a radio button named “show grid” also check that radio box, you will notice that the radio button of “do not show grid” has been automatically unchecked.
3. Then scroll down and click on the button named “Make chart”.
4. Once you click on the button “make chart” you will be able to see a chart with pink bars and grids if you have followed the above steps correctly.

*Note – The pink bars refer to the recessions our country has faced since 1970, till the current date and the amounts listed on the left are in Trillions, so you have to add another 6 zeros in the end to get the correct no.*

*For ex – the current GDP is around 14 Trillion, and amount listed is 14,000 in the chart, the correct no is around 14,000,000,000*

I have copied an example of that chart for your reference.

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