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3	Japan	5,081,770	
4	Germany	3,861,124	
5	India	2,868,929	
6	United Kingdom	2,829,108	
7	France	2,715,518	
8	Italy	2,003,576	
9	Brazil	1,839,758	
10	■ Canada	1,736,426	
11	Russia ^[n 4]	1,699,877	
12	South Korea	1,646,739	

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GDP

(US\$million)

83,844,988

20,807,269

14,860,775

4,910,580

3,780,553

2,638,296

2,592,583

2,551,451

1,848,222

1,600,264

1,586,786

1,464,078

1,363,767

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