

# The Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944

Official statistical source provide rare, detailed data on the German economy during the Third Reich

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- Content: 30,506 pages
- Source Library: London School of Economics and Political Science

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When the Nazis came to power the most pressing issue was an unemployment rate of nearly 30%. Hjalmar Schacht, who assumed office as president of the central bank in 1933 and became finance minister the following year, took advantage of the end of the gold standard to keep interest rates low and government budget deficits high. The result was the most rapid decline in unemployment in any country during the Great Depression.

Hermann Goering, who replaced Schacht in 1937, aimed to make Germany self-sufficient to fight a war. Goering slashed imports, controlled wages, restricted dividends and strategized to construct rubber, steel and textile plants.

## A vital resource for students of history and economics

*The Economy and War in the Third Reich, 1933-1944* tracks Nazi Germany's intervention into the economy and financial hierarchy, and the effects of its massive rearmament policy. This collection highlights the economic and financial trade-offs made by the German people to end the Great Depression and return to a stable economy.

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This in-depth collection comprises these official economic publications:

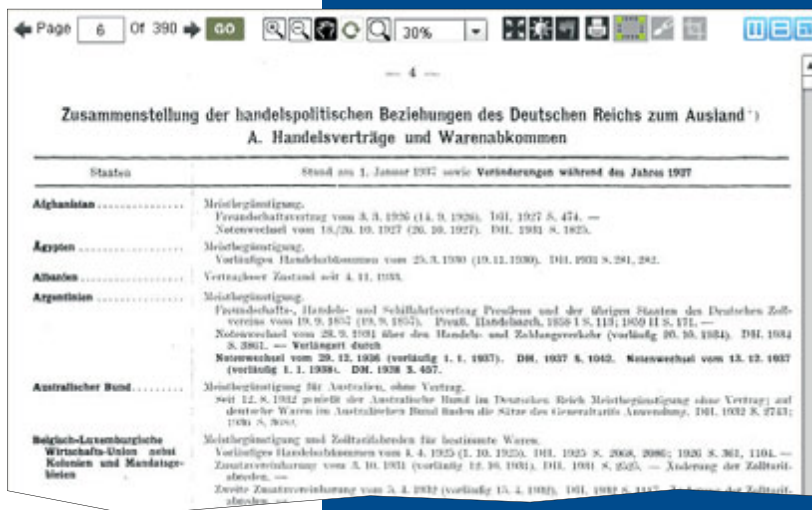
- *Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands* (January 1933-June 1939)
- *Der Aussenhandel Deutschlands Monatliche Nachweise* (July 1939)
- *Sondernachweis der Aussenhandel Deutschlands* (August 1939-1944) – a particularly important collection that provides a thorough breakdown of German foreign trade by commodity, volume and value on a monthly basis. The December issue of each year gives a final listing of annual figures

The documents illustrate a number of major topics, including:

- The importance of German trade with Eastern Europe
- Effect of new trade treaties with Southeastern European states concluded in 1934 and 1935
- Germany's economic offensive beginning in 1934
- Growth of a "command economy" and the requirements of the Rearmament Program
- Balance of payments problem
- Defeat of "the traditionalists" with the dismissal of Schacht and Neurath and the appointment of Ribbentrop

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