Measuring Economic Performance

Productivity

The average level of output per worker per hour

Economic indicators

- Gross domestic product (GDP)
 - The total value of all goods and services produced by all people within the boundaries of a country during a one-year period

Measuring Economic Performance (cont'd)

- Economic indicators (cont'd)
 - Inflation
 - A general rise in the level of prices
 - Deflation
 - A general decrease in the level of prices

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Measuring Economic Performance (cont'd)

- Economic indicators (cont'd)
 - Unemployment rate
 - The percentage of a nation's labor force unemployed at any time
 - Consumer price index (CPI)
 - A monthly index that measures the changes in prices of a fixed basket of goods purchased by a typical consumer in an urban area
 - Producer price index (PPI)
 - An index that measures prices that producers receive for their finished goods

a Nation's Economic Health

Balance of trade

- The total value of a nation's exports minus the total value of its imports over a specific period of time
- Bank credit
 - A statistic that measures the lending activity of commercial financial institutions

Corporate profits

The total amount of profits made by corporations over selected time periods