

TABLE 8.—Estimated world national holdings of gold, liquid dollar assets, and other foreign exchange, 1956-61
[Dollars in millions]

End of period	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960				1961			
					I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Official:												
Gold.....	\$14,027	\$14,493	\$17,493	\$18,363	\$18,388	\$18,742	\$19,425	\$20,246	\$20,622	\$20,777	\$21,338	\$21,918 ^e
Foreign exchange.....	\$19,785	\$18,950	\$19,230	\$19,175	\$19,405	\$20,515	\$21,300	\$21,600	\$22,195	\$22,220	\$22,450	\$22,480
Of which:												
Dollar assets.....	\$7,874	\$7,746	\$8,494	\$8,974	\$8,828	\$9,401	\$9,939	\$10,200	\$10,212	\$9,910	\$10,862	\$10,902
Other.....	\$11,911	\$11,204	\$10,736	\$10,201	\$10,577	\$11,114	\$11,361	\$11,400	\$11,983	\$12,310	\$11,588 ^e	\$11,578 ^e
Ratio: Dollars to gold.....	0.561	0.534	0.485	0.489	0.480	0.502	0.512	0.504	0.495	0.477	0.509	0.497
Ratio: Dollars to foreign exchange.....	0.398	0.409	0.412	0.468	0.455	0.458	0.467	0.472	0.460	0.446	0.484	0.485
Commercial banks:												
Foreign exchange.....	\$5,705	\$6,303	\$6,852	\$8,118	(1)	\$8,700	\$8,764	\$8,930	\$9,514	\$10,349	(1)	(1)
Of which:												
Dollar assets.....	\$3,553	\$3,559	\$3,642	\$4,711	\$5,160	\$5,294	\$5,373	\$4,887	\$4,781	\$5,183	\$5,313	\$5,345
Other.....	\$2,142	\$2,744	\$3,210	\$3,407	(1)	\$3,406	\$3,391	\$4,043	\$4,733	\$5,166	(1)	(1)
Ratio: Dollars to foreign exchange.....	0.624	0.565	0.532	0.580	(1)	0.609	0.613	0.547	0.503	0.501	(1)	(1)
Other foreigners: Dollar assets.....	\$1,981	\$2,247	\$2,418	\$2,405	\$2,243	\$2,252	\$2,230	\$2,219	\$2,107	\$2,199	\$2,225	\$2,358

^aNot available.

Source: Official gold and total foreign exchange reserves, and the total foreign exchange reserves of commercial banks, are the latest estimates for each period published in the

International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics. Data on dollar assets are published in the Treasury Bulletin.