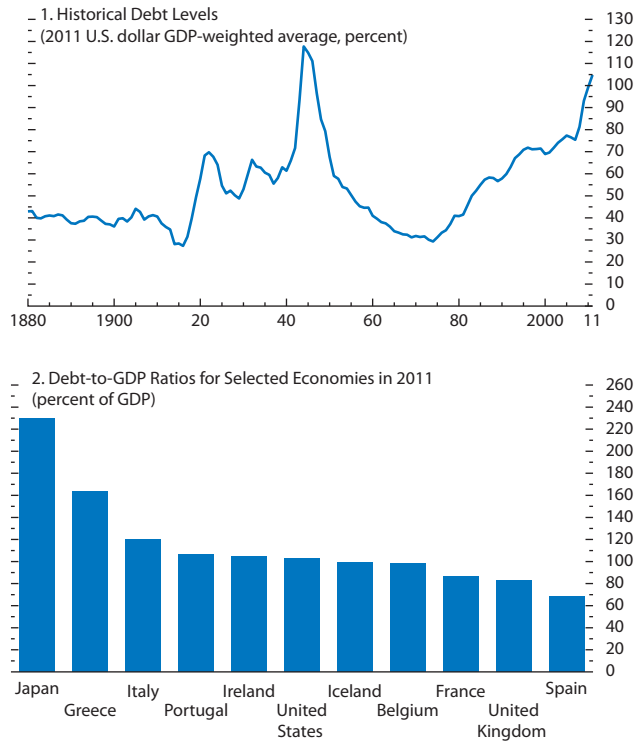


Figure 3.1. Public Debt in Advanced Economies

Gross public debt as a percent of GDP among advanced economies has reached historical highs: Japan, the United States, and many European countries currently have debt-to-GDP ratios close to or above 100 percent.



Sources: Abbas and others (2010); and IMF staff calculations.