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COVERAGE

1949 – 1990

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Data availability heatmap

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1949–1990

VARIABLES
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Source coverage by variable

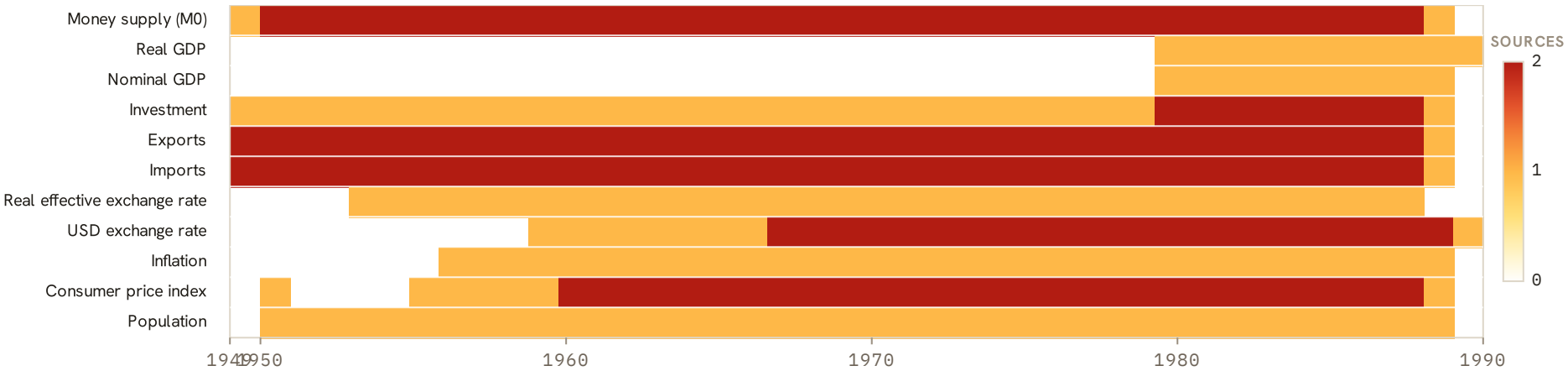


Figure 1. Count of overlapping source series available for each variable–year cell. Darker cells indicate more corroborating sources; blank cells denote years with no documented source.

Money Supply (M0)

COVERAGE
1949–1989

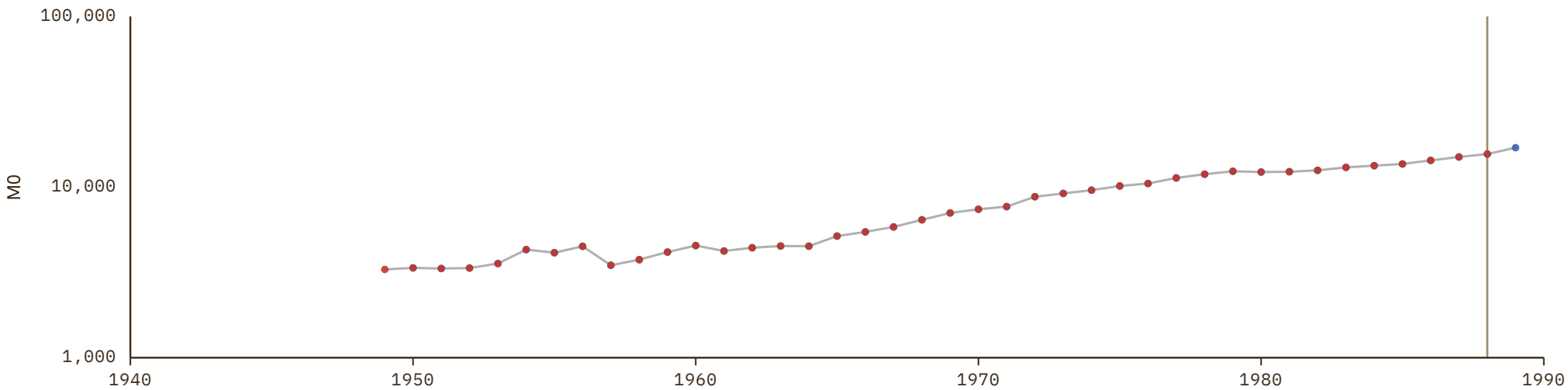
UNIT
millions of LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1949 - 1988	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1989: (ratio = 100%).
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1989 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate | Source change ● COMECON ● Mitchell



Real GDP

COVERAGE
1980–1990

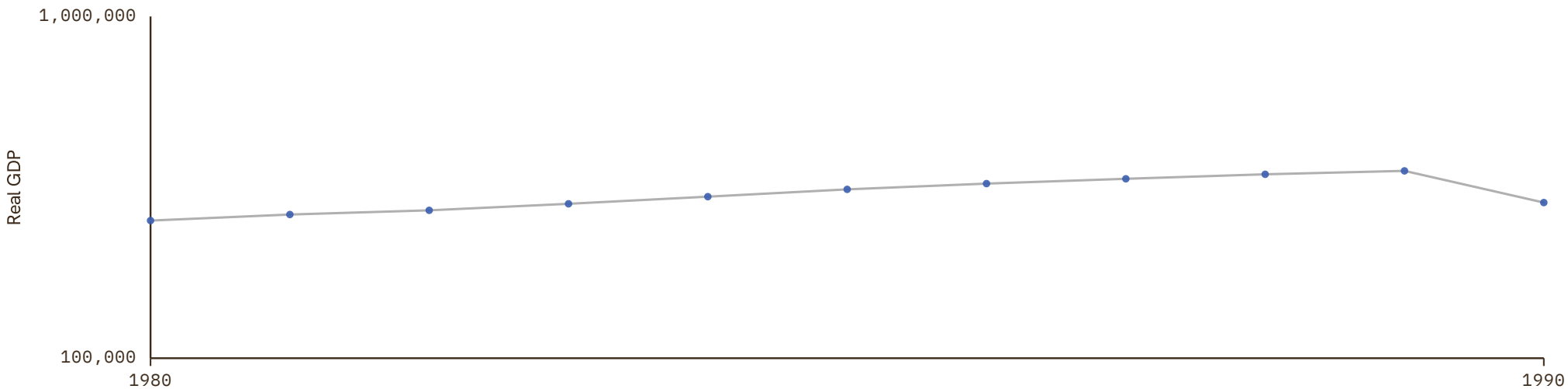
UNIT
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1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1980 - 1990	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1991: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate ● COMECON



Nominal GDP

COVERAGE
1980-1989

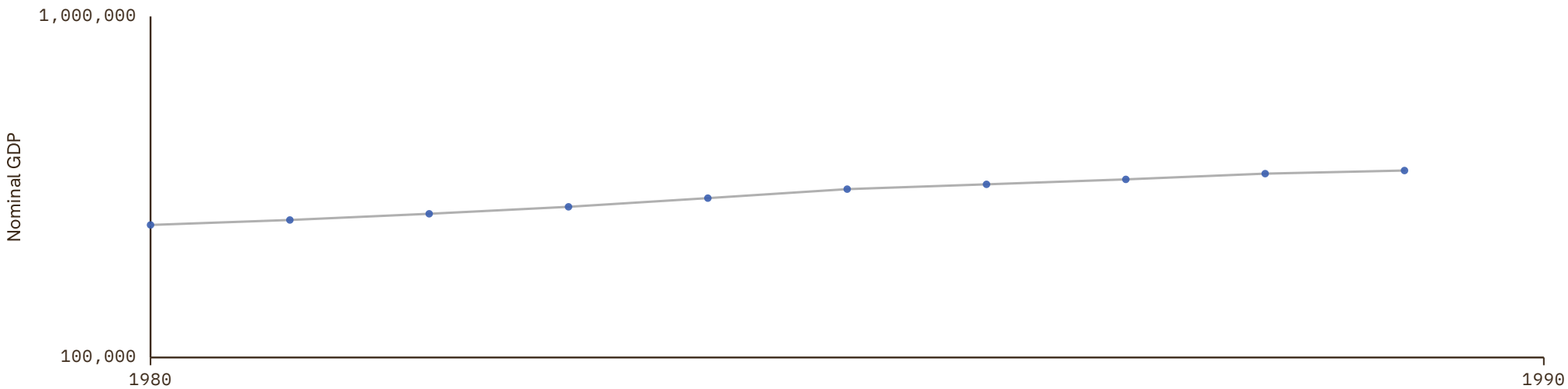
UNIT
millions of LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1980 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate ● COMECON



Investment

COVERAGE
1949–1989

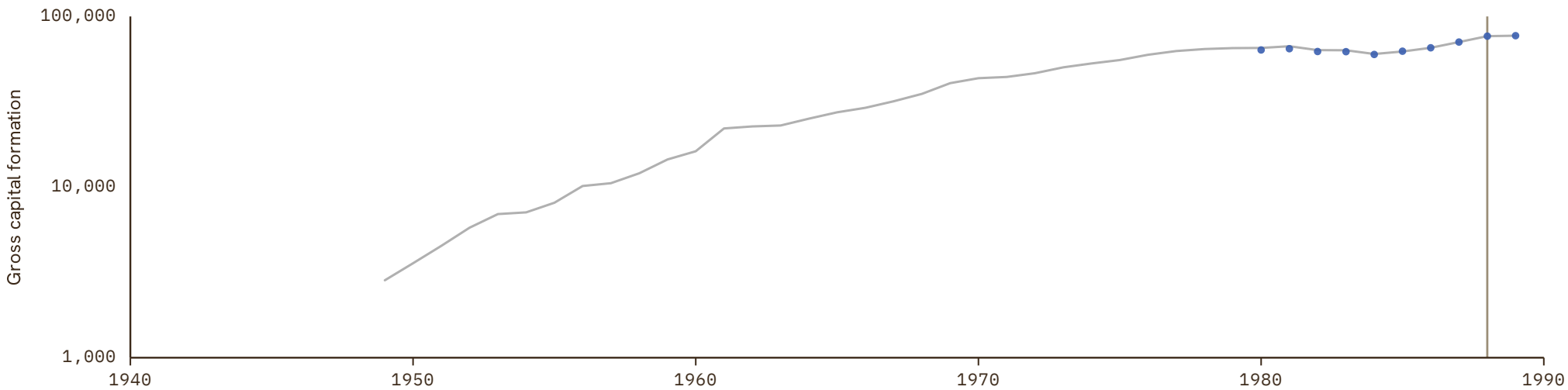
UNIT
millions of LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1949 - 1988	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1989: (ratio = 99465.1%).
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1989 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate | Source change ● COMECON ● Mitchell



Exports

COVERAGE
1949–1989

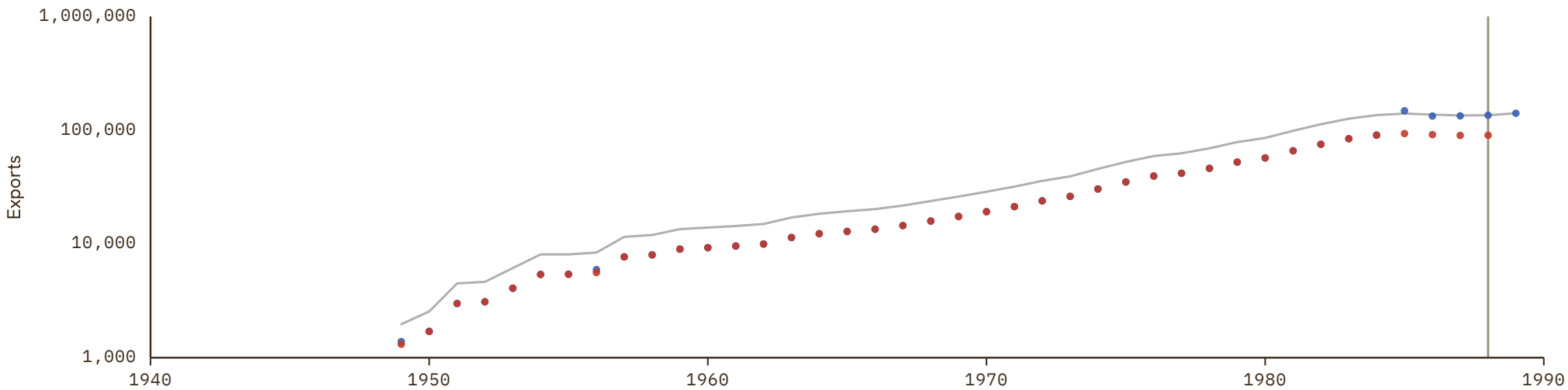
UNIT
millions of LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1949 - 1988	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1989: (ratio = 150%).
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1989 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate | Source change ● COMECON ● Mitchell



Imports

COVERAGE
1949-1989

UNIT
millions of LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1949 - 1988	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1989: (ratio = 162.5%).
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1989 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

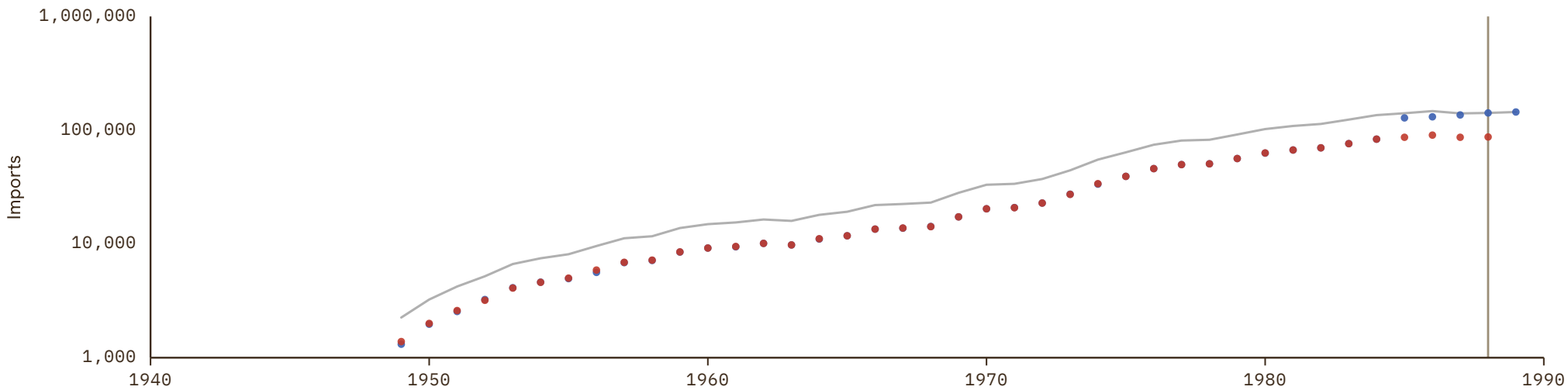
2 Historical series

GMD estimate

Source change

COMECON

Mitchell



Real Effective Exchange Rate

COVERAGE
1953–1988

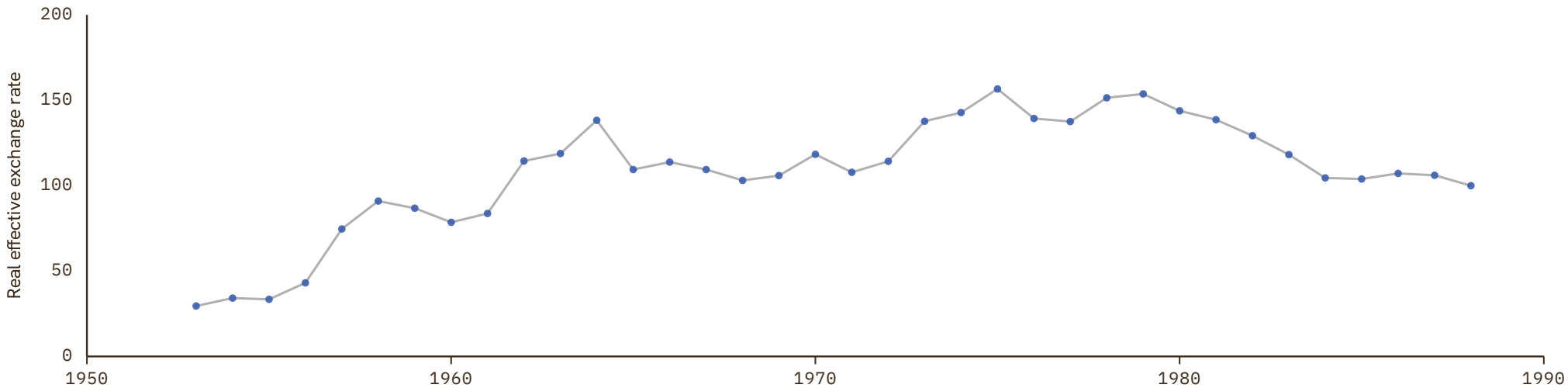
UNIT
index, 2015 = 100

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Ljungberg (2019)	LUND	1953 - 1988	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1989: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate ● LUND



USD Exchange Rate

COVERAGE
1959-1990

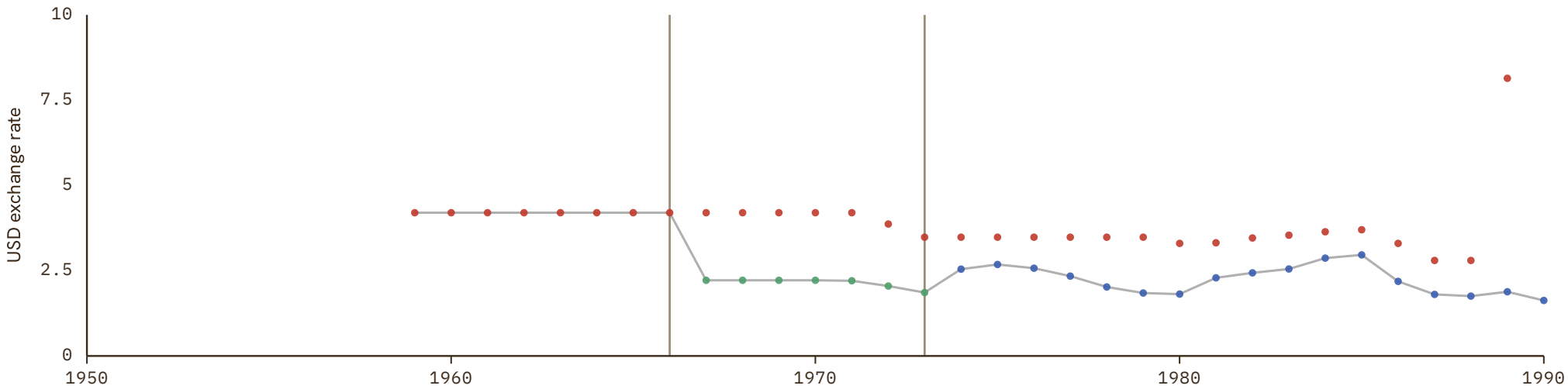
UNIT
1 USD in LC

1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1959 - 1966	Replacing using overlapping data in 1967.
International Monetary Fund (2025)	IMF IFS	1967 - 1973	Replacing using overlapping data in 1974.
Banca d'Italia (2024)	BIT	1974 - 1990	Replacing using overlapping data in 1991.

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate | Source change ● BIT ● COMECON ● IMF IFS



Inflation

COVERAGE

1956–1989

UNIT

in %

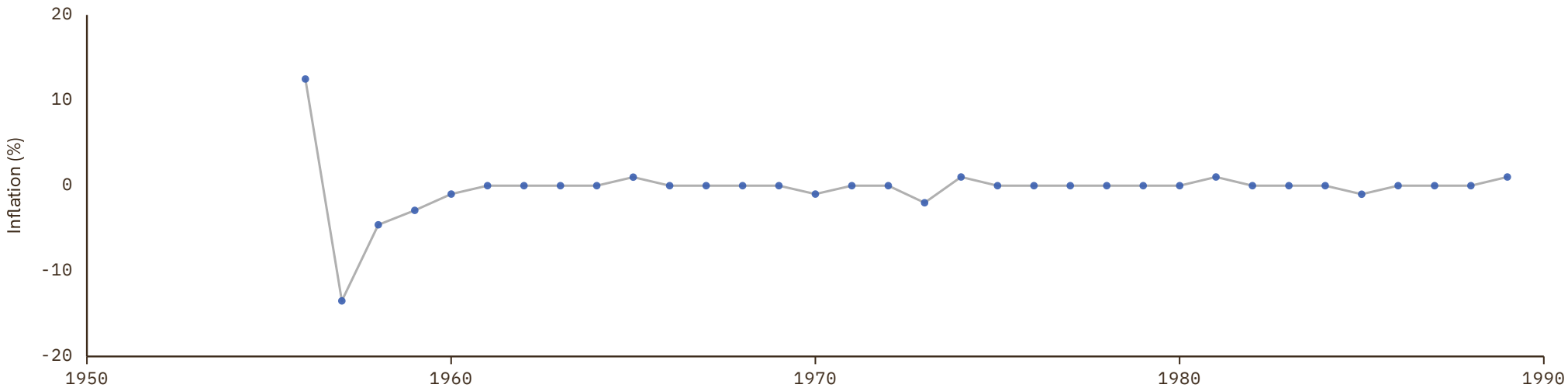
1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1956 - 1989	Replacing using overlapping data in 1990.

2 Historical series

GMD estimate

Mitchell



Consumer Price Index

COVERAGE
1950–1989

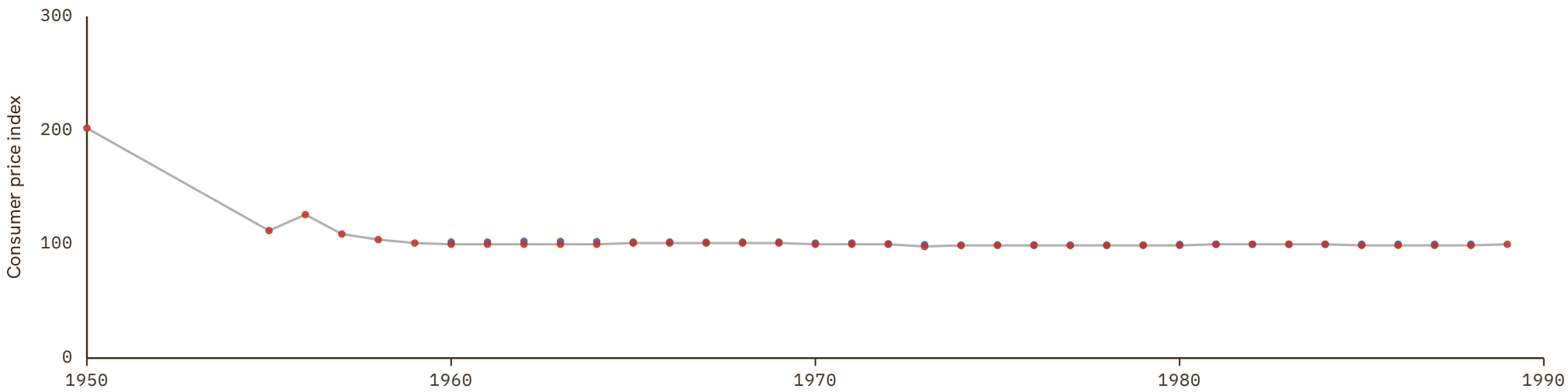
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index, 2015 = 100

1 Source composition

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Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1950 - 1950	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1951: (ratio = 100%).
Brian Mitchell (2013)	Mitchell	1955 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

— GMD estimate ● COMECON ● Mitchell



Population

COVERAGE
1950–1989

UNIT
millions

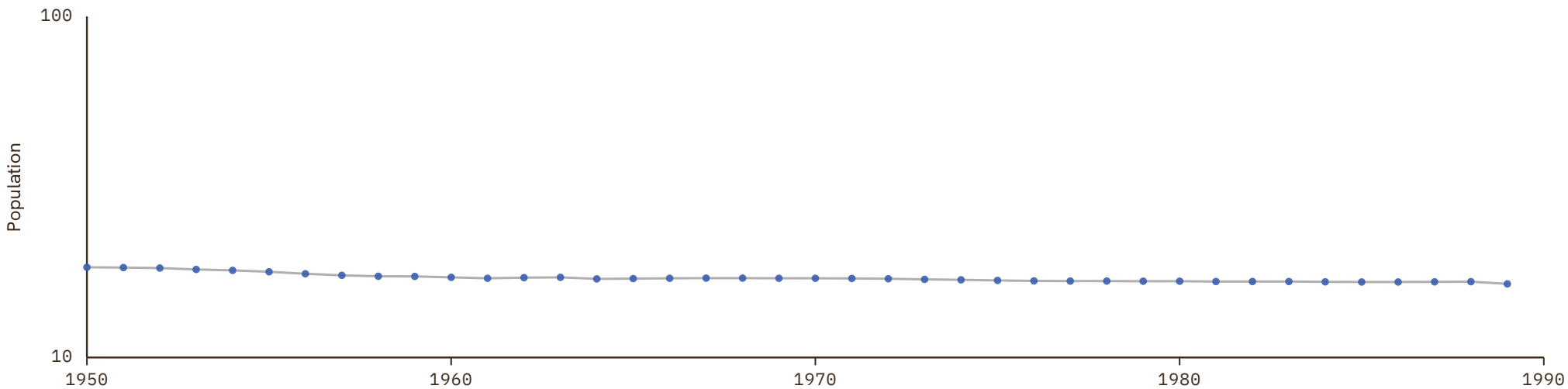
1 Source composition

SOURCE	CODE	TIME SPAN	NOTES
Banushi et al. (2024)	COMECON	1950 - 1989	Ratio-spliced using overlapping data in 1990: (ratio = 100%).

2 Historical series

GMD estimate

COMECON



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