

Table 5 **The size of the shadow economy in Germany (% of official GDP)**

Method	Shadow economy in Germany ...			... (in percentage of official GDP) in:					Source
	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	
Survey	–	3.6*	–	–	–	–	–	–	IfD Allensbach (1975)
	–	–	–	–	–	–	4.1 <sup>†</sup>	3.6 <sup>†</sup>	Feld and Larsen (2005, 2008)
Discrepancy between expenditure and income	11.0	10.2	13.4	–	–	–	–	–	Lippert and Walker (1997)
Discrepancy between official and actual employment	23.0	38.5	34.0	–	–	–	–	–	Langfeldt (1984a, 1984b)
Physical input method	–	–	–	14.5	14.6	–	–	–	Feld and Larsen (2005)
Transactions approach	17.2	22.3	29.3	31.4	–	–	–	–	Langfeldt (1984a, 1984b)
Currency demand approach	3.1	6.0	10.3	–	–	–	–	–	Kirchgässner (1983)
	12.1	11.8	12.6	–	–	–	–	–	Langfeldt (1984a, 1984b)
	4.5	7.8	9.2	11.3	11.8	12.5	14.7	–	Schneider and Enste (2000a)
Latent (MIMIC) approach	5.8	6.1	8.2	–	–	–	–	–	Frey and Weck-Hannemann (1984)
	–	–	9.4	10.1	11.4	15.1	16.3	–	Pickhardt and Sardà Pons (2006)
	4.2	5.8	10.8	11.2	12.2	13.9	16.0	15.4	Schneider (2005, 2007)
Soft modelling	–	8.3*	–	–	–	–	–	–	Weck-Hannemann (1983)

\*1974  
†2001 and 2005; calculated using wages in the official economy