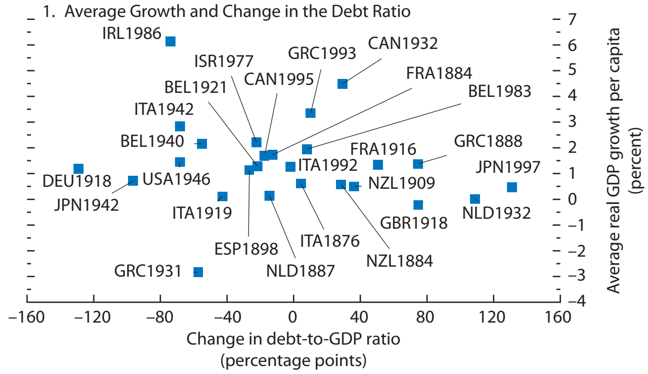
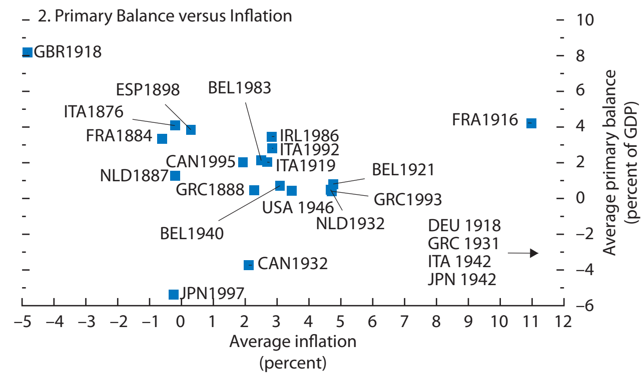
Figure 3.4. High Debt, Growth, and Inflation

After exceeding the 100 percent debt-to-GDP ratio, there is considerable variation in economies' growth, the change in their debt ratio, their primary fiscal balance, and their inflation rate.





Sources: Abbas and others (2010); Maddison (2003); Reinhart and Rogoff (2010); and IMF staff calculations.
Note: The change in debt ratio, average growth rates, inflation, and primary balance are computed over the 15 years after debt reaches 100 percent of GDP. BEL: Belgium; CAN: Canada; DEU: Germany; ESP: Spain; FRA: France; GBR: United Kingdom; GRC: Greece; IRL: Ireland; ISR: Israel; ITA: Italy; JPN: Japan; NLD: Netherlands; NZL: New Zealand; USA: United States.