



**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER
OF 2024
(FLASH ESTIMATES)**

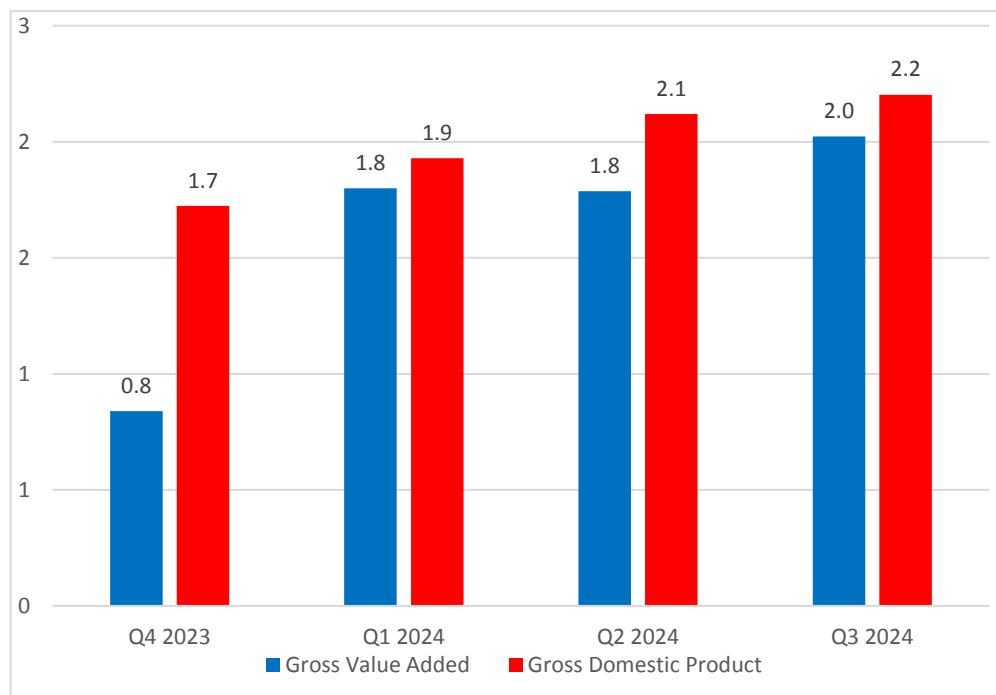
In the third quarter of 2024, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 2.2% compared to the third quarter of the previous year and by 0.5% compared to the second quarter of 2024, according to seasonally adjusted data.

Growth rates on an annual basis

In the third quarter of 2024, according to seasonally adjusted data, GDP increased by 2.2% compared to the third quarter of the previous year. Gross Value Added increased by 2.0%.

Final consumption registered an increase of 4.6% in the third quarter of 2024 compared to the third quarter of the previous year at seasonally adjusted data. Exports of goods and services increased by 0.1%, and imports of goods and services increased by 2.9%.

Figure 1. Growth rate compared to the same quarter of the previous year, percentages



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Quarter on quarter growth rates

According to the seasonally adjusted data, GDP had a growth rate of 0.5% in the third quarter of 2024 compared to the previous quarter (Annex, Table 1). The increase of GVA in the third quarter of 2024 is 0.5%.

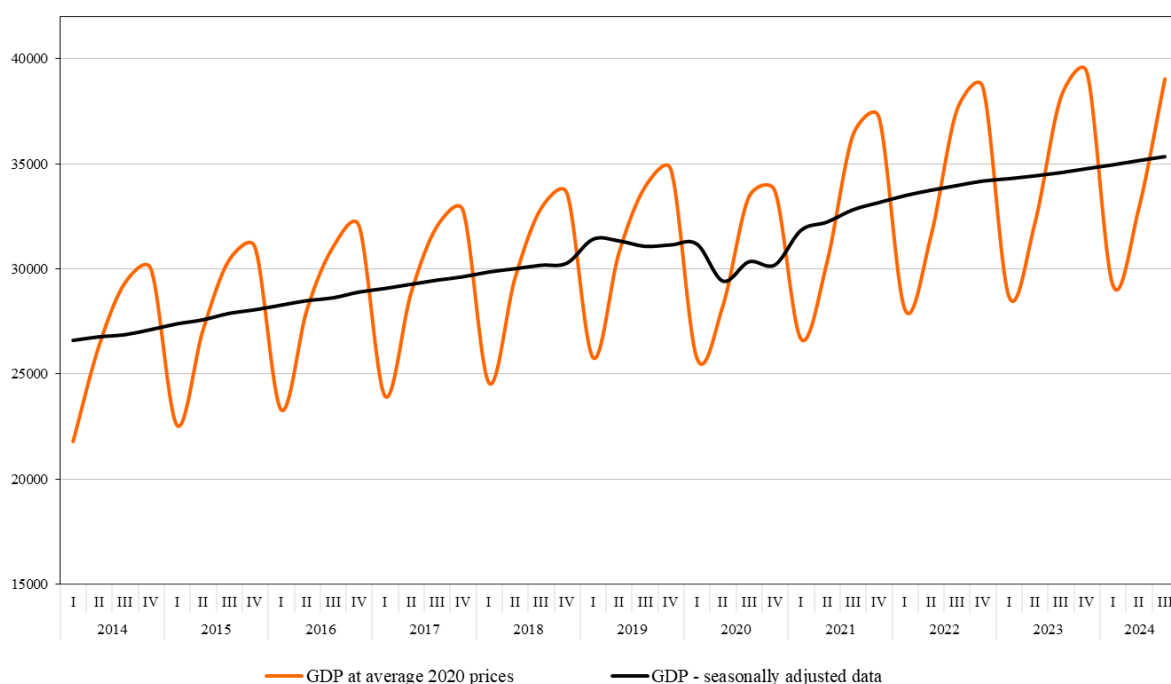
According to the flash estimate of GDP by final expenditure approach, a reason for the positive GDP growth at seasonally adjusted data in the third quarter of 2024, compared to the previous quarter, is the increase in final consumption - by 1.3%.

GDP in monetary terms, current prices

According to the flash GDP estimates for the third quarter of 2024, GDP at current prices is 53 292.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 2). The Gross Value Added in the third quarter of 2024 amounted to 46 338.7 million BGN.

In the structure of GDP by expenditure approach, the largest share of 74.9% is for the final consumption, which in nominal terms is 39 895.5 million BGN. In the third quarter of 2024, the gross capital formation is 10 483.0 million BGN and has a share of 19.7% in GDP. The external balance (exports minus imports) is positive.

**Figure 2. GDP by quarters for the period 2014 - 2024, at average 2020 prices,
Million BGN**



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Methodological notes

The Eurostat Handbook on quarterly National Accounts defines the flash estimates as:

'...the earliest picture of the economy according to national accounts concepts, which is produced and published as soon as possible after the end of the quarter, using a more incomplete set of information than that used for traditional quarterly accounts...'

Flash estimates of GDP, in the context of general conditions for the preparation of short-term indicators, are based on preliminary short-term information (subject to subsequent update and revisions), expert assessments and models for the components of the GDP structure, for which direct basic information at the time of calculation is not available.

Flash estimates of GDP for the third quarter of 2024 were prepared 42 days after the reference period. They are presented in a standard format for publication of quarterly national accounts data - growth rates as compared to the previous quarter and compared to the same period of the previous year, current prices and relative shares of the components in the GDP.

According to the Release Calendar, NSI will prepare and publish preliminary quarterly estimates of GDP for the third quarter of 2024 on December 6, 2024.

Seasonal adjustment of statistical indicators in NSI is organized in accordance with the ESS Guidelines on Seasonal Adjustment. The seasonal adjustment of GDP data is made with the TRAMO/SEATS algorithm applied. The set of variables for seasonal adjustment covers Gross Value Added, Gross Domestic Product and its components from the expenditure side. A direct seasonal adjustment method is applied, where indicators and their components are adjusted independently.

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Annex

Table 1

**Growth rates of GDP component,
Seasonally adjusted data, Flash estimates**

(Per cent)

Items		Growth rate, current quarter compared with the previous quarter				Growth rate, current quarter compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
		IV 2023	I 2024	II 2024	III 2024	IV 2023	I 2024	II 2024	III 2024
1	Gross Value Added	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.8	1.8	2.0
2	Adjustments	3.0	-2.7	3.0	0.4	10.9	1.5	5.4	3.7
3	Gross Domestic Product	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2
	by final use components:								
4	Final consumption	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.5	4.0	4.3	4.6
5	Gross capital formation
	Gross fixed capital formation	-0.8	-2.5	-1.6	-0.2	7.3	2.9	-2.0	-4.9
6	Exports of goods and services	1.3	-2.2	2.2	-1.2	-0.8	-3.8	0.5	0.1
7	Imports of goods and services	2.6	-1.5	1.9	0.0	-4.2	-2.6	4.1	2.9

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Table 2

**Gross Domestic Product, Third Quarter of 2024,
Seasonally unadjusted data, Flash estimates**

№	Items	Third quarter of 2024	
		Value at current prices, Million BGN	Relative share in GDP, %
1	Gross Value Added	46338.7	87.0
2	Adjustments	6954.2	13.0
3	Gross Domestic Product (1+2=4+5+6+9)	53292.9	100.0
	by final use components:		
4	Final consumption	39895.5	74.9
5	Gross capital formation	10483.0	19.7
6	Balance (exports - imports)	2914.4	5.4
7	Exports of goods and services	30559.3	57.3
8	Imports of goods and services	27644.9	51.9
9	Statistical discrepancy	0.0	0.0