



GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011

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GDP, current prices

According to the preliminary data, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)¹ at current prices in the third quarter of 2011 amounted to 21 016 million leva (Table 1). The GDP per person amounted to 2 832.8 leva. In USD terms at average quarterly exchange rate of 1.3833 leva per dollar, the GDP amounted to 15 192.3 million dollars or 2 047.8 dollars per person. In Euro terms, the GDP amounted to 10 745 million euro or 1 448.4 euro per person.

Gross value added (GVA)² at current prices in the third quarter of 2011 amounted to 17 939 million leva.

As compared with the third quarter of 2010 the industrial sector increased its share in the gross value added in the economy by 1 percentage points to 30.7% in the third quarter of 2011. The share of services was 58.7 %, down by 1.9 percentage points as compared with the respective period of the previous year. The share of agricultural sector increased by 0.9 percentage points compared to 10.6% in the third quarter of 2011.

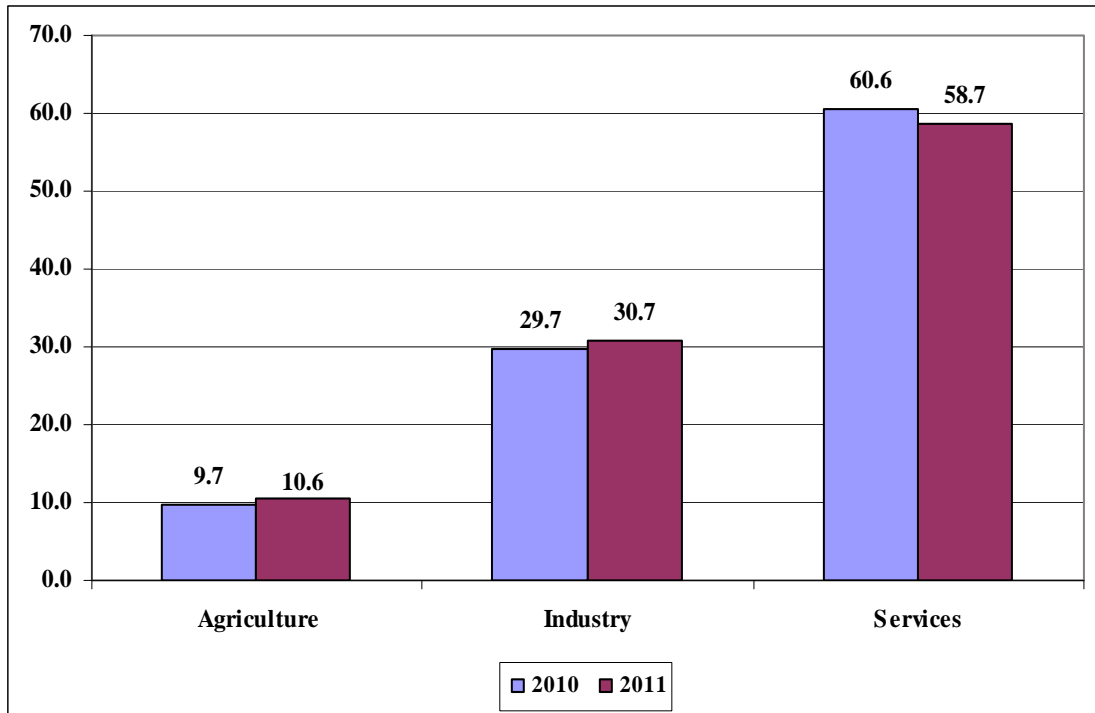
¹ GDP at market prices characterizes the final result of the economic activity by resident institutional units. GDP is derived by following three approaches:

- a) GDP is the sum of GVA created by institutional sectors or economic activity groupings plus net taxes on products (taxes minus subsidies which are not distributed by sectors and economic activity groupings). GVA is the balancing item of the Production account.
- b) GDP by final expenditure is calculated as a sum of individual consumption, collective consumption, gross fixed capital formation, changes in inventories, net exports of goods and services.
- c) GDP by income approach is a sum of generated income in the income account (compensation of employees, net taxes on production, gross operating surplus, and gross mixed income).

² Gross value added at basic prices is a balancing item of the Production account between the gross output at basic prices (before recording of the taxes on products and services, including subsidies on products) and the intermediate consumption at purchasers' prices.



Figure 1. Structure of Gross Value Added by economic sectors in the third quarter of 2010 and 2011, NACE Rev. 2 - %



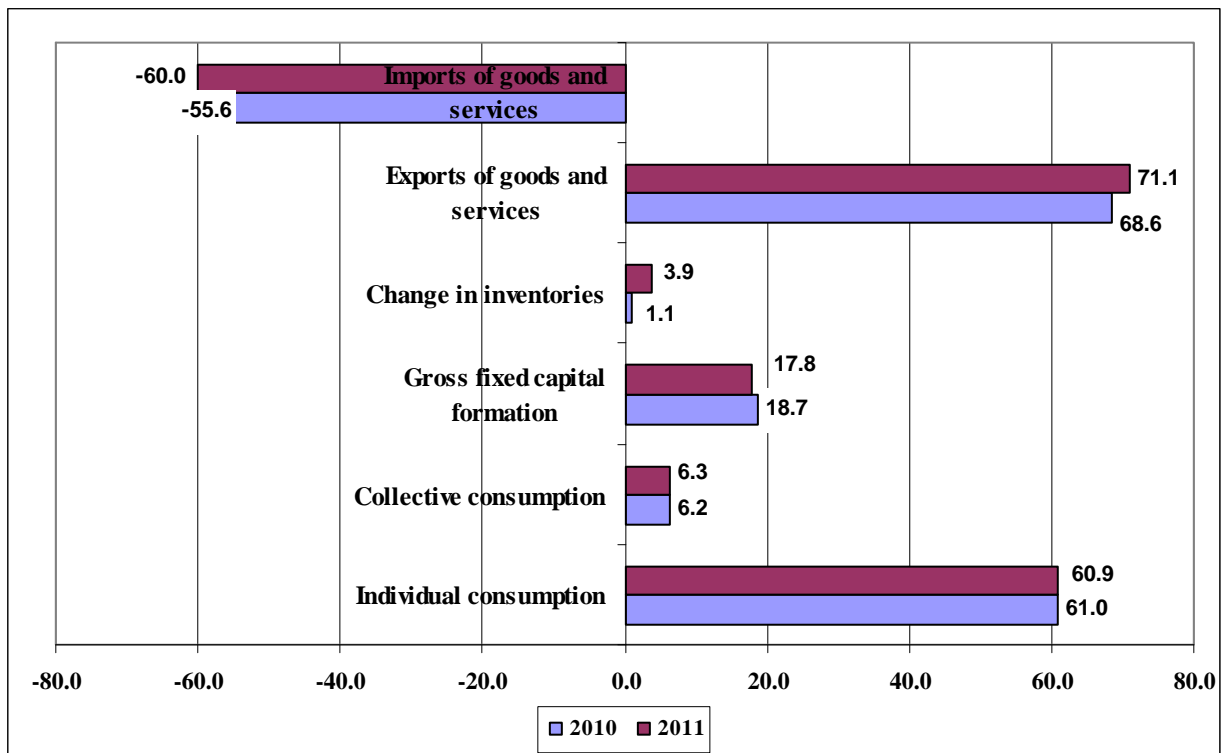
In the third quarter of 2011 the individual consumption³ constituted 60.9% of GDP in the economy. Investments (gross fixed capital formation⁴) accounted for 17.8% of GDP. The external balance (exports-imports) was positive amounting to 2 329 million levs and accounted for 11.1% in GDP.

³ *Final consumption expenditure* includes expenditures of resident institutional units (households, non-profit institutions serving households, general government) for providing the goods and services, used for individual consumption of the population and collective consumption of the society. According to the national concepts principles, individual consumption expenditures include expenditures for goods and services on the territory of the country and abroad.

⁴ *Gross fixed capital formation* includes the acquired fixed assets owned by residential producers and households less disposal ones during the reporting period. Gross fixed capital formation covers the investments for the tangible and intangible assets, produced in the production process(or imported) which are used many times over than one year.



Figure 2. GDP and its components in the third quarter of 2010 and 2011
(Relative share - %)



Growth rate of GDP, total and by components

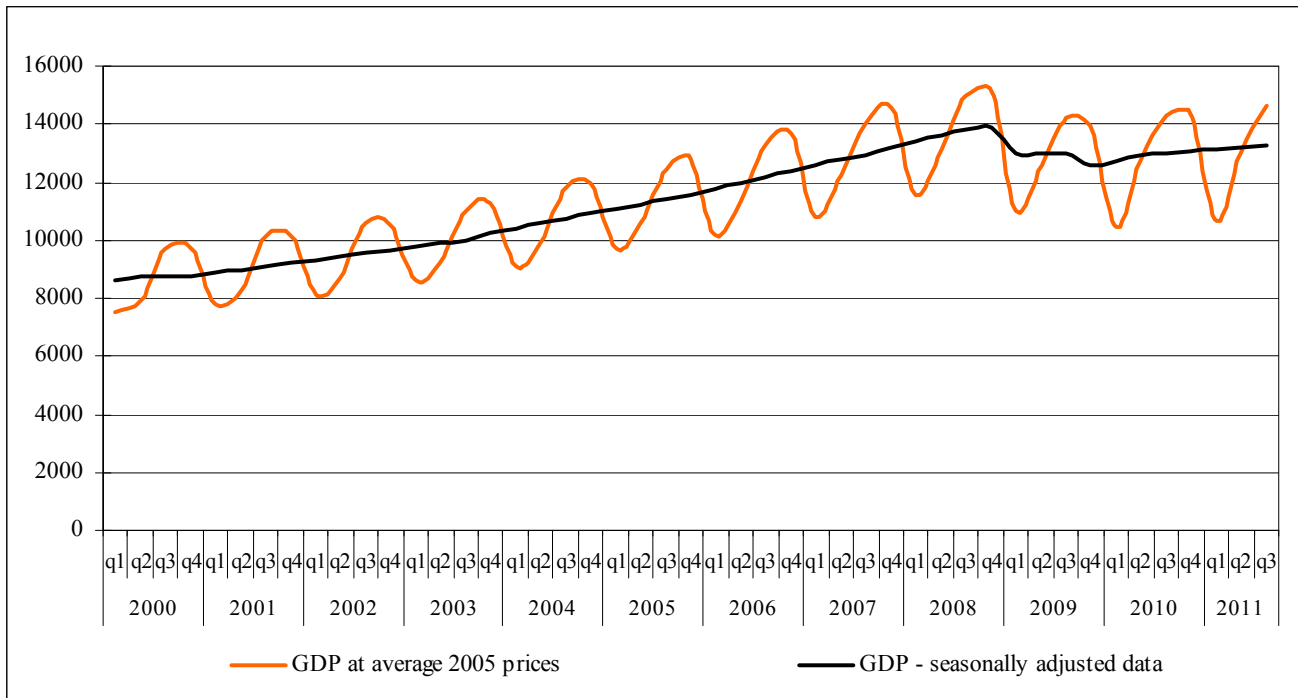
According to the seasonally adjusted data⁵, the GDP growth rate in the third quarter of 2011 is 0.3%, compared with the previous quarter (Table 2).

In comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, the real GDP in the third quarter of 2011 rose by 1.6%.

⁵ Seasonal adjustment of statistical indicators in the NIS is organized in accordance with [ESS Guidelines on Seasonal Adjustment](#). The seasonal adjustment of GDP data is made with the help of Demetra software, where the TRAMO / SEATS algorithm is applied. The set of variables for seasonal adjustment covers gross value added and gross domestic product by industry and GDP components from the expenditure side. Parameters of the model for seasonal adjustment are determined at the beginning of the each calendar year. The model is used to recalculate the seasonally adjusted figures for the time series data. For more information, see “[Quarterly seasonally adjusted data](#)”..



Figure 3. GDP seasonally adjusted data for the period 2000 - 2011, at average 2005 prices, million BGN



Quarter-on-quarter growth rates

In the third quarter of 2011 gross value added of the total economy increased by 0.8%.

According to the preliminary data for the third quarter of 2011 the final consumption rose by 0.3%. Gross fixed capital formation decreased by 13.5%. In the third quarter of 2011 the exports of good and services increased by 1.7%, and the imports rose by 1.1% compared to the previous quarter.

Growth rates on annual basis

During the third quarter of 2011 gross value added increased by 2.3% compared to same quarter of previous year. The indicator's movement is determined mainly by the increase recorded in: Mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities - by 4.2%; Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities - by 6.5%; Financial and insurance activities - by 2.8%; Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities - by 9.9% and Information and communication - by 1.7%.

As regards the expenditure component of GDP, a major contributors to registered positive economic growth exports of goods and services - by 2.0% and final consumption - by 1.6% compared to the corresponding quarter of previous year.



Methodological annotations

Quarterly surveys of national accounts for GDP and its components are developed in accordance with the methodological principles of the European System of National Accounts, 1995 (ESA '95) - adopted by Council Regulation 2223/96 EC.

The survey is conducted regularly since 1996. The time series are available on the website of the NSI⁶.

The results are preliminary. They are based on available monthly and quarterly statistical and administrative information and are updated annually (15 months after the end of the year) based on data from annual exhaustive surveys and updated administrative information.

⁶ See www.nsi.bg, Gross Domestic Product.

ANNEX

Table 1

Gross Domestic Product, Third quarter and First nine months of 2011

(Unadjusted data)

		Third quarter of 2011			First nine months of 2011		
		Value at current prices	Share		Value at current prices	Share	
			in GVA	in GDP		in GVA	in GDP
		Million BGN	%	%	Million BGN	%	%
1	Gross Value Added by economic sector (NACE Rev.2), (2+3+4):	17939	100.0	85.4	48132	100.0	86.4
2	Agriculture	1908	10.6	9.1	3279	6.8	5.9
3	Industry	5501	30.7	26.2	15531	32.3	27.9
4	Services	10530	58.7	50.1	29322	60.9	52.6
5	Adjustments	3077		14.6	7591		13.6
6	Gross Domestic Product (1+5=7+10+13+16)	21016		100.0	55723		100.0
	By final use components:						
7	Final consumption (8+9)	14118		67.2	41332		74.2
8	Individual	12797		60.9	37359		67.1
9	Collective	1321		6.3	3973		7.1
10	Gross capital formation (11+12)	4569		21.7	12203		21.9
11	Gross fixed capital formation	3754		17.8	10829		19.4
12	Change in inventories	815		3.9	1374		2.5
13	Balance (exports - imports) (14-15)	2329		11.1	2188		3.9
14	Exports of goods and services	14943		71.1	37918		68.0
15	Imports of goods and services	12614		60.0	35730		64.1
16	Statistical discrepancy	0		0.0	0		0.0



Table 2

Growth rates of GDP component¹

(At average 2005 prices, seasonally and calendar adjusted data)

(Per cent)

		Growth rate, current quarter compared with the previous quarter				Growth rate, current quarter compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
		Q4 2010	Q1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011	Q4 2010	Q1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011
1	Gross Value Added by economic sector (2+....+11):	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.5	2.3
2	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-3.6	2.7	0.0	-1.3	-1.5	-1.4	-2.5	-2.3
3	Mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water supply, waste management and remediation activities	2.8	1.5	1.4	-1.6	11.1	11.6	7.7	4.2
4	Construction	28.4	-24.9	4.4	-5.7	8.7	-13.7	-0.4	-5.1
5	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities	3.2	2.0	-3.5	4.8	5.2	9.8	-2.7	6.5
6	Information and communication	-0.5	-1.5	0.4	3.4	2.1	-0.5	0.7	1.7
7	Financial and insurance activities	-2.8	-0.5	4.5	1.6	-4.3	-7.9	1.8	2.8
8	Real estate activities	0.4	-4.7	3.3	0.3	5.3	-2.7	-0.1	-0.8
9	Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities	9.9	1.2	-3.5	2.4	3.5	0.8	8.6	9.9
10	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities	-1.5	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-4.0	-5.0	-2.3	-0.8
11	Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of households goods and other services	-5.5	5.1	5.4	0.3	-12.9	-5.5	13.2	5.0
12	Корективи	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	5.2	7.9	5.3	2.6
13	Gross Domestic Product (1+12=14+17+20+23)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	3.7	3.3	2.0	1.6
	By final use components:								
14	Final consumption (15+16)	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.6
15	Individual	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.7
16	Collective	-1.5	0.8	0.0	-0.5	7.0	-4.3	-1.3	-1.1
17	Gross capital formation (18+19)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Gross fixed capital formation	8.1	0.8	3.0	-13.5	-0.9	1.6	8.4	-2.8
19	Change in inventories	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Balance (exports - imports) (21-22)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Exports of goods and services	-3.8	5.6	-1.3	1.7	15.2	21.6	12.2	2.0
22	Imports of goods and services	5.9	0.1	0.8	1.1	10.7	10.0	7.5	8.1
23	Statistical discrepancy	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

¹ The growth rate is calculated by using chain-linked estimates of the GDP components based on average 2005 prices. Detailed information could be found at the thematic rubric "Gross domestic products", methodology:

Price and Volume Measures

Quarterly seasonally adjusted data