

GDP: Advance Estimate of 2021Q2

July 30, 2021. Based on advance estimates by DGBAS, the real gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 7.47% on a year-on-year basis (yoy) in 2021Q2, contracted 7.86% on a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualized basis (saar).

Economic Growth Rate

Units: %

| | 2020 | | | | 2021 Q1-Q2(a) | | | |
|-------------|---|-------|-------|-------|---------------|------|-------|-------|
| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | Q1 | Q2(a) |
| | <u>at Chained (2016) Dollars</u> | | | | | | | |
| yoy | 3.12 | 2.51 | 0.35 | 4.26 | 5.15 | 8.19 | 8.92 | 7.47 |
| | <u>at Chained (2016) Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted</u> | | | | | | | |
| saqr | — | -0.66 | -0.81 | 5.02 | 1.42 | — | 3.05 | -2.03 |
| saar | — | -2.63 | -3.18 | 21.64 | 5.79 | — | 12.76 | -7.86 |

Note:(a)advance estimate

Explanation: yoy, saqr, and saar are abbreviated from “year-on-year”, “seasonally adjusted quarterly rates”, and “seasonally adjusted annualized rates”, respectively.

Real exports of goods and services grew by 22.93% (yoy), mainly driven by the strong foreign demand for electronic parts and ICT products, as well as the significantly growth of traditional products. Imports also increased by 17.74% (yoy).

Regarding gross capital formation, investment in machinery equipment, transportation equipment and construction grew significantly. Combining inventory changes, real gross capital formation expanded by 8.58% (yoy).

Real private final consumption fell by 0.41% (yoy) in 2021Q2, a reversal from the 2.11% growth in the previous quarter, mainly reflecting a slump in consumption expenditure caused by COVID-19. Nationwide Level 3 epidemic alert from mid-May led to the contraction in service consumptions such as restaurants and hotels, public transportations, as well as some commodity consumptions such as cars and clothing. Online shopping, delivery services, and other equipment expenditures for work/study-from-home partly offset the decline.

Growth Rates and Contributions by Expenditure

| | Units:%; percentage points | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 Q1-Q2 (a) | | | | 2021 Q1-Q2 (a) | | |
| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2(a) | |
| | <u>Growth Rates at Chained (2016) Dollars</u> | | | | | | | |
| GDP | 3.12 | 2.51 | 0.35 | 4.26 | 5.15 | 8.19 | 8.92 | 7.47 |
| Domestic Demand | 0.43 | 1.87 | -0.33 | 0.32 | -0.09 | 3.48 | 4.33 | 2.62 |
| Private Final Consumption | -2.42 | -1.74 | -5.21 | -1.55 | -1.25 | 0.88 | 2.11 | -0.41 |
| Government Final Consumption | 2.51 | 3.20 | -0.89 | 3.52 | 4.01 | 3.33 | 4.28 | 2.43 |
| Gross Capital Formation | 5.49 | 9.63 | 10.99 | 2.55 | -0.26 | 8.83 | 9.10 | 8.58 |
| Net Demand of Rest of the World | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Exports of Goods and Services | 1.58 | -2.09 | -3.44 | 3.33 | 7.63 | 22.13 | 21.31 | 22.93 |
| Imports of Goods and Services | -3.25 | -3.78 | -5.35 | -3.55 | -0.62 | 16.63 | 15.54 | 17.74 |
| | <u>Contributions to Economic Growth Rate (yoy)</u> | | | | | | | |
| GDP | 3.12 | 2.51 | 0.35 | 4.26 | 5.15 | 8.19 | 8.92 | 7.47 |
| Domestic Demand | 0.38 | 1.74 | -0.30 | 0.28 | -0.09 | 3.06 | 3.84 | 2.28 |
| Private Final Consumption | -1.26 | -0.94 | -2.72 | -0.80 | -0.64 | 0.41 | 1.04 | -0.20 |
| Government Final Consumption | 0.35 | 0.42 | -0.12 | 0.50 | 0.59 | 0.45 | 0.57 | 0.34 |
| Gross Capital Formation | 1.29 | 2.26 | 2.55 | 0.58 | -0.04 | 2.19 | 2.23 | 2.15 |
| Net Demand of Rest of the World | 2.74 | 0.78 | 0.64 | 3.99 | 5.23 | 5.14 | 5.08 | 5.19 |
| Exports of Goods and Services | 1.00 | -1.28 | -2.15 | 2.12 | 4.89 | 12.65 | 12.12 | 13.16 |
| Imports of Goods and Services | -1.74 | -2.05 | -2.79 | -1.87 | -0.34 | 7.51 | 7.04 | 7.97 |

Note:(a)advance estimate

For further information:

Statistics Database:

<http://statdb.dgbas.gov.tw/pxweb/dialog/statfile1L.asp>

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