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QUARTERLY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (Base 2021) – Flash Estimate at 30 days
Fourth Quarter 2024 and Year 2024

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN VOLUME INCREASED BY 2.7% IN YEAR-ON-YEAR TERMS AND 1.5% COMPARING WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. IN 2024 GDP GREW BY 1.9%

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), in real terms, registered a year-on-year growth rate of 2.7% in the fourth quarter of 2024, 0.7 percentage points higher than in the previous quarter. The positive contribution of domestic demand to the year-on-year growth rate of GDP increased in the fourth quarter, due to the acceleration of private consumption. The contribution of net external demand to the year-on-year rate of change of GDP remained negative, reflecting the more intense growth of imports of goods and services compared to exports.

Compared to the third quarter of 2024, GDP increased by 1.5% in volume, after growing by 0.3% in the previous quarter. The contribution of domestic demand to the quarter-on-quarter rate of change of GDP declined in the fourth quarter due to the reduction of investment, mainly reflecting a negative contribution of changes in inventories associated to the behaviour of external trade flows. In fact, imports of goods and services diminished in the fourth quarter compared to the previous one, leading to a positive contribution of net external demand, after being negative in the previous two quarters.

In 2024, GDP grew by 1.9%, in volume, after increasing by 2.5% in 2023. Domestic demand presented a positive contribution to the annual growth of GDP in volume, higher than that observed in the previous year, reflecting the acceleration of final consumption expenditure, while investment slowed down. The contribution of net external demand was negative in 2024, after being positive in the previous two years, with imports of goods and services accelerating in volume, while exports maintained a growth rate close to that observed in the previous year.

Table 1. Gross Domestic Product (chain-linked volume data, reference year=2021)

| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| Annual Rate of Change (%) | 7.0 | 2.5 | 1.9 |

2022: final data; 2022: 2023 and 2024: preliminary data

| | Year-on-Year Rate of Change (%) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | 4Q 22 | 1Q 23 | 2Q 23 | 3Q 23 | 4Q 23 | 1Q 24 | 2Q 24 | 3Q 24 | 4Q 24 | |
| Flash 4Q 2024 (30 days) | 3.6 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.7 | |
| QNA 3Q 2024 (85 days) | 3.6 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | | |

| | Quarter-on-Quarter Rate of Change (%) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | 4Q 22 | 1Q 23 | 2Q 23 | 3Q 23 | 4Q 23 | 1Q 24 | 2Q 24 | 3Q 24 | 4Q 24 | |
| Flash 4Q 2024 (30 days) | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | |
| QNA 3Q 2024 (85 days) | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | | |

Flash - Flash Estimate; QNA - Quarterly National Accounts



The incorporation of new primary data in the compilation of the GDP flash estimate, in particular regarding international trade in goods for the third quarter of 2024, led to a revision of 0.1 percentage points in the year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter rates of change of GDP in comparison with the dissemination of the results of the Quarterly Sector Accounts on December 23, 2024.

Figure 1. Gross Domestic Product (chain-linked volume data, reference year=2021)

Calendar and seasonally adjusted data
Year-on-year rate of change, %

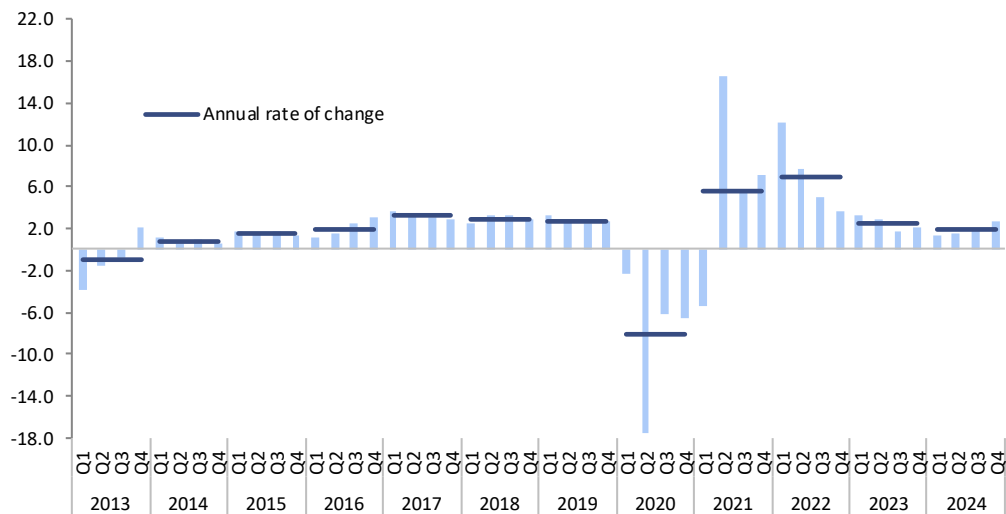
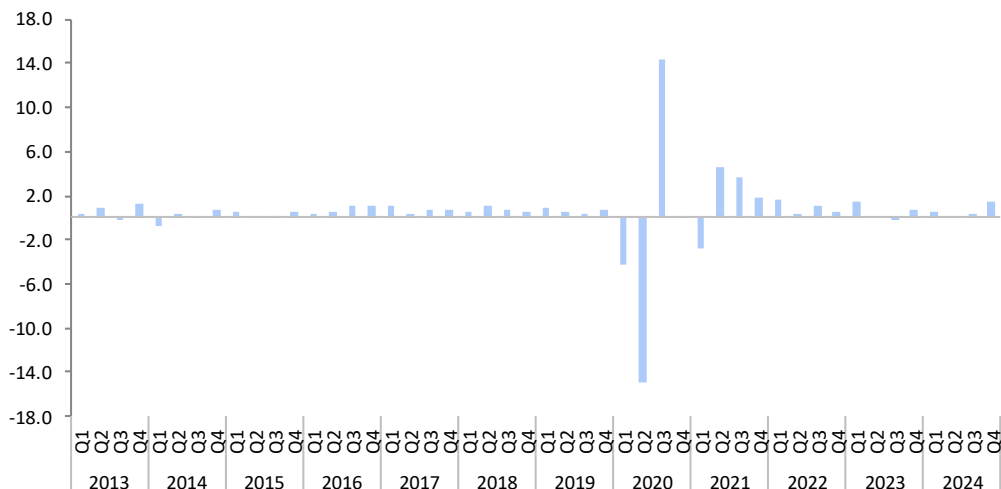


Figure 2. Gross Domestic Product (chain-linked volume data, reference year=2021)

Calendar and seasonally adjusted data
Quarter-on-quarter rate of change, %





METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLASH ESTIMATES

The publication of quarterly data of the National Accounts is made at t+30 days (GDP flash estimate), t+60 days (detailed results for GDP and its components) and t+85 days (detailed results by institutional sector). It should be recalled that the flash estimates of the rates of change of quarterly GDP in volume are released 30 days after the reference quarter since the second quarter of 2020.

Since the first quarter 2017, when the testing period for the compilation of the GDP flash estimate at t+30 days started, the mean absolute revision vis-à-vis the GDP year-on-year rate of change in volume released at t+60 days was 0.1 percentage points and the revision never exceeded 0.3 percentage points. The magnitude of these revisions is similar to other Member-States.

The flash estimates are calculated using the same methodology, and preferably the same basic information, compared to the Quarterly National Accounts current estimate. It stands out in particular:

- The preliminary version for the short-term statistics for the month of December (retail trade turnover, industry turnover, industrial production, prices in industrial production and services turnover);
- The balance of payments provisional information for the month of December;
- The latest version for international goods trade statistics corresponding to the flash estimate released on January 29, 2025. To estimate the deflators for external trade of goods, the unit value monthly indices were used, calculated based on the international goods trade statistics for October and November 2024.

As mentioned in previous editions, this flash estimate uses complementary data sources, particularly the data of the electronic system for issuing invoices and automatic communication to the Tax Authority (e-invoice system) and operations on the automatic teller machines of the Multibanco network.

Understandably, the early publication of the present data carries a greater risk of higher revisions, mainly reflecting the smaller amount of available primary information. However, this early release of macroeconomic information, allows the alignment of Portugal with other EU countries.

These results are calculated from chain-linked volume data (2021=100) and data are calendar and seasonally adjusted.

Next Press Release of Quarterly National Accounts - Detailed estimates of Quarterly National Accounts for the fourth quarter of 2024 will be released on February 28, 2025.
