

Real GDP decreases by 4.4% in Q3/2023 while non-oil activities grow by 3.5%

According to estimates of the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT), the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Saudi Arabia decreased by 4.4% in Q3/2023 compared to the same quarter of 2022 (Q3/2022). The seasonally adjusted real GDP decreased by 3.2% compared to the previous quarter (Q2/2023). Non-oil activities increased by 3.5% y-o-y and 0.4% q-o-q, and government activities grew by 1.9% y-o-y, while decreasing by 3.8% q-o-q. Oil activities decreased by 17.0% y-o-y and 8.5% q-o-q. (Figure.1&2)

Figure 1. Quarterly Real GDP Growth Rates (Year-on-Year, %)

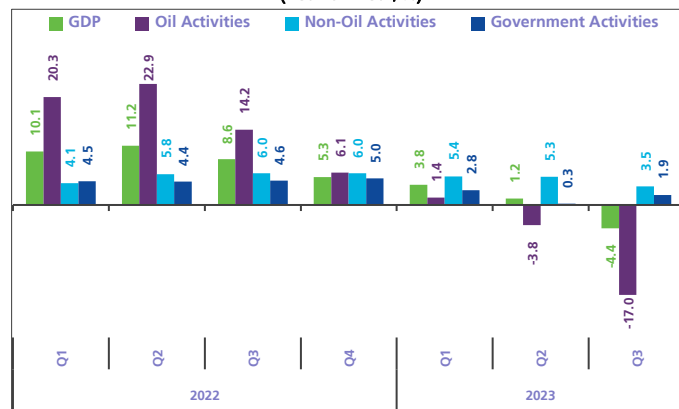
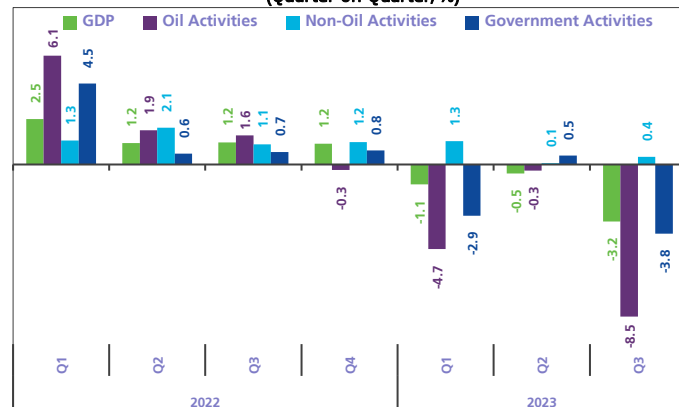


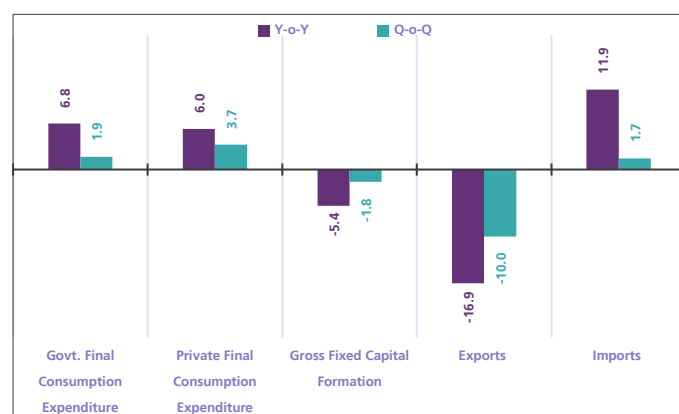
Figure 2. Seasonally Adjusted Quarterly Real GDP Growth Rates (Quarter-on-Quarter, %)



Real GDP by expenditure components

Private final consumption expenditure in Q3/2023 grew by 6.0% y-o-y (3.7% q-o-q) and government final consumption expenditure grew by 6.8% y-o-y (1.9% q-o-q). Gross fixed capital formation decreased by 5.4% y-o-y (1.8% q-o-q). Imports increased by 11.9% y-o-y (1.7% q-o-q), while exports decreased by 16.9% y-o-y (10.0% q-o-q). (Figure.3)

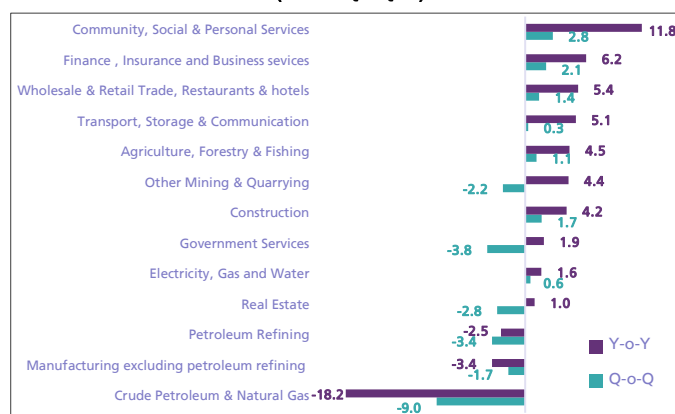
Figure 3. Real GDP Growth Rates by Expenditure Components (Y-o-Y & Q-o-Q, %)



Real GDP by economic activities

Most economic activities recorded positive growth rates on an annual basis in Q3/2023. Community, social & personal services activities grew by 11.8% y-o-y (2.8% q-o-q), Finance, insurance and business services grew by 6.2% y-o-y (2.1% q-o-q) followed by wholesale and retail trade, restaurants, and hotel activities by 5.4% y-o-y (1.4% q-o-q). (Figure.4)

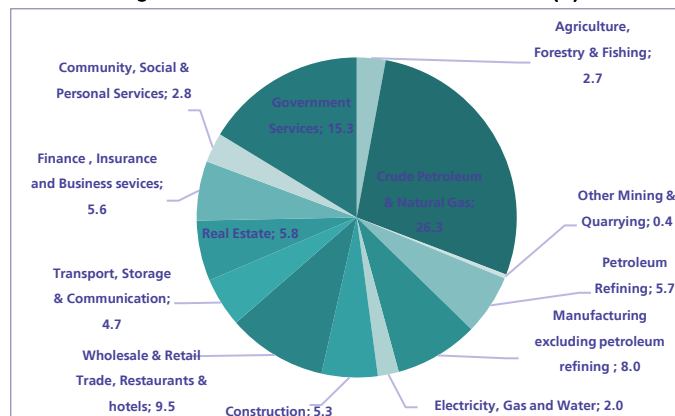
Figure 4. Quarterly Real GDP Growth Rates by Economic Activities (Y-o-Y & Q-o-Q, %)



Contribution of economic activities to GDP at current prices

Gross Domestic Product at current prices amounted to SAR 997 billion in Q3/2023, crude petroleum and natural gas activities provided the highest contribution to GDP with a share of 26.3%, followed by government services activities with 15.3%, then wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and hotel activities with 9.5%. (Figure.5)

Figure 5. Contribution of Economic Activities to GDP (%)



Definitions

GDP (Production approach):
It is the total production minus the total intermediate consumption of all economic activities plus net taxes on products.

GDP (Expenditure approach):
It is final expenditure at purchasers' prices, which include government final consumption expenditure, private final consumption expenditure, gross capital formation and net exports (exports minus imports).

Seasonal Adjustments of GDP:
Seasonally adjusted data means that seasons, holidays and calendar effects are removed to make data comparable across quarters.

Oil activities:
Include crude oil, natural gas and refining activities.

Government services activities:
Include the activities of all government agencies listed in the government's final account and the entities that produce non-market services and controlled by government.

Non-oil activities:
Include all other economic activities except oil activities and government services activities.

Methodology. Tables.