

Non-oil Activities grow by 6.1% and lead the Saudi economy to achieve growth of 1.2%

According to estimates by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT), the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Saudi Arabia grew by 1.2% in Q2/2023 compared to the same quarter in 2022 (Q2/2022) while the seasonally adjusted real GDP decreased by 0.2%. Non-oil activities increased by (6.1% Y-o-Y; 1.6% Q-o-Q), and Government activities grew by (2.3% Y-o-Y; 0.5% Q-o-Q). While Oil activities decreased by (4.3% Y-o-Y; 1.5% Q-o-Q) (Figure.1&2)

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

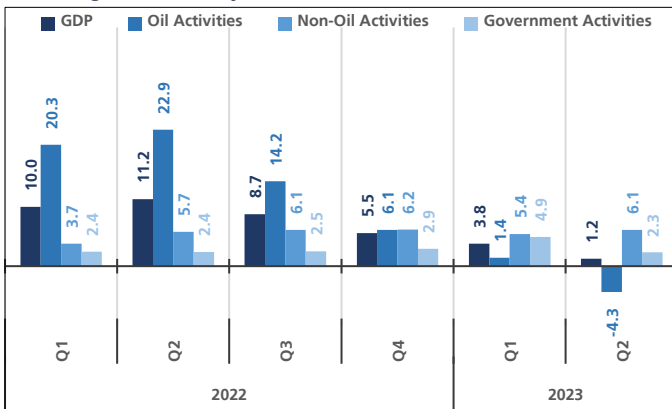
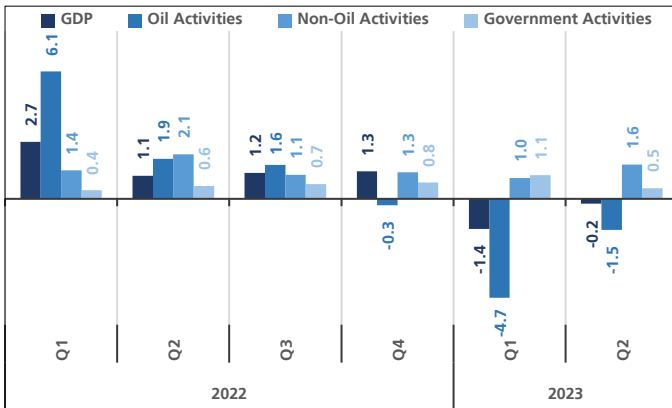


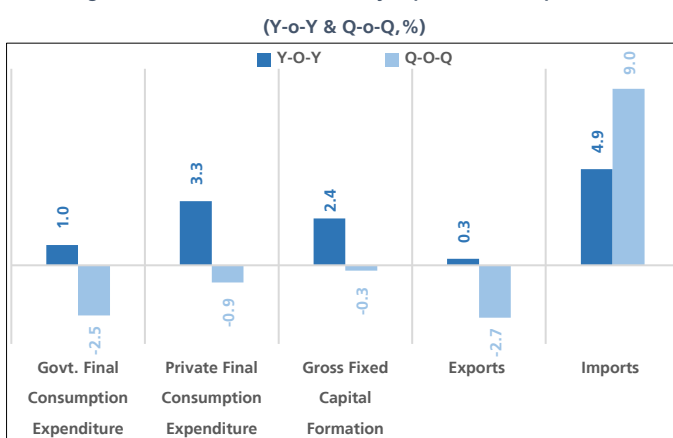
Figure 2. Seasonally Adjusted Quarterly Real GDP Growth Rates (Quarter-on-Quarter, %)



Real GDP by expenditure components

Private final consumption expenditure grew by 3.3% Y-o-Y and recorded a decrease by 0.9% Q-o-Q. Gross fixed capital formation increased by 2.4% Y-o-Y while decreased by 0.3% Q-o-Q, government final consumption expenditure grew by 1.0% Y-o-Y while decreased by 2.5% Q-o-Q, on the level of trade balance Imports grew by (4.9% Y-o-Y ; 9.0% Q-o-Q) ,exports increased by 0.3% Y-o-Y and decreased by 2.7% Q-o-Q (Figure.3)

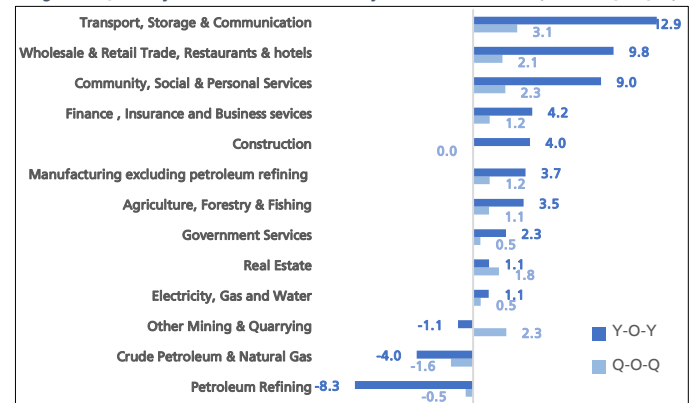
Figure 3. Real GDP Growth Rates by Expenditure Components (Y-o-Y & Q-o-Q, %)



Real GDP by economic activities at constant prices

Most economic activities recorded positive growth rates on an annual basis in Q2/2023. Transport, storage, and communication activities recorded the highest growth rates by (12.9% Y-o-Y; 3.1% Q-o-Q), followed by wholesale and retail trade, restaurants, and hotels activities by (9.8% Y-o-Y; 2.1% Q-o-Q). Community, social & personal services activities grew by (9.0% Y-o-Y; 2.3% Q-o-Q). (Figure.4)

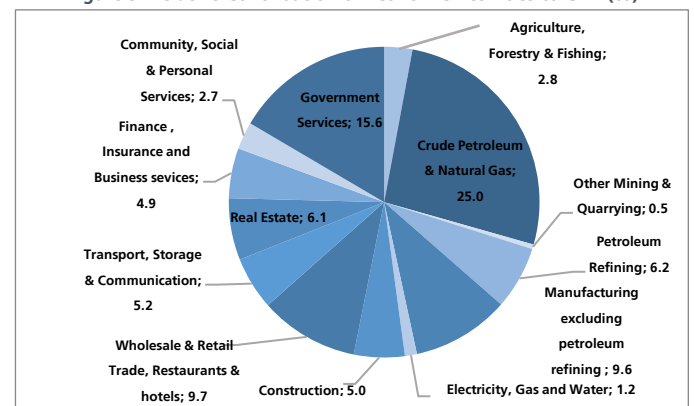
Figure 4. Quarterly Real GDP Growth Rates by Economic Activities (Y-o-Y & Q-o-Q, %)



Contribution of economic activities to GDP at current prices

The Gross Domestic Product at current prices amounted to SAR 970 billion in Q2/2023, crude petroleum and natural gas activities achieved the highest contribution to GDP with 25.0%, followed by government services activities with 15.6%, then wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and hotels activities with 9.7%. (Figure.5)

Figure 5. Relative 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.](#)