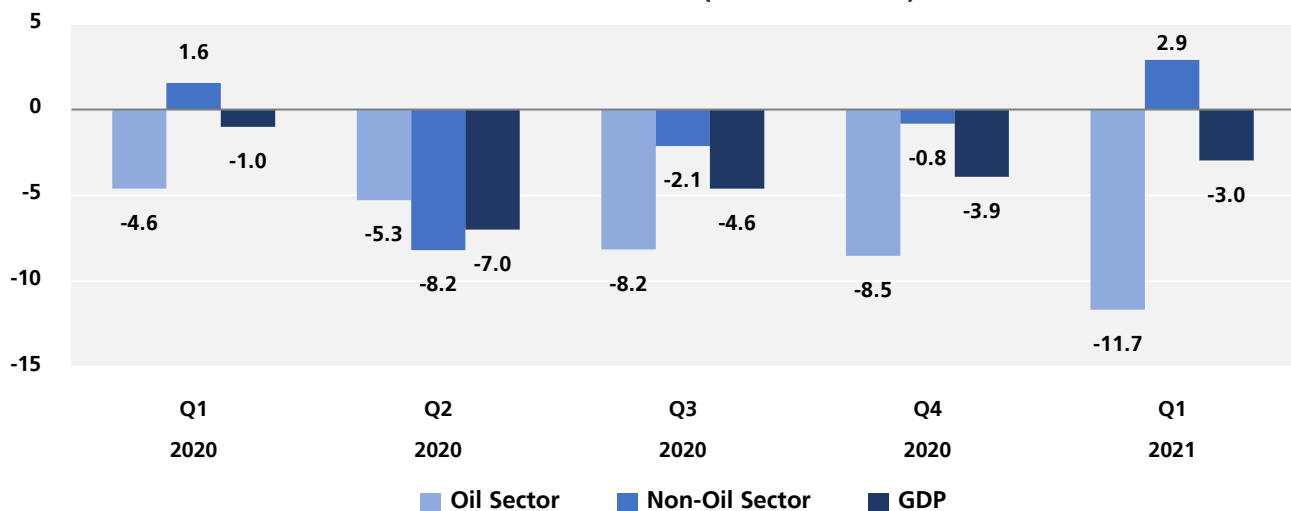




Non-oil sector grows 2.9% in Q1/2021, while overall GDP declines 3.0%

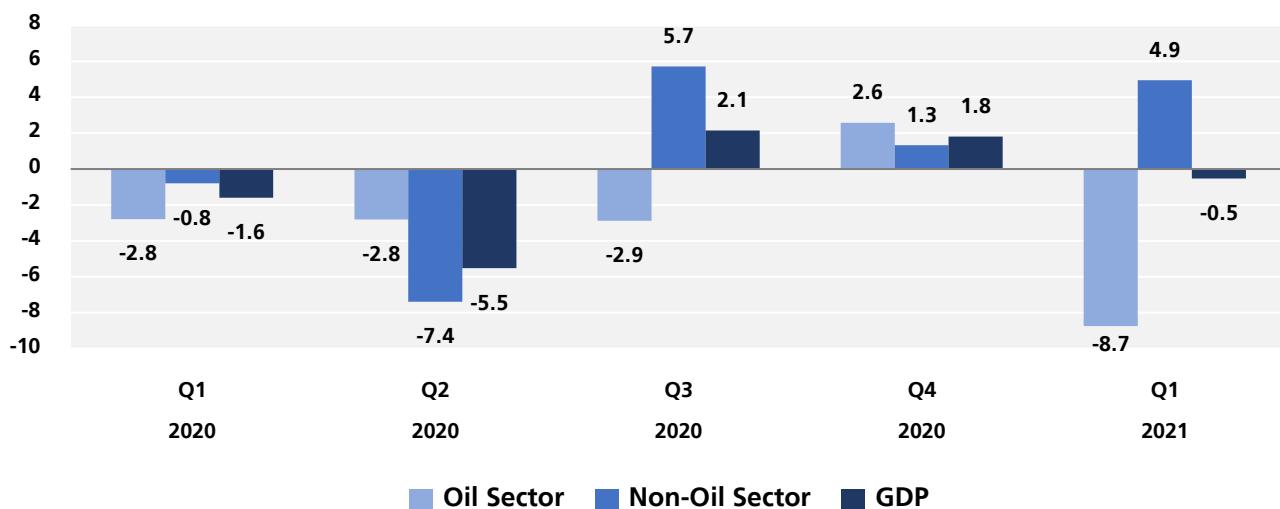
According to the estimates of the General Authority for Statistics, GDP declined by 3.0% in Q1/2021 compared to the same quarter of 2020. This negative growth resulted mainly from the contraction in the oil sector by 11.7%, while the Non-oil sector recorded a positive growth rate of 2.9%. The private sector expanded by 4.4%, while the government sector recorded a slight negative growth rate of 0.4%.

Real GDP Growth Rates (Year-on-Year, %)



Compared to the previous quarter, seasonally adjusted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Saudi Arabia recorded a negative growth of 0.5%. This decrease resulted mainly from the decline in the oil sector by 8.7% while the Non-oil sector recorded a positive growth of 4.9%. The positive growth of the Non-oil sector is due to the growth in the private sector growing by 6.3%, as well as the government sector, increasing by 1.7%.

Real GDP Growth Rates (Quarter-on-Quarter, %)



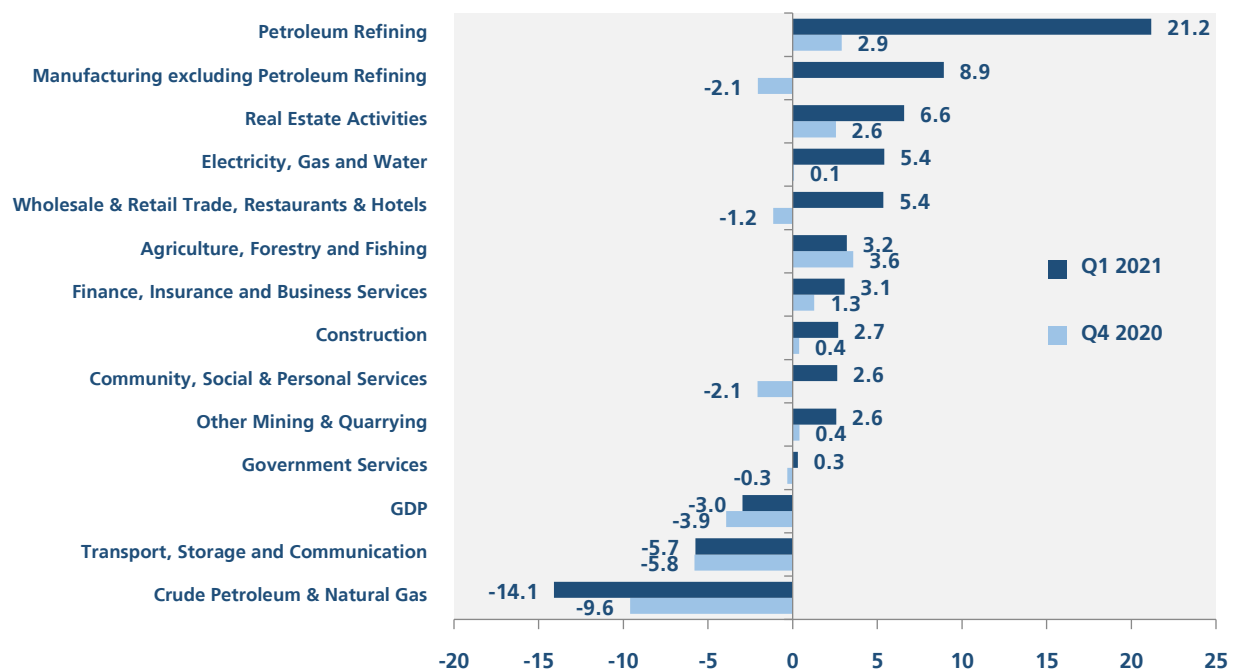
Real Gross Domestic Product by Economic Activity, Q1/2021

- Growth of main economic activities on a year-on-year basis**

In Q1/2021, economic growth was the highest in Petroleum Refining Activities with a positive growth of 21.2% (yoy) compared to +2.9% in Q4/2020, followed by Manufacturing excluding petroleum refining activities +8.9% compared to a negative growth of 2.1% in Q4/2020.

On the other hand, the crude petroleum & natural gas recorded the largest decline of -14.1% compared to -9.6%, followed by the transport, storage and communication -5.7% compared to -5.8% in Q4/2020.

Growth Rate by Main Economic Activity, Q1_2021 (Year-on-Year, %)



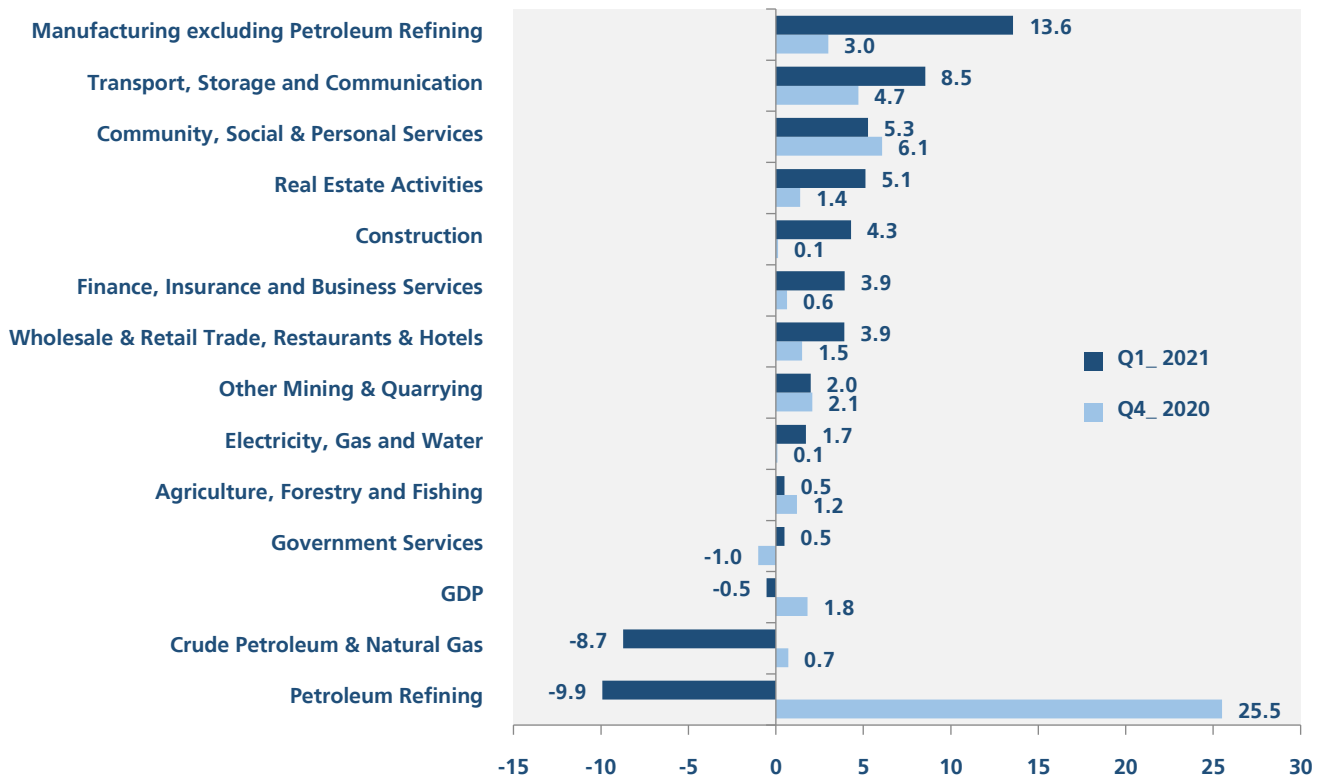
- Growth of main economic activities on a quarter-on-quarter basis**

In Q1/2021, all economic activities recorded positive growth except Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas and Petroleum Refining activities. The manufacturing activities excluding Petroleum Refining recorded the highest positive growth of 13.6% (qoq) compared to +3.0% in Q4/2020, other activities which recorded positive growth in Q1/2021 were Transport, Storage and Communication activities with a growth of 8.5% compared to +4.7% in Q4/2020, Community, Social & Personal services recorded a growth of 5.3% compared to +6.1% in Q4/2020.

On the other hand, the petroleum refining activities recorded the highest negative growth of 9.9% compared to +25.5% in Q4/2020, as well as Crude petroleum & natural gas recorded a negative growth of 8.7% in Q1/2021 compared to +0.7% in Q4/2020.



Growth Rate by Main Economic Activity, Q1_2021 (Quarter-on-Quarter, %)

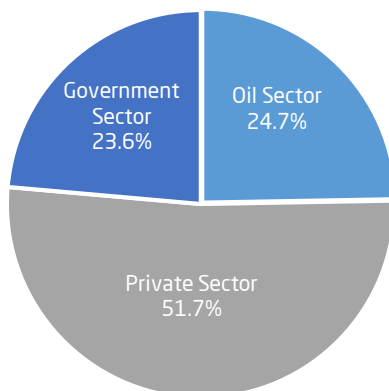


Size of Economy and Shares of Sectors and Activities at current prices

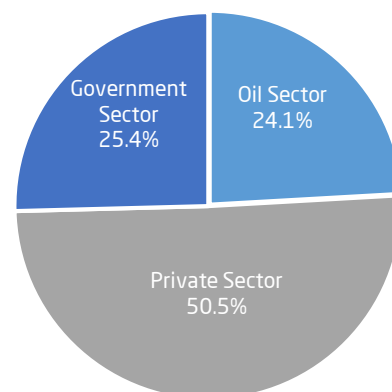
Saudi GDP at current prices amounted to 706,410 million SAR in the first quarter of 2021.

The private sector accounted for 51.7% of GDP, followed by the government sector with a share of 23.6%, and the oil sector with a share of 24.7%.

Share of Sectors in GDP, Q1_2021



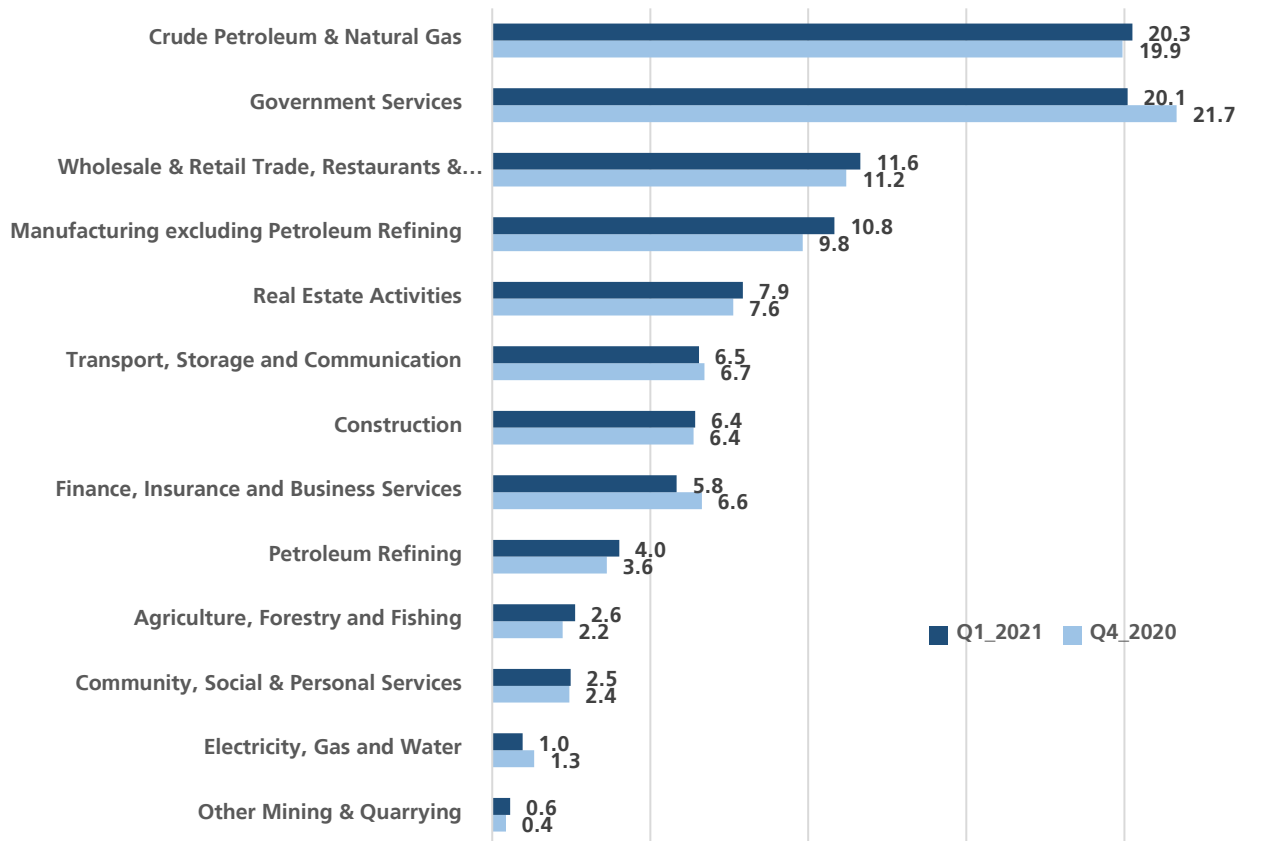
Share of Sectors in GDP, Q4_2020





The contribution to GDP of individual economic activities showed that crude petroleum & natural Gas share of GDP increased from 19.9% in Q4/2020 to 20.3% in Q1/2021, while government services share of GDP decreased from 21.7% in Q4/2020 to 20.1% in Q1/2021. Moreover, wholesale & retail trade, restaurants & hotel services contributed with 11.6% Q1/2021 and manufacturing excluding petroleum refining recorded 10.8% of GDP.

Contribution to GDP by Main Economic Activity, Q1 of 2021 (%)

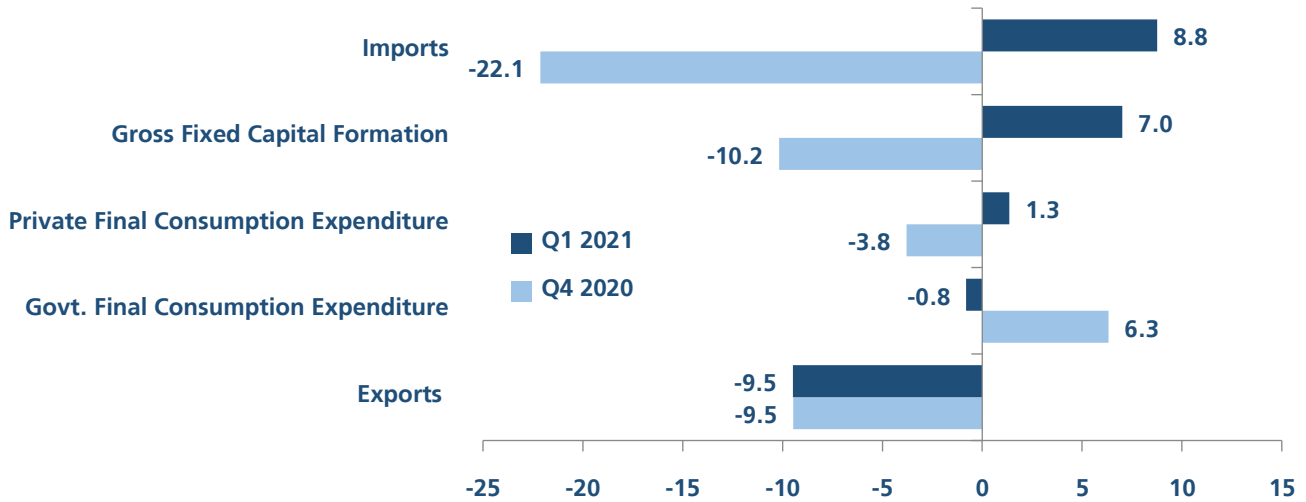


Real Gross Domestic Product by Expenditure Components, Q1/2021

- Growth of expenditure items on a year-on-year basis**

Imports recorded the highest positive growth rate of 8.8% in Q1/2021 on a year-on-year basis compared to -22.1% in Q4/2020. Fixed capital formation increased by 7.0% compared to -10.2% in Q4/2020. Private final consumption expenditure recorded a growth rate of 1.3% compared to -3.8% in Q4/2020. Government final consumption expenditure recorded a negative growth rate of 0.8% compared to +6.3% in Q4/2020. Exports recorded the highest negative growth of 9.5% compared to -9.5% in Q4/2020.

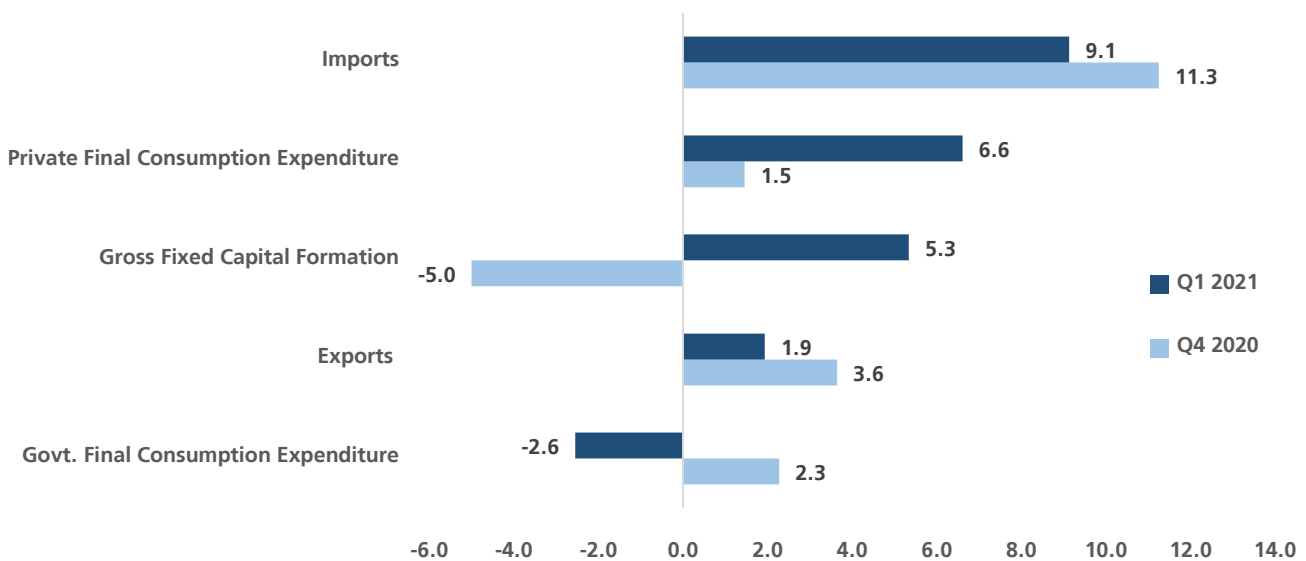
Growth rate by expenditure component in Q1_2021 (Year-on-Year, %)



- Growth of expenditure items on a quarter-on-quarter basis

Comparing the economic development of Q1/2021 to the previous quarter, International trade showed a remarkable pick-up in Q1/2021, with imports of goods & services growing by 9.1% compared to +11.3% in Q4/2020. Exports of goods & services increased by 1.9% compared to +3.6% in Q4/2020. Private final consumption expenditure achieved a growth rate of 6.6% compared to +1.5% in Q4/2020. Fixed capital formation recorded positive growth of 5.3% compared to -5.0% in Q4/2020. Government final consumption expenditure recorded a negative growth rate of 2.6% compared to +2.3% in Q4/2020.

Growth rate by expenditure component in Q1_2021 (Quarter-on-Quarter, %)

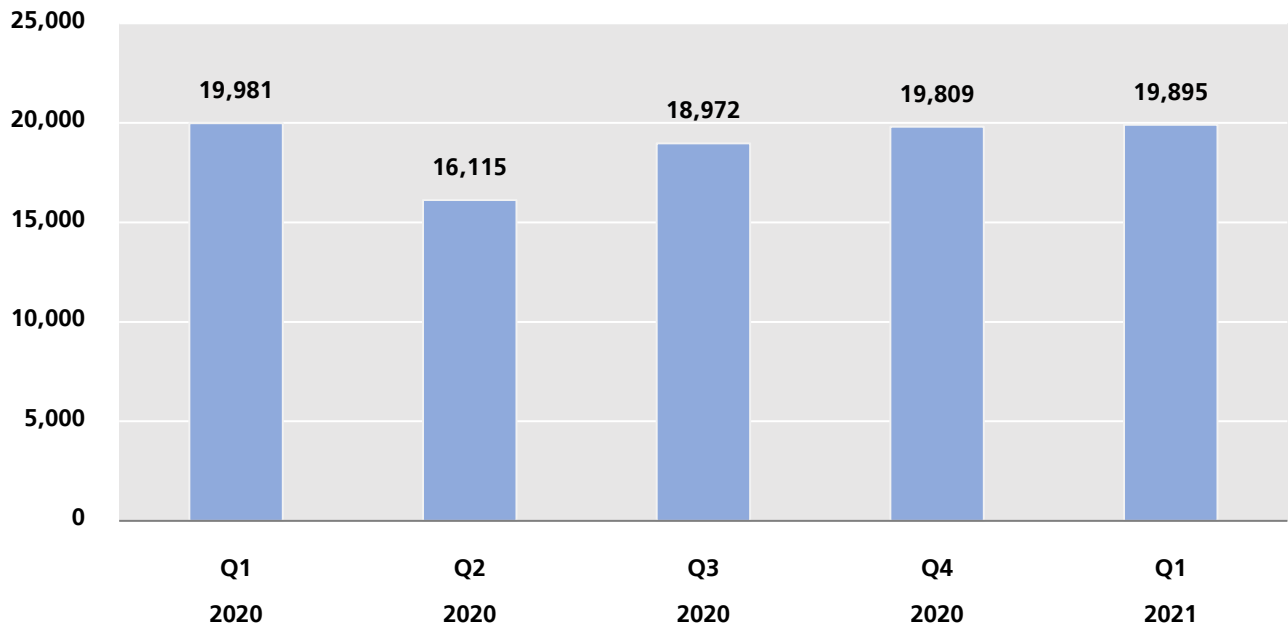




GDP per capita

GDP per capita at current prices amounted to 19,895 SAR in the first quarter of 2021, down by 0.43% from the same quarter of the previous year, but +0.44% more than the previous quarter.

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita (SAR)





Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Gross Domestic Product (by production approach):

The total output minus total intermediate consumption for all economic activities plus net taxes on products.

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Methodological Note on Seasonal Adjustment Of Quarterly GDP

Definition

It is the process of estimating and removing the seasonal and calendar effects from data. So, Seasonal Adjusted data means that it does not contain seasonal and calendar effects which are caused by climate conditions, social habits and calendar events such as Eid-al-adha and Eid-al-fitr holidays and changes in weekends compositions.

Methods

Seasonal adjustment is carried out with TRAMO-SEATS method based on ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model of estimation that suggested by International Organizations. In the application of this method, JDemetra+ is used which is the software in accordance with International Standards of Statistics. Quarterly Gross Domestic Product by activities are adjusted and the seasonal and calendar effects are removed, In accordance with international guidelines, the annual sum of seasonally adjusted quarterly data is equated to the annual sum of calendar adjusted quarterly data from 2021.

Quality Assessment of Seasonal Adjustment

The quality of seasonal adjustment is measured by the help of standard statistical tests e.g. T-test & F-test .

Revision Policy

By the nature of seasonal adjustment modelling procedures, seasonal adjusted figures are subject to revisions over time. These revisions are implemented on the seasonal adjusted figures as performed in original data.

Using Seasonal Adjusted Data

Seasonal adjusted data mainly used in the comparisons of the present quarter data by the previous quarter. Also, it can be used by academicians, politicians, bureaucrats, planners and decision makers who want to see the long-term trend of quarterly gross domestic product. In addition, the international organizations use seasonal adjusted data to make comparisons between countries.



GDP and Growth Rates by Economic Activity for Q1-2021						
Economic Activity	At Current Prices		At Constant Prices		Seasonally Adjusted	
	Million SAR	Y-o-Y Growth (%) Rate	Million SAR	Y-o-Y Growth (%) Rate	Million SAR	Q-o-Q Growth (%) Rate
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	18,524	6.2	16,648	3.2	15,752	0.5
Mining & Quarrying	147,083	-7.1	213,033	-13.9	212,651	-8.6
a) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	143,063	-7.4	209,861	-14.1	209,861	-8.7
b) Other	4,020	6.2	3,172	2.6	2,790	2.0
Manufacturing	104,862	13.4	82,532	11.8	81,855	6.4
a) Petroleum Refining	28,395	19.5	21,188	21.2	21,188	-9.9
b) Other	76,466	11.2	61,344	8.9	60,666	13.6
Electricity, Gas, and Water	6,776	14.1	4,038	5.4	8,384	1.7
Construction	45,370	7.8	30,641	2.7	30,913	4.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Restaurants & Hotels	82,266	8.4	64,964	5.4	64,070	3.9
Transport, Storage & Communication	46,202	-1.4	40,044	-5.7	42,651	8.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate Activities & Business Services	97,241	2.9	70,741	5.0	72,679	4.6
a) Real estate activities	55,996	3.4	38,706	6.6	38,340	5.1
b) Others	41,245	2.2	32,035	3.1	34,339	3.9
Community, Social & Personal Services	17,548	-0.2	15,009	2.6	14,841	5.3
Imputed Bank Service Charges	6,506	5.4	5,789	6.3	6,078	1.5
Sub - Total	559,366	2.7	531,862	-3.6	537,718	-0.7
Government Services	142,025	-2.7	99,026	0.3	93,561	0.5
Total Except Import Duties	701,391	1.5	630,887	-3.0	631,278	-0.6
Import Duties	5,019	7.2	3,705	2.8	4,325	3.8
Gross Domestic Product	706,410	1.6	634,593	-3.0	635,604	-0.5

GDP by Expenditure at Current Prices, Q1 2021 (Million SAR)						
Period	GDP	Government Final Consumption Expenditure	Private Final Consumption Expenditure	Gross Capital Formation	Exports	Imports
Q1 2019	718,543	151,611	284,817	206,588	270,641	195,115
Q2 2019	740,032	173,041	289,382	212,651	274,617	209,659
Q3 2019	745,369	173,464	291,597	221,431	262,079	203,201
Q4 2019	769,681	211,055	292,023	215,019	264,638	213,053
Total 2019	2,973,626	709,171	1,157,819	855,689	1,071,975	821,028
Q1 2020	695,570	167,334	288,972	190,377	215,837	166,950
Q2 2020	564,211	169,209	243,536	189,100	121,357	158,991
Q3 2020	668,098	179,780	295,709	166,572	167,009	140,972
Q4 2020	697,563	232,789	300,495	146,884	187,408	170,012
Total 2020	2,625,442	749,112	1,128,712	692,933	691,611	636,926
Q1 2021	706,410	164,082	314,937	191,979	220,348	184,936

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