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Quarterly National Accounts – Flash Estimate
Third Quarter 2019

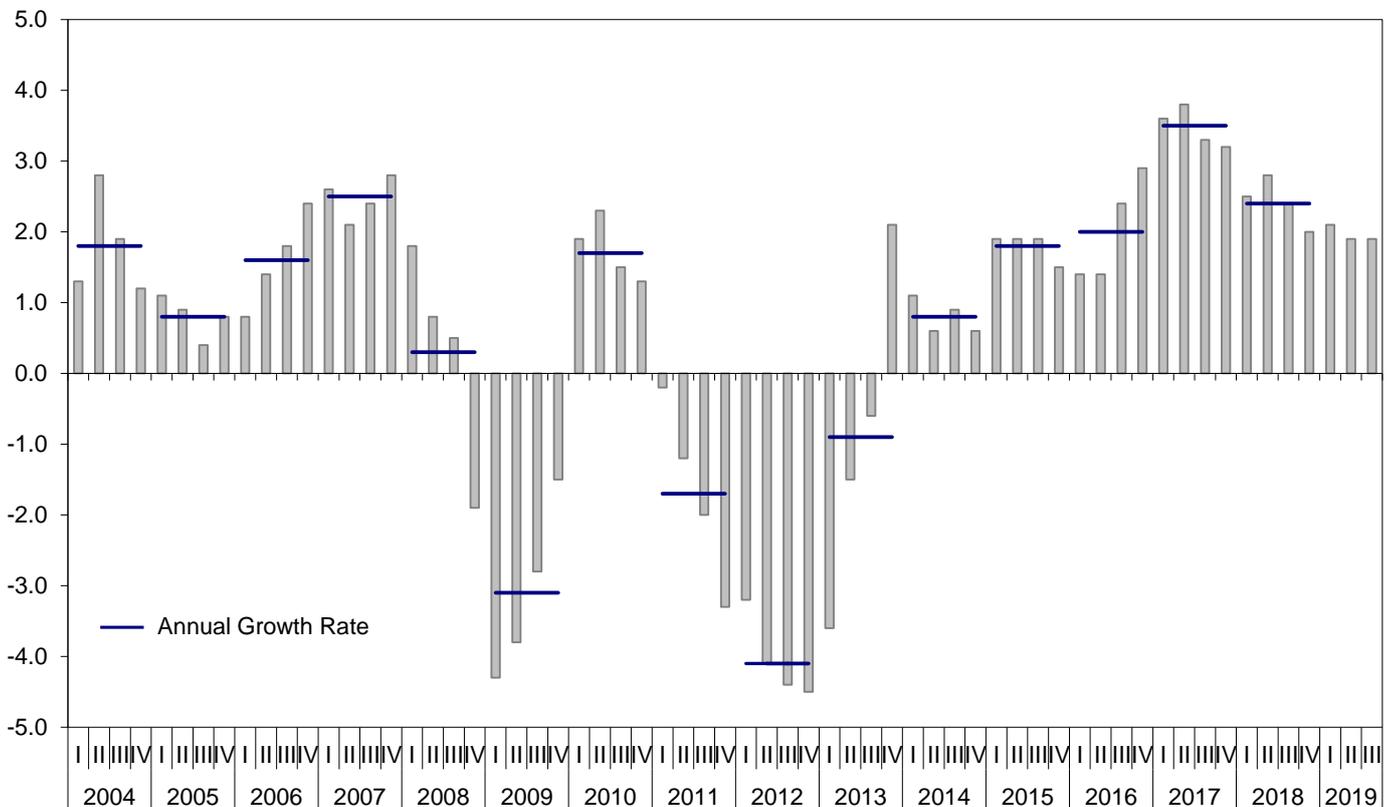
GDP grew 1.9% year-on-year

The Portuguese Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 1.9% in volume in the third quarter of 2019 (same rate as in the previous quarter). The positive contribution of domestic demand to the year-on-year GDP rate of change remained unchanged in the third quarter, as private consumption accelerated, while Investment increased at a slower pace. The contribution of net external demand remained negative, with both Imports and Exports of Goods and Services accelerating.

When compared with the second quarter of 2019, GDP increased by 0.3% in real terms (0.6% in the previous quarter), reflecting the positive contribution of domestic demand to the quarter-on-quarter GDP rate of change, higher than in the second quarter, and the more negative contribution of net external demand.

Gross Domestic Product

Chain-linked volume data (reference year=2016)
Year-on-year quarterly change rate, %



This flash estimate includes revisions in the basic data, particularly due to updated information on external trade of goods and on short term indicators. Despite this new set of information, the GDP year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter rates of change remained unchanged.

Gross Domestic Product

Chain linked volume data (reference year=2016)

	Flash Estimate								
	3Q 17	4Q 17	1Q 18	2Q 18	3Q 18	4Q 18	1Q 19	2Q 19	3Q 19
Year-on-Year Quarterly Growth Rate (%)	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9
Quarter-on-Quarter Growth Rate (%)	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3

	2016	2017	2018
Annual Growth Rate (%)	2.0	3.5	2.4

2016 and 2017: final data; 2018: provisional data

Methodological information about the flash estimates

Flash estimates for GDP constitute the first synthetic indication on the quarterly behaviour for the Portuguese economy and do not replace the main estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (also designated as current estimates), more accurate and detailed, which are published at t+2 months (approximately 60 days) after the end of the reference quarter.

These flash estimates are calculated using the same methodology, and preferably the same basic information, compared to the Quarterly National Accounts current estimate. The percentage of basic information available for flash estimates is over 80%. Methods for imputation and forecasting are used in the cases where basic information is not complete, selected after a series of tests performed over a large sample. One must take into consideration that the flash estimates might be subject to larger revisions (when compared to current estimates), although the percentage of basic information available is high.

In the real time tests carried out from the second quarter 2005 onwards, the mean absolute error for the flash estimate was 0.1 percentage points for both year-on-year quarterly change rate and quarter-on-quarter change rate, when compared to the current estimate. It should be reminded that the usual information on Quarterly Unit Value Indices for International Trade in Goods used in the compilation of the current estimates of the Quarterly National Accounts is not available when this flash estimate is produced.

This press release only includes information on quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year quarterly change rates in real terms. Change rates included in this press release are calculated from chain-linked volume data (2016=100). Data are calendar and seasonally adjusted.

Next Press Release of Quarterly National Accounts

Current estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (detailed results) for the third quarter 2019 will be published in 29th November 2019.