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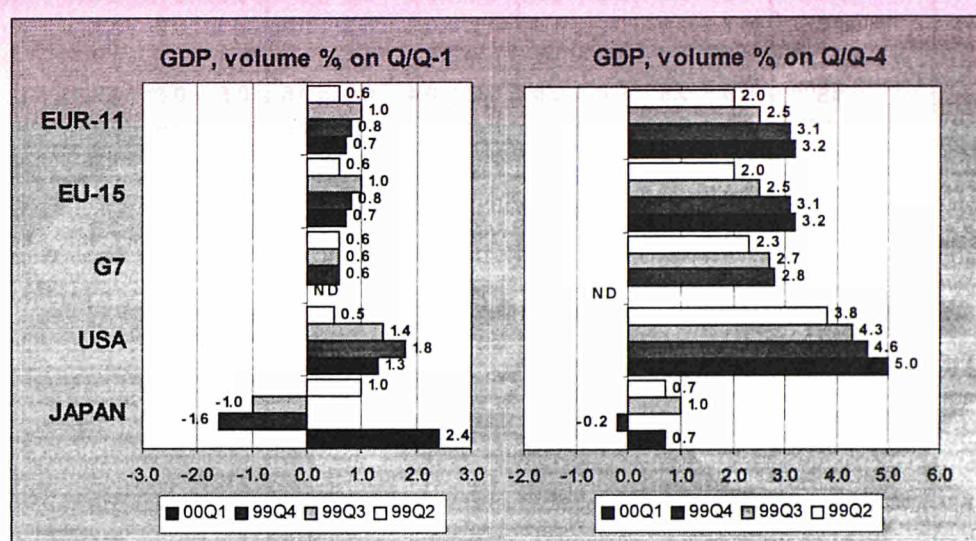
Development of GDP and its components

Percentage change over previous period – in volume

Percentage change over the same period of the previous year – in volume

GDP and its components in millions of euro at constant prices 1995

Contribution of components to the variation in GDP – in volume



First Eurostat estimates¹ point out that economic growth rose by 0.7% in the euro-zone² (EUR-11) and the European Union (EU-15) during the first quarter of 2000. These figures follow a rise of 0.8% for both the euro-zone and EU-15 in the previous quarter.

Amongst the components of the domestic demand, a robust acceleration was recorded in Gross fixed capital formation in the euro-zone (+0.5 of GDP variation) and in the EU-15 (+0.4 of GDP variation). Similar behaviour was observed for exports and imports (+1.1 and -1.1 of GDP variation, respectively, for the euro-zone and +1.1 and -1.0 of GDP variation for the EU-15). Conversely, the growth in Household's final consumption expenditure stalled (+0.0 of GDP variation for both the euro-zone and the EU-15).

In the United States, economic growth slowed in the first quarter of 2000, with GDP increasing by 1.3%, compared to 1.8% in the previous quarter. Conversely, in Japan, GDP recorded a strong resumption (+2.4% compared to -1.6% in the previous quarter).

In comparison with the first quarter of 1999, euro-zone and EU-15 GDP rose by 3.2%. In the United States, GDP increased by 5.0%, while in Japan it recorded a resumption (+0.7%).

¹ Methodological note: data for euro-zone and EU-15 are calculated within a coherent and consistent statistical framework using as indicators the available data from the Member States. Given that certain Member States have not published their quarterly accounts yet, and that certain data are provisional, euro-zone and EU-15 data must also be considered as provisional. Revisions are likely in the coming weeks.

² The euro-zone consists of the following countries: Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.



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EUROZONE, EUROPEAN UNION AND MAIN ECONOMIC AREAS OR PARTNERS																				
GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS - IN VOLUME																				
Percent change over the same period of the previous year																				
EUR-11				EU-15				G7				USA								
1999		2000		1999		2000		1999		2000		1999								
Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3							
GDP	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	:	0.5	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.0	-1.0	-1.6	2.4
HFCE	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	:	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.1	-0.2	-1.6	1.8
GFCE	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	-0.1	0.7	0.7	:	0.3	1.2	1.6	-0.9	-1.3	0.9	-0.1	0.8
GFCF	1.0	1.7	0.4	2.1	0.9	1.5	0.5	2.0	1.3	-0.3	0.7	:	1.4	1.5	1.3	4.2	1.3	-4.0	-0.6	1.2
IS ⁽¹⁾	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	:	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
DD	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	:	0.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.0	-1.3	-1.3	1.8
EXP	2.7	3.5	2.6	3.2	2.6	3.8	2.1	3.2	2.0	3.7	1.3	:	1.0	2.8	2.4	1.3	1.5	5.0	0.7	5.4
IMP	2.5	2.5	2.1	3.2	2.1	2.8	1.9	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.4	:	3.4	3.5	2.1	3.0	2.6	2.8	5.0	-0.6
EB ⁽¹⁾	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.1	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	-0.9	-0.7	-0.9	:	-3.9	-4.0	-4.0	-4.3	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.8

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Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3							
GDP	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.2	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.2	2.3	2.7	2.8	:	3.8	4.3	4.6	5.0	0.7	1.0	-0.2	0.7
HFCE	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.8	3.4	3.5	3.3	:	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	1.9	1.7	0.1	1.0
GFCE	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.4	2.1	2.1	:	1.5	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.4	1.2	0.2	0.2
GFCF	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.6	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.3	:	7.8	8.6	7.2	8.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-2.1
DD	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.4	:	4.9	5.3	5.8	5.9	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
EXP	2.2	5.5	9.3	12.6	2.2	5.6	8.8	12.2	1.7	5.4	7.0	:	3.0	6.3	4.8	7.7	-0.4	3.8	7.4	13.1
IMP	5.2	7.0	8.2	10.7	5.1	7.0	8.0	10.2	6.9	9.2	10.2	:	10.7	13.2	12.6	12.7	4.2	7.1	13.3	10.0

EUROZONE, EUROPEAN UNION AND MAIN ECONOMIC AREAS OR PARTNERS														
GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS - IN VOLUME														
First quarter, 2000, millions euro, at constant prices 1995														
EUR-11				EU-15				G7				USA		
1999		2000		1999		2000		1999		2000		1999		
Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
GDP	1 475 230.3			1 833 739.4								1 716 515.5		1 038 099.3
HFCE	820 404.3			1 046 180.4								1 162 466.9		621 597.0
GFCE	291 063.6			362 212.9								233 578.9		103 850.0
GFCF	319 931.2			390 248.4								382 088.4		280 791.8
IS	12 361.6			11 390.8								12 083.1		2 875.7
DD	1 443 760.8			1 810 032.5								1 790 217.2		1 009 114.3
EXP	541 816.5			668 180.9								211 430.4		118 475.4
IMP	510 347.0			644 474.0								285 132.1		89 490.4
EB	31 469.5			23 706.9								- 73 701.7		28 985.0

Legend:

GDP : Gross domestic product

GFCF: Gross fixed capital formation

EXP: Exports

HFCE: Household final consumption expenditure

IS : Changes in inventories

IMP : Imports

GFCE: Government final consumption expenditure

DD : Domestic demand

EB : External balance

Euro-zone and EU-15 aggregates are compiled making use of the seasonally adjusted data of the Member States. These data are seasonally adjusted according to national adjustment procedures.

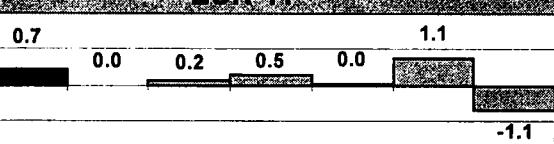
¹ Percentage of GDP (seasonally adjusted)

		EU-11												EU-15									
		1999				2000				1999				2000				1999		2000			
		GDP	T/T-1	T/T-4	HFCE	GFCF	T/T-1	T/T-4	IS	EXP	GDP	T/T-1	T/T-4	HFCE	GFCF	T/T-1	T/T-4	GDP	T/T-1	T/T-4	HFCE	GFCF	T/T-1
GDP	T/T-1	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.0	-1.0	-1.6	2.4		
	T/T-4	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.2	2.0	2.5	3.1	3.2	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.8	4.3	4.6	5.0	0.7	1.0	-0.2	0.7		
HFCE	T/T-1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.7	-0.1	-1.0	1.1		
	T/T-4	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.6		
GFCF	T/T-1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1		
	T/T-4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0		
GFCF	T/T-1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.4	-1.1	-0.2	0.3		
	T/T-4	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.6		
IS	T/T-1	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3		
	T/T-4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1		
EXP	T/T-1	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.6		
	T/T-4	0.7	1.9	3.1	4.3	0.8	1.9	3.0	4.1	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.8	1.3		
IMP	T/T-1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-1.1	-0.7	-0.9	-0.6	-1.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.1		
	T/T-4	-1.6	-2.2	-2.6	-3.4	-1.6	-2.3	-2.6	-3.3	-1.2	-1.6	-1.9	-1.9	-1.6	-2.0	-1.9	-2.0	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-0.8		

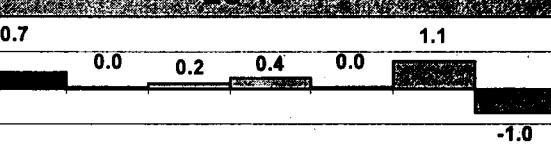
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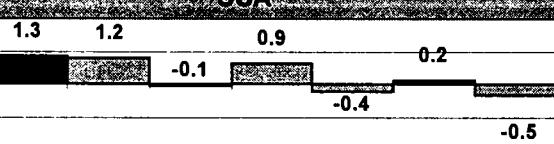
EUR-11



EUR-15



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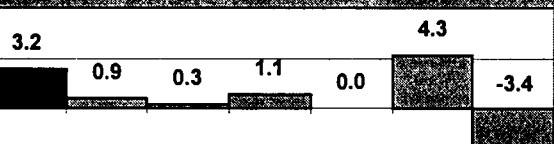


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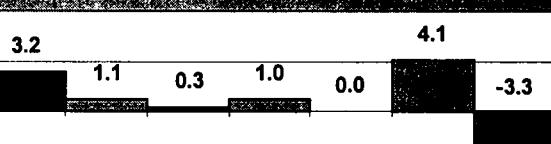


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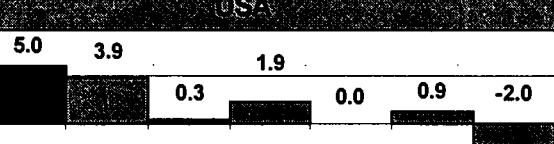
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² Contributions to change in GDP are calculated by expressing changes in components, compared with the previous quarter (or year), as a percentage of the GDP in the reference period.

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