

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY GDP

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Our monthly estimates of GDP suggest that output declined by 0.2 per cent in the three months ending in June after growing by 0.1 per cent in the three months ending in May 2012. These data are distorted by the additional bank holiday for the Diamond Jubilee. Underling growth was more robust than these headline estimates suggest. We estimate that underlying growth for the three months to June was around +0.2 per cent. Nevertheless, these figures suggest that the UK economy remains broadly flat; a trend that has persisted for around 24 months.

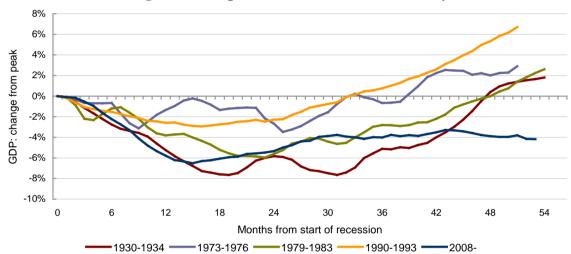


Figure 1. The profile of recession and recovery

Calculated from three-month moving averages of monthly GDP.

The National Institute interprets the term "recession" to mean a period when output is falling or receding, while "depression" is a period when output is depressed below its previous peak. Thus, unless output turns down again, the recession is over, while the period of depression is likely to continue for some time.

Our track record in producing early estimates of GDP suggests that our projection for the most recent three-month period has a standard error of 0.1-0.2% point when compared to the first estimate produced by the Office for National Statistics. This comparison can be made only for complete calendar quarters. Outside calendar quarters the figures are less reliable than this and they are also likely to be less accurate in the current disturbed economic circumstances.

A paper describing the methodology used to produce the data was published in the February 2005 volume of the *Economic Journal*. From April until October 2006 our estimates were computed using the Index of Services published by ONS. However this monthly series shows considerable volatility which has caused us some problems in estimating GDP. From our November 2006 press release we have therefore reverted to using a model of private services output based on indicator variables. This means that, while all our figures for calendar quarters are fully coherent with ONS data, our estimates of monthly private service output are not. The series can be thought of as indicating the underlying value of the ONS series.

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Table 1: Summary Table of Quarterly Growth Rates 2009=100

	3 months ending in Monthly Data month shown		Quarterly (Growth %		
			month shown		per quarter	
	Industry	GDP	Industry	GDP	Industry	GDP
Jan-11	103.5	102.5	103.1	102.2	0.4%	-0.1%
Feb-11	102.2	102.1	102.9	102.1	0.1%	0.0%
Mar-11	102.3	102.6	102.7	102.4	-0.1%	0.5%
Apr-11	101.0	102.1	101.8	102.3	-1.2%	0.1%
May-11	101.7	102.4	101.7	102.4	-1.2%	0.2%
Jun-11	101.7	102.4	101.5	102.3	-1.2%	-0.1%
Jul-11	101.5	102.7	101.6	102.5	-0.2%	0.2%
Aug-11	101.5	102.9	101.6	102.7	-0.1%	0.3%
Sep-11	101.3	103.0	101.4	102.9	0.0%	0.6%
Oct-11	100.2	102.7	101.0	102.9	-0.6%	0.4%
Nov-11	99.7	102.6	100.4	102.8	-1.1%	0.1%
Dec-11	100.1	102.5	100.0	102.6	-1.4%	-0.4%
Jan-12	99.5	102.1	99.8	102.4	-1.2%	-0.5%
Feb-12	99.7	102.2	99.8	102.3	-0.6%	-0.5%
Mar-12	99.4	102.3	99.5	102.2	-0.5%	-0.3%
Apr-12	99.0	102.1	99.4	102.2	-0.4%	-0.2%
May-12	100.1	102.7	99.5	102.4	-0.3%	0.1%
Jun-12	97.0	101.2	98.7	102.0	-0.8%	-0.2%

Table 2: Output by Sector (2009=100)

				Private	Public		
	Industry	Agriculture	Construction	Services	Services	GDP(B)	GDP
Jan-11	103.5	95.8	109.7	102.1	100.9	102.5	102.5
Feb-11	102.2	98.6	110.1	101.5	101.6	102.2	102.1
Mar-11	102.3	99.3	110.5	102.2	102.0	102.7	102.6
Apr-11	101.0	97.8	110.9	101.9	101.8	102.4	102.1
May-11	101.7	96.8	111.2	102.4	101.7	102.7	102.4
Jun-11	101.7	96.4	111.2	102.2	101.8	102.7	102.4
Jul-11	101.5	96.6	111.0	103.0	101.9	103.0	102.7
Aug-11	101.5	96.5	111.1	103.2	102.2	103.2	102.9
Sep-11	101.3	96.1	111.5	103.2	102.5	103.3	103.0
Oct-11	100.2	95.4	112.1	102.8	102.4	103.0	102.7
Nov-11	99.7	94.6	111.6	102.7	102.6	102.9	102.6
Dec-11	100.1	93.8	110.0	102.7	102.6	102.8	102.5
Jan-12	99.5	93.0	107.3	102.5	102.6	102.4	102.1
Feb-12	99.7	92.5	105.4	102.9	102.8	102.5	102.2
Mar-12	99.4	92.2	104.4	103.2	103.0	102.6	102.3
Apr-12	99.0	92.2	104.1	102.9	103.1	102.4	102.1
May-12	100.1	92.2	103.8	103.8	103.2	103.0	102.7
Jun-12	97.0	92.2	103.7	101.8	103.3	101.5	101.2

Table 3: Output in Quarter Ending in Month Shown (2009=100)

				Private	Public		
	Industry	Agriculture	Construction	Services	Services	GDP(B)	GDP
Jan-11	103.1	92.0	109.5	101.7	100.5	102.2	102.2
Feb-11	102.9	95.1	109.7	101.6	100.9	102.2	102.1
Mar-11	102.7	97.9	110.1	101.9	101.5	102.5	102.4
Apr-11	101.8	98.6	110.5	101.9	101.8	102.4	102.3
May-11	101.7	98.0	110.9	102.2	101.8	102.6	102.4
Jun-11	101.5	97.0	111.1	102.2	101.8	102.6	102.3
Jul-11	101.6	96.6	111.1	102.5	101.8	102.8	102.5
Aug-11	101.6	96.5	111.1	102.8	102.0	103.0	102.7
Sep-11	101.4	96.4	111.2	103.1	102.2	103.2	102.9
Oct-11	101.0	96.0	111.6	103.1	102.3	103.2	102.9
Nov-11	100.4	95.3	111.7	102.9	102.5	103.1	102.8
Dec-11	100.0	94.6	111.2	102.8	102.5	102.9	102.6
Jan-12	99.8	93.8	109.6	102.7	102.6	102.7	102.4
Feb-12	99.8	93.1	107.6	102.7	102.7	102.6	102.3
Mar-12	99.5	92.6	105.7	102.9	102.8	102.5	102.2
Apr-12	99.4	92.3	104.6	103.0	103.0	102.5	102.2
May-12	99.5	92.2	104.1	103.3	103.1	102.7	102.4
Jun-12	98.7	92.2	103.9	102.8	103.2	102.3	102.0

<u>Table 4: Growth in Quarter Ending in Month Shown over Previous Quarter (% at annual Rate)</u>

				Private	Public		
	Industry	Agriculture	Construction	Services	Services	GDP(B)	GDP
Jan-11	1.4%	-14.6%	-5.9%	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.3%
Feb-11	0.3%	12.8%	-2.2%	-0.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Mar-11	-0.5%	36.9%	1.8%	1.6%	5.3%	2.0%	1.6%
Apr-11	-4.8%	31.6%	3.9%	0.7%	5.4%	1.1%	0.4%
May-11	-4.6%	12.6%	4.4%	2.4%	3.7%	1.7%	0.9%
Jun-11	-4.6%	-3.6%	3.7%	1.0%	1.2%	0.4%	-0.4%
Jul-11	-0.8%	-7.7%	2.2%	2.6%	0.1%	1.5%	0.9%
Aug-11	-0.4%	-5.8%	0.9%	2.5%	0.6%	1.4%	1.2%
Sep-11	-0.1%	-2.5%	0.4%	3.8%	1.6%	2.4%	2.4%
Oct-11	-2.5%	-2.6%	1.5%	2.1%	2.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Nov-11	-4.5%	-4.7%	2.2%	0.5%	1.9%	0.3%	0.4%
Dec-11	-5.5%	-7.3%	0.0%	-1.4%	1.2%	-1.2%	-1.2%
Jan-12	-4.8%	-8.7%	-6.8%	-1.6%	0.9%	-1.9%	-1.9%
Feb-12	-2.5%	-9.0%	-14.0%	-0.8%	0.7%	-1.9%	-1.9%
Mar-12	-1.9%	-8.2%	-18.4%	0.4%	1.2%	-1.5%	-1.6%
Apr-12	-1.6%	-6.2%	-17.0%	1.4%	1.6%	-0.8%	-0.8%
May-12	-1.1%	-3.7%	-12.3%	2.3%	1.8%	0.4%	0.4%
Jun-12	-3.3%	-1.5%	-6.7%	-0.2%	1.5%	-0.8%	-0.8%

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