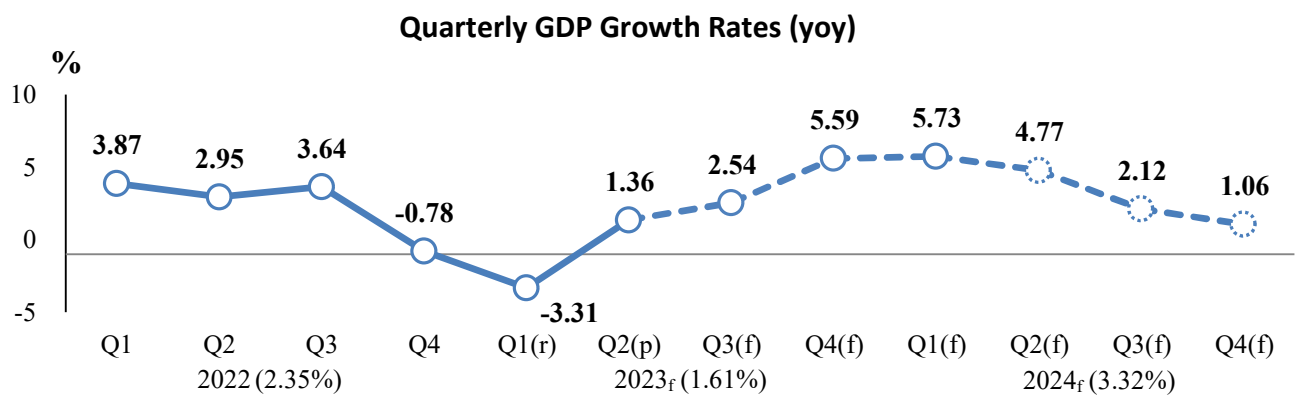




Taiwan Economy in a Snapshot

Taiwan's Economic Situation and Outlook

- Weak global demand affects Taiwan's export and investment momentum, but further development in emerging technology applications and government stimulus measures will stabilize Taiwan's economy in the second half of 2023. In addition, the main economic institutions forecast that Taiwan's real GDP growth in 2023 will be between 0.8% and 1.7%.
- To further boost export momentum, the Taiwan government takes active measures by subsidizing exhibitions, inviting foreign buyers, exploring MIT opportunities, and expanding trade finance support for global business expansion.

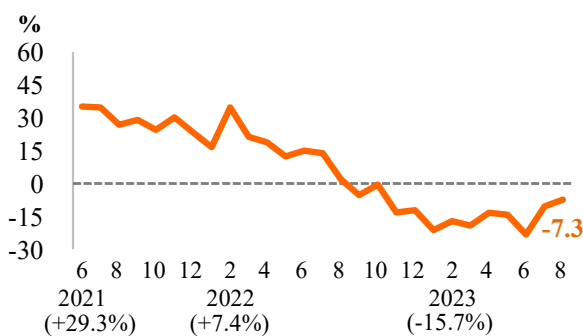


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Main economic indicators

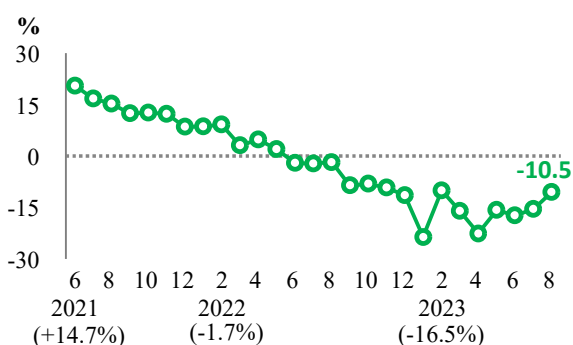
Exports



Exports Continue to Negative Growth

- In August 2023, Taiwan's total exports decreased by 7.3% year-on-year, 12th consecutive month of negative growth, sapped by weaker global final demand.
- Exports of the parts of electronic product and information, communication and audio-video products decreased by 11.2% and grew by 43.1%, respectively.

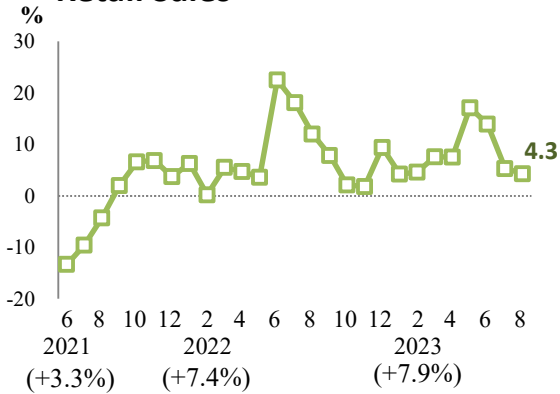
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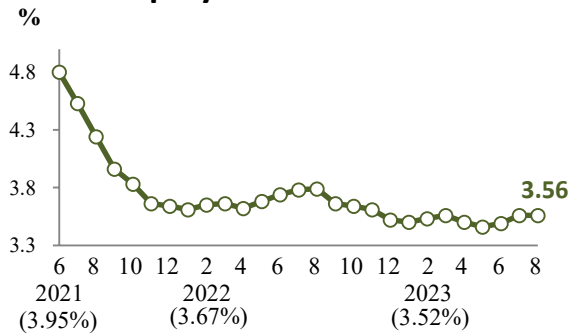
Industrial Production Slows

- The industrial production index decreased 10.5% year-on-year in August 2023, reflecting the ongoing impact of a sluggish global economy on demand and investments.
- By sector, the index for the electronic parts & components and the computers, electronic & optical products decreased by 16.8% and rose by 2.8%, respectively.

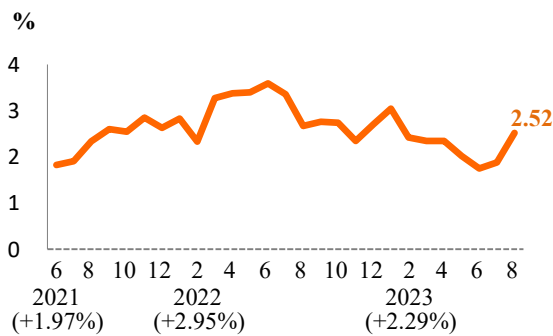
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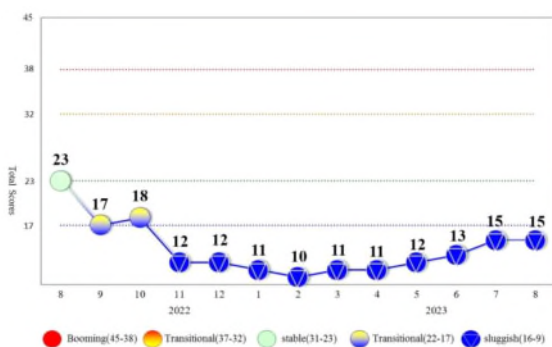
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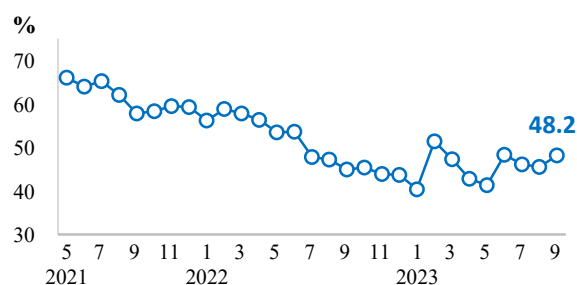
• **Inflation**



• **Business Indicators**



• **Manufacturing PMI**



Retail Sales Continue to Increase

- Retail sales rose 4.3% year-on-year in August 2023 to post the 24th consecutive month of growth, as people spent more during the summer vacation and prepared offerings for the Chung Yuan Festival.
- The sector of department stores and motor vehicles and motorcycles grew 8.8% and 4.9%, respectively.

Labor Market Remains Stable

- The unemployment rate held steady at 3.56% in August 2023, the same as in July 2023, the lowest for the same month in 23 years, as more people quit, but fewer people lost work to business downsizing and closures.
- The overall labor market has recently remained stable.

CPI Rises Moderately

- The CPI rose by 2.52% year-on-year in August 2023, the highest growth rate since February 2023, as summer vacations boosted entertainment costs, while recent typhoons pushed up food prices.
- The core CPI expanded 2.56%.

The Monitoring Indicator Flashes Blue Signal

- In August 2023, the overall monitoring indicator continued to flash the “blue” signal, the total score same as the last month is 15. The trend-adjusted leading index decreased for five consecutive months while the coincident index increased for five consecutive months.

Manufacturing PMI Remains in Contraction Zone

- The Taiwan manufacturing sector still remained in contraction for the seventh consecutive month while the seasonally adjusted Taiwan Manufacturing PMI increased 2.7 percentage points to 48.2 percent in September.