

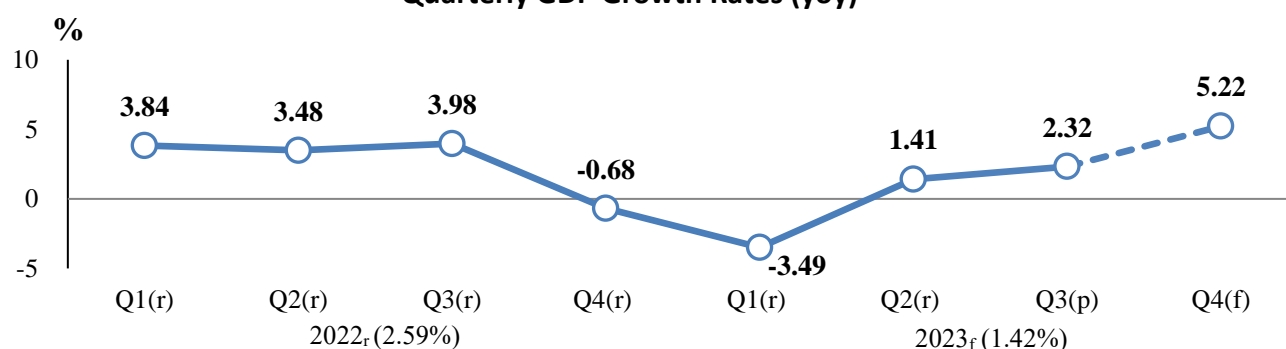


# Taiwan Economy in a Snapshot

## Taiwan's Economic Situation and Outlook

- According to DGBAS latest forecast, the real GDP is projected to grow by 1.42% in 2023, a downgrade from a previous forecast of 1.61% made in August 2023, owing to the sluggish demand for terminal products and the supply chain continues to destock.
- To meet the opportunities and challenges posed by future technological transformations and capitalize on Taiwan's leading position, the Taiwan government plans to allocate NT\$12 billion (US\$369.4 million) to Chip-based Industrial Innovation Program in 2024, and a total of NT\$300 billion (US\$9.2 billion) for the program's implementation over the next 10 years (2024 to 2033).

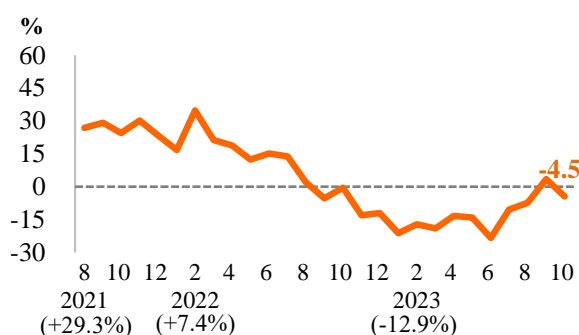
Quarterly GDP Growth Rates (yoy)



Note: (r) represents revised version; (p) represents preliminary version; (f) represents forecast.  
Source: DGBAS.

## Main economic indicators

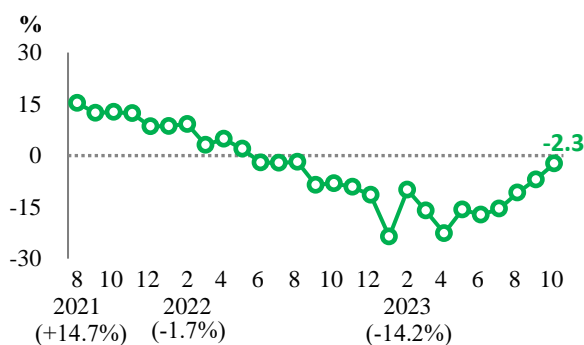
### Exports



### Exports Decline in October

- In October 2023, Taiwan's total exports decreased by 4.5% year-on-year, as global economy continues to be sluggish and high base.
- Exports of the parts of electronic product and information, communication and audio-video products decreased by 7.4% and grew by 37.6%, respectively.

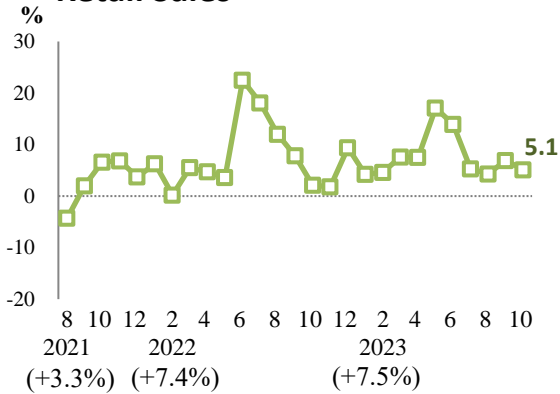
### Industrial Production



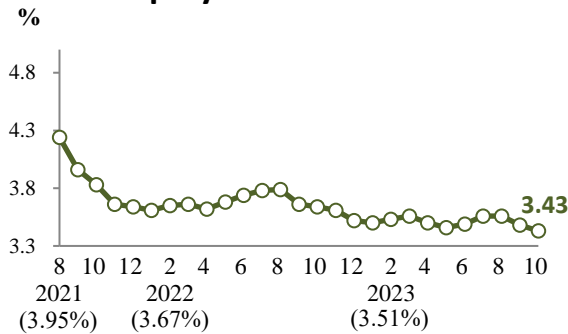
### Industrial Production Slows

- The industrial production index decreased 2.3% year-on-year in October 2023, due to the sluggish demand for terminal products and supply chain inventory adjustments.
- By sector, the index for the electronic parts & components and the computers, electronic & optical products decreased by 0.7% and rose by 12.5%, respectively.

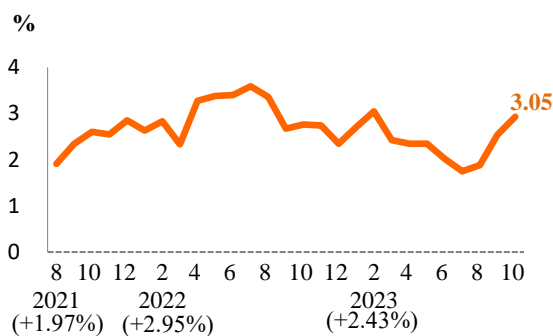
• **Retail Sales**



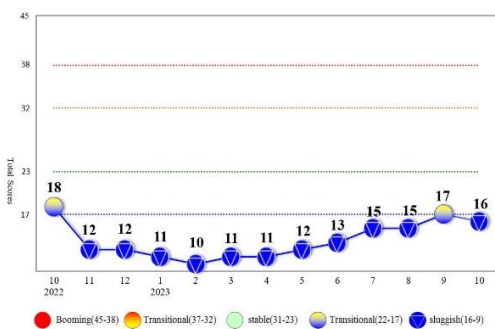
• **Unemployment Rate**



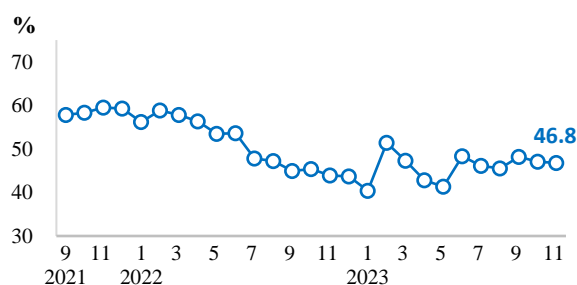
• **Inflation**



• **Business Indicators**



• **Manufacturing PMI**



**Retail Sales Continue to Increase**

- Retail sales rose 5.1% year-on-year in September 2023 to post the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of growth, due to the hot sales of new car models and the department store’s anniversary sales.
- The sector of department stores and motor vehicles and motorcycles grew 4.4% and 12.7%, respectively.

**Labor Market Remains Stable**

- The unemployment rate fell 0.05 percentage points from a month earlier to 3.43% in October 2023, as fewer people are dissatisfied with their jobs and unemployed.
- The overall labor market has recently remained stable.

**CPI Rises Moderately**

- The CPI rose by 3.05% year-on-year in October 2023, the highest growth rate since February 2023, driven by spikes in food costs as bad weather hurt fruit and vegetable supply.
- The core CPI expanded 2.49%.

**The Monitoring Indicator Flashes Blue Signal**

- In October 2023, the overall monitoring indicator turned to flash the “blue” signal, the total score decreased 1 point to 16. The trend-adjusted leading index decreased for seven consecutive months while the coincident index increased for seven consecutive months.

**Manufacturing PMI Remains in Contraction Zone**

- The Taiwan manufacturing sector still remained in contraction for the ninth consecutive month as the seasonally adjusted Taiwan Manufacturing PMI decreased 0.3 percentage points to 46.8 percent in November.