

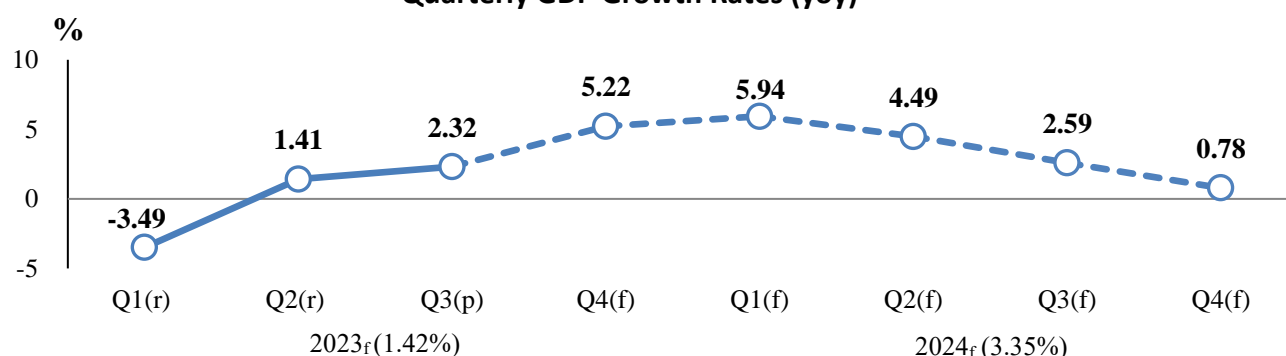


# Taiwan Economy in a Snapshot

## 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 and the supply chain continues to destock.
- However, the global economy will grow mildly and the world trade volume is projected to grow in 2024, supporting Taiwan's export growth. Moreover, the domestic capacity expansion of leading semiconductor manufacturers and enterprise digital transformation, as well as sustaining investment in solar and offshore wind energy and net-zero emissions actions, all support Taiwan's investment growth. DGBAS forecasts that real GDP will grow by 3.35% in 2024.

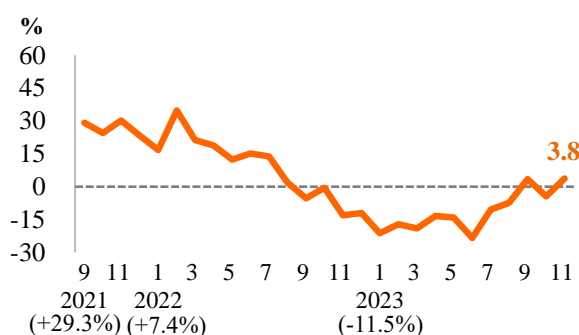
Quarterly GDP Growth Rates (yoy)



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

## Main economic indicators

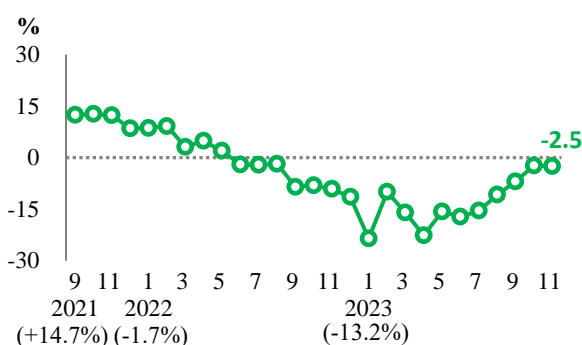
### Exports



### Exports Rebound in November

- In November 2023, Taiwan's total exports increased by 3.8% year-on-year, due to higher exports of ICT products and low base.
- Exports of the parts of electronic product and information, communication and audio-video products decreased by 3.6% and grew by 74.0%, respectively.

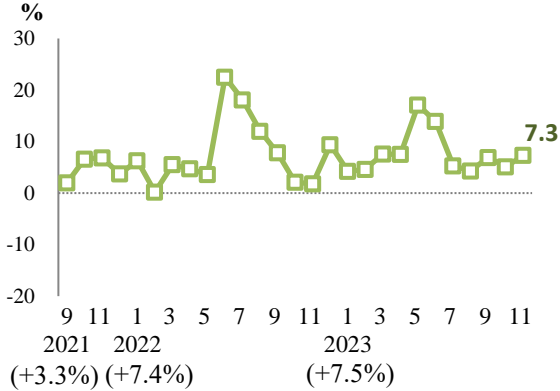
### Industrial Production



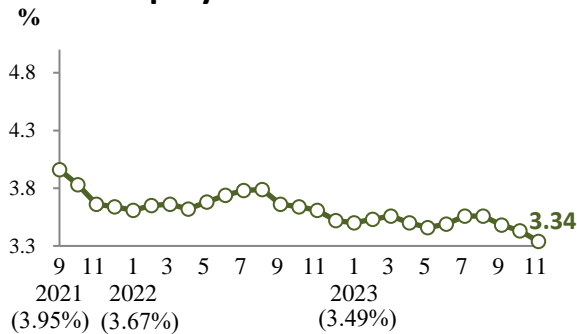
### Industrial Production Slows

- The industrial production index decreased 2.5% year-on-year in November 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 3.4% and rose by 14.0%, respectively.

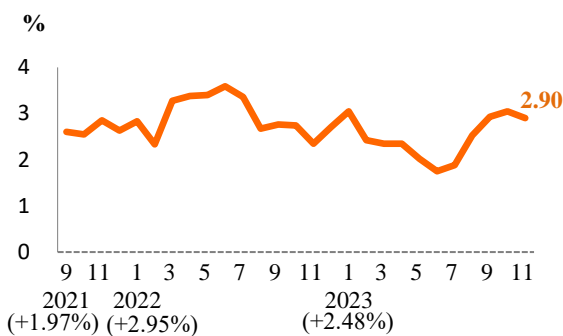
• **Retail Sales**



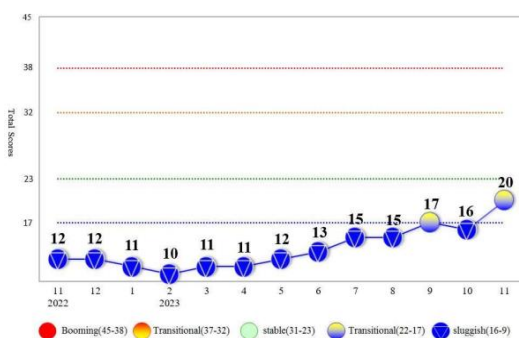
• **Unemployment Rate**



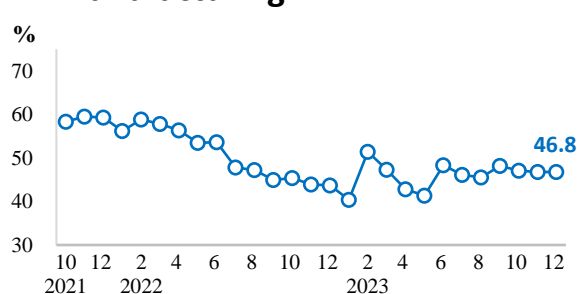
• **Inflation**



• **Business Indicators**



• **Manufacturing PMI**



**Retail Sales Continue to Increase**

- Retail sales rose 7.3% year-on-year in November 2023 to post the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of growth, due to the hot sales of new car models, the department store’s anniversary sales and double 11 promotions.
- The sector of department stores and motor vehicles and motorcycles grew 8.4% and 17.5%, respectively.

**Labor Market Remains Stable**

- The unemployment rate fell 0.09 percentage points from a month earlier to 3.34% in November 2023, as fewer people are dissatisfied with their jobs and unemployed.
- The overall labor market remains stable recently.

**CPI Rises Moderately**

- The CPI rose by 2.90% year-on-year in November 2023, mainly because the indices for fruits and vegetables rose 18.73% and 10.67%, respectively. However, communication equipment and household durable equipment fell 2.64% and 1.41%, respectively, offsetting part of the increase.
- The core CPI expanded 2.38%.

**The Monitoring Indicator Flashes Yellow-Blue Signal**

- In November 2023, the overall monitoring indicator turned to flash the “yellow-blue” signal, the total score increased 4 points to 20. The trend-adjusted leading index decreased for eight consecutive months while the coincident index increased for eight consecutive months.

**Manufacturing PMI Remains in Contraction Zone**

- The Taiwan manufacturing sector still remained in contraction for the tenth consecutive month as the seasonally adjusted Taiwan Manufacturing PMI remained at 46.8 percent in December, same as the last month.