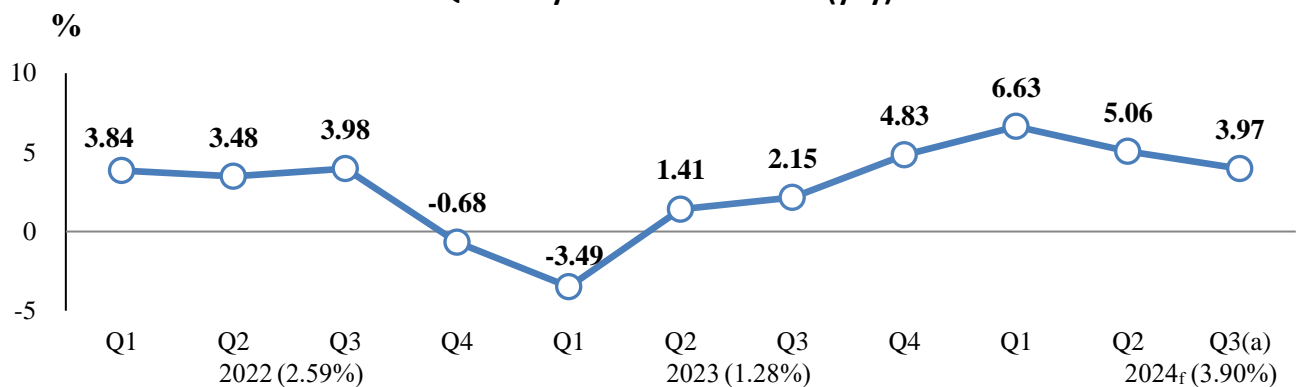




Taiwan's Economic Situation and Outlook

- In the third quarter of 2024, the real GDP grew by 3.97%, an upward revision of 0.76 percentage points from previous forecasts. This stronger-than-expected growth was driven by robust performance in real exports of goods and services.
- In accordance with the National Project of Hope, the Executive Yuan approved a jumpstart program to enhance national talent competitiveness. This initiative focuses on two pillars: strengthening future talent competitiveness and global talent recruitment. It aims to train 450,000 people in artificial intelligence, the green economy, and interdisciplinary digital humanities, while recruiting 120,000 foreign professionals and 80,000 foreign technical specialists by 2028.

Quarterly GDP Growth Rates (yoy)

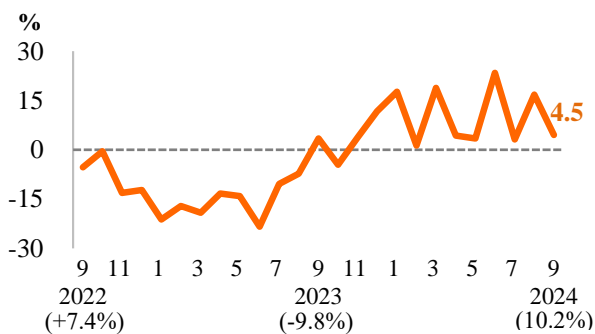


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Source: DGBAS.

Main economic indicators

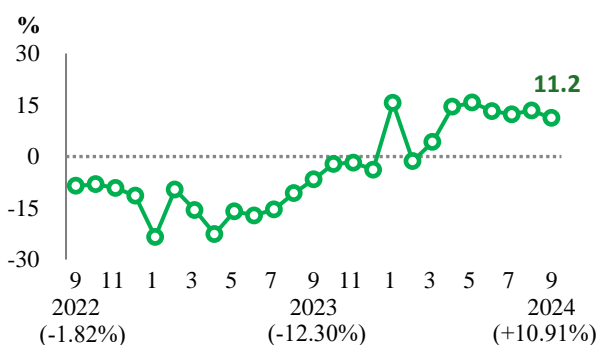
Exports



Exports Continue to Grow

- In September 2024, Taiwan's total exports increased by 4.5% year-on-year, marking the 11th consecutive month of positive growth, on the back of robust AI and HPC demand.
- Exports of the parts of electronic product and information, communication and audio-video products grew 4.9% and 24.8%, respectively.

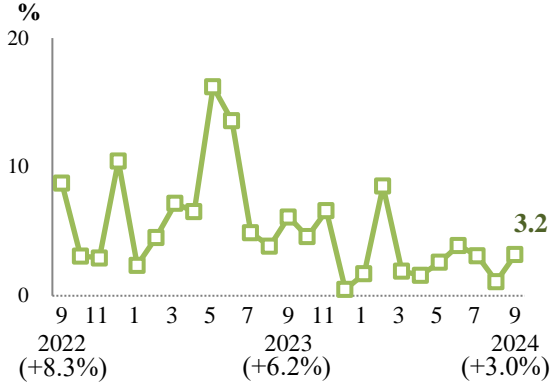
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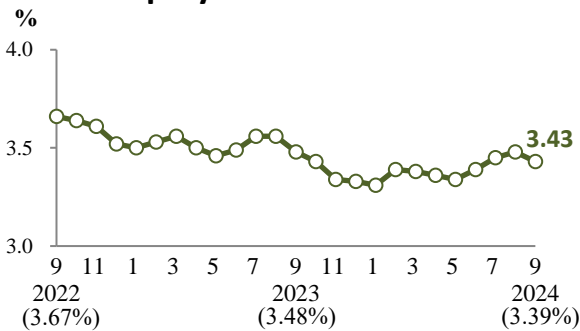
Industrial Production Increase Continually

- The industrial production index increased by 11.2% year-on-year in September 2024, marking the 7th consecutive month of annual growth, mainly driven by strong demand for emerging technologies such as AI applications, HPC devices and mobile phone lens order.
- By sector, the index for the electronic parts & components and the computers, electronic & optical products increased by 19.03% and 32.41%, respectively.

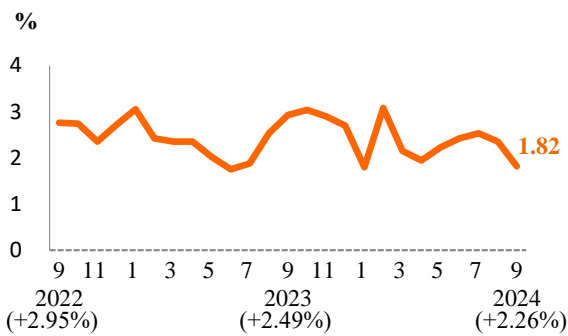
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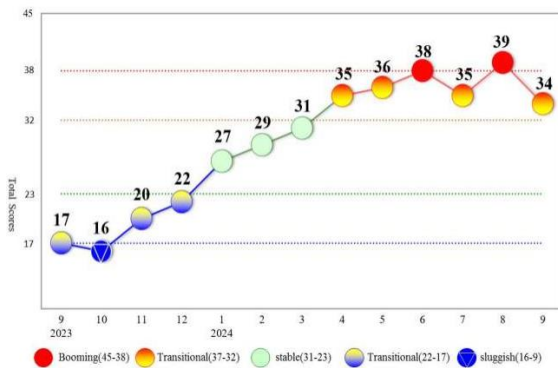
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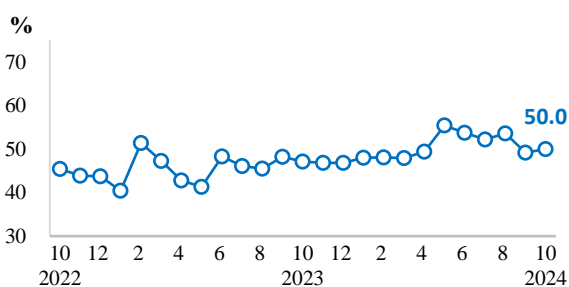
• **Inflation**



• **Business Indicators**



• **Manufacturing PMI**



Retail Sales Continue to Positive Growth

- Retail sales rose by 3.2% year-on-year in September 2024 to post the 37th consecutive month of growth, due to increase in imported vehicle deliveries, along with companies actively expanding their locations and launching diverse marketing campaigns.
- The sector of supermarket and motor vehicles and motorcycles grew 7.9% and 10.9%, respectively.

Labor Market Remains Stable

- The unemployment rate decreased by 0.05 percentage points from a month earlier to 3.43% in September 2024, the lowest for the same month in 24 years, as a decrease in the number of people dissatisfied with their previous jobs, as well as a decrease in first-time job seekers.
- The overall labor market remains stable recently.

CPI Rises Moderately

- The CPI rose by 1.82% year-on-year in September 2024, mainly because the indices for fruit, medical care services rose 17.37% and 2.61%, respectively. However, the index for eggs fell 15.49%, offsetting part of the increase.
- The core CPI expanded 1.79%.

The Monitoring Indicator Flashes Yellow-Red Signal

- In September 2024, the overall monitoring indicator changed to flash the “yellow-red” signal, the total score decreased 5 points to 34. The trend-adjusted leading index increased for eleven consecutive months and the coincident index increased for seventeenth consecutive months.

Manufacturing PMI Turns Flat

- The seasonally adjusted Taiwan Manufacturing PMI slightly increased 0.8 percentage point to 50.0 percent in October, indicating that respondents are reporting conditions in the manufacturing economy are unchanged from September.