

STATISTICAL SERVICE OF CYPRUS

MAJOR REVISION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

The Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT) announces the completion of major/benchmark revision in National Accounts data series, according to the Harmonised European Revision Policy and the National Revision Policy.

The scope of major revision of National Accounts for the period 2018-2022 is due to the changes in sources & methods and routine revisions. The main changes in sources & methods, for the period 2018-2022, are related to the work on action points from the scheduled verification cycle for the compilation of GDP/GNI, including the incorporation of population and housing census 2021 and Household Budget Survey 2023, and the changes in Government Finance Statistics. Routine revisions for the years 2021 and 2022 are mainly due to updated information received from Balance of Payments statistics and the normal substitution of preliminary estimates with final source data from annual economic surveys and administrative sources for 2022.

Tables 1 and 2 summarize the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for the period 2018-2022, before and after revision, at current prices and volume measures, respectively.

Table 1: Total impact of revisions on GDP 2018-2022, at current prices

Current prices	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
GDP before revision (€ mn)	21.675,1	23.177,9	22.086,6	24.927,6	27.777,0
GDP after revision (€ mn)	21.807,8	23.400,9	22.373,6	25.680,1	29.415,7
Growth rate before revision	6,7%	6,9%	-4,7%	12,9%	11,4%
Growth rate after revision	7,4%	7,3%	-4,4%	14,8%	14,5%

Table 2: Total impact of revisions on GDP 2018-2022, at volume measures

Volume measures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
GDP before revision (€ mn)	21.314,9	22.495,1	21.720,5	23.873,3	25.080,8
GDP after revision (€ mn)	21.444,3	22.704,3	21.973,0	24.475,3	26.278,0
Growth rate before revision	5,6%	5,5%	-3,4%	9,9%	5,1%
Growth rate after revision	6,3%	5,9%	-3,2%	11,4%	7,4%

The main reasons of the benchmark revision are the following:

I. Work on Action Points; including incorporation of population and housing census 2021 and Household Budget Survey 2023:

- a. Work on Action Points stemming from the scheduled verification cycle of the sources and methods used for the compilation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Income (GNI) estimates. The GNI verification is performed by Eurostat on all EU Member States according to the Regulation (EU) 2019/516 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (GNI Regulation).
- b. Incorporation of the population and housing Census 2021 results for re-estimating the dwelling stock & dwelling services and own-account software development.
- c. Incorporation of the Household Budget Survey 2023 results for the estimation of Household Final Consumption Expenditure.
- d. Incorporation of changes in Government Finance Statistics (GFS) concerning mainly the reclassification of Sewerage Disposal Boards from non-financial sector (S11) to government sector (S13) and the inclusion of new entities in government sector (S13).

II. Revised Data:

- a. Structural Business Statistics (SBS) from annual economic surveys and Government Finance Statistics (GFS) for year 2022,
- b. Balance of Payments (BoP) for years 2021 and 2022,
- c. Balancing procedure between production and expenditure approach for the period 2018-2021.

III. Other minor adjustments due to revised administrative data and revisions to some indicators, which mainly resulted to minor revisions on the volume measures.

Table 3 below, presents the impact on GDP of the above revisions for the period 2018-2022.

Table 3: Impact of main revisions on GDP 2018-2022, in € million

Impact on GDP at current prices	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
I. Work on Action Points	85,8	177,8	236,3	377,2	459,2
II. Revised Data	46,9	45,2	50,8	375,3	1.177,7
a. SBS & GFS				5,7	715,2
b. BoP				313,9	462,5
c. Balancing	46,9	45,2	50,8	55,7	N/A*
III. Other minor changes	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,8
TOTAL (I + II + III)	132,7	223,0	287,1	752,5	1.638,7

* Balancing procedure is not completed for the year 2022.

Revised employment statistics (Number of employees and hours worked)

Revised employment data for National Accounts have emerged due to updated information received from administrative sources and the incorporation of the results of latest Labour Force Survey (LFS), which has been grossed-up based on population and housing Census 2021.

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