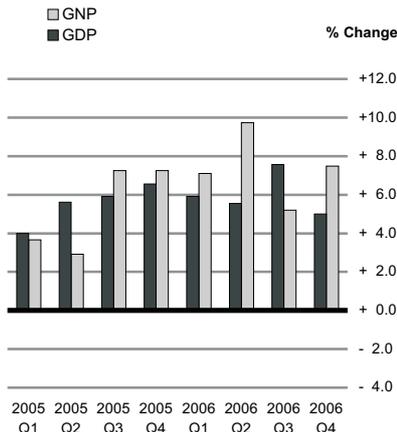




Quarterly National Accounts

Quarter 4 2006 and year 2006 (preliminary)

Year on year growth rates



GDP and GNP at constant prices

	Q4 2006	Jan-Dec 2006	Q4 2006	Jan-Dec 2006
	Amount €m		% change	
GDP	42,771	165,047	5.0	6.0
GNP	37,372	140,579	7.5	7.4

GDP increase of 6.0% and GNP increase of 7.4% in 2006

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant prices was 6 per cent higher in 2006 compared with 2005. The growth in Gross National Product (GNP) for the same period was 7.4 per cent. In the fourth quarter of 2006 the growth in GDP was 5 per cent at constant prices compared with the same period in 2005 while the corresponding growth in GNP was 7.5 per cent. The profits of foreign owned enterprises are excluded from GNP. GNP is also affected by other income flows between residents and non-residents and the timing of these flows can be variable on a quarterly basis.

Some of the main features of the results are:

- ◆ *Consumer spending* (personal consumption of goods and services) in volume terms in 2006 was 6.2 per cent higher compared with the previous year.
- ◆ *Capital investment*, at constant prices, was 3.9 per cent higher in 2006 than in 2005.
- ◆ *Net Exports (exports minus imports)* in constant prices were €569 million higher in 2006 compared with 2005.
- ◆ The volume of output of *Industry* increased by 6.1 per cent in 2006 compared with the previous year. Output of *Distribution, Transport and Communications* was up 5.4 % while Output of *Other Services* was 6.2% higher in 2006 compared with 2005.

Seasonally adjusted series

Seasonally adjusted series are presented in tables 4, 5 and 6. On a seasonally adjusted basis GDP remained the same in volume terms in the final quarter of 2006 compared with the previous quarter while GNP increased by 2.9 per cent in the same period. (See also the methodological notes at the back of this release).

The calculation methods for quarterly accounts are similar to those used in the annual National Income and Expenditure. As some of the available sources are of lesser reliability than those used for the annual national accounts, the quarterly estimates are subject to a greater margin of error than the annual figures. **These preliminary estimates will therefore be revised when the next detailed annual results are published.**

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Table 1 Gross Domestic Product by Sector of Origin and Gross National Product at Constant Market Prices (Chain linked annually and referenced to year 2004)*

Period	Agric. forestry and fishing	Industry	Dist. transport and comms.	Public admin. and defence	Other services (including rent)	GDP at constant factor cost	Taxes less subsidies	GDP at constant market prices	Net factor income from rest of world	GNP at constant market prices
2000	3,445	38,984	17,433	4,336	41,827	106,160	14,683	120,865	-15,318	106,260
2001	3,457	41,482	18,953	4,468	45,028	113,557	14,218	127,931	-17,932	110,399
2002	3,401	45,218	19,574	4,615	47,041	120,489	15,045	135,649	-22,022	113,466
2003	3,533	46,001	19,926	4,733	49,707	125,702	15,743	141,472	-21,782	119,699
2004	3,594	47,948	20,595	4,834	53,207	130,558	17,010	147,569	-23,215	124,354
2005	3,998	49,597	21,683	4,919	57,095	137,789	17,933	155,723	-24,790	130,932
2006	3,964	52,622	22,861	5,012	60,620	145,413	19,634	165,047	-24,468	140,579
2000										
Q1	891	8,726	4,182	1,024	9,907	24,682	3,638	28,315	-3,530	24,964
Q2	1,158	9,685	4,292	1,073	10,282	26,442	3,719	30,164	-3,118	27,370
Q3	836	9,420	4,520	1,108	10,721	26,841	3,488	30,345	-4,255	26,184
Q4	560	11,154	4,439	1,130	10,917	28,195	3,838	32,042	-4,415	27,742
2001										
Q1	880	10,615	4,606	1,051	10,706	27,836	3,613	31,483	-3,914	27,770
Q2	1,174	10,479	4,654	1,113	11,114	28,424	3,577	32,043	-4,628	27,486
Q3	802	9,629	4,838	1,150	11,464	28,215	3,461	31,718	-4,726	27,033
Q4	602	10,759	4,855	1,154	11,744	29,080	3,567	32,688	-4,663	28,110
2002										
Q1	843	10,796	4,746	1,101	11,287	28,830	3,870	32,702	-5,501	27,125
Q2	1,169	11,841	4,779	1,154	11,595	29,959	3,612	33,613	-5,471	28,099
Q3	829	10,768	5,020	1,182	11,919	30,119	3,775	33,920	-5,323	28,591
Q4	560	11,814	5,030	1,178	12,239	31,581	3,788	35,414	-5,726	29,651
2003										
Q1	882	10,891	4,864	1,133	12,099	29,979	3,992	33,963	-5,623	28,284
Q2	1,186	11,676	4,879	1,184	12,142	31,456	3,794	35,265	-5,565	29,682
Q3	866	10,576	5,078	1,210	12,622	30,573	3,869	34,445	-5,004	29,488
Q4	598	12,859	5,106	1,206	12,843	33,694	4,087	37,798	-5,590	32,245
2004										
Q1	922	11,860	4,983	1,161	12,887	32,049	4,274	36,320	-5,862	30,456
Q2	1,202	12,365	5,009	1,204	12,936	32,885	4,150	37,040	-6,013	31,024
Q3	869	11,127	5,253	1,236	13,429	31,775	4,206	35,979	-5,530	30,451
Q4	601	12,596	5,350	1,234	13,954	33,849	4,380	38,230	-5,811	32,423
2005										
Q1	1,001	12,013	5,353	1,171	13,529	33,247	4,521	37,768	-6,196	31,572
Q2	1,362	12,664	5,298	1,232	13,926	34,779	4,338	39,117	-7,189	31,928
Q3	955	11,510	5,504	1,261	14,617	33,533	4,571	38,104	-5,443	32,660
Q4	681	13,411	5,528	1,256	15,023	36,230	4,503	40,734	-5,962	34,772
2006										
Q1	1,070	12,336	5,578	1,191	14,580	34,955	5,045	40,000	-6,188	33,812
Q2	1,395	13,949	5,576	1,249	14,744	36,565	4,725	41,290	-6,255	35,035
Q3	857	12,313	5,798	1,291	15,507	36,023	4,963	40,986	-6,626	34,360
Q4	641	14,010	5,908	1,280	15,787	37,870	4,901	42,771	-5,399	37,372
<i>Percentage change on corresponding period of previous year</i>										
2000	-1.2	9.1	13.3	3.0	7.4	8.7	13.9	9.3		9.5
2001	0.4	6.4	8.7	3.1	7.7	7.0	-3.2	5.8		3.9
2002	-1.6	9.0	3.3	3.3	4.5	6.1	5.8	6.0		2.8
2003	3.9	1.7	1.8	2.6	5.7	4.3	4.6	4.3		5.5
2004	1.7	4.2	3.4	2.1	7.0	3.9	8.1	4.3		3.9
2005	11.2	3.4	5.3	1.8	7.3	5.5	5.4	5.5		5.3
2006	-0.9	6.1	5.4	1.9	6.2	5.5	9.5	6.0		7.4
2000										
Q1	-3.5	2.6	14.3	2.8	9.0	6.5	14.5	7.4		5.0
Q2	2.8	12.5	17.1	2.4	7.9	11.2	21.6	12.4		15.3
Q3	0.9	7.8	13.9	2.6	6.6	8.4	5.1	8.0		9.3
Q4	-7.8	15.0	8.3	4.4	6.4	9.0	14.7	9.7		9.0
2001										
Q1	-1.3	21.7	10.1	2.6	8.1	12.8	-0.7	11.2		11.2
Q2	1.3	8.2	8.4	3.7	8.1	7.5	-3.8	6.2		0.4
Q3	-4.1	2.2	7.0	3.8	6.9	5.1	-0.8	4.5		3.2
Q4	7.7	-3.5	9.4	2.1	7.6	3.1	-7.1	2.0		1.3
2002										
Q1	-4.2	1.7	3.0	4.8	5.4	3.6	7.1	3.9		-2.3
Q2	-0.4	13.0	2.7	3.7	4.3	5.4	1.0	4.9		2.2
Q3	3.4	11.8	3.8	2.7	4.0	6.7	9.1	6.9		5.8
Q4	-7.0	9.8	3.6	2.0	4.2	8.6	6.2	8.3		5.5
2003										
Q1	4.7	0.9	2.5	2.9	7.2	4.0	3.2	3.9		4.3
Q2	1.5	-1.4	2.1	2.6	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.9		5.6
Q3	4.5	-1.8	1.1	2.4	5.9	1.5	2.5	1.5		3.1
Q4	6.8	8.8	1.5	2.4	4.9	6.7	7.9	6.7		8.7
2004										
Q1	4.6	8.9	2.4	2.4	6.5	6.9	7.1	6.9		7.7
Q2	1.3	5.9	2.7	1.7	6.5	4.5	9.4	5.0		4.5
Q3	0.3	5.2	3.5	2.1	6.4	3.9	8.7	4.5		3.3
Q4	0.5	-2.0	4.8	2.3	8.7	0.5	7.2	1.1		0.6
2005										
Q1	8.6	1.3	7.4	0.8	5.0	3.7	5.8	4.0		3.7
Q2	13.3	2.4	5.8	2.3	7.6	5.8	4.5	5.6		2.9
Q3	9.8	3.4	4.8	2.0	8.8	5.5	8.7	5.9		7.3
Q4	13.2	6.5	3.3	1.8	7.7	7.0	2.8	6.5		7.2
2006										
Q1	6.9	2.7	4.2	1.7	7.8	5.1	11.6	5.9		7.1
Q2	2.4	10.1	5.3	1.4	5.9	5.1	8.9	5.6		9.7
Q3	-10.2	7.0	5.3	2.4	6.1	7.4	8.6	7.6		5.2
Q4	-5.8	4.5	6.9	2.0	5.1	4.5	8.8	5.0		7.5

*Chain linked series not additive

Table 2 Expenditure on Gross National Product at Current Market Prices

										€million
Period	Personal consumption of goods and services	Net exp. by central and local government on current goods and services	Gross domestic fixed capital formation	Value of physical changes in stocks	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	Statistical discrepancy	GDP at current market prices	Net factor income from the rest of the world	GNP at current market prices
2000	50,561	13,068	25,373	819	102,885	-88,697	544	104,553	-15,488	89,065
2001	55,584	15,381	27,120	378	116,975	-98,657	-24	116,756	-18,975	97,779
2002	60,730	17,601	29,059	645	121,723	-99,524	-288	129,947	-23,699	106,248
2003	65,136	18,839	31,964	1,197	116,379	-94,087	-486	138,941	-21,723	117,218
2004	68,719	20,785	36,243	248	124,049	-102,096	-380	147,569	-23,215	124,354
2005	74,114	22,952	43,582	98	131,001	-110,553	-30	161,163	-25,248	135,914
2006	80,799	25,128	47,960	2,022	140,147	-120,229	-32	175,795	-25,513	150,282
2000										
Q1	11,757	2,964	6,151	170	22,459	-19,692	125	23,933	-3,487	20,446
Q2	12,272	3,134	6,434	349	25,146	-21,679	134	25,790	-3,155	22,635
Q3	12,484	3,253	6,539	-3	26,176	-22,033	138	26,555	-4,320	22,235
Q4	14,049	3,716	6,249	303	29,103	-25,293	147	28,275	-4,526	23,749
2001										
Q1	13,052	3,502	7,251	356	28,872	-25,269	-6	27,757	-4,066	23,691
Q2	13,541	3,672	6,850	-150	29,411	-24,395	-6	28,923	-4,916	24,007
Q3	13,615	3,862	6,543	142	28,750	-23,464	-6	29,442	-5,023	24,419
Q4	15,376	4,345	6,476	31	29,942	-25,529	-6	30,635	-4,970	25,665
2002										
Q1	14,338	4,195	7,219	-71	31,357	-26,088	-68	30,881	-5,972	24,909
Q2	14,696	4,293	7,074	513	31,146	-26,096	-70	31,558	-5,924	25,634
Q3	15,042	4,422	7,373	-173	29,597	-23,694	-72	32,495	-5,657	26,838
Q4	16,655	4,691	7,393	375	29,622	-23,646	-77	35,013	-6,146	28,867
2003										
Q1	15,705	4,581	7,184	271	27,943	-22,605	-115	32,964	-5,716	27,249
Q2	16,013	4,554	7,422	648	28,794	-22,927	-120	34,383	-5,538	28,846
Q3	15,871	4,758	7,953	-141	28,601	-23,156	-118	33,767	-4,975	28,793
Q4	17,547	4,946	9,405	418	31,042	-25,399	-132	37,826	-5,495	32,332
2004										
Q1	16,525	4,994	8,305	56	29,855	-24,123	-92	35,520	-5,784	29,736
Q2	16,746	5,000	9,014	389	31,529	-25,688	-95	36,896	-6,059	30,837
Q3	16,855	5,270	8,968	-266	30,612	-25,368	-93	35,978	-5,586	30,392
Q4	18,594	5,520	9,955	70	32,053	-26,917	-101	39,175	-5,787	33,388
2005										
Q1	17,721	5,525	9,931	253	30,458	-25,724	-7	38,157	-6,178	31,979
Q2	17,925	5,522	11,192	220	32,839	-27,245	-7	40,446	-7,288	33,158
Q3	18,404	5,839	10,410	-633	32,385	-27,331	-7	39,066	-5,597	33,469
Q4	20,065	6,065	12,048	258	35,319	-30,253	-8	43,494	-6,185	37,308
2006										
Q1	19,343	6,063	11,304	567	33,833	-29,057	-8	42,045	-6,414	35,631
Q2	19,710	6,117	11,414	1,076	34,811	-29,789	-8	43,330	-6,503	36,827
Q3	19,819	6,384	12,055	-230	35,453	-29,346	-8	44,127	-7,040	37,088
Q4	21,927	6,564	13,187	610	36,050	-32,036	-9	46,292	-5,557	40,735
<i>Percentage change on corresponding period of previous year</i>										
2000	13.7	14.6	16.9		27.5	30.5		15.4		15.6
2001	9.9	17.7	6.9		13.7	11.2		11.7		9.8
2002	9.3	14.4	7.2		4.1	0.9		11.3		8.7
2003	7.3	7.0	10.0		-4.4	-5.5		6.9		10.3
2004	5.5	10.3	13.4		6.6	8.5		6.2		6.1
2005	7.9	10.4	20.2		5.6	8.3		9.2		9.3
2006	9.0	9.5	10.0		7.0	8.8		9.1		10.6
2000										
Q1	13.2	10.5	19.6		25.5	28.2		13.7		11.1
Q2	16.6	13.1	20.9		28.8	29.7		19.6		22.7
Q3	11.4	13.5	11.4		26.7	30.6		13.2		14.5
Q4	13.7	20.5	16.1		28.8	33.1		15.2		14.2
2001										
Q1	11.0	18.1	17.9		28.5	28.3		16.0		15.9
Q2	10.3	17.2	6.5		17.0	12.5		12.1		6.1
Q3	9.1	18.7	0.1		9.8	6.5		10.9		9.8
Q4	9.4	16.9	3.6		2.9	0.9		8.3		8.1
2002										
Q1	9.9	19.8	-0.4		8.6	3.2		11.3		5.1
Q2	8.5	16.9	3.3		5.9	7.0		9.1		6.8
Q3	10.5	14.5	12.7		2.9	1.0		10.4		9.9
Q4	8.3	8.0	14.2		-1.1	-7.4		14.3		12.5
2003										
Q1	9.5	9.2	-0.5		-10.9	-13.3		6.7		9.4
Q2	9.0	6.1	4.9		-7.6	-12.1		9.0		12.5
Q3	5.5	7.6	7.9		-3.4	-2.3		3.9		7.3
Q4	5.4	5.4	27.2		4.8	7.4		8.0		12.0
2004										
Q1	5.2	9.0	15.6		6.8	6.7		7.8		9.1
Q2	4.6	9.8	21.5		9.5	12.0		7.3		6.9
Q3	6.2	10.8	12.8		7.0	9.6		6.5		5.6
Q4	6.0	11.6	5.9		3.3	6.0		3.6		3.3
2005										
Q1	7.2	10.6	19.6		2.0	6.6		7.4		7.5
Q2	7.0	10.4	24.2		4.2	6.1		9.6		7.5
Q3	9.2	10.8	16.1		5.8	7.7		8.6		10.1
Q4	7.9	9.9	21.0		10.2	12.4		11.0		11.7
2006										
Q1	9.2	9.7	13.8		11.1	13.0		10.2		11.4
Q2	10.0	10.8	2.0		6.0	9.3		7.1		11.1
Q3	7.7	9.3	15.8		9.5	7.4		13.0		10.8
Q4	9.3	8.2	9.5		2.1	5.9		6.4		9.2

**Table 3 Expenditure on Gross National Product at Constant Market Prices
(Chain linked annually and referenced to year 2004)***

Period	Personal consumption of goods and services	Net exp. by central and local government on current goods and services	Gross domestic fixed capital formation	Value of physical changes in stocks	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	GDP at constant market prices	Net factor income from the rest of the world	GNP at constant market prices
2000	58,669	16,826	30,913	1,251	101,259	-86,669	120,865	-15,318	106,260
2001	61,833	18,483	30,853	481	110,003	-92,897	127,931	-17,932	110,399
2002	64,176	19,794	31,925	591	114,985	-95,154	135,649	-22,022	113,466
2003	66,231	20,424	33,747	1,272	115,608	-93,974	141,472	-21,782	119,699
2004	68,719	20,785	36,243	248	124,049	-102,096	147,569	-23,215	124,354
2005	73,282	21,751	40,869	166	128,861	-108,710	155,723	-24,790	130,932
2006	77,844	22,649	42,467	1,717	135,211	-114,492	165,047	-24,468	140,579
2000									
Q1	14,057	3,968	7,783	208	22,625	-19,866	28,315	-3,530	24,964
Q2	14,367	4,108	7,981	628	24,731	-21,330	30,164	-3,118	27,370
Q3	14,382	4,211	7,930	41	25,655	-21,366	30,345	-4,255	26,184
Q4	15,862	4,540	7,219	374	28,247	-24,107	32,042	-4,415	27,742
2001									
Q1	14,841	4,383	8,373	701	27,654	-24,152	31,483	-3,914	27,770
Q2	15,128	4,429	7,747	-17	27,531	-22,925	32,043	-4,628	27,486
Q3	15,095	4,706	7,441	-61	26,891	-21,881	31,718	-4,726	27,033
Q4	16,769	4,965	7,292	-142	27,927	-23,939	32,688	-4,663	28,110
2002									
Q1	15,554	4,802	8,132	-156	29,335	-24,869	32,702	-5,501	27,125
Q2	15,555	4,836	7,778	575	29,242	-24,958	33,613	-5,471	28,099
Q3	15,894	5,027	8,026	-185	28,325	-22,778	33,920	-5,323	28,591
Q4	17,173	5,129	7,988	357	28,083	-22,550	35,414	-5,726	29,651
2003									
Q1	16,129	5,025	7,812	291	27,204	-22,315	33,963	-5,623	28,284
Q2	16,182	4,941	7,889	663	28,635	-22,836	35,265	-5,565	29,682
Q3	16,232	5,164	8,352	-118	28,491	-23,240	34,445	-5,004	29,488
Q4	17,688	5,294	9,693	437	31,277	-25,583	37,798	-5,590	32,245
2004									
Q1	16,679	5,106	8,550	339	30,158	-24,291	36,320	-5,862	30,456
Q2	16,753	5,044	9,097	705	31,325	-25,724	37,040	-6,013	31,024
Q3	16,949	5,247	8,931	-564	30,393	-25,093	35,979	-5,530	30,451
Q4	18,338	5,388	9,665	-231	32,172	-26,988	38,230	-5,811	32,423
2005									
Q1	17,690	5,362	9,597	394	30,527	-25,621	37,768	-6,196	31,572
Q2	17,777	5,266	10,559	249	32,453	-26,890	39,117	-7,189	31,928
Q3	18,241	5,529	9,714	-629	31,735	-26,799	38,104	-5,443	32,660
Q4	19,574	5,594	10,999	153	34,146	-29,400	40,734	-5,962	34,772
2006									
Q1	18,922	5,545	10,347	390	32,870	-27,876	40,000	-6,188	33,812
Q2	19,058	5,532	10,082	839	33,808	-28,376	41,290	-6,255	35,035
Q3	19,048	5,760	10,480	-79	33,816	-27,783	40,986	-6,626	34,360
Q4	20,816	5,812	11,558	567	34,717	-30,457	42,771	-5,399	37,372
<i>Percentage change on corresponding period of previous year</i>									
2000	8.4	8.2	7.5		20.2	21.6	9.3		9.5
2001	5.4	9.8	-0.2		8.6	7.2	5.8		3.9
2002	3.8	7.1	3.5		4.5	2.4	6.0		2.8
2003	3.2	3.2	5.7		0.5	-1.2	4.3		5.5
2004	3.8	1.8	7.4		7.3	8.6	4.3		3.9
2005	6.6	4.6	12.8		3.9	6.5	5.5		5.3
2006	6.2	4.1	3.9		4.9	5.3	6.0		7.4
2000									
Q1	9.0	5.6	10.0		19.3	21.6	7.4		5.0
Q2	11.3	9.4	11.0		20.9	21.6	12.4		15.3
Q3	6.2	9.9	3.3		19.8	21.0	8.0		9.3
Q4	7.4	17.1	5.8		20.6	22.0	9.7		9.0
2001									
Q1	5.6	10.5	7.6		22.2	21.6	11.2		11.2
Q2	5.3	7.8	-2.9		11.3	7.5	6.2		0.4
Q3	5.0	11.8	-6.2		4.8	2.4	4.5		3.2
Q4	5.7	9.4	1.0		-1.1	-0.7	2.0		1.3
2002									
Q1	4.8	9.6	-2.9		6.1	3.0	3.9		-2.3
Q2	2.8	9.2	0.4		6.2	8.9	4.9		2.2
Q3	5.3	6.8	7.9		5.3	4.1	6.9		5.8
Q4	2.4	3.3	9.5		0.6	-5.8	8.3		5.5
2003									
Q1	3.7	4.7	-3.9		-7.3	-10.3	3.9		4.3
Q2	4.0	2.2	1.4		-2.1	-8.5	4.9		5.6
Q3	2.1	2.7	4.1		0.6	2.0	1.5		3.1
Q4	3.0	3.2	21.3		11.4	13.5	6.7		8.7
2004									
Q1	3.4	1.6	9.4		10.9	8.9	6.9		7.7
Q2	3.5	2.1	15.3		9.4	12.6	5.0		4.5
Q3	4.4	1.6	6.9		6.7	8.0	4.5		3.3
Q4	3.7	1.8	-0.3		2.9	5.5	1.1		0.6
2005									
Q1	6.1	5.0	12.3		1.2	5.5	4.0		3.7
Q2	6.1	4.4	16.1		3.6	4.5	5.6		2.9
Q3	7.6	5.4	8.8		4.4	6.8	5.9		7.3
Q4	6.7	3.8	13.8		6.1	8.9	6.5		7.2
2006									
Q1	7.0	3.4	7.8		7.7	8.8	5.9		7.1
Q2	7.2	5.1	-4.5		4.2	5.5	5.6		9.7
Q3	4.4	4.2	7.9		6.6	3.7	7.6		5.2
Q4	6.3	3.9	5.1		1.7	3.6	5.0		7.5

*Chain linked series not additive

Table 4 Gross Value Added at Constant Factor Cost by Sector of Origin and Gross National Product at Constant Market Prices (Chain linked annually and referenced to year 2004) - Seasonally Adjusted

€ million										
Period	Agric. forestry and fishing	Industry	Dist. transport and comms.	Public admin. and defence	Other services (including rent)	GDP at constant factor cost	Taxes less subsidies	GDP at constant market prices	Net factor income from rest of	GNP at constant market prices
2000										
Q1	856	8,874	4,255	1,067	10,179	25,267	3,540	28,885	-3,685	25,278
Q2	866	9,523	4,381	1,072	10,354	26,295	3,760	30,015	-3,117	27,263
Q3	880	9,865	4,434	1,084	10,568	26,938	3,526	30,497	-4,062	26,518
Q4	832	10,674	4,368	1,111	10,720	27,629	3,858	31,457	-4,474	27,131
2001										
Q1	851	10,801	4,679	1,095	10,970	28,433	3,495	32,020	-4,020	28,133
Q2	874	10,256	4,742	1,112	11,208	28,270	3,628	31,901	-4,598	27,414
Q3	839	10,173	4,752	1,125	11,322	28,414	3,499	31,985	-4,639	27,420
Q4	904	10,260	4,785	1,135	11,523	28,459	3,595	32,055	-4,700	27,399
2002										
Q1	819	10,985	4,814	1,146	11,537	29,402	3,746	33,188	-5,566	27,506
Q2	866	11,539	4,863	1,153	11,711	29,750	3,674	33,433	-5,364	28,055
Q3	866	11,459	4,937	1,156	11,790	30,485	3,827	34,358	-5,393	29,043
Q4	847	11,242	4,964	1,160	11,995	30,846	3,800	34,685	-5,760	28,796
2003										
Q1	857	11,089	4,922	1,179	12,343	30,539	3,856	34,397	-5,603	28,728
Q2	874	11,327	4,963	1,182	12,287	31,181	3,873	35,049	-5,406	29,645
Q3	907	11,315	5,003	1,183	12,494	31,083	3,920	35,018	-5,173	29,994
Q4	911	12,228	5,044	1,188	12,576	32,862	4,090	36,985	-5,645	31,248
2004										
Q1	893	12,070	5,029	1,209	13,127	32,614	4,126	36,728	-5,783	30,944
Q2	882	11,971	5,097	1,202	13,119	32,558	4,254	36,792	-5,800	30,993
Q3	917	11,946	5,184	1,208	13,288	32,410	4,249	36,662	-5,759	31,031
Q4	917	11,954	5,289	1,216	13,655	32,970	4,382	37,391	-5,915	31,355
2005										
Q1	967	12,246	5,388	1,219	13,772	33,823	4,353	38,160	-6,072	32,088
Q2	997	12,235	5,391	1,230	14,149	34,398	4,459	38,832	-6,928	31,883
Q3	1,014	12,387	5,442	1,232	14,454	34,267	4,606	38,880	-5,640	33,341
Q4	1,041	12,710	5,469	1,238	14,692	35,278	4,513	39,840	-6,125	33,604
2006										
Q1	1,031	12,579	5,602	1,241	14,841	35,541	4,877	40,390	-6,060	34,328
Q2	1,017	13,476	5,673	1,247	14,997	36,150	4,854	40,976	-6,014	34,999
Q3	917	13,258	5,741	1,261	15,327	36,841	4,996	41,841	-6,821	35,105
Q4	980	13,271	5,847	1,261	15,429	36,881	4,904	41,853	-5,598	36,115
<i>Percentage change on previous quarter</i>										
2000										
Q1	-4.5	-4.8	5.7	0.4	1.0	-0.4	5.2	0.7		1.3
Q2	1.2	7.3	3.0	0.5	1.7	4.1	6.2	3.9		7.9
Q3	1.5	3.6	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.4	-6.2	1.6		-2.7
Q4	-5.4	8.2	-1.5	2.5	1.4	2.6	9.4	3.1		2.3
2001										
Q1	2.3	1.2	7.1	-1.5	2.3	2.9	-9.4	1.8		3.7
Q2	2.7	-5.0	1.4	1.6	2.2	-0.6	3.8	-0.4		-2.6
Q3	-4.0	-0.8	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	-3.6	0.3		0.0
Q4	7.7	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.8	0.2	2.7	0.2		-0.1
2002										
Q1	-9.4	7.1	0.6	1.0	0.1	3.3	4.2	3.5		0.4
Q2	5.8	5.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.2	-1.9	0.7		2.0
Q3	0.0	-0.7	1.5	0.3	0.7	2.5	4.2	2.8		3.5
Q4	-2.2	-1.9	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.2	-0.7	1.0		-0.9
2003										
Q1	1.1	-1.4	-0.8	1.7	2.9	-1.0	1.5	-0.8		-0.2
Q2	2.0	2.1	0.8	0.2	-0.5	2.1	0.4	1.9		3.2
Q3	3.8	-0.1	0.8	0.1	1.7	-0.3	1.2	-0.1		1.2
Q4	0.4	8.1	0.8	0.4	0.7	5.7	4.3	5.6		4.2
2004										
Q1	-1.9	-1.3	-0.3	1.7	4.4	-0.8	0.9	-0.7		-1.0
Q2	-1.2	-0.8	1.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	3.1	0.2		0.2
Q3	3.9	-0.2	1.7	0.5	1.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4		0.1
Q4	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.6	2.8	1.7	3.1	2.0		1.0
2005										
Q1	5.4	2.4	1.9	0.3	0.9	2.6	-0.7	2.1		2.3
Q2	3.1	-0.1	0.1	0.9	2.7	1.7	2.4	1.8		-0.6
Q3	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	2.2	-0.4	3.3	0.1		4.6
Q4	2.7	2.6	0.5	0.5	1.6	2.9	-2.0	2.5		0.8
2006										
Q1	-1.0	-1.0	2.4	0.2	1.0	0.7	8.1	1.4		2.2
Q2	-1.3	7.1	1.3	0.5	1.0	1.7	-0.5	1.5		2.0
Q3	-9.9	-1.6	1.2	1.1	2.2	1.9	2.9	2.1		0.3
Q4	6.9	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.1	-1.8	0.0		2.9

Table 5 Expenditure on Gross National Product at Current Market Prices - Seasonally Adjusted

Period	€million								
	Personal consumption of goods and services	Net exp. by central and local government on current goods and services	Gross domestic fixed capital formation	Value of physical changes in stocks	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	GDP at current market prices	Net factor income from the rest of the world	GNP at current market prices
2000									
Q1	12,067	3,021	5,998	53	22,915	-19,839	24,549	-3,598	20,909
Q2	12,457	3,179	6,375	143	24,915	-21,446	25,826	-3,153	22,655
Q3	12,828	3,287	6,526	277	26,464	-22,856	26,557	-4,124	22,401
Q4	13,179	3,565	6,468	309	28,474	-24,546	27,542	-4,631	23,041
2001									
Q1	13,367	3,562	7,056	299	29,449	-25,359	28,417	-4,136	24,184
Q2	13,752	3,732	6,838	-397	29,127	-24,193	28,967	-4,889	24,070
Q3	13,988	3,894	6,558	467	29,181	-24,301	29,612	-4,936	24,681
Q4	14,451	4,181	6,605	-14	29,197	-24,807	29,718	-5,032	24,806
2002									
Q1	14,649	4,253	7,066	-88	32,018	-26,149	31,599	-6,006	25,413
Q2	14,928	4,374	7,083	227	30,797	-25,935	31,529	-5,812	25,728
Q3	15,461	4,445	7,447	199	30,138	-24,483	32,948	-5,748	27,243
Q4	15,676	4,533	7,394	298	28,816	-22,979	33,796	-6,189	27,751
2003									
Q1	16,008	4,629	7,101	275	28,564	-22,671	33,717	-5,671	27,816
Q2	16,275	4,648	7,447	323	28,447	-22,829	34,292	-5,374	28,976
Q3	16,315	4,766	8,095	271	29,144	-23,876	34,431	-5,185	29,342
Q4	16,543	4,805	9,214	338	30,179	-24,635	36,431	-5,526	30,942
2004									
Q1	16,804	5,029	8,308	48	30,539	-24,256	36,268	-5,691	30,351
Q2	17,025	5,109	9,060	34	31,153	-25,626	36,779	-5,821	31,011
Q3	17,334	5,260	9,171	194	31,180	-26,104	36,801	-5,916	31,070
Q4	17,550	5,389	9,603	-14	31,138	-26,029	37,702	-5,825	31,836
2005									
Q1	17,988	5,552	10,030	231	31,196	-25,952	38,903	-6,044	32,647
Q2	18,230	5,642	11,266	-158	32,455	-27,209	40,324	-6,976	33,351
Q3	18,932	5,816	10,668	-140	32,948	-28,100	39,975	-5,959	34,303
Q4	18,948	5,941	11,518	182	34,316	-29,169	41,912	-6,233	35,510
2006									
Q1	19,619	6,087	11,485	522	34,662	-29,383	42,804	-6,276	36,343
Q2	20,045	6,247	11,488	687	34,424	-29,783	43,206	-6,203	37,067
Q3	20,395	6,354	12,381	289	36,041	-30,166	45,126	-7,504	38,055
Q4	20,708	6,438	12,551	537	35,028	-30,823	44,684	-5,618	38,749
<i>Percentage change on previous quarter</i>									
2000									
Q1	4.3	2.2	6.9		3.2	7.8	2.4		3.4
Q2	3.2	5.2	6.3		8.7	8.1	5.2		8.4
Q3	3.0	3.4	2.4		6.2	6.6	2.8		-1.1
Q4	2.7	8.5	-0.9		7.6	7.4	3.7		2.9
2001									
Q1	1.4	-0.1	9.1		3.4	3.3	3.2		5.0
Q2	2.9	4.8	-3.1		-1.1	-4.6	1.9		-0.5
Q3	1.7	4.4	-4.1		0.2	0.4	2.2		2.5
Q4	3.3	7.4	0.7		0.1	2.1	0.4		0.5
2002									
Q1	1.4	1.7	7.0		9.7	5.4	6.3		2.4
Q2	1.9	2.8	0.2		-3.8	-0.8	-0.2		1.2
Q3	3.6	1.6	5.1		-2.1	-5.6	4.5		5.9
Q4	1.4	2.0	-0.7		-4.4	-6.1	2.6		1.9
2003									
Q1	2.1	2.1	-4.0		-0.9	-1.3	-0.2		0.2
Q2	1.7	0.4	4.9		-0.4	0.7	1.7		4.2
Q3	0.2	2.5	8.7		2.5	4.6	0.4		1.3
Q4	1.4	0.8	13.8		3.6	3.2	5.8		5.5
2004									
Q1	1.6	4.6	-9.8		1.2	-1.5	-0.4		-1.9
Q2	1.3	1.6	9.1		2.0	5.6	1.4		2.2
Q3	1.8	2.9	1.2		0.1	1.9	0.1		0.2
Q4	1.2	2.5	4.7		-0.1	-0.3	2.4		2.5
2005									
Q1	2.5	3.0	4.5		0.2	-0.3	3.2		2.5
Q2	1.3	1.6	12.3		4.0	4.8	3.7		2.2
Q3	3.9	3.1	-5.3		1.5	3.3	-0.9		2.9
Q4	0.1	2.1	8.0		4.2	3.8	4.8		3.5
2006									
Q1	3.5	2.5	-0.3		1.0	0.7	2.1		2.3
Q2	2.2	2.6	0.0		-0.7	1.4	0.9		2.0
Q3	1.7	1.7	7.8		4.7	1.3	4.4		2.7
Q4	1.5	1.3	1.4		-2.8	2.2	-1.0		1.8

**Table 6 Expenditure on Gross National Product at Constant Market Prices
(Chain linked annually and referenced to year 2004) - Seasonally Adjusted**

Period							€million		
	Personal consumption of goods and services	Net exp. by central and local government on current goods and services	Gross domestic fixed capital formation	Value of physical changes in stocks	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	GDP at constant market prices	Net factor income from the rest of the world	GNP at constant market prices
2000									
Q1	14,340	4,009	7,558	26	23,133	-19,988	28,885	-3,685	25,278
Q2	14,625	4,162	7,904	330	24,659	-21,171	30,015	-3,117	27,263
Q3	14,721	4,230	7,915	396	25,960	-22,206	30,497	-4,062	26,518
Q4	14,968	4,409	7,508	458	27,421	-23,331	31,457	-4,474	27,131
2001									
Q1	15,119	4,432	8,107	587	28,236	-24,187	32,020	-4,020	28,133
Q2	15,413	4,509	7,741	-366	27,415	-22,788	31,901	-4,598	27,414
Q3	15,437	4,707	7,462	351	27,311	-22,714	31,985	-4,639	27,420
Q4	15,849	4,819	7,466	-116	27,080	-23,218	32,055	-4,700	27,399
2002									
Q1	15,822	4,835	7,910	-228	29,949	-24,873	33,188	-5,566	27,505
Q2	15,857	4,938	7,808	182	29,045	-24,839	33,433	-5,364	28,056
Q3	16,242	5,004	8,112	282	28,859	-23,597	34,358	-5,393	29,043
Q4	16,258	5,008	8,019	341	27,225	-21,880	34,685	-5,760	28,796
2003									
Q1	16,382	5,064	7,660	245	27,765	-22,339	34,397	-5,603	28,728
Q2	16,502	5,056	7,945	233	28,397	-22,752	35,049	-5,406	29,645
Q3	16,574	5,127	8,514	391	29,054	-24,036	35,018	-5,173	29,994
Q4	16,780	5,175	9,523	408	30,349	-24,758	36,985	-5,645	31,248
2004									
Q1	16,912	5,142	8,476	283	30,777	-24,403	36,728	-5,783	30,944
Q2	17,087	5,168	9,186	267	31,035	-25,673	36,792	-5,800	30,993
Q3	17,295	5,198	9,158	-25	30,995	-25,898	36,662	-5,759	31,031
Q4	17,428	5,279	9,341	-273	31,232	-26,023	37,391	-5,915	31,355
2005									
Q1	17,915	5,396	9,597	330	31,160	-25,848	38,160	-6,072	32,088
Q2	18,126	5,393	10,685	-194	32,152	-26,863	38,832	-6,928	31,883
Q3	18,614	5,472	9,995	-70	32,328	-27,631	38,880	-5,640	33,341
Q4	18,622	5,494	10,519	109	33,185	-28,250	39,840	-6,125	33,604
2006									
Q1	19,150	5,574	10,408	306	33,536	-28,205	40,390	-6,060	34,328
Q2	19,424	5,663	10,206	405	33,510	-28,382	40,976	-6,014	34,999
Q3	19,442	5,698	10,813	487	34,417	-28,629	41,841	-6,821	35,105
Q4	19,813	5,716	10,994	523	33,766	-29,206	41,853	-5,598	36,115
<i>Percentage change on previous quarter</i>									
2000									
Q1	3.0	0.9	5.6		1.6	5.0	0.7		1.3
Q2	2.0	3.8	4.6		6.6	5.9	3.9		7.9
Q3	0.7	1.6	0.1		5.3	4.9	1.6		-2.7
Q4	1.7	4.2	-5.1		5.6	5.1	3.1		2.3
2001									
Q1	1.0	0.5	8.0		3.0	3.7	1.8		3.7
Q2	1.9	1.7	-4.5		-2.9	-5.8	-0.4		-2.6
Q3	0.2	4.4	-3.6		-0.4	-0.3	0.3		0.0
Q4	2.7	2.4	0.1		-0.8	2.2	0.2		-0.1
2002									
Q1	-0.2	0.3	5.9		10.6	7.1	3.5		0.4
Q2	0.2	2.1	-1.3		-3.0	-0.1	0.7		2.0
Q3	2.4	1.3	3.9		-0.6	-5.0	2.8		3.5
Q4	0.1	0.1	-1.1		-5.7	-7.3	1.0		-0.9
2003									
Q1	0.8	1.1	-4.5		2.0	2.1	-0.8		-0.2
Q2	0.7	-0.1	3.7		2.3	1.8	1.9		3.2
Q3	0.4	1.4	7.2		2.3	5.6	-0.1		1.2
Q4	1.2	0.9	11.8		4.5	3.0	5.6		4.2
2004									
Q1	0.8	-0.6	-11.0		1.4	-1.4	-0.7		-1.0
Q2	1.0	0.5	8.4		0.8	5.2	0.2		0.2
Q3	1.2	0.6	-0.3		-0.1	0.9	-0.4		0.1
Q4	0.8	1.6	2.0		0.8	0.5	2.0		1.0
2005									
Q1	2.8	2.2	2.7		-0.2	-0.7	2.1		2.3
Q2	1.2	-0.1	11.3		3.2	3.9	1.8		-0.6
Q3	2.7	1.5	-6.5		0.5	2.9	0.1		4.6
Q4	0.0	0.4	5.2		2.7	2.2	2.5		0.8
2006									
Q1	2.8	1.5	-1.1		1.1	-0.2	1.4		2.2
Q2	1.4	1.6	-1.9		-0.1	0.6	1.5		2.0
Q3	0.1	0.6	5.9		2.7	0.9	2.1		0.3
Q4	1.9	0.3	1.7		-1.9	2.0	0.0		2.9

Background Notes

Introduction This release gives the official quarterly national accounts estimates for Ireland. It provides the first set of results for the fourth quarter of 2006 (and therefore also provides preliminary results for the full year 2006). These are compiled in accordance with the ESA95 system of accounts, as used in all member states of the European Union. The aggregates shown have been derived from a wide variety of sources. As some of the available sources are of lesser reliability than those used for the annual national accounts, the quarterly estimates given in this release have a higher margin of error than the annual figures.

Revisions Minor revisions have been made to the previously published figures for the first three quarters of 2006. The figures in this release are also aligned with the publication “National Income and Expenditure 2005” for the year 2005 and earlier years.

Current Price For the annual accounts, GDP at current prices is calculated using two independent approaches i.e. the *income* and *expenditure* methods. On a quarterly basis, it is not possible to compile a reliable income based estimate. The estimates in current prices are on the expenditure basis only and these are supplied in Table 2. The balancing item (i.e. the statistical discrepancy) which is required to adjust the expenditure based estimate to the definitive measure of GDP (the average of income and expenditure) has been projected forward into 2006 in line with the trend in the aggregate of all the other expenditure items.

Volumes At constant prices, two measures (*output and expenditure*) are used. These measures are now being produced using annual chain linked indices. On the output side, for each quarter, the volume growth measures at a detailed level are weighted together using value added weights of the previous year. Similarly, on the expenditure side, the growth estimates are weighted by expenditure weights of the previous year. The average of the two measures is the growth measure used. The change over a period of years is then calculated by linking together the annual changes. The estimates in this release are referenced to 2004 values. A consequence of this change is that the individual components of GDP at reference year values do not add to the total.

Definitions **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** represents the total value added (output) in the production of goods and services in the country.

Net factor income from the rest of the world (NFI) is the difference between investment income (interest, profits etc.) and labour income earned abroad by Irish resident persons and companies (inflows) and similar incomes earned in Ireland by non-residents (outflows). The data are taken from the Balance of Payments statistics. The deflator used to generate the constant price figures is based on the implied quarterly price index for the exports of goods and services. In some years exceptional income payments have had to be deflated individually.

Gross National Product (GNP) is the sum of GDP and NFI. Because NFI is the difference between two large gross flows, its magnitude can fluctuate greatly from one quarter to another. This can lead to significant differences between the GDP and GNP growth rate for the same quarter.

Methodology **Table 1: Output Measure**

The estimation procedures are similar to those used for the annual accounts whenever possible. However, in a number of cases the annual methodology cannot be followed due to the lack of relevant data.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

The estimate for Agriculture is calculated by using the available sub-annual information for exports and slaughterings of animals, milk deliveries, stock changes (six-monthly), fertiliser and feeding stuffs usage etc. For some items, annual figures are distributed equally across the quarters. Monthly sea fish landings are used to estimate the quarterly output of fishing.

Industry

The gross value added of manufacturing industry is calculated by applying monthly volume of production indices to the previous year's quarterly gross value added, including royalties. Royalties are separately deflated using the export price index and then deducted.

Changes in the volume of investment in construction projects are used to estimate the output of the building and construction sector.

Distribution, Transport and Communications

For distribution the methods used are similar to those used for the annual calculation. They rely heavily on the retail sales indices and other CSO services inquiries. In the case of transport, most of the output measures used for the annual calculations are available on a quarterly basis.

For communications the main data sources are direct inquiries to the suppliers, with additional data and trend estimation for some residual components.

Public Administration and Defence

The quarterly estimate of value added for public administration and defence has been calculated based on the employment trends in the public sector.

Other Services (Incl. Rent)

The Other Services category covers a variety of service activities, some of which are surveyed on a quarterly basis by the CSO. For some services, information on outputs is not directly available on a quarterly basis. In most of these cases, quarterly estimates are derived using trends in related indicators. In a small number of residual cases, annual estimates are distributed equally across the quarters.

Taxes and Subsidies

Taxes and subsidies are deflated at a detailed level using appropriate price indices. Value added taxes and excise duties have been accrued and recorded in the period in which the underlying expenditure took place.

Net factor income from the rest of the world

The value of net income flows with the rest of the world in the Quarterly National Accounts release is generally consistent with the published Balance of Payments statistics.

Tables 2 and 3: Expenditure Measures

The various components of the expenditure based measure of GDP are defined in the annual *National Income and Expenditure* publication. The methods used for the quarterly series are similar to those used for the annual where possible but in many cases alternative methods have been applied.

Personal Consumption Expenditure is estimated using CSO data, such as the Retail Sales Indices together with some direct inquiries. Administrative data sources are used for some goods such as fuel and power products and motor vehicles. Constant price estimates are obtained using components of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Net Expenditure by Central and Local Government at current market prices is estimated using Government records. The constant price estimates of remuneration are derived by extrapolating base year estimates using an index of employment or using appropriate deflators for wages. Expenditure on goods and services is deflated partly by consumer price indices and partly by wholesale price indices.

Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at current market prices includes expenditure on building and construction work and machinery and equipment. The quarterly estimates of dwellings are based on data from the Department of Environment's (DoE) Quarterly Housing Bulletin. Information on other building and construction is obtained from the Department's Review and Outlook together with data from the Public Capital Programme. Quarterly estimates of commercial vehicles used in the business sector are estimated using administrative data. Estimates of other machinery and equipment are made by reference to import statistics and the CSO Quarterly Capital Assets in Industry Inquiry. Current estimates are deflated to prices of the previous year using appropriate price indices such as components of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and indices for construction activity.

Value of Physical Changes in Stocks at current prices covers stock changes in the agricultural, industrial and distribution sectors and in intervention stocks. This item measures the actual value change in stocks between the beginning and end of quarter *adjusted for any changes in the prices of the underlying commodities*. Data on industrial and distribution stocks are taken from published and unpublished components of the CSO Quarterly Stocks Inquiry. Agricultural stocks are estimated from the results of CSO's agricultural enumerations and statistics on animal slaughterings, etc. Constant price estimates are calculated by deflating the current estimates using relevant price indices and price data on agricultural and intervention stocks. Some adjustments have been made to the stocks values to improve the coherence of the quarterly accounts. These are judgmental adjustments to allow for within-year timing differences between the output and expenditure measures. Over a calendar year, these adjustments are neutral.

Exports and Imports of Goods and Services at current prices are taken from the CSO Balance of Payments series. Current price estimates are converted to previous year prices using the available price indices, including export and import unit value indices.

A very significant fall in the pattern of distributive type trade with Great Britain in Electrical machinery and parts in 2002 has a very large influence on year-on-year comparisons of both exports and imports for 2003 and the latter part of 2002. While the comparisons of **gross** flows are considerably influenced, the **net** balance of trade is not significantly affected.

Seasonal Adjustment The series are adjusted using the X-11 ARIMA procedure, which is an adaptation of the U.S. Bureau of the Census X-11 seasonal adjustment program, developed by Statistics Canada. The adjusted series are obtained by seasonally adjusting each of the original unadjusted series. This applies to GDP and GNP also. In other words the seasonally adjusted GDP and GNP are not derived as the sum of the seasonally adjusted components (such as Personal Consumption, Exports etc.) but rather by seasonally adjusting the unadjusted values of GDP and GNP as shown in Tables 1 - 3. On account of this and also because of the statistical discrepancy in the original series, the sum of the seasonally adjusted components of GDP and GNP do not add to the respective seasonally adjusted series.