

GDP GREW 1.0 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER

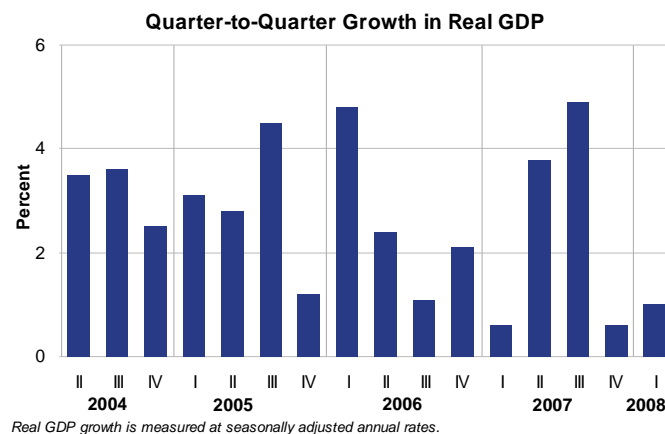
Estimates of GDP

The economy grew at an annual rate of 1.0 percent in the first quarter, compared with 0.6 percent in the fourth quarter, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The estimate of first-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth is 0.1 percentage point higher than previously estimated.

Gross Domestic Product

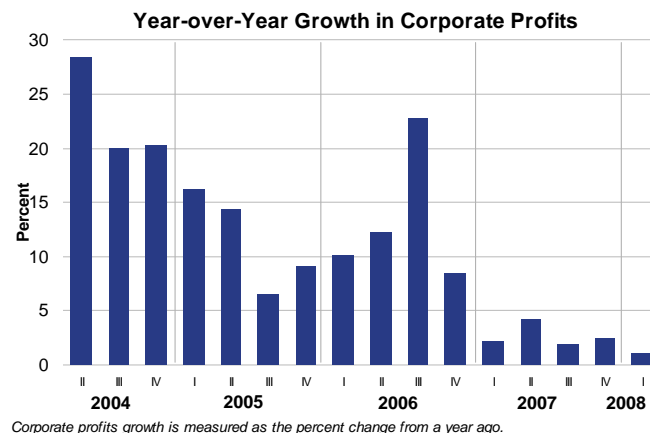
The continuing slow growth of the economy reflected continuing weakness in residential housing, downturns in consumer spending on durable and nondurable goods, and slower growth in business investment.

The slight revision to first-quarter growth reflected upward revisions to exports, consumer spending, and business investment in equipment and software.



Corporate Profits

First-quarter corporate profits grew 1.0 percent from the first quarter of 2007. In the fourth quarter, profits grew 2.5 percent. First-quarter profits declined for domestic financial corporations and nonfinancial corporations, while net profits from abroad rose.



BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The annual revision of the national income and product accounts, covering the first quarter of 2005 through the first quarter of 2008, will be released with the “advance” estimate of GDP for the second quarter of 2008 on July 31, 2008.