

GDP DECLINES 1.0 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER

Second Estimate of GDP

Real gross domestic product (GDP) declined 1.0 percent in the second quarter of 2009, following a 6.4 percent decline in the first quarter, according to the “second” estimate released today by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The estimate for the second quarter was unrevised from the “advance” estimate released in July.

Gross Domestic Product

As in the previous estimates, the smaller decrease in real GDP reflected:

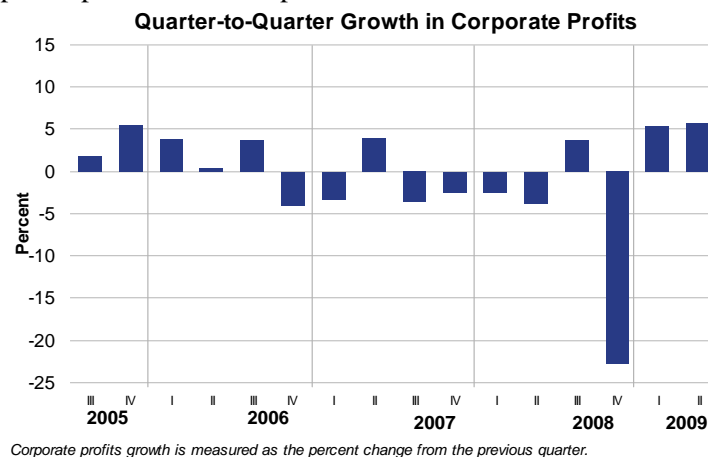
- Much smaller decreases in business investment and exports
- An upturn in government spending
- Smaller declines in private inventory investment and housing

However, consumer spending turned down, and imports declined less than in the first quarter.



Corporate Profits

Second-quarter corporate profits rose 5.7 percent at a quarterly rate. Nonfinancial corporate profits increased 4.5 percent, and financial corporate profits rose 16.7 percent.



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: Additional information that becomes available in the coming weeks will be incorporated in a “third” estimate of second-quarter GDP on September 30, 2009. A revised estimate of corporate profits will also be released.