

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Overall / expenditure growth - seasonally adjusted (Q4 2018 and 2018 (preliminary))

	GDP	GNP	Expenditure category	Quarterly change	Annual change
Q4 2018	€81.9bn	€62.9bn	Personal Consumption	+7.2%	+3.0%
Quarterly change	+0.1%	-2.4%	Govt. Expenditure	+€1.8bn	+€2.9bn
	+€528m	-€1.6bn	Capital Investment	-2.1%	+6.4%
Full year 2018 (prelim.)	€312.5bn	€245.7bn	Exports	+43.4%	+9.8%
Annual change	+6.7%	+5.9%	Imports	+€7.8bn	+€6.6bn
	+€19.5bn	+€13.8bn		+11.4%	+8.9%
				+23.9%	+7.0%
				+€16.1bn	+€18.3bn

Source: CSO - National Accounts ([March 2019](#)). See [FAQs](#). Figures referenced above refer to real GDP and GNP (GDP/GNP at constant market prices).

RETAIL SALES

Volume of sales change (annual / monthly) - seasonally adjusted (April 2019)

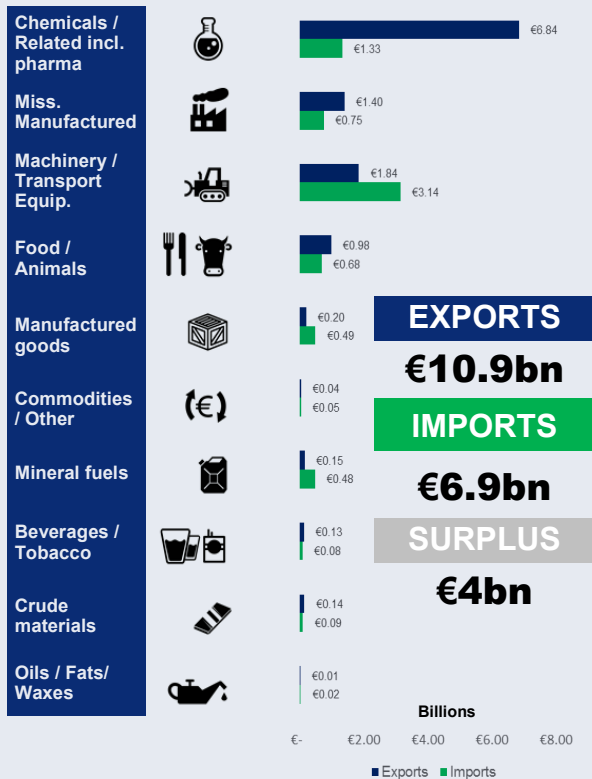
ALL BUSINESSES



Source: CSO - Retail Sales Index ([May 2019](#))

GOODS TRADE

Composition of Irish trade (March 2019)



MAIN MARKETS

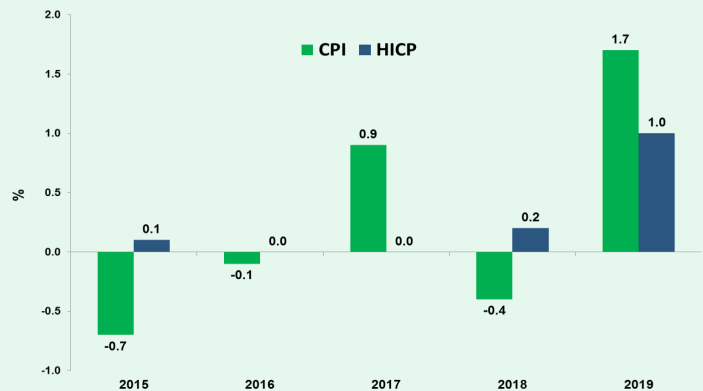
	Total EU (incl. UK)	United Kingdom	USA & Canada
EXP.	€5.8bn	€1.4bn	€3.4bn
	50%	12%	29%
IMP.	€4.7bn	€1.85bn	€1.08bn
	65%	26%	15%

Source: CSO - External Trade ([May 2019](#))

CONSUMER PRICES

(April 2019)

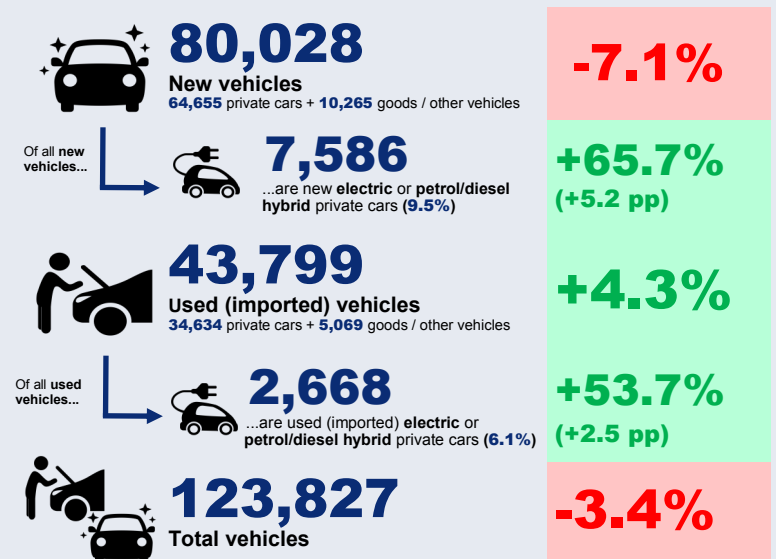
Year-on-year change (April to April)



Source: CSO - Consumer Price index (CPI) ([May 2019](#))

VEHICLES LICENCED

Year-on-year change from same period last year (January-April)



Source: CSO - Vehicles Licenced for the First Time ([April 2019](#))

UNEMPLOYMENT (March 2019)

5.4%

Monthly unemployment rate
Seasonally adjusted

▼ **0.4** percentage points
Compared to March 2018

131,300

Total persons unemployed
Seasonally adjusted

▼ **6,200**
Compared to March 2018

♂ **70,500 (5.4%)**
Males unemployed

♀ **60,800 (5.5%)**
Females unemployed

🧑 **38,500 (13.4%)**
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24)

40,900
Persons unemployed 1 year
or more, **35.7%** of all
unemployment (in Q1 2019, LFS)

1.7%
Long term unemployment rate
(in Q1 2019, LFS)

Source: CSO - Monthly Unemployment ([April 2019](#)) and Labour Force Survey, LFS ([Q1 2019](#))

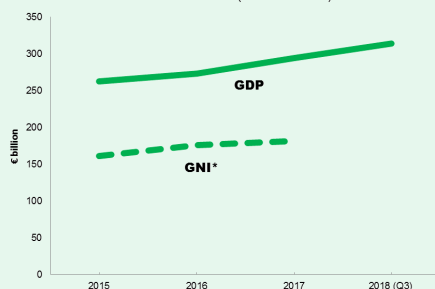
GOVERNMENT FINANCES (Q4 2018)

	Q4 2015	Q4 2016	Q4 2017	Q4 2018
GG Balance	-1.3%	1.9%	3.1%	4.9%
GG Debt	€201.6bn	€200.7bn	€201.4bn	€206.2bn

Measuring the economy, and debt (2015-2018)

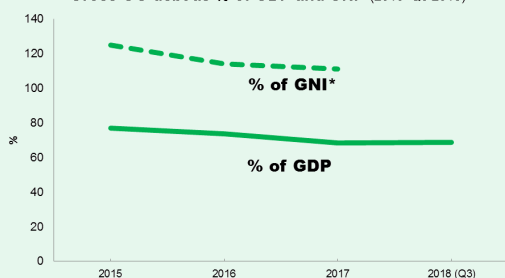
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Annual GDP (current market prices)	€262.5bn	€273.2bn	€294.1bn	€318.5bn
Annual GNI*	€161.4bn	€175.8bn	€181.2bn	TBA

GDP vs GNI* (2015- Q3 2018)



Two measurements of the economy (GDP and modified GNI, or GNI*) value the size of the Irish economy differently...

Gross GG debt as % of GDP and GNI* (2015- Q3 2018)

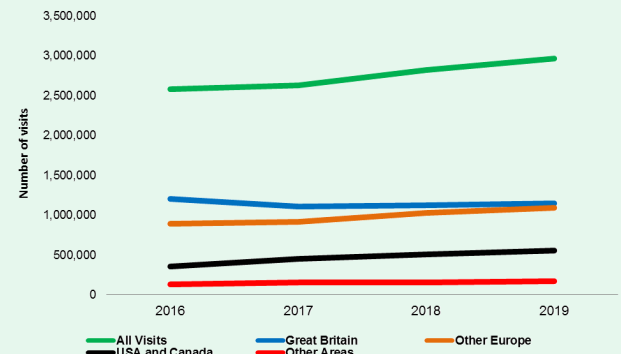


...which produces two different GG debt ratios.

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government Finances ([April 2019](#))

OVERSEAS TRAVEL (April 2019)

Visits to Ireland by area of residence (Jan-April, 2016-2019)



While overall visitor numbers are increasing year-on-year, visits to Ireland from the **other 27 EU Member States (excl. Great Britain (GB) and NI)** is an increasing proportion of total visits in the period January to April for 2016-2019. In actual numbers, the number of visitors from GB has also fallen from 1.208m (Jan-Apr 2016) to 1.15m (Jan-Apr 2019).

In the 4 years, the gap between the GB visitors and visitors from the Rest of EU has fallen from **+13** percentage points (pp) (47% to 34%) to **+2** pp (39% to 37%).

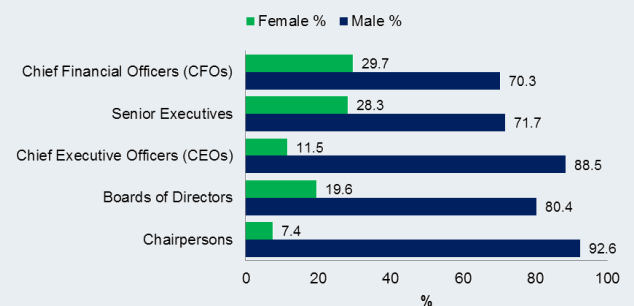
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019 v. 2016
GB	47%	42%	40%	39%	
PP change		-5pp	-2pp	-1pp	-8pp
REST OF EU	34%	35%	36%	37%	
PP change		+1pp	+1pp	+1pp	+3pp
USA/CANADA	14%	17%	18%	19%	
PP change		+3pp	+1pp	+1pp	+5pp

Source: CSO - Overseas Travel ([May 2019](#))

GENDER BALANCE IN BUSINESS

Senior positions by gender (2019)

According to the Survey (the first official CSO statistical publication on gender representation in large enterprises), while nearly 30% of CFOs were women, only 7.4% of Chairpersons and 11.5% of CEOs were women.



Source: CSO: Gender Balance in Business ([May 2019](#)). Online survey of 600 companies with more than 250 employees between February and April 2019