

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Yearly Change (Q2 2016 v Q2 2017) Seasonally adjusted

GDP / GNP

€71.1bn / €54.2bn

+5.8% / -1.3%

+€3.92bn / - €0.74bn

Source: CSO - national accounts [September 2017](#)
*See [FAQs](#)

Personal Consumption +1.3%

Govt. Expenditure +2.1%

Capital Investment -9.3%

Exports +3.6%

Imports -3.4%

RETAIL SALES

(September 2017)

Seasonally adjusted - volume of sales change

ALL BUSINESSES

Year-on-year

+1.2%

Monthly

-2.4%

Main % changes —annual

Furniture & Lighting

+16.1%

Other Retail Sales

+13.5%

Electrical Goods

+12.3%

Pharmaceuticals
Medical & Cosmetic articles

+11.4%

Hardware, Paints & Glass

+9.2%

Motor Trades

-19.7%

Source: CSO - retail sales index ([October 2017](#))

GOODS TRADE

(September 2016 — August 2017)

Chemicals / Related incl. pharma



Miss. Manufactured



Machinery / Transport Equip.



Food / Animals



Manufactured Goods



Commodities / Other



Mineral Fuels



Beverages / Tobacco



Crude Materials



Oils / Fats/ Waxes



EXPORTS
€121.5bn

IMPORTS
€75.1bn

SURPLUS
€46.4bn



MAIN MARKETS %



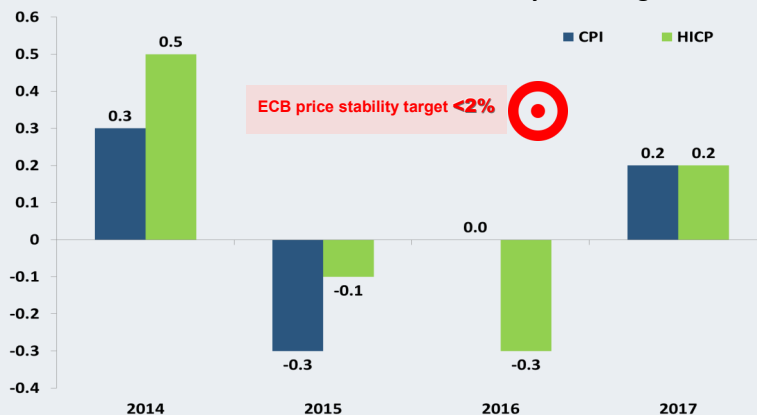
	Total EU (incl. UK)	Britain	USA & Canada
Exp.	51%	12%	28%
Imp.	59%	22%	20%

Source: CSO - external trade ([October 2017](#))

CONSUMER PRICES

(September 2017)

Year-on-year change



Source: CSO - consumer price index (CPI) ([October 2017](#))

VEHICLES LICENCED

(September 2017)

Change from same period last year



151,945

New vehicles (Jan. – Sep. 2017)

-10.5%



88,521

Used vehicles (Jan. – Sep. 2017)

+40.2%



240,466

Total vehicles (Jan. – Sep. 2017)

+3.2%

Source: CSO - vehicles licenced for the first time ([October 2017](#))



UNEMPLOYMENT (September 2017)

6.1%

Monthly unemployment rate
(Seasonally adjusted)

Down **1.4** percentage points
since September 2016

133,200

Total persons unemployed

Down **31,600** people since
September 2016

Source: CSO monthly unemployment ([October](#) 2017) and QNHS ([Q2 2017](#))

68,900

Persons unemployed 1 year
or more (Q2 2017)

3.1%

Long term unemployment
rate (Q2 2017)

♂ 82,200 (6.8%)
Males unemployed

♀ 51,100 (5.1%)
Females unemployed

EARNINGS

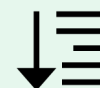
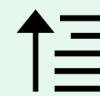
AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS (2016)

- **€36,919** (up 1.1% on 2015).
- **€45,611**: full-time employees.
- **€16,597**: part-time employees.



BY SECTOR

- Information and communication:
€55,961.
- Accommodation and food
services: **€17,214**.



MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS (2014)

- **€528.81** (up 1.1% on 2013).

BY AGE



- Highest earnings in 40-49 age group
(median earnings were €659.50).
- 30-39 age group: highest earning female
age category.
- 50-59 age group: highest earning male age
group.
- Highest yearly growth among those aged
60 and over (up 3.8% on 2013).
- Lowest yearly growth among those aged
30-39 (up 0.1% on 2013).

BY REGION

- Dublin: highest of the 5
regions at **€564.38**.
- The part of Ulster in the Republic of Ireland
had the lowest earnings at **€449.13**.



Source: CSO Statistical Yearbook of Ireland 2017 ([October 2017](#))

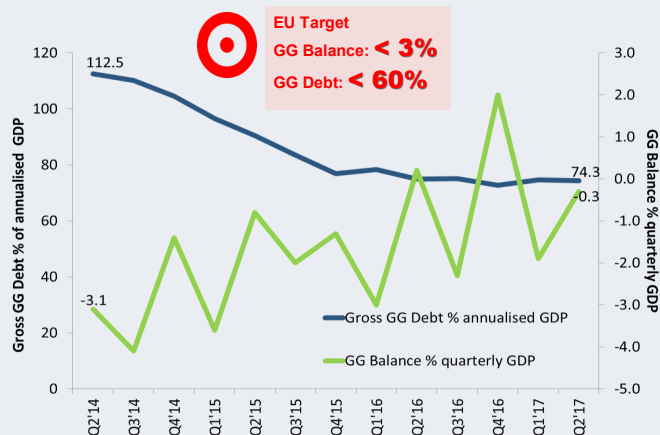
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

(Q2 2017)

General Govt. Balance and Gross Debt

€billions	Q2 2013	Q2 2014	Q2 2015	Q2 2016	Q2 2017
GG balance	-1.9	-1.5	-0.5	0.2	-0.2
GG Debt	218.4	209.5	204.2	200.4	211.2

GG Balance and Debt, Q2 2014 - Q2 2017



Gross Debt as a percentage of Modified GNI

	2014	2015	2016
Modified GNI (€bn)	154.5	172.9	189.2
GG Debt (%) of modified GNI	132%	117%	106%

Source: CSO government finance statistics ([October](#) 2017)