

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Yearly Change (Q3 2015 v Q3 2016) Seasonally adjusted

GDP / GNP

+6.9% / +10.2%

+€4.33bn / +€5.07bn

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	+2.1%	▲
GOVT. EXPENDITURE	+5.4%	▲
CAPITAL INVESTMENT	-7.2%	▼
EXPORTS	+20.1%	▲

Source: CSO - quarterly national accounts ([December 2016](#))

RETAIL SALES

(December 2016)

Seasonally adjusted - volume of sales change

ALL BUSINESSES

Year-on-year

+3.4%

Monthly

-0.7%

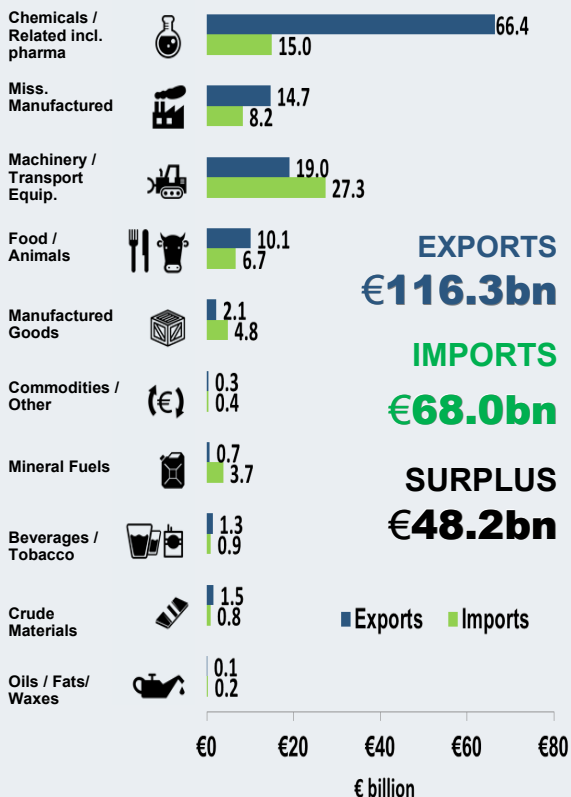
Main % changes —annual

Motor Trades	+9.8	Other retail sales	+3.4
Furniture & Lighting	+9.3	Books, newspapers & stationery	-4.1
Clothing, footwear and textiles	+5.8	Foods, beverages & tobacco	-2.5

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

GOODS TRADE

(January—December 2016)



MAIN MARKETS %

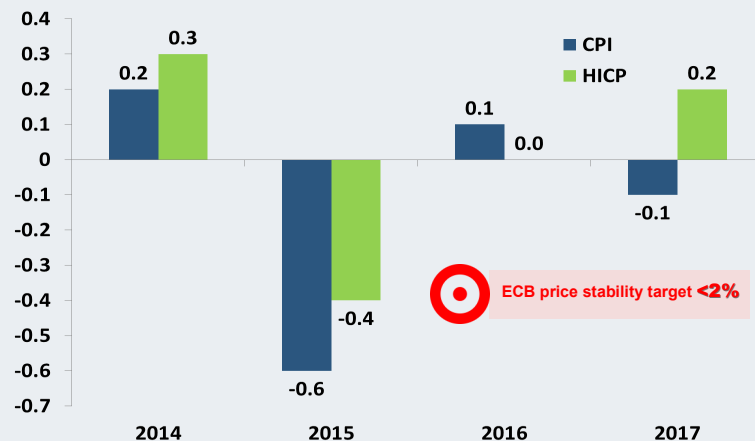


Source: CSO - external trade ([February 2017](#))

CONSUMER PRICES

(January 2017)

Year-on-year change

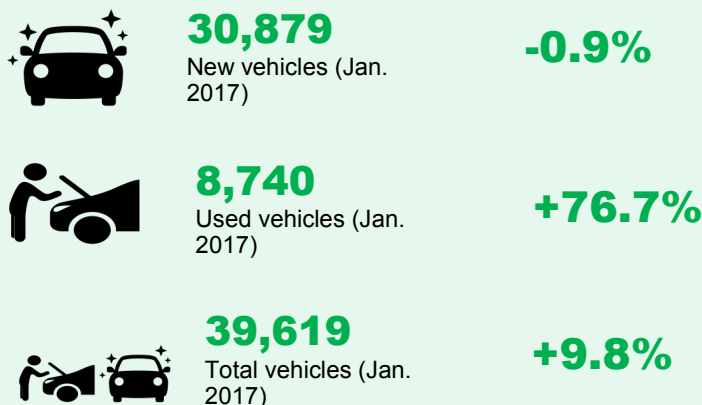


Source: CSO - consumer price index (CPI) ([February 2017](#))

VEHICLES LICENCED

(January 2017)

Change from same period last year



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



UNEMPLOYMENT (February 2017)

6.6%Monthly unemployment rate
(Seasonally adjusted)Down **1.8** percentage points
since February 2016**79,700**Persons unemployed 1 year
or more (Q4 2016)**3.6%**Long term unemployment
rate (Q4 2016)**145,100**

Total persons unemployed

Down **36,200** people since February
2016**85,900** (7.1%)
Males unemployed**59,200** (5.9%)
Females unemployedSource: CSO monthly unemployment ([February 2017](#)) and QNHS ([Q4 2016](#))

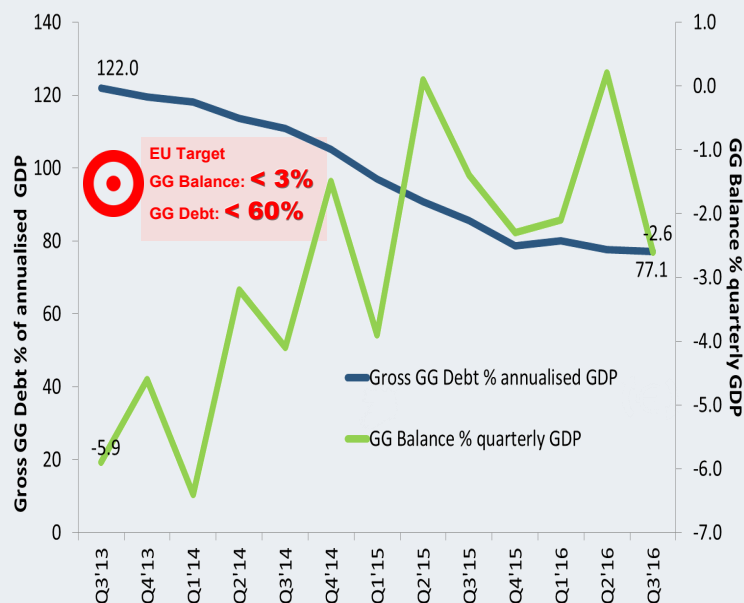
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

(Q3 2016)

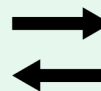
General Govt. Balance and Gross Debt

€billions	Q3 2012	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	Q3 2015	Q3 2016
GG balance	-3.2	-2.8	-2.1	-0.9	-1.8
GG Debt	210.4	218.5	208.3	203.2	202.1

GG Balance and Debt (% of GDP), Q3 2013- Q3 2016

Source: CSO Government Finance Statistics ([January 2017](#))

Ireland—UK Relations

Foreign Direct
Investment (2015)

Flows

€4.1bn dis-investment from the UK, compared to
€0.8bn investment in 2014**€0.5bn** investment in the UK, compared to €0.6bn
dis-investment in 2014

Stock

€37bn investment from the UK (4.6% of total),
compared to €43bn in 2014**€89bn** investment to the UK (10.9% of total), com-
pared to €78bn in 2014Source: CSO ([November 2016](#))Irish owned affiliates in the UK
(2014)No. of persons engaged **86,180**
(28.0% of total)Turnover **€37.6bn** (37.9% of total)Source: CSO ([December 2016](#))

Trade (2015)

Services exports **€23.5bn** (19.4% of total) com-
pared to €19.8bn in 2014Services imports **€12.1bn**
(8.0% of total) compared to
€12.0bn in 2014Goods exports **€15.6bn**
(13.9% of total), compared to
€13.7bn in 2014 and €15.0bn in 2016Goods imports **€18.0bn** (25.7% of total), com-
pared to €17.6bn in 2014 and €16.6bn in 2016Source: CSO ([November 2016](#) and [December 2016](#))