NICEI – Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index – Q2 2023 (Published 28th September 2023)

Growth Rates Relative Performance NICEI in Context



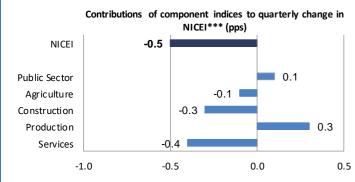
Growth Rates by Index

The growth rates for NICEI and other key economic output indices over the quarter, year, pre-pandemic and rolling 4Q annual average to **Quarter 2 2023** are outlined below.

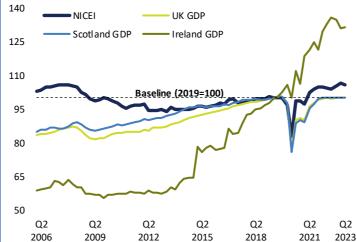
Growth Rates	NICEI	Public Sector	Services	Production	Construction *	Agriculture
Q/Q	↓ 0.5%	↑ 0.2%	↓ 0.8%	1 .6%	↓ 3.7%	♦ 6.8%
Y/Y	1 .7%	1.3%	1.5%	1 .6%	↑ 5.9%	↓ 1.3%
Pre-pandemic Change**	↑ 5.8%	↑ 5.8%	↑ 6.0%	↑ 6.1%	1 4.6%	1 .5%
Rolling 4Q Annual Ave	↑ 0.9%	1 .9%	↑ 0.5%	← 0.0%	↑ 3.6%	4 1.8%

Contribution to Quarterly Change in NICEI (Q2 2023)

Results show a **0.5 percentage points (pps)** decline in the NICEI over the **latest quarter** with the largest negative contribution coming from the Services sector -0.4 pps :



NICEI comparison with UK, Scot. & IE GDP Q2 2023



- The UK economy has recorded an increase in GDP in 35 of the last 40 quarters, whereas the NICEI has reported increases in economic activity in 21 of the last 40 quarters.
- The NICEI is now **0.1% above** the pre-economic downturn peak recorded in Quarter 3 2007. Whereas UK GDP is now estimated to be **14.9%** higher than its peak in Quarter 1 2008.

NICEI change compared with UK, Scot. & IE to Q2 2023

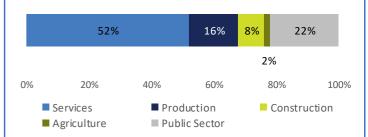
Growth Rates	NICEI	UK	Scotland	Ireland
Q/Q	4 0.5%	1 0.2%	V 0.3%	1 0.5%
Pre-pandemic Change**	↑ 5.8%	↓ 0.2%	↓ 0.5%	1 28.7%

- NI's output decreased over the quarter (-0.5%) whilst the UK's output increased (0.2%). Comparing against pre-pandemic, Economic Activity in NI has increased whilst the UK experienced a reduction (5.8% vs -0.2%).
- Both NI and Scotland recorded declined output over the quarter (-0.5% vs -0.3%). Comparing against pre-pandemic, Economic Activity in NI has increased whilst Scottish GDP has fallen (5.8% vs -0.5%).
- Ireland had the highest growth in economic activity over the quarter (0.5%). Ireland has also recorded the strongest growth since pre-pandemic (28.7%).

Definition

The <u>NICEI</u> is a quarterly measure of the performance (Economic Output) of the NI economy based on available official statistics. This release covers the period 1 April to 30 June 2023 (Q2 2023).

Structure of the Economy: NI GVA by sector 2019



NI Employment trends

- The latest Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) shows the number of employee jobs reached 813,450 in June 2023. This was a decrease of 1,370 jobs (-0.2%) over the quarter but an increase of 13,740 jobs (+1.7%) over the year.
- The most recent <u>Labour Force Survey</u> (LFS) results reported the NI employment rate for May-July 2023 decreased over the quarter and increased over the year to 71.1%. In addition, the NI unemployment rate for May-July 2023 increased over the quarter and decreased over the year to 2.7%.

Further Information

- The most up-to-date official statistics on the economy and labour market are available via the <u>Economic Overview</u> and the interactive <u>Quarterly Economic Output dashboard</u>.
- To receive regular NICEI updates via email please contact economicstats@nisra.gov.uk.

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- * Excluding the public sector
- ** Change since Q4 2019
- *** May not sum due to rounding

