



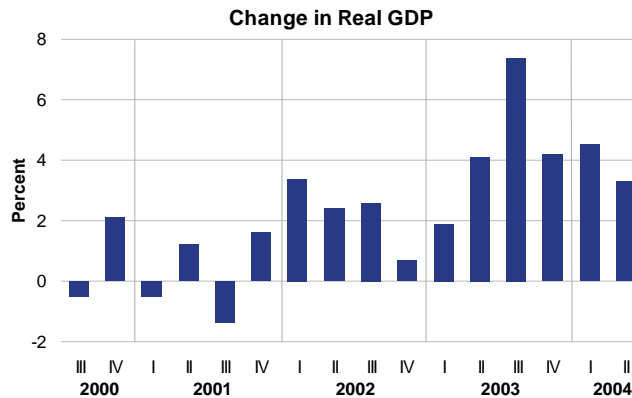
2ND QUARTER GDP AND PROFITS REVISED UP

"Final" estimate of GDP and Corporate Profits

Estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis show inflation-adjusted GDP grew at an *annualized* rate of 3.3 percent in the second quarter of 2004, 0.5 percentage point more than the "preliminary" estimate released last month.

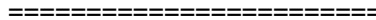
Corporate profits increased at a (not annualized) rate of 0.7 percent, 0.6 percentage point more than previously reported.

Gross domestic product (GDP) is the most comprehensive measure of U.S. economic activity. The revised second-quarter growth rate is lower than the preceding quarter's growth rate, but it is above the 2.5-percent average rate of growth from 2001 to 2003.

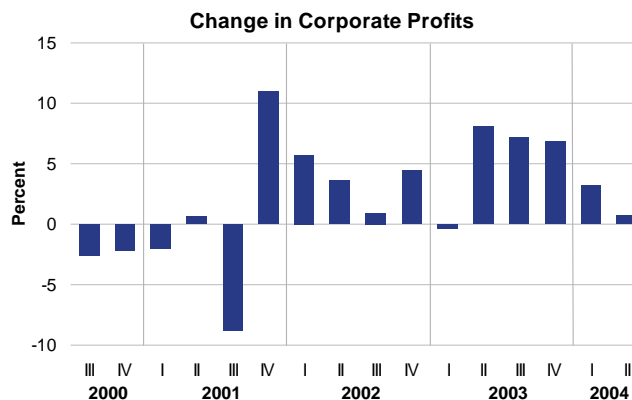


Note: The change in real GDP is measured at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Today's revision to the GDP growth rate mainly reflects the incorporation of revised source data on foreign trade and on inventory investment.



Today's estimate of corporate profits reflects upward revisions to profits of domestic nonfinancial corporations and to profits from the rest of the world; these upward revisions were partly offset by a downward revision to profits of domestic financial corporations.



Note: The change in corporate profits is measured at seasonally adjusted quarterly rates.

BEA's 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 its Web site: <www.bea.gov>.

NOTE: The "advance" estimate of GDP for the third quarter of 2004 will be released on October 29, 2004.

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