

Official Statistics in Development

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Key Points

Scotland's onshore GDP is estimated to have fallen by 0.2% in May. This follows revised growth of 0.1% in April (revised up from -0.2%).

In the three months to May, GDP is estimated to have contracted by 0.4% compared to the previous three month period. This indicates a decrease in growth relative to the Quarter 1 2025 (January to March) growth rate of 0.4%.

In May, the largest negative contribution to headline GDP was in Manufacturing, which contributed -0.4 percentage points to headline GDP. The [cessation of oil refining activity at the Grangemouth oil refinery](#) in 2025 Q2 contributed to the reduced output in the Manufacturing sector. This was partially offset by growth from Professional, Scientific and Technical services, which contributed 0.2 percentage points to headline GDP.

Introduction

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) statistics measure the output of the economy in Scotland. These monthly estimates are designated as Official Statistics in Development. All results are seasonally adjusted and presented in real terms (adjusted to remove inflation), and relate to Scotland's onshore economy (which does not include offshore oil and gas extraction).

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We are continuing to develop the data sources for monthly GDP, in particular we are working on testing monthly (rather than quarterly) deflators for some industries.

Scottish Government statistics are regulated by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR). OSR sets the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) that all producers of official statistics should adhere to.

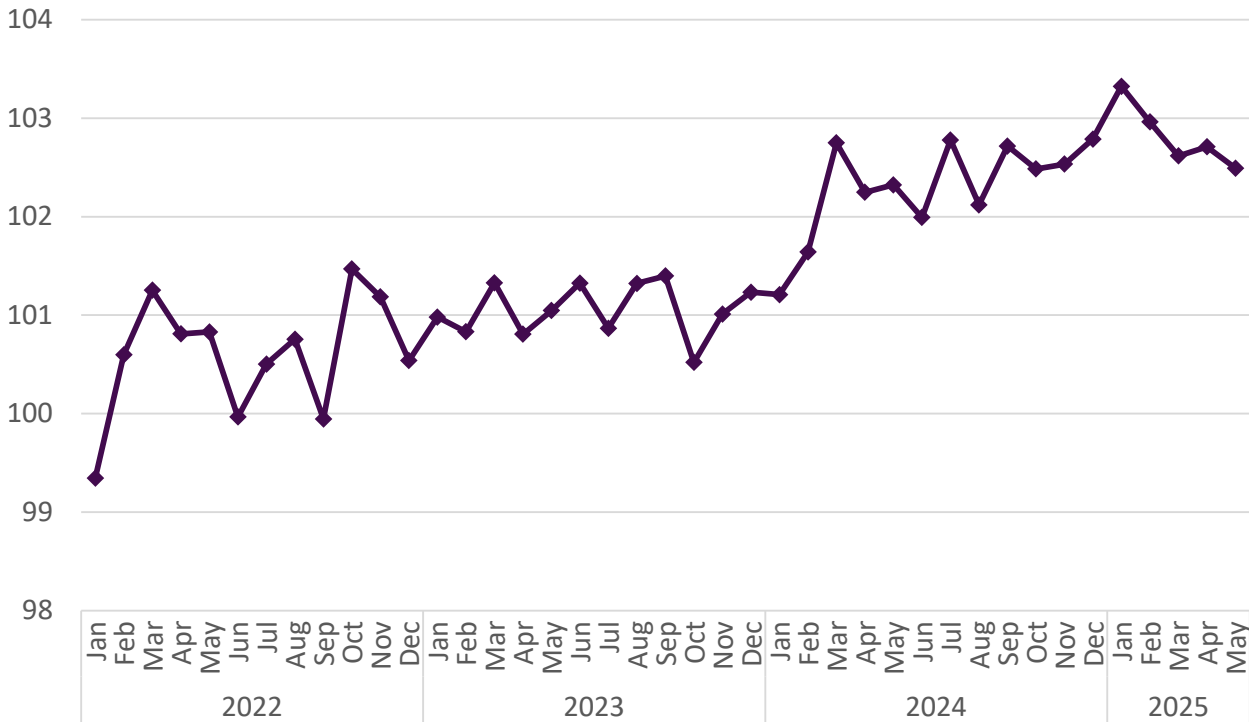
Quarterly and monthly results

Scotland's onshore GDP is estimated to have contracted by 0.2% in May. This follows revised growth of 0.1% in April (revised up from contraction of 0.2%).

In the three months to May, GDP is estimated to have contracted by 0.4%, compared to the previous three month period. This is a decrease in growth rate in comparison to the Quarter 1 2025 (January to March) growth of 0.4%.

Figure 1: Underlying GDP growth was mostly flat in 2022 and 2023, but has been stronger since the start of 2024.

Monthly GDP, January 2022 to May 2025
Chainlinked volume measure, 2019=100

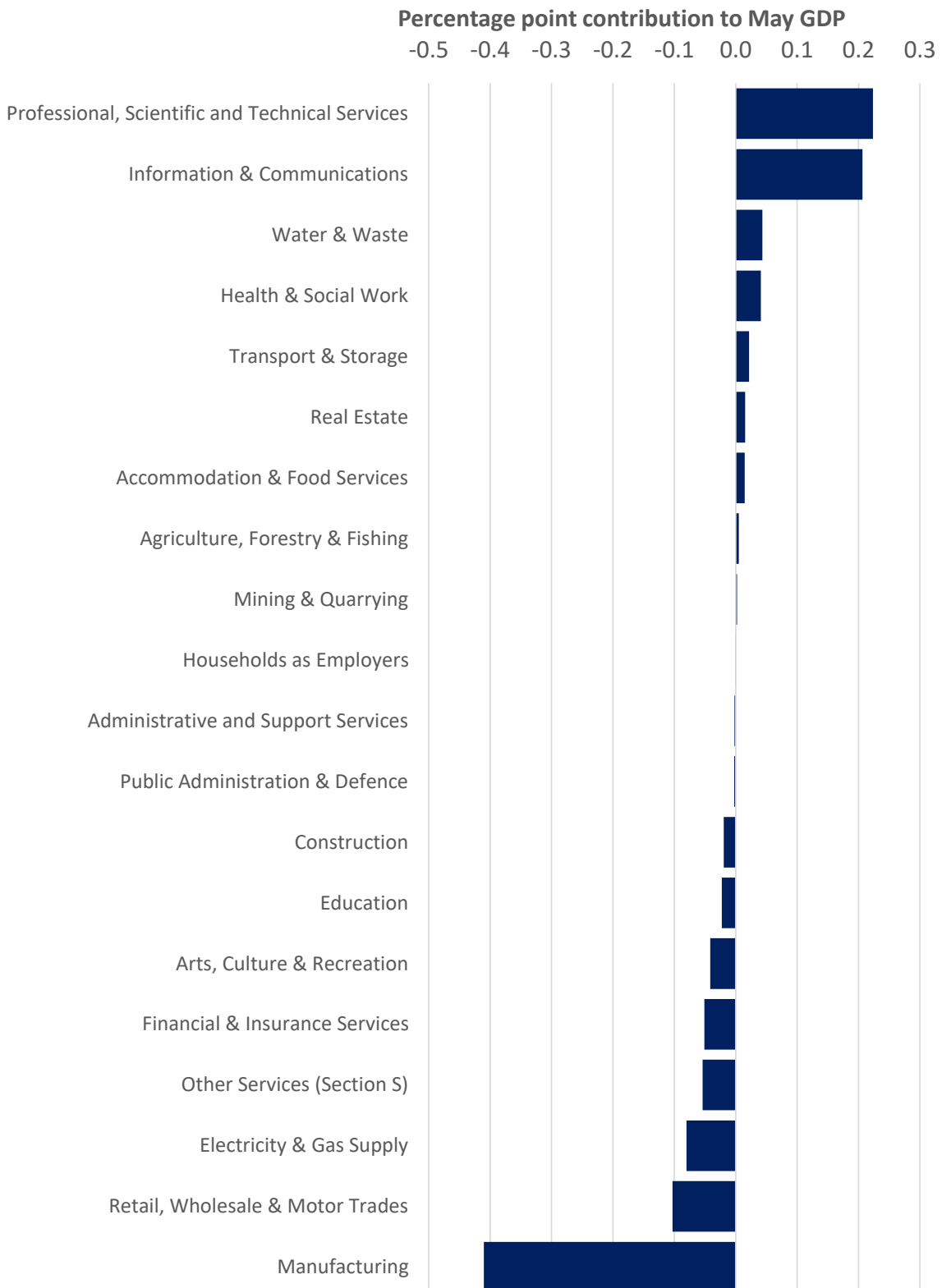


Notes: (1) Users are advised to be mindful that the axis on this chart does not start at zero.

Industry results

Figure 2: The Manufacturing sector contributed -0.4 percentage points towards the overall GDP headline contraction figure of 0.2%

Monthly industry contribution to headline GDP, May 2025



In May, the largest contributor to headline GDP was Manufacturing, which contributed -0.4 percentage points to the overall contraction. The [cessation of oil refining activity at the Grangemouth oil refinery](#) in 2025 Q2 contributed to the reduced output in the Manufacturing sector.

The industries which made the largest positive contribution to overall GDP were Professional, Scientific and Technical services, and Information & Communication, which each contributed around 0.2 percentage points of growth to headline GDP.

In May, output in the Production sector is estimated to have contracted by 3.0%, while Services sector output grew by 0.3%. Construction sector output contracted by 0.3% in May.

As reported by the [Office for National Statistics](#) there were some common themes that were anecdotally reported (as part of the Monthly Business Survey (MBS) for production and services) to have played a part in performance across different industries in May 2025. However it is difficult to quantify the exact impact.

Businesses who export to the US cited the changes in tariffs on exports as a possible reason for reduced output in May 2025. These comments mainly centered on the manufacture of motor vehicles and wholesale industries but were also cited in other areas of manufacturing.

Revisions

Monthly estimates in this release have been revised to be consistent with GDP Quarterly National Accounts for 2025 Quarter 1, also published on 30 July 2025. There are revisions to quarterly growth rates (3 month on 3 month growth at March, June, September, December) relative to the April GDP release.

Monthly GDP incorporates the data that are available within two months of a period ending. After publication revised data and more robust data sources become available and are incorporated. As a result, previously published month's data in monthly GDP will always be prone to revision. The revisions in the April monthly GDP may be seen in Table_R1 in the associated excel tables.

Data and Methodology

Information on the methodology and data sources used to produce GDP are available at www.gov.scot/gdp.

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