



# STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA

7 Cecelio Avenue Kingston 10 Jamaica  
Tel.: (876) 630-1600 Fax (876) 926-1138  
Email: [info@statinja.gov.jm](mailto:info@statinja.gov.jm)

---

## News Release Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Third Quarter 2019

**KINGSTON, December 30, 2019:** Total value added at constant prices for the Jamaican economy increased by **0.6 per cent for the third quarter of 2019 when compared to the similar quarter of 2018**. This increase was due to a 1.2 per cent growth in the Services Industries and a 1.0 per cent decline in the Goods Producing Industries.

Growth was achieved in all eight (8) of the Services Industries: Electricity & Water Supply (0.8 %), Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repairs; Installation of Machinery & Equipment (0.6 %), Hotels & Restaurants (2.5 %), Transport, Storage & Communication (1.2 %), Finance & Insurance Services (3.4%), Real Estate, Renting & Business Activities (0.9 %), Producers of Government Services (0.4%) and Other Services (1.9 %).

Growth in the Hotels & Restaurants industry was due to increases in the groups hotels & other short-stay accommodation and restaurants, bars and canteens. Hotels & other short-stay accommodation was positively impacted by a 4.9 per cent increase in foreign national arrivals.

The decline in the Goods Producing Industries was due to lower levels of output in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (0.1 %), Mining & Quarrying (17.6 %) and Construction (2.1%). However, Manufacturing grew by 4.9 per cent.

The Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing industry declined due to dry weather conditions across the island and increased production costs. The performance of the Mining & Quarrying industry was largely due to the suspension of production in early September at the Jiuquan Iron and Steel Company (JISCO) Alpart refinery. The Construction industry was impacted by a fall in the civil engineering sub-group due to a reduction in road rehabilitation works.

The performance of the Manufacturing industry was due to growth in both the *Food, Beverages & Tobacco* and *Other Manufacturing* sub-industries of 2.4 per cent and 8.8 per cent respectively. The increase in the *Other Manufacturing* sub-industry was largely attributed to higher output of petroleum products.

The economy declined by 0.1 per cent for the **third quarter of 2019 when compared to the previous quarter**. This was the result of a 0.4 per cent fall in the Goods Producing Industries and a 0.1 per cent growth in the Services Industries.

**The GDP Third Quarter 2019** provides additional information and is available on the Statistical Institute of Jamaica's website: [www.statinja.gov.jm](http://www.statinja.gov.jm) or at the Institute's Library, 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston. Visit the Institute's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/STATINJA](https://www.facebook.com/STATINJA) for the Third quarter 2019 GDP Infographic.

-END-

**Contact:** Georgia Garvey-Green  
Communications and Marketing Unit  
**Tel:** 876- 630-1631  
**Email:** [ggreen@statinja.gov.jm](mailto:ggreen@statinja.gov.jm)

---

Directors: Professor Alvin Wint (Chairman), Miss Carol Coy (Director General), Mr. Trevor Anderson,  
Mr. Robert Stennett, Mr. James Stewart, Mr. Colin Williams