

News Release

Fourth Quarter (October-December) 2025

Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

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KINGSTON, March 31, 2026: During the **fourth quarter of 2025**, real value added at constant prices for the Jamaican economy declined by 7.1 per cent when compared to the **fourth quarter of 2024**. This resulted from declines of 5.9 per cent in the Services Industries and 10.7 per cent in the Goods Producing Industries.

In the Goods Producing Industries, real value added declined for all industries: **Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishing** (-17.7%), **Mining & Quarrying** (-37.5%), **Manufacturing** (-8.1%) and **Construction** (-2.5%). During the quarter the **Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing** industry was among the most severely impacted by Hurricane Melissa. Data indicated that the impact of Hurricane Melissa led to reduced crop yields, delayed planting schedules, and losses in livestock intended for slaughter during the period. The **Mining & Quarrying** industry was also negatively impacted due to hurricane damage to equipment and infrastructure, resulting in downtime and lost production days.

Lower performance was observed across all Services Industries, except **Financial & Insurance Activities** and **Public Administration & Defence**, which grew by 1.4 per cent and 2.2 per cent, respectively. Real value added decreased for **Electricity, Water Supply & Waste Management** (-11.7%), **Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles; Installation of Machinery & Equipment** (-2.2%), **Accommodation & Food Services Activities** (-31.0%), **Transport & Storage** (-7.5%), **Information & Communication** (-12.6%), **Real Estate & Business Activities** (-3.5%) and **Education, Health & Other Services** (-6.8%).

The **Electricity, Water Supply & Waste Management** industry faced service disruptions due to extensive damage to the electricity grid across several parishes. This led to reduced electricity and further impacted water consumption for the review period.

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The **Accommodation & Food Services Activities** industry was affected by the closure of some hotels and other short-stay lodging establishments due to damage from Hurricane Melissa. There was also a 43.0 per cent decline in foreign national arrivals to the island during the period. In the fourth quarter of 2025, a total of 367,927 foreign nationals visited the island compared to 645,575 in the fourth quarter of 2024. The **Transport & Storage** industry was impacted by reduced activity at the nation's airports, with notable falls in tourism-related travel. The total number of passengers passing through the nation's airports fell by 34.6 per cent to 1,056,797 in 2025 from 1,615,188 in 2024.

Compared to the previous quarter (July-September 2025), total value added at constant prices (seasonally adjusted) declined by 7.3 per cent. This was due to declines in the Services and Goods Producing Industries of 6.2 per cent and 10.5 per cent, respectively.

Preliminary estimates indicated that the total value added at constant prices for the Jamaican economy increased by 0.1 per cent for the **calendar year 2025**. This was driven by 1.2 per cent growth in the Goods Producing Industries. However, the Services Industries declined by 0.3 per cent.

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