

News Release

Second Quarter (April-June) 2026

Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

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KINGSTON, September 30, 2026: Total value added at constant (2015) prices for the Jamaican economy declined by 2.9 per cent during the **second quarter of 2026**, when compared with the **second quarter of 2025**. This resulted from lower output in both the **Goods Producing Industries**, which fell by 6.3 per cent and the **Services Industries**, which declined by 1.8 per cent.

The contraction in real value added for the **Goods Producing Industries** was driven by declines in **Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing** (-15.3%) and **Mining & Quarrying** (-26.1%). In contrast, **Manufacturing** and **Construction** grew by 0.1 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively.

The contraction in the **Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing** industry was mainly attributable to reduced output from the growing of fruits, yams & other root crops, and vegetables & condiments. The **Mining & Quarrying** industry declined due to reduced alumina and bauxite production.

Lower output in the Services Industries was attributed to declines in real value added for: **Electricity, Water Supply & Waste Management** (-4.2%), **Accommodation & Food Service Activities** (-12.3%), **Transport & Storage** (-6.1%), **Information & Communication** (-1.5%), **Real Estate & Business Activities** (-3.7%) and **Education, Health & Other Services** (-1.3%). The overall decline in the Services Industries was partially offset by positive performances in: **Wholesale & Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles; Installation of Machinery & Equipment** (0.6%), **Financial & Insurance Activities** (3.0%), and **Public Administration & Defence** (0.3%).

The decline in the **Accommodation & Food Service Activities** industry was driven by a 21.0 per cent fall in foreign national arrivals and the continued closure of some hotels.

Compared to the **previous quarter (January-March 2026)**, total value added at constant prices (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.2 per cent. This was due to growth in both the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Services Industries** of 1.7 per cent and 1.0 per cent, respectively.

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