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The latest data on Scottish economic output from the Scottish Government.



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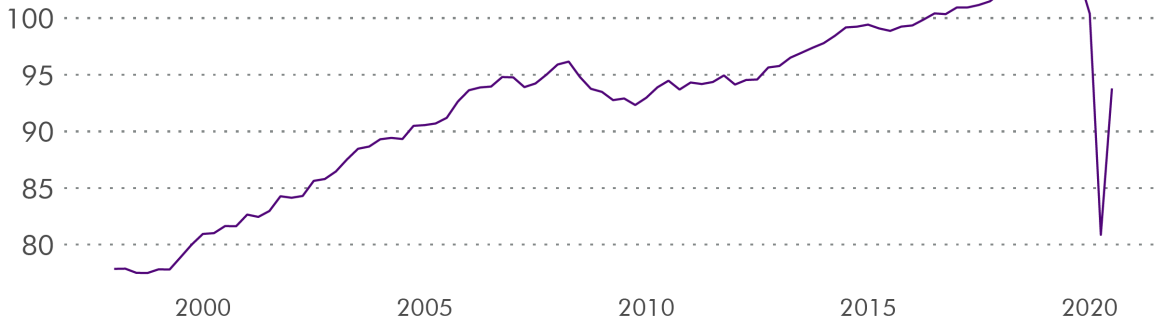
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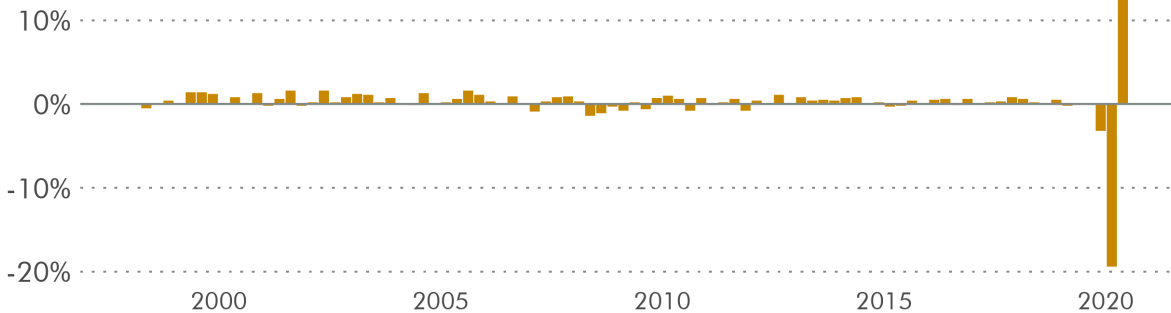
This infographic looks at the latest data from the Scottish Government on Scotland's quarterly economic output.

Total output and how it has changed

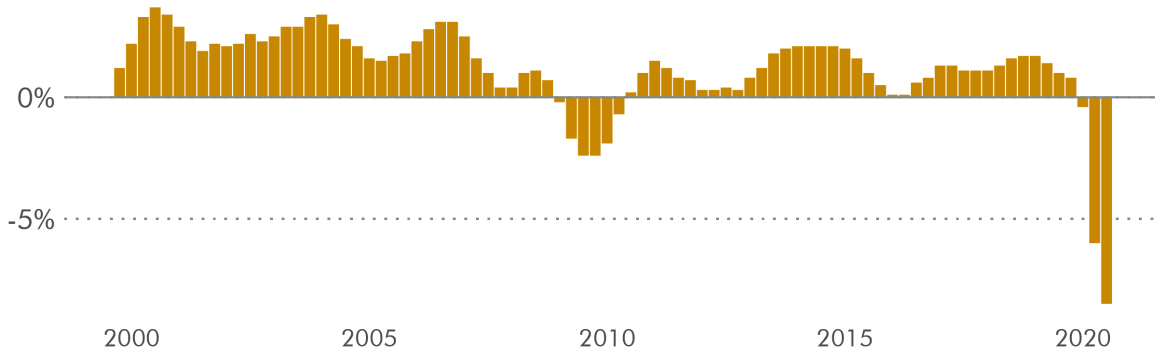
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Percentage change on previous quarter



Percentage change for latest four quarters compared with previous four quarters

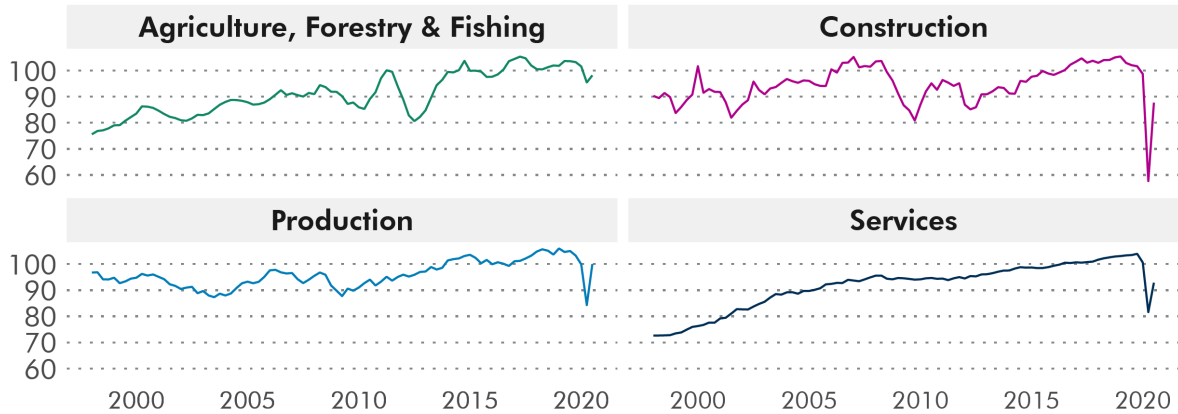


Source: Scottish Government

Source: First estimate of GDP: 2020 Q3

Broad sectoral groups

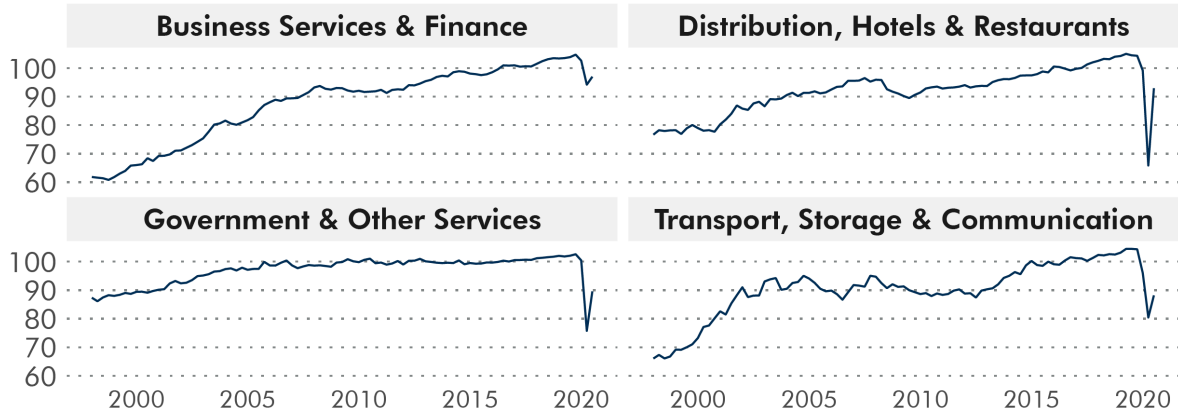
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Services sectors

Services make up around 76% of the Scottish economy

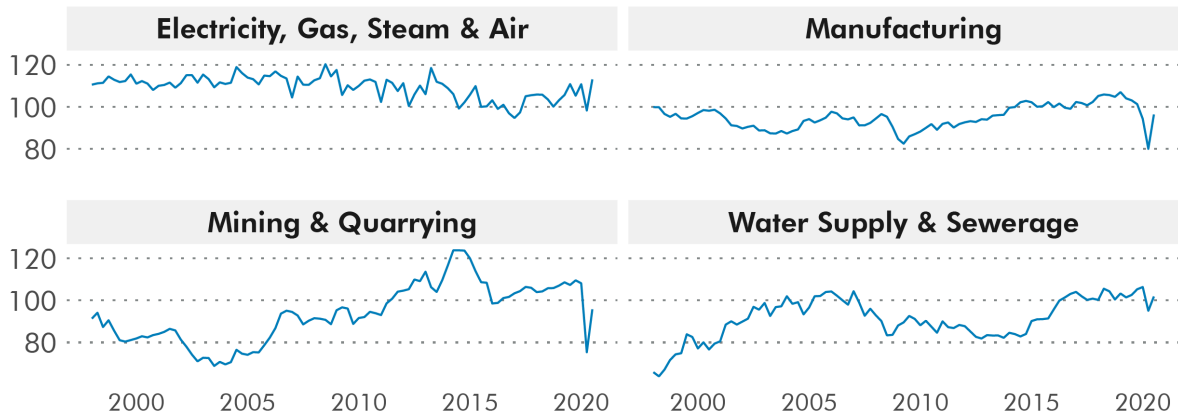
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Production sectors

Production makes up around 16% of the Scottish economy

Index (2016=100)



Source: Scottish Government

Source: First estimate of GDP: 2020 Q3

About the data

This publication looks at the data on Scottish GDP published by the Scottish Government. It is pulled directly from the Gross Domestic Product: Quarterly Output by Industry¹ section on the [statistics.gov.scot website](https://www.statistics.gov.scot).

Key points about the data:

- The data used is for the "onshore economy" meaning it does not include output from the North Sea.
- The data is in real terms. This means growth rates have been adjusted to have the effect of price changes removed.
- The data has been seasonally adjusted.

More information about the data can be found on the [Scottish Government website](https://www.scottish.gov.uk).

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