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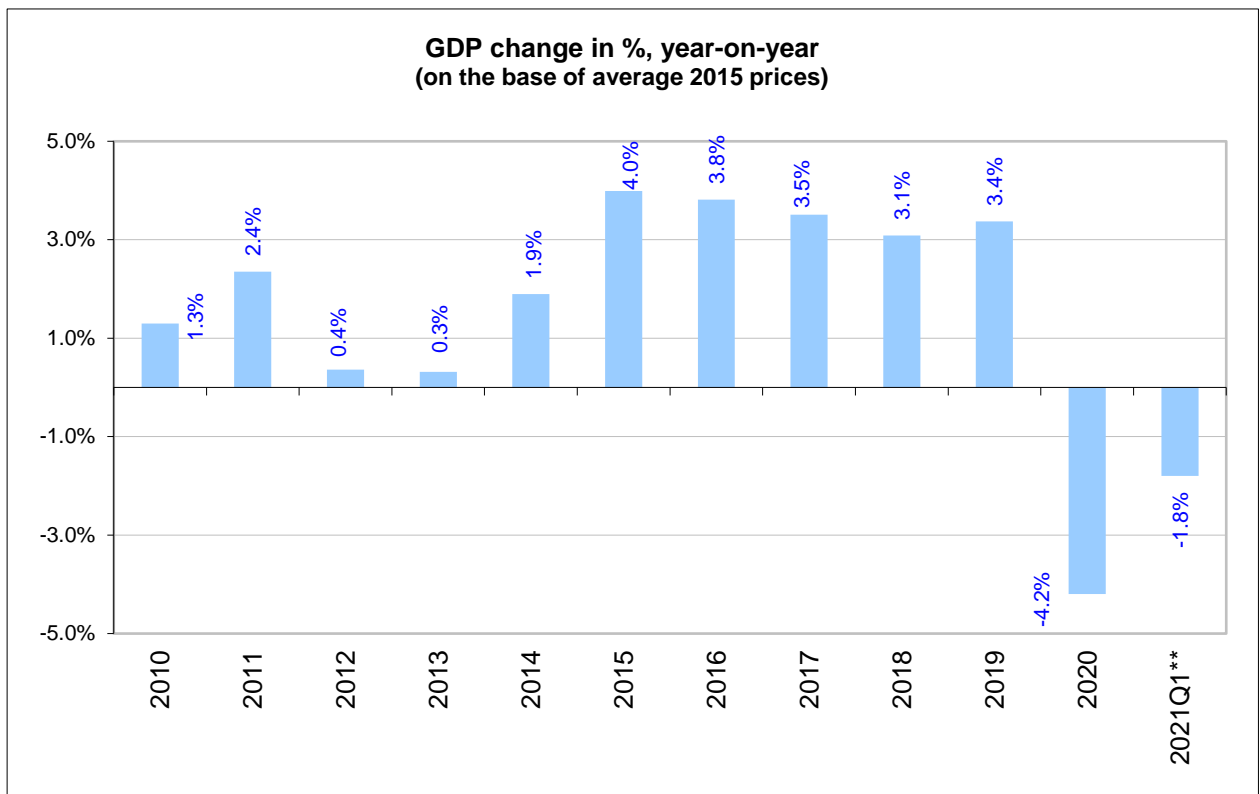
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# *Macro* **Bulletin**

A red line graph with an upward-pointing arrow, symbolizing economic growth, positioned above the word 'Bulletin'.

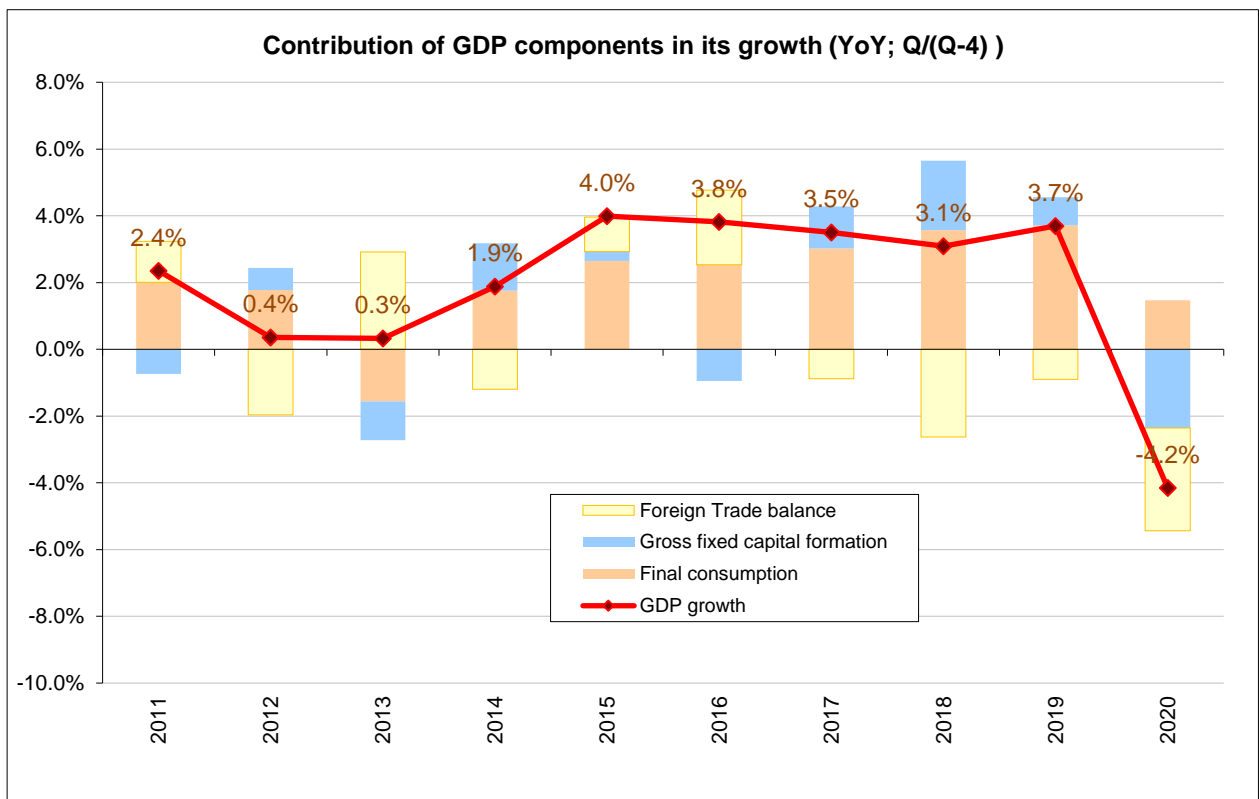
## **MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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According to NSI data, in 2019, GDP of Bulgaria has grown by 3.4% compared to the previous year and as a result of COVID-19 crisis GDP indicated a fall in 2020 by 4.2% on yearly basis.

Source: NSI (\*\*estimates)



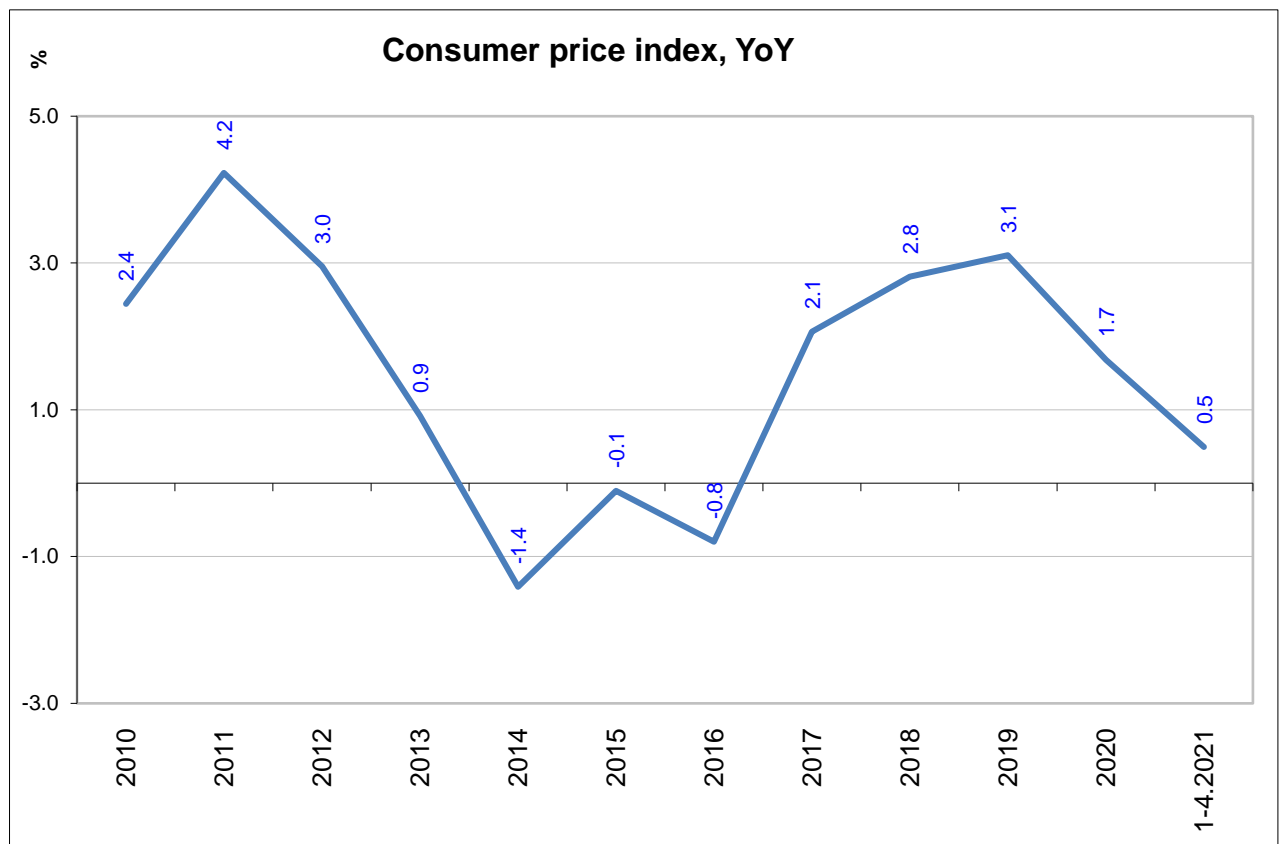
Since 2011 Final consumption is the main factor for GDP growth. In 2020 a positive impact on GDP growth has the also the Final consumption, while the trade balance and Gross fixed capital formation had a negative impact.

Source: NSI (on 2015 prices)



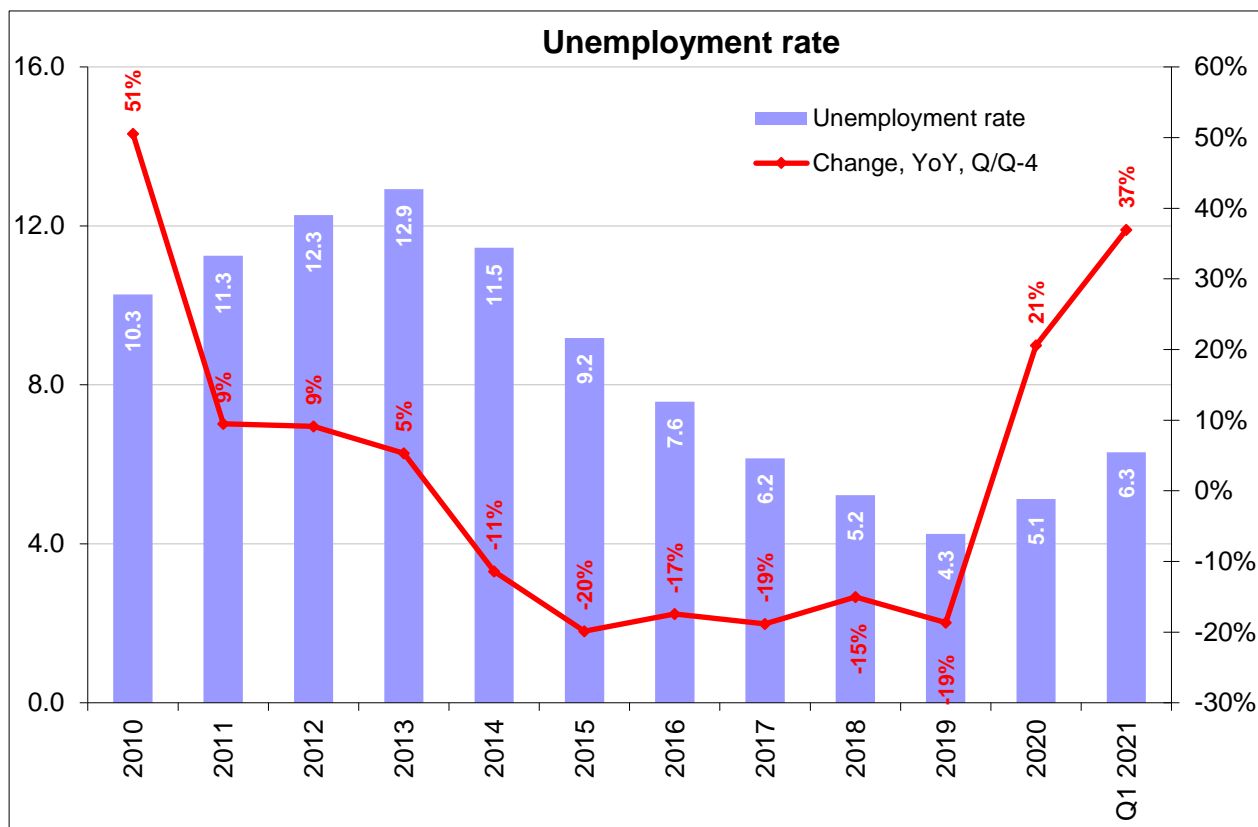
According to NSI data in 2020 gross value added is BGN 85 070 million.

Source: NSI (\*preliminary data)



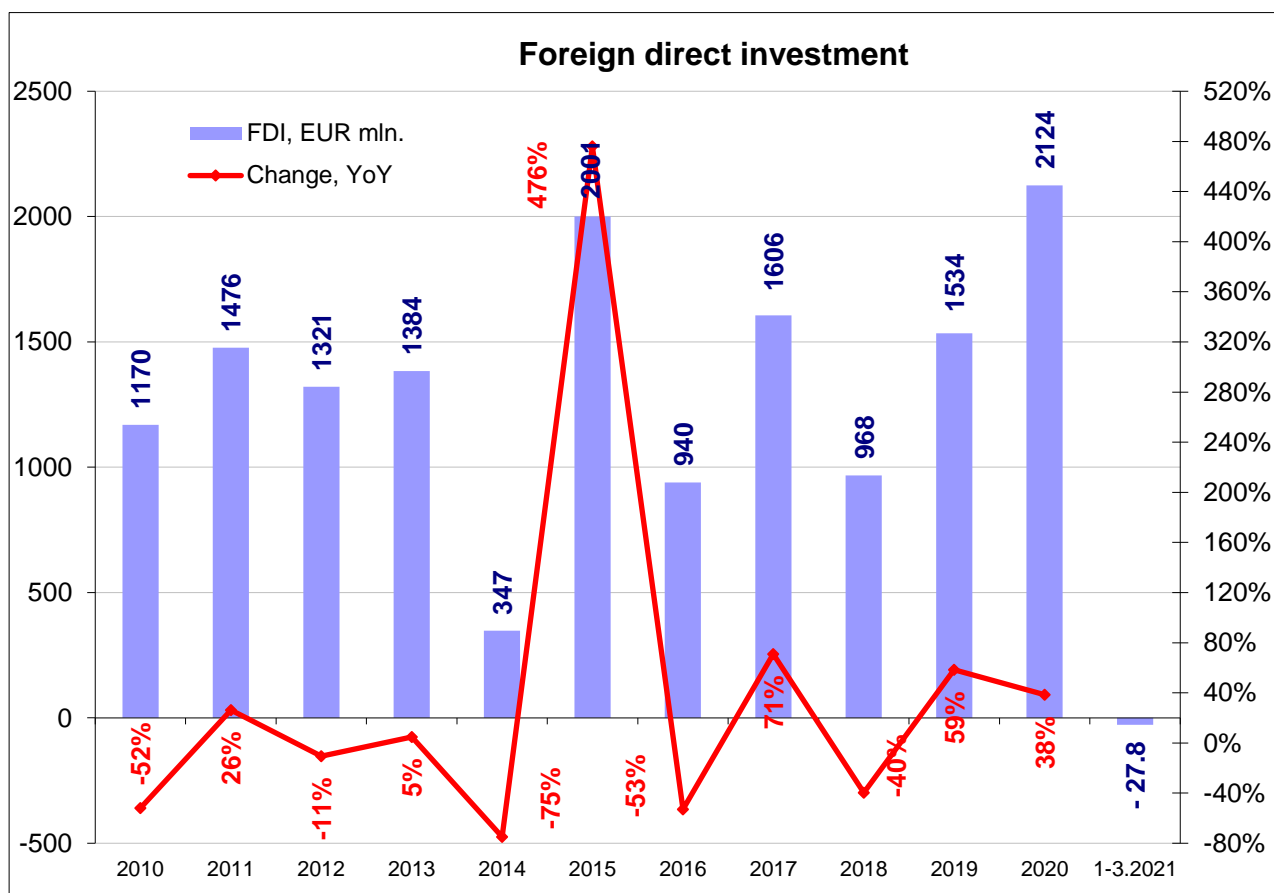
In 2019 average change of consumer price index is 3.1% on yearly basis and in 2020 with 1.7%.

Source: NSI



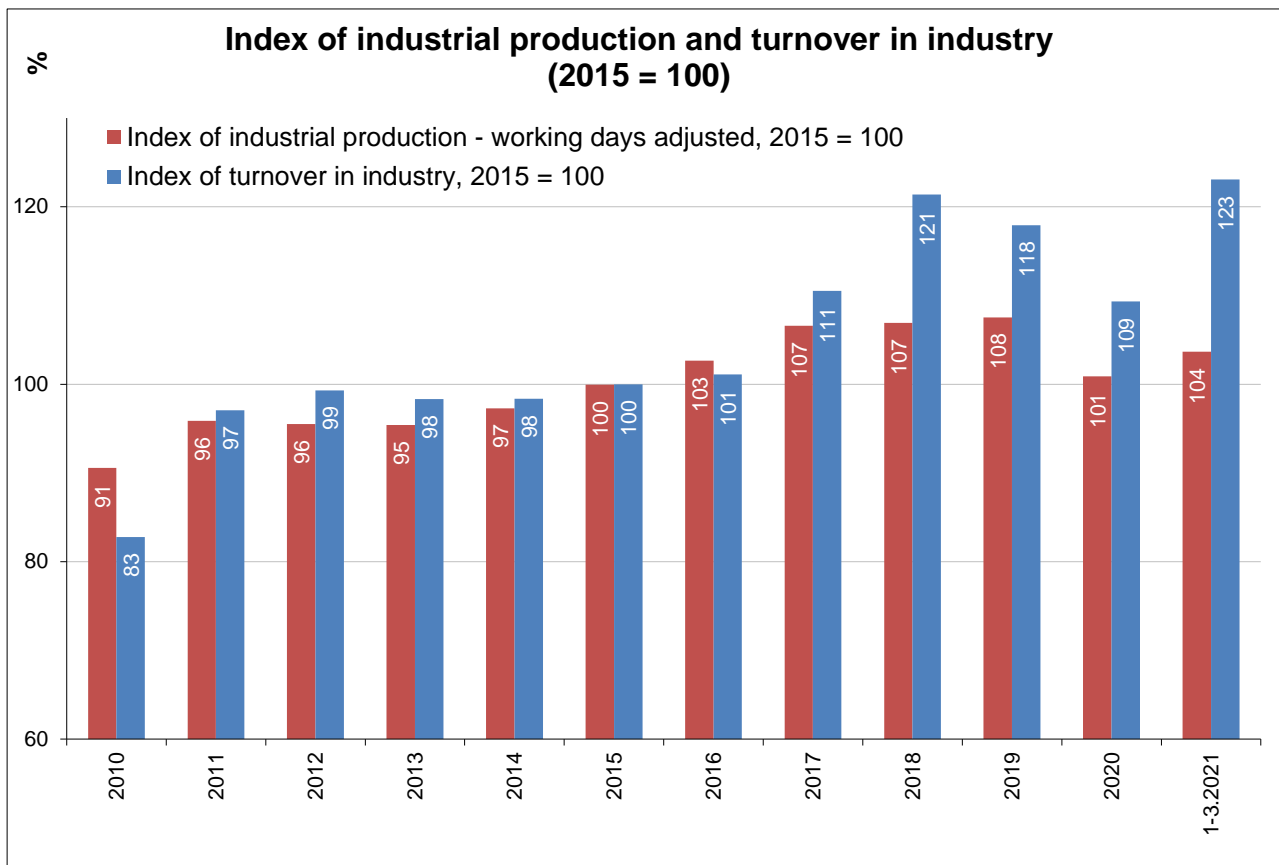
The unemployment rate in 2020 amounted 5.1% and increased by 21% according to the previous year.

Source: NSI



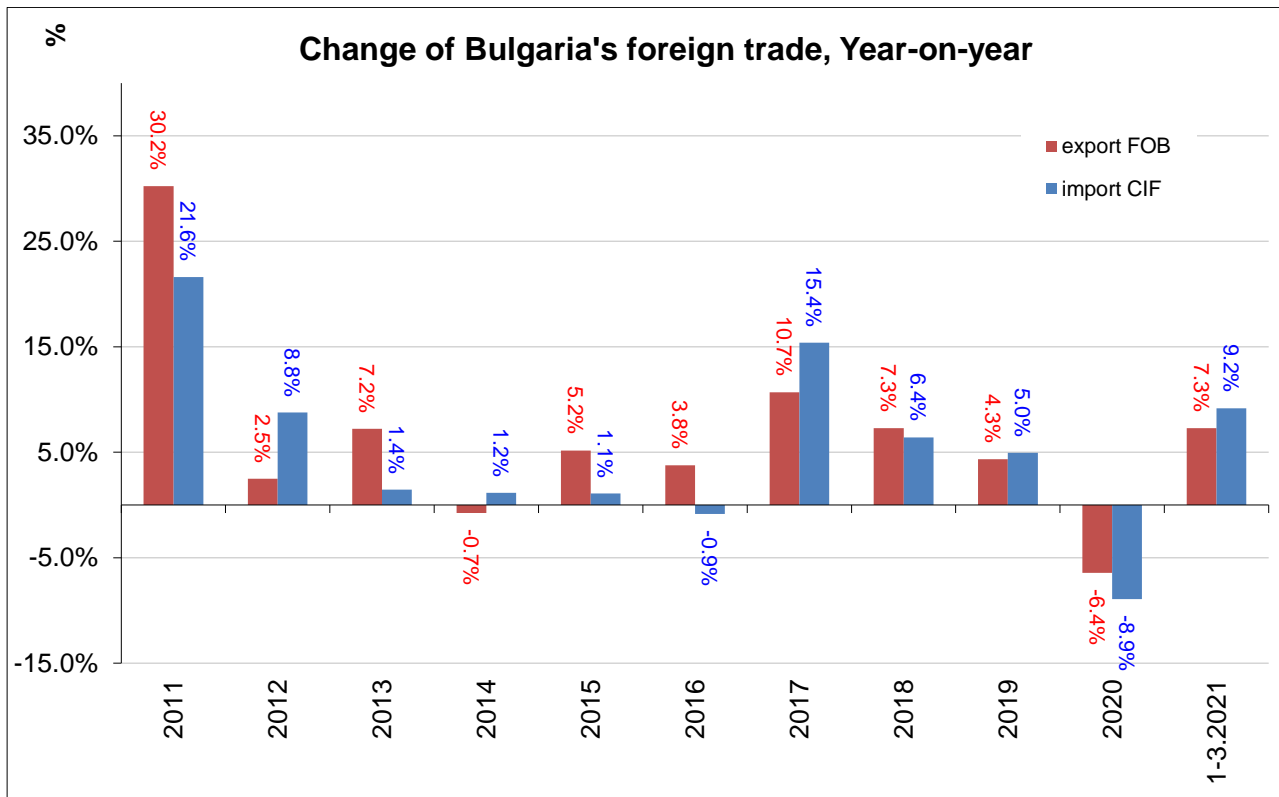
According to the Bulgarian National Bank, in 2019 the country received EUR 1 534 million FDI and in 2020 EUR 2 124 million FDI inflows was indicated.

Source: BNB



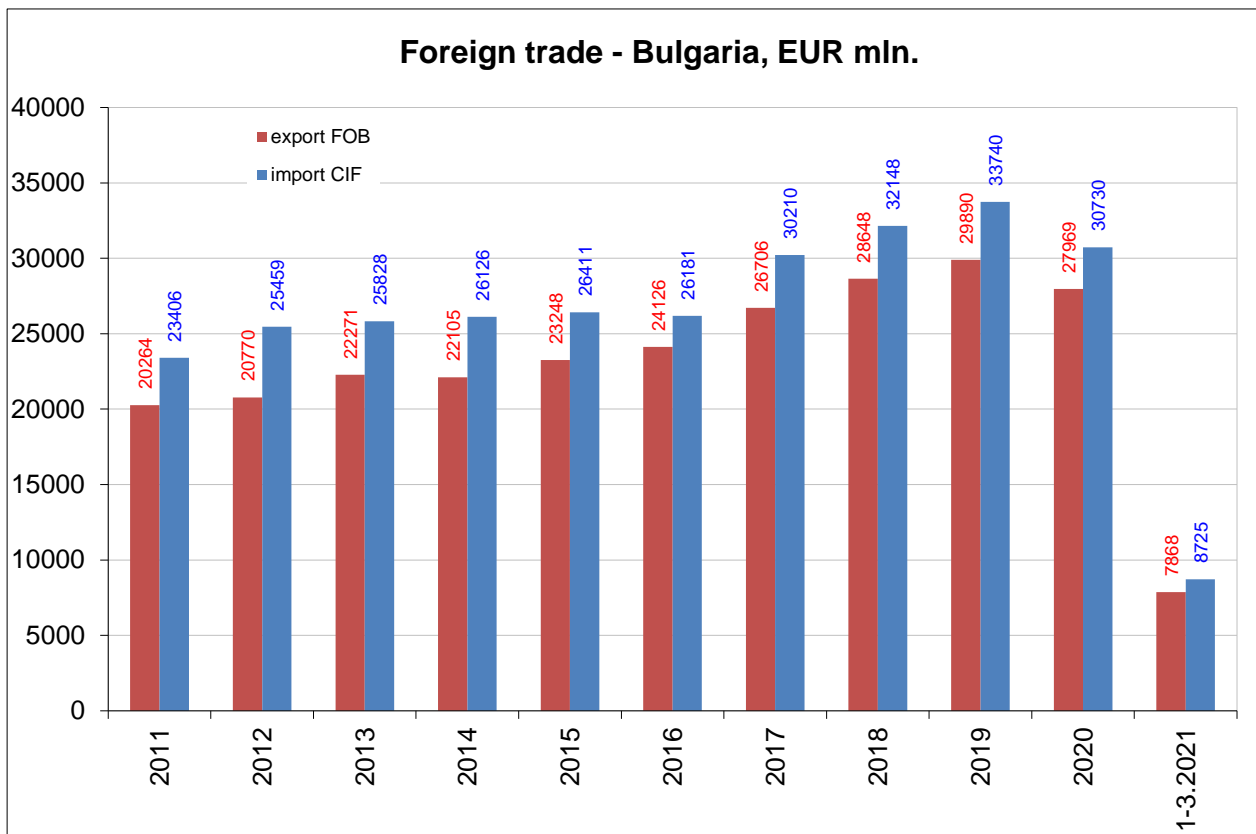
Average index of industrial production in 2019 is 108% (at base on 2015), while the index of industry turnover 118% (at base 2015). An average level in 2020 of industrial production index is 101% (at base 2015) and turnover in industry is 109% at base 2015.

Source: NSI



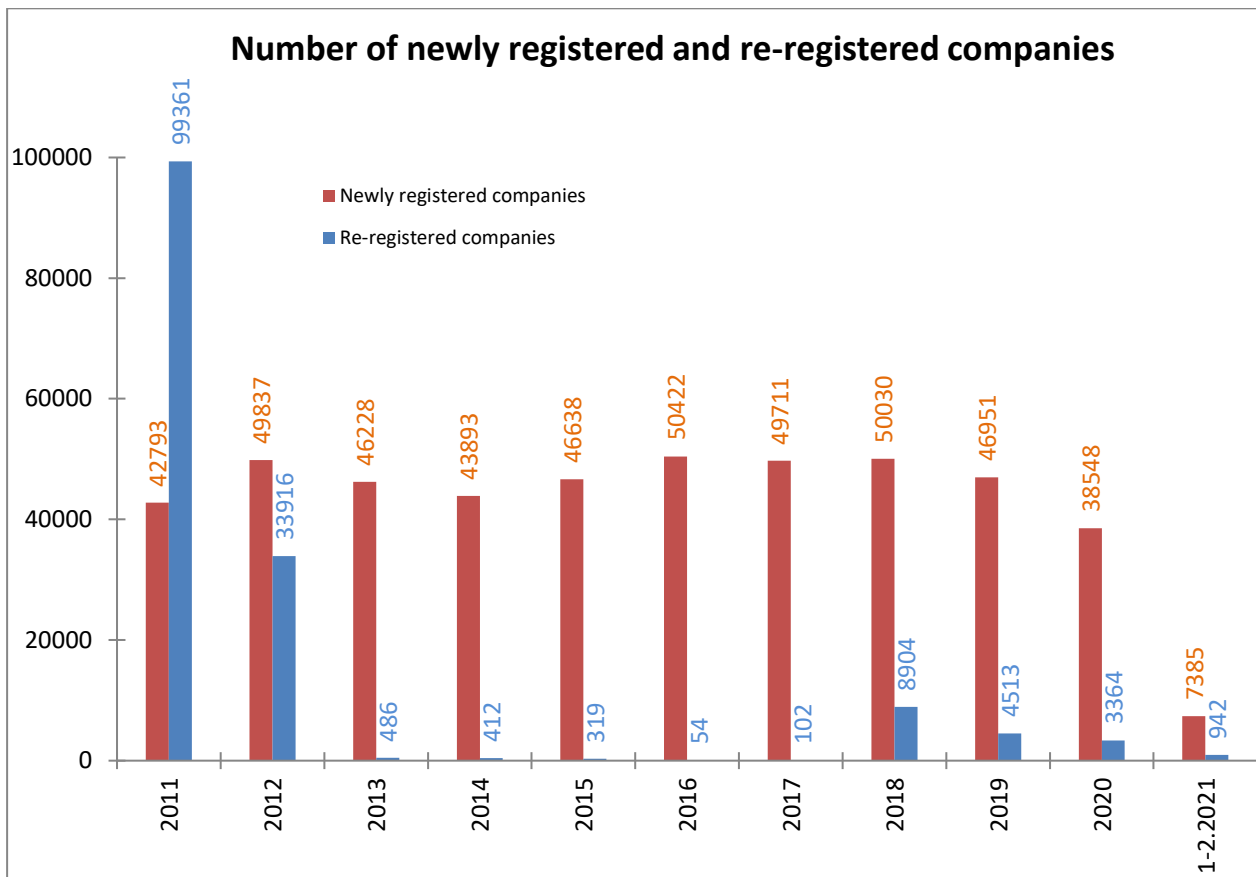
In 2019 exports increased by 4.3% while imports increased by 5.0% on year-on-year basis. In 2020 exports increased by 6.4% and imports by 8.9% on year-on-year basis.

Source: NSI



In 2020 the exports amounted EUR 28.0 billion, while imports EUR 30.7 billion.

Source: NSI



In 2020 were registered 38 548 new companies and 3 364 were re-registered.

Source: Registry Agency

## Main macroeconomic indicators

	Measurement unit	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>Real sector</b>								
<b>Gross domestic product</b>								
Gross domestic product	(million BGN)	95 131	102 345	109 743	119 772	118 605	Q1	26 437
Gross domestic product	%, YoY	3.8	3.5	3.1	3.7	- 4.2	Q1	-1.8%
Final consumption	(million BGN)	72 340	77 561	83 618	90 646	94 101	Q1	22 393
Gross capital formation	(million BGN)	18 081	20 349	23 328	25 280	22 488	Q1	4 109
Exports of goods and services	(million BGN)	60 926	68 857	72 232	76 884	66 581	Q1	17 926
Imports of goods and services	(million BGN)	56 217	64 421	69 434	73 038	64 565	Q1	17 992
<b>Consumer price index</b>								
period over period change	%	0.1	2.8	2.7	3.8	0.1	III	0.7
average annual change	%	- 0.8	2.1	2.8	3.1	1.7	III	0.8
<b>Unemployment</b>								
At the end of the period (EA data)	%	8.0	7.1	6.1	5.9	6.7	IV	6.1
<b>Industry</b>								
Industrial production index	%, YoY	2.7	3.4	0.3	0.5	- 5.9	III	8.2
Producers' price index	%, YoY	- 3.1	5.0	4.0	3.1	- 1.9	III	1.4
<b>External sector</b>								
<b>Balance of Payments</b>								
Current account	(million EUR)	1 492.6	1 736.0	531.6	1 121.2	- 399.9	III	- 163.5
Trade balance	(million EUR)	- 992.4	- 773.2	-2 706.3	-2 908.3	-1 872.0	III	- 539.1
Exports, FOB	(million EUR)	23 100.1	26 947.6	27 741.7	29 119.4	27 232.1	III	7 780.9
Imports, FOB	(million EUR)	24 092.5	27 720.9	30 448.0	32 027.7	29 104.1	III	8 320.0
Foreign direct investment	(million EUR)	939.8	1 605.6	967.5	1 533.8	2 123.9	III	- 27.8
Current account	% of GDP	3.1	3.3	0.9	1.8	- 0.7	III	- 0.3
Trade balance	% of GDP	- 2.0	- 1.5	- 4.8	- 4.7	- 3.1	III	- 0.8
Foreign direct investment	% of GDP	1.9	3.1	1.7	2.5	3.5	III	0.0
<b>Public finance</b>								
<b>Budget</b>								
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	(million BGN)	77.7	1 216.1	2 216.3	2 559.5	-4 055.5	-	-
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	% of GDP	0.1	1.2	2.0	2.1	- 3.4	-	-
<b>Government and government guaranteed debt</b>								
State debt (Maastricht debt)	(million BGN)	27 858.7	25 907.8	24 430.9	24 211.8	29 703.4	-	-
State debt (Maastricht debt)	% of GDP	29.3	25.3	22.3	20.2	25.0	-	-

Source: BNB