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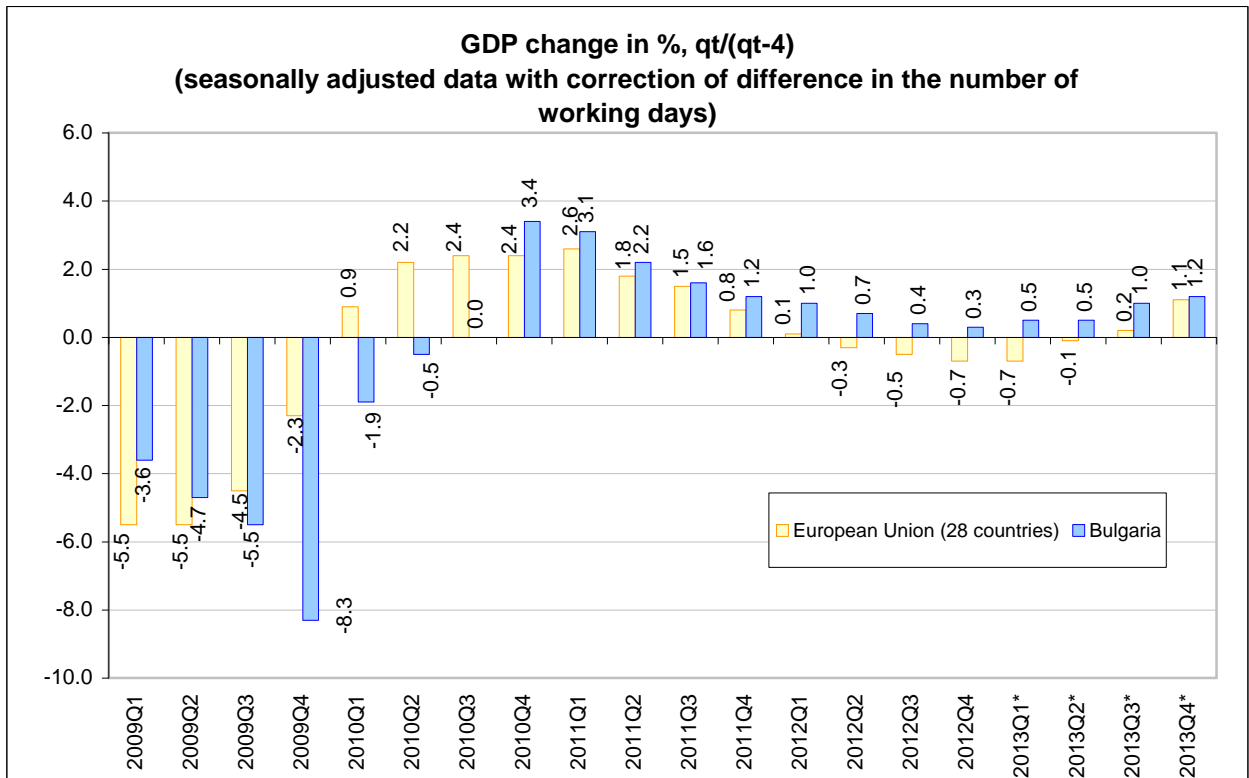
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Macro **Bulletin**

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

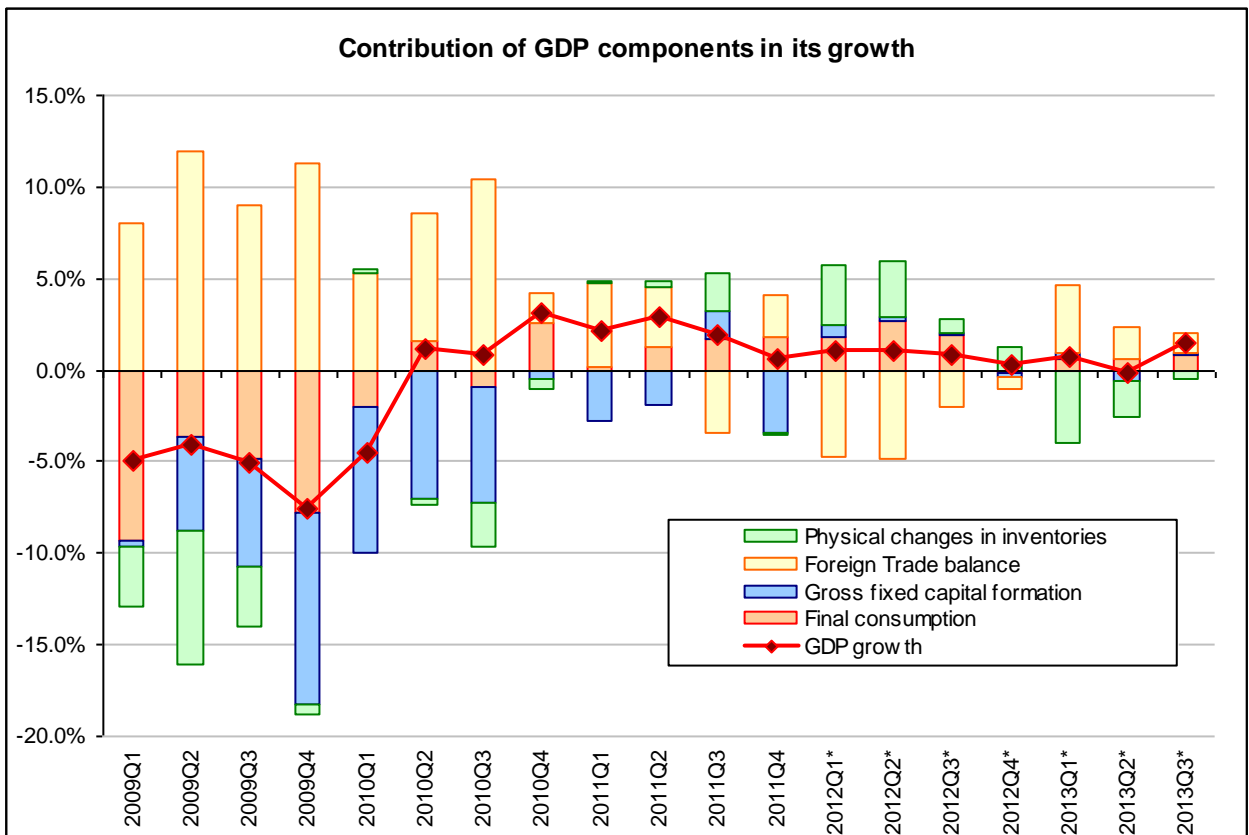
MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

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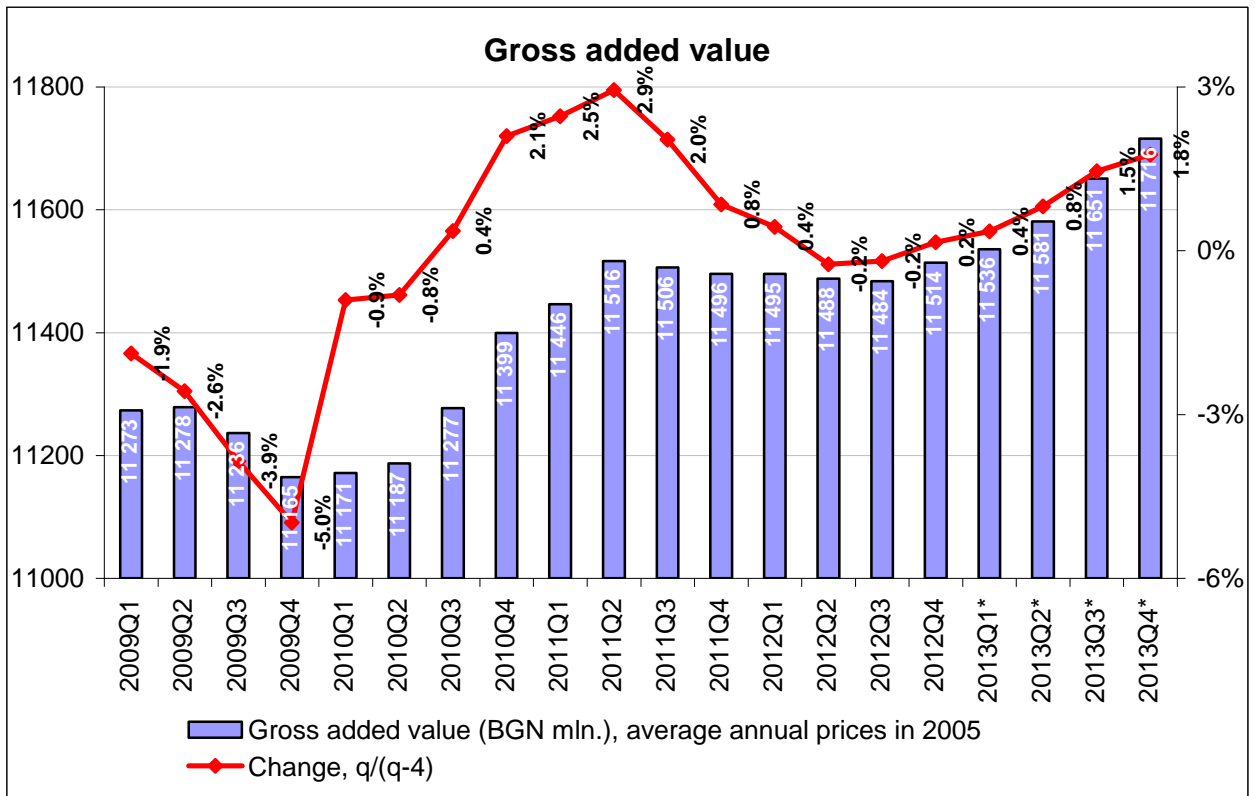
According to NSI preliminary data in the fourth quarter of 2013, GDP of Bulgaria has increased by 1.2% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Source: EUROSTAT, NSI (*preliminary data)



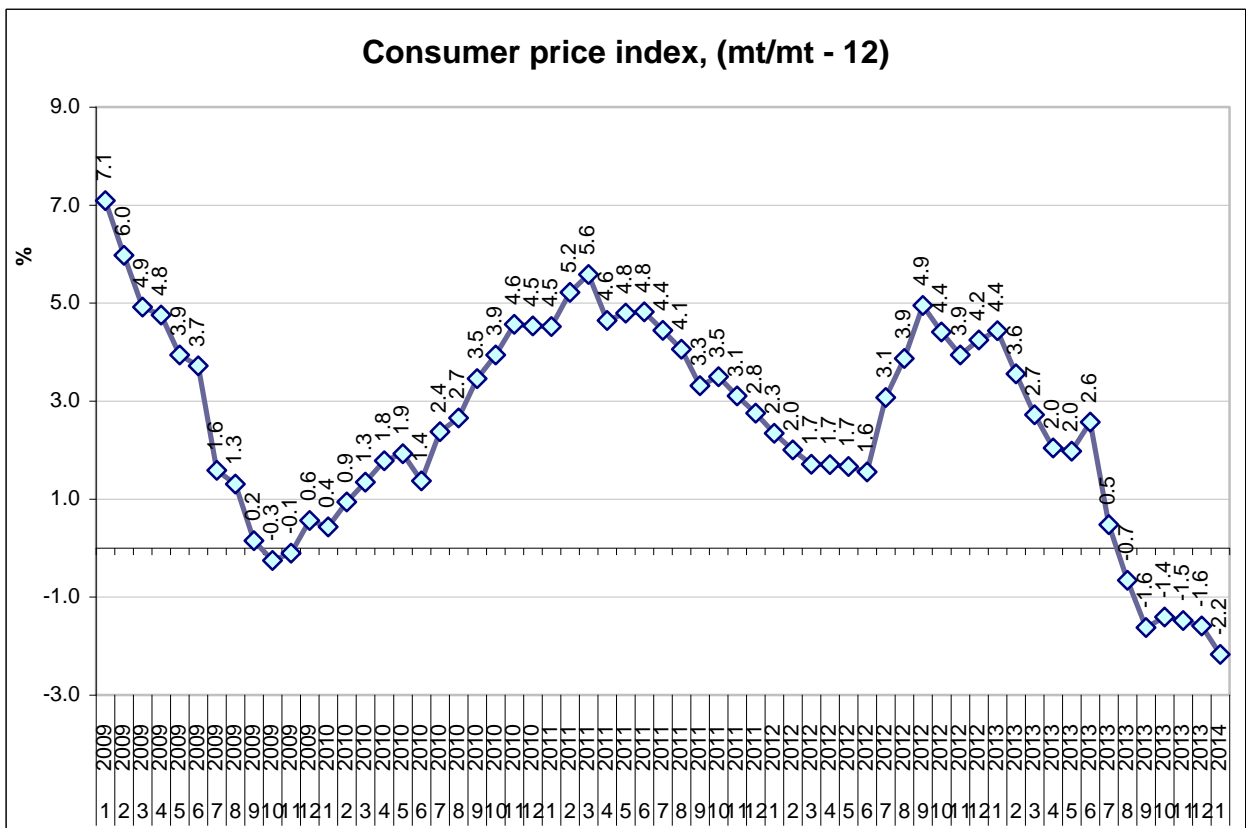
Since the beginning of 2012, the trade balance has a negative impact on GDP growth, but in the first quarter of 2013 this impact is positive. Also positive influence of gross fixed capital formation and final consumption are indicated in the beginning of 2013.

Source: NSI



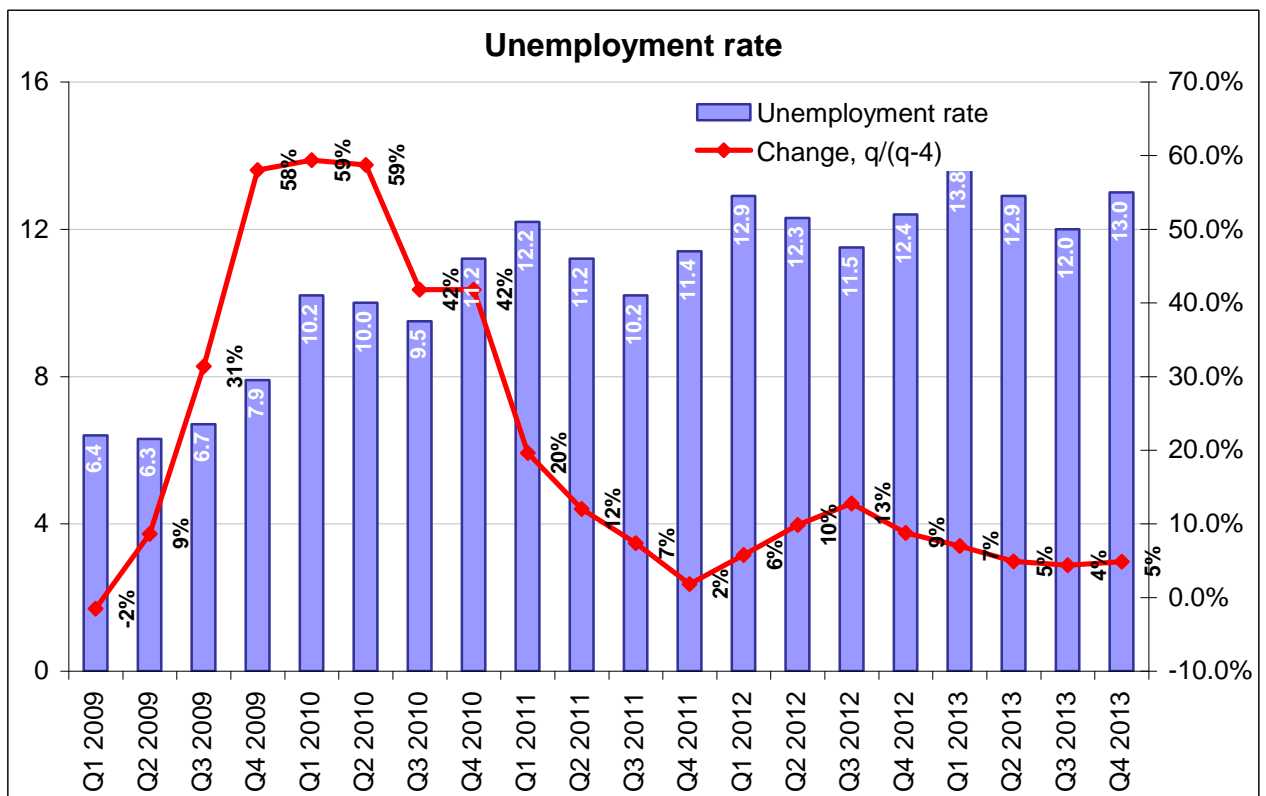
By preliminary data of NSI in the fourth quarter of 2013 gross value added is BGN 11 716 million.

Source: NSI (*preliminary data)



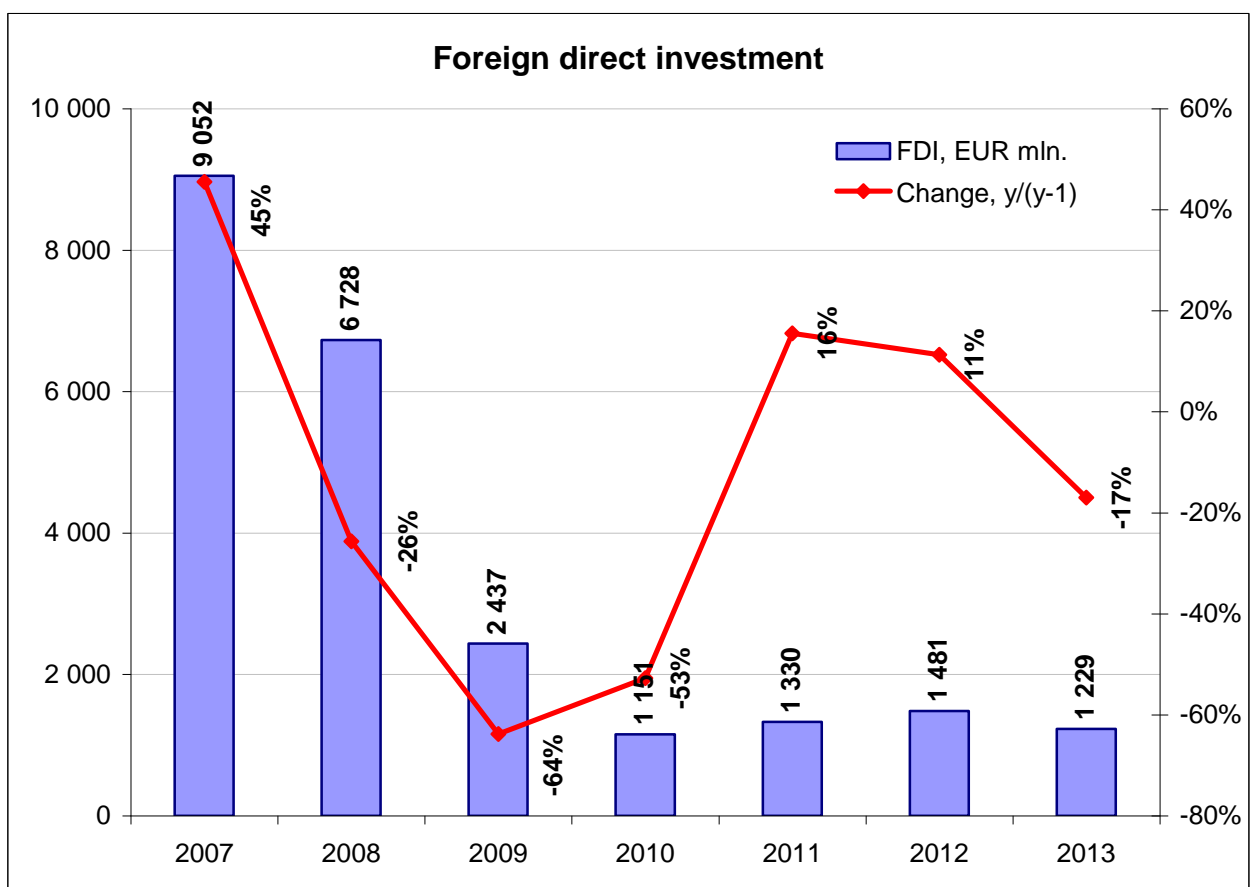
In January 2014 the consumer price index was 2.2% lower than the same month of the preceding year.

Source: NSI



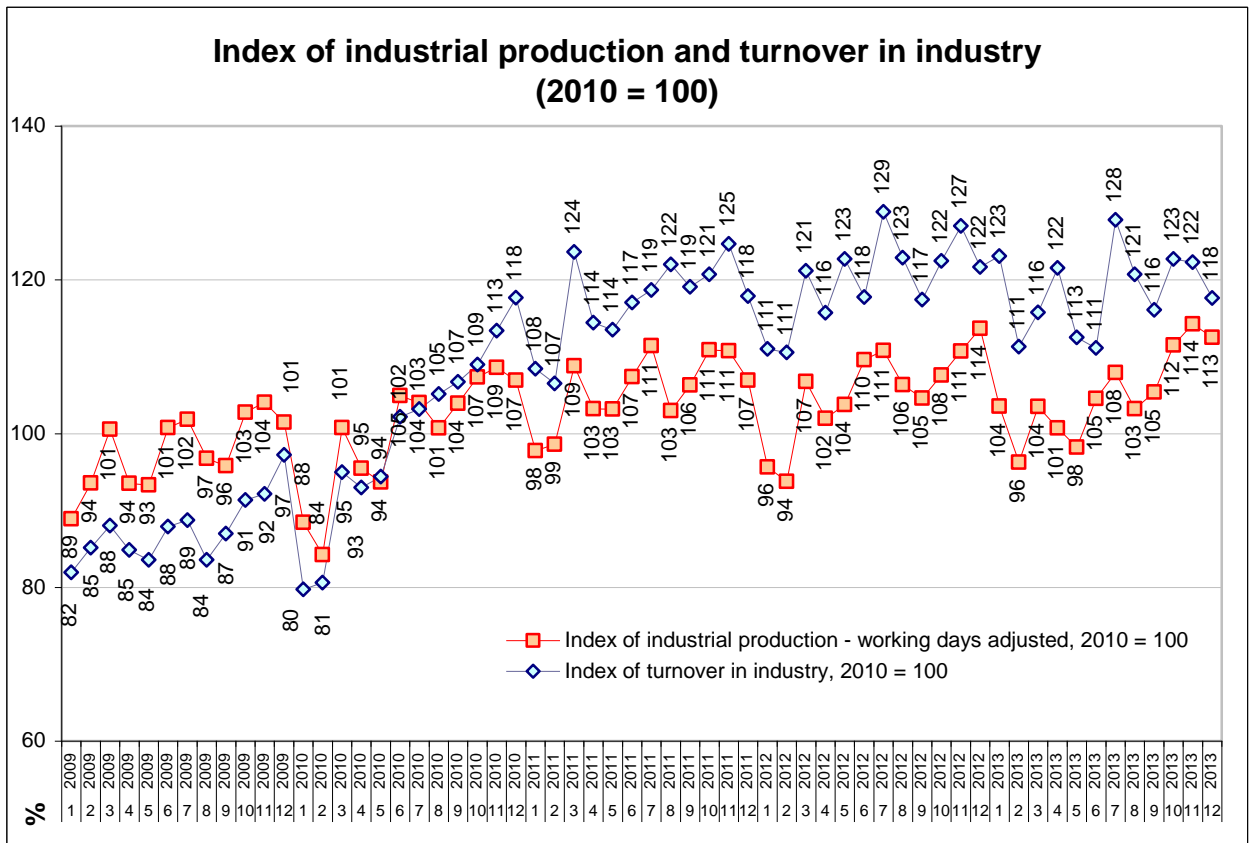
The unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2013 amounted 13.0%

Source: NSI



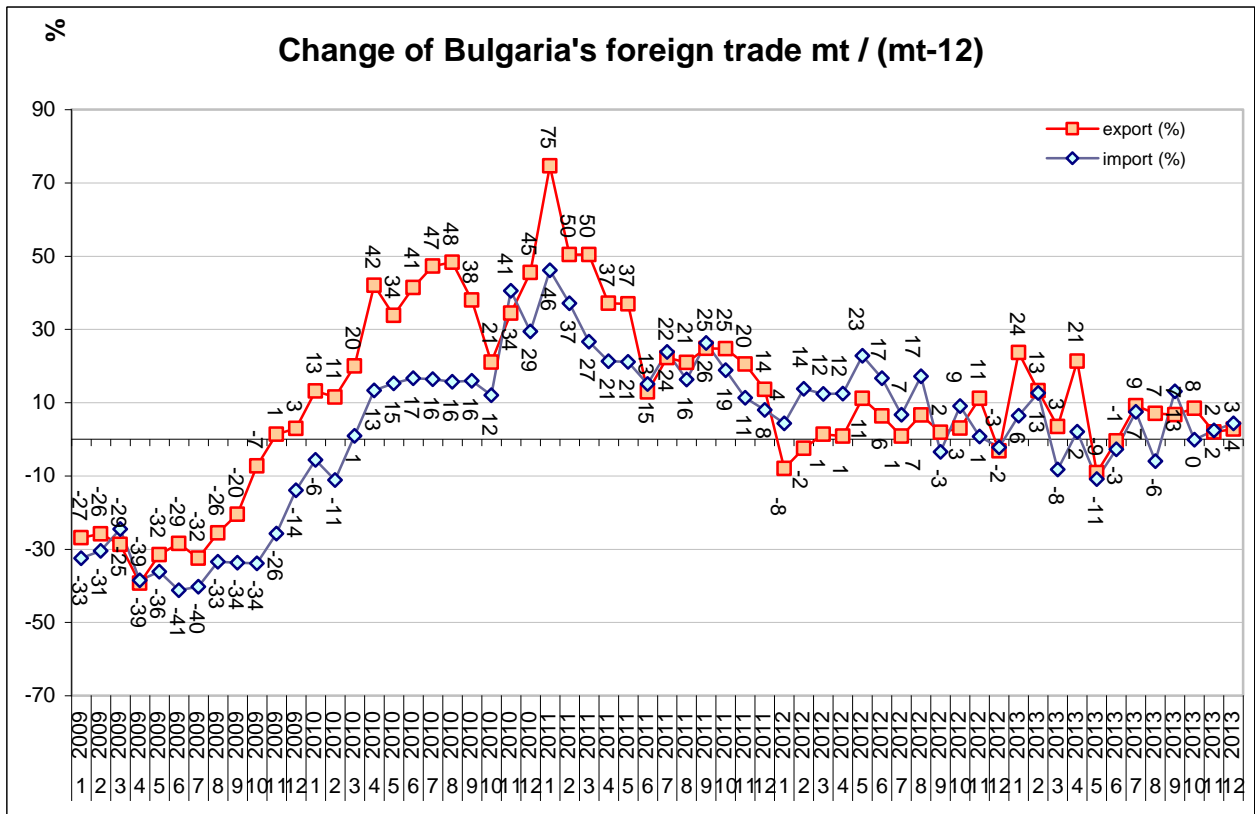
According to the Bulgarian National Bank, in 2012 the country received EUR 1 481 million FDI and in 2013 – EUR 1 229 million.

Source: BNB



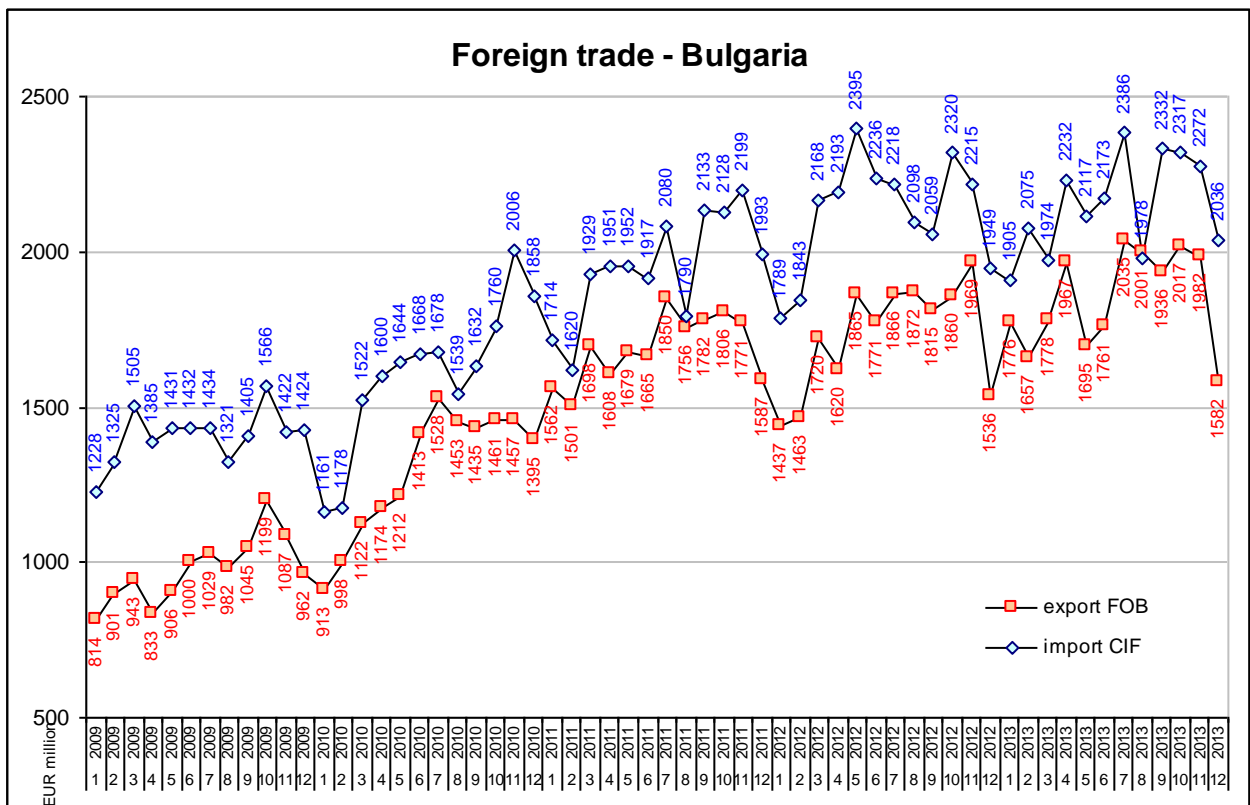
In December 2013 the industrial production index is 113% (at base on 2010), while the index of industry turnover 118% (at base 2010).

Source: NSI



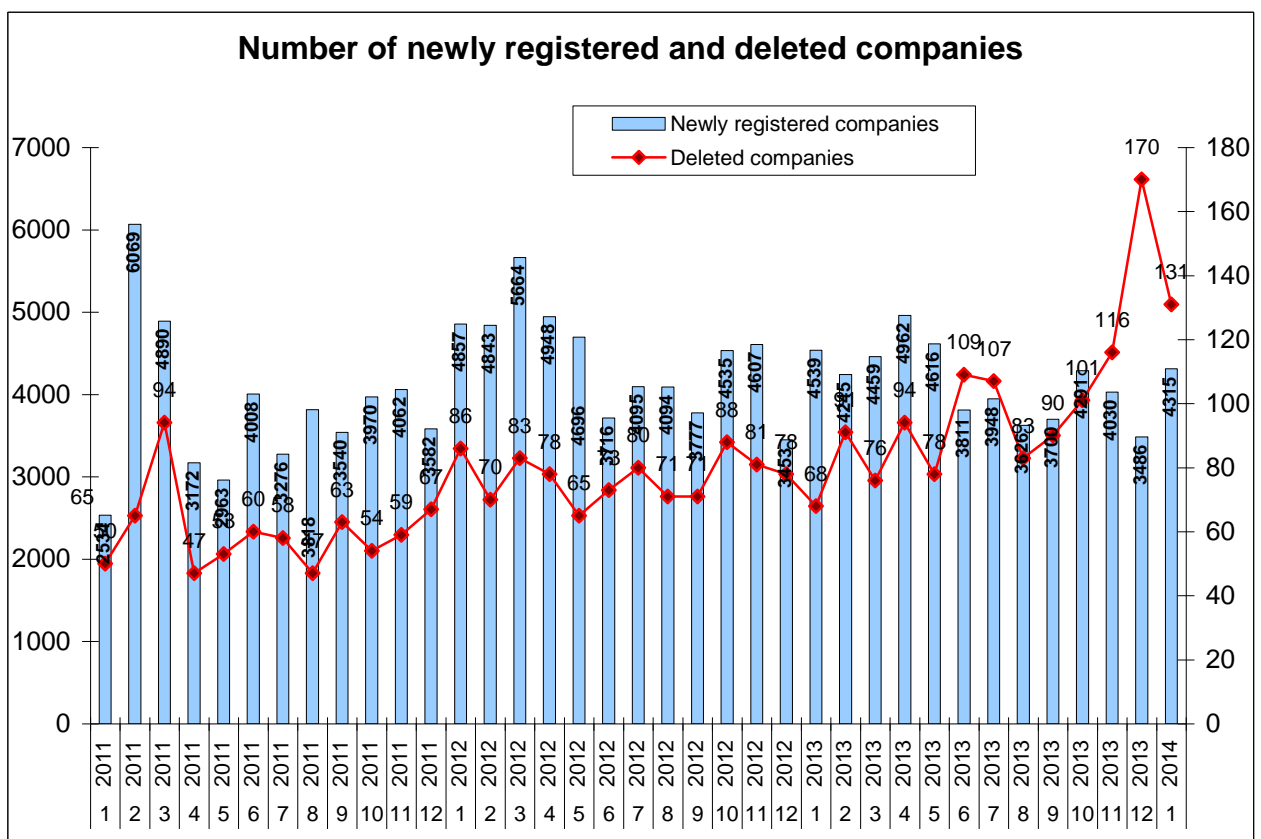
In December 2013 exports increased by 3% and imports by 4% on year-on-year basis.

Source: NSI



In December 2013 the exports amounted EUR 1.58 billion, while imports EUR 2.04 billion.

Source: NSI



In January 2014 were registered 4315 new companies and 131 were deleted.

Source: Registry Agency

Main macroeconomic indicators

	Measurement unit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2104	
Real sector							
Gross domestic product							
Gross domestic product	(million BGN)	70 511	75 308	78 089	78 115		
Gross domestic product	%, YoY	0.4	1.8	0.6	0.9		
Final consumption	(million BGN)	55 709	58 815	63 499	62 491		
Gross capital formation	(million BGN)	16 138	16 510	16 978	16 358		
Exports of goods and services	(million BGN)	40 481	50 077	52 054	54 856		
Imports of goods and services	(million BGN)	41 817	50 094	54 442	55 589		
Consumer price index							
period over period change	%	4.5	2.8	4.2	- 1.6	I	-0.2
average annual change	%	2.4	4.2	3.0	0.9	I	0.3
Unemployment							
At the end of the period (BNB data)	%	9.2	10.4	11.4	11.8	I	12.2
Industry							
Industrial production index at the end of the period	% (2005 = 100)	107	107	114	113		
Industrial turnover index at the end of the period	% (2005 = 100)	118	118	122	118		
External sector							
Balance of Payments							
Current account	(million EUR)	- 533.1	33.2	- 520.8	831.3		
Trade balance	(million EUR)	-2 763.7	-2 156.1	-3 460.3	-2 335.6		
Exports, FOB	(million EUR)	15 561.2	20 264.3	20 770.2	22 199.7		
Imports, FOB	(million EUR)	18 324.8	22 420.4	24 230.4	24 535.4		
Foreign direct investment	(million EUR)	1 151.2	1 330.2	1 480.5	1 229.4		
Current account	% of GDP	- 1.5	0.1	- 1.3	2.0		
Trade balance	% of GDP	- 7.7	- 5.6	- 8.7	- 5.7		
Foreign direct investment	% of GDP	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.0		
Public finance							
Budget							
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	(million BGN)	-2 197.9	-1 491.6	- 592.4	-77.1 (Q3)		
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	% of GDP	- 3.1	- 2.0	- 0.8	-0.1 (Q3)		
Government and government guaranteed debt							
State debt (Maastricht debt)	(million BGN)	11 453.4	12 290.7	14 388.0	13 610.9 (Q3)		
State debt (Maastricht debt)	% of GDP	16.2	16.3	18.5	17.4 (Q3)		

Source: BNB, NSI

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