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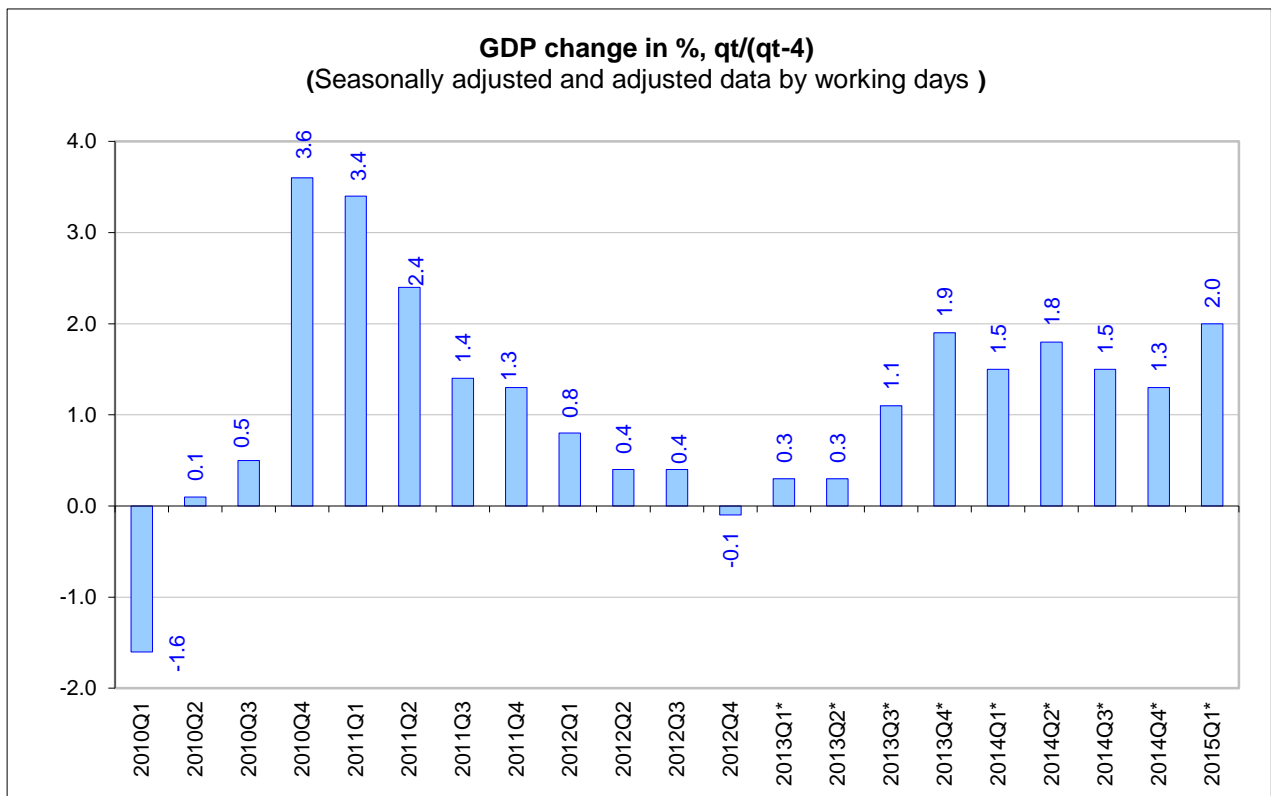
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Macro **Bulletin**

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

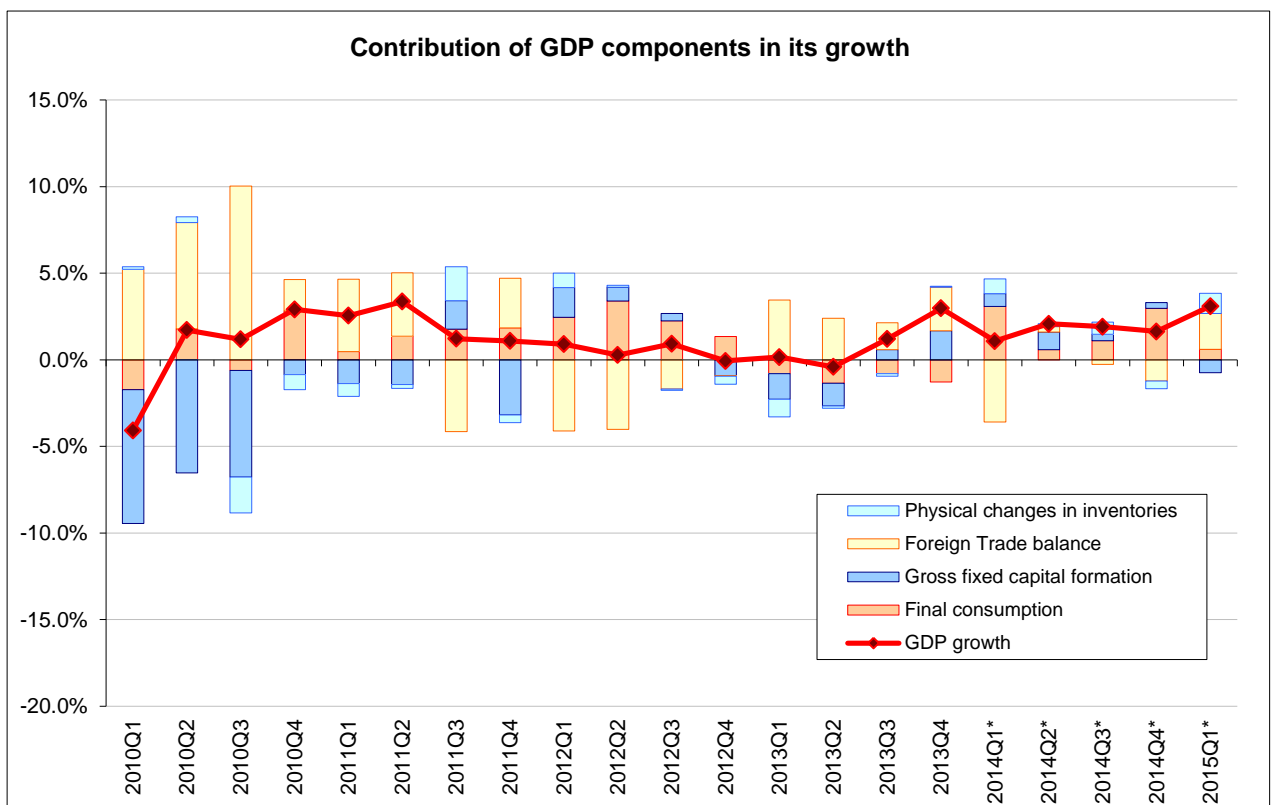
MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

May 2015



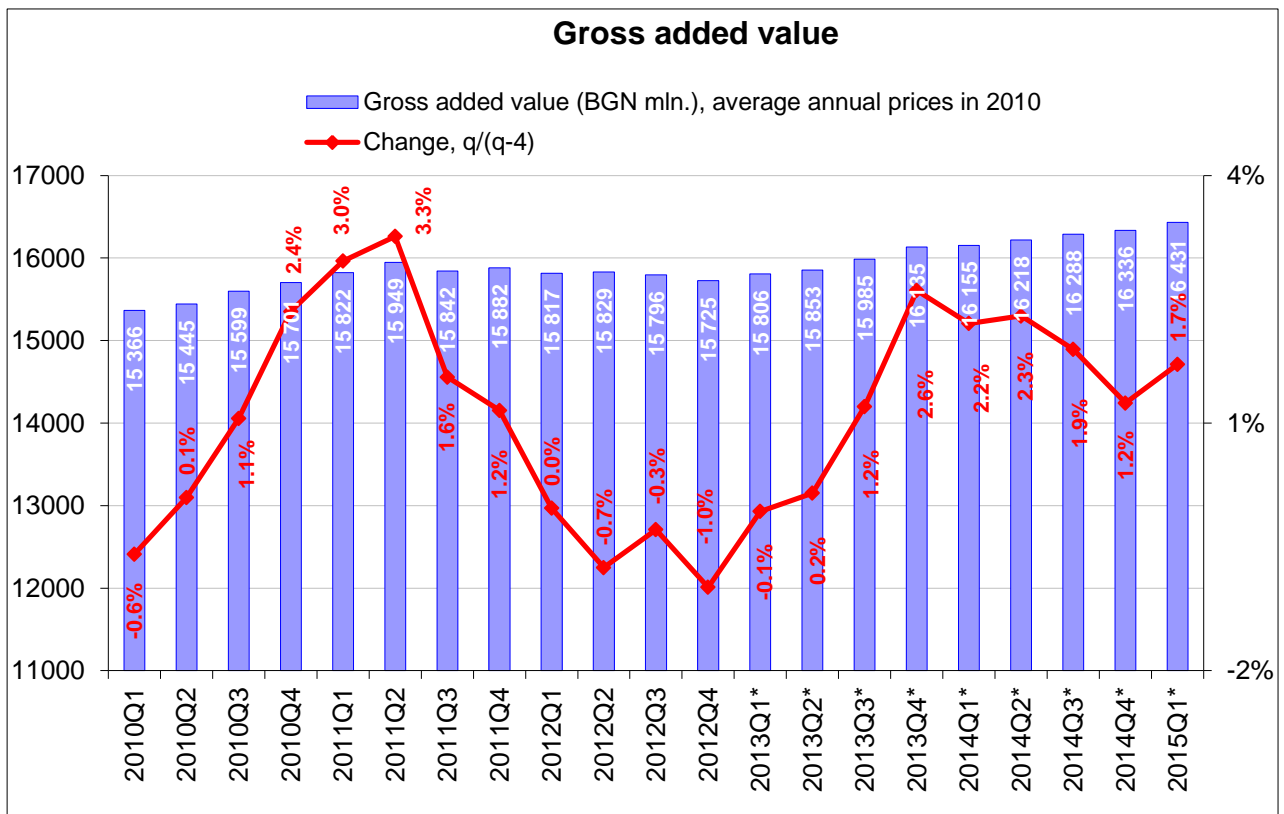
In the first quarter of 2015, GDP of Bulgaria has grown by 2.0% compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Source: NSI (*preliminary data)



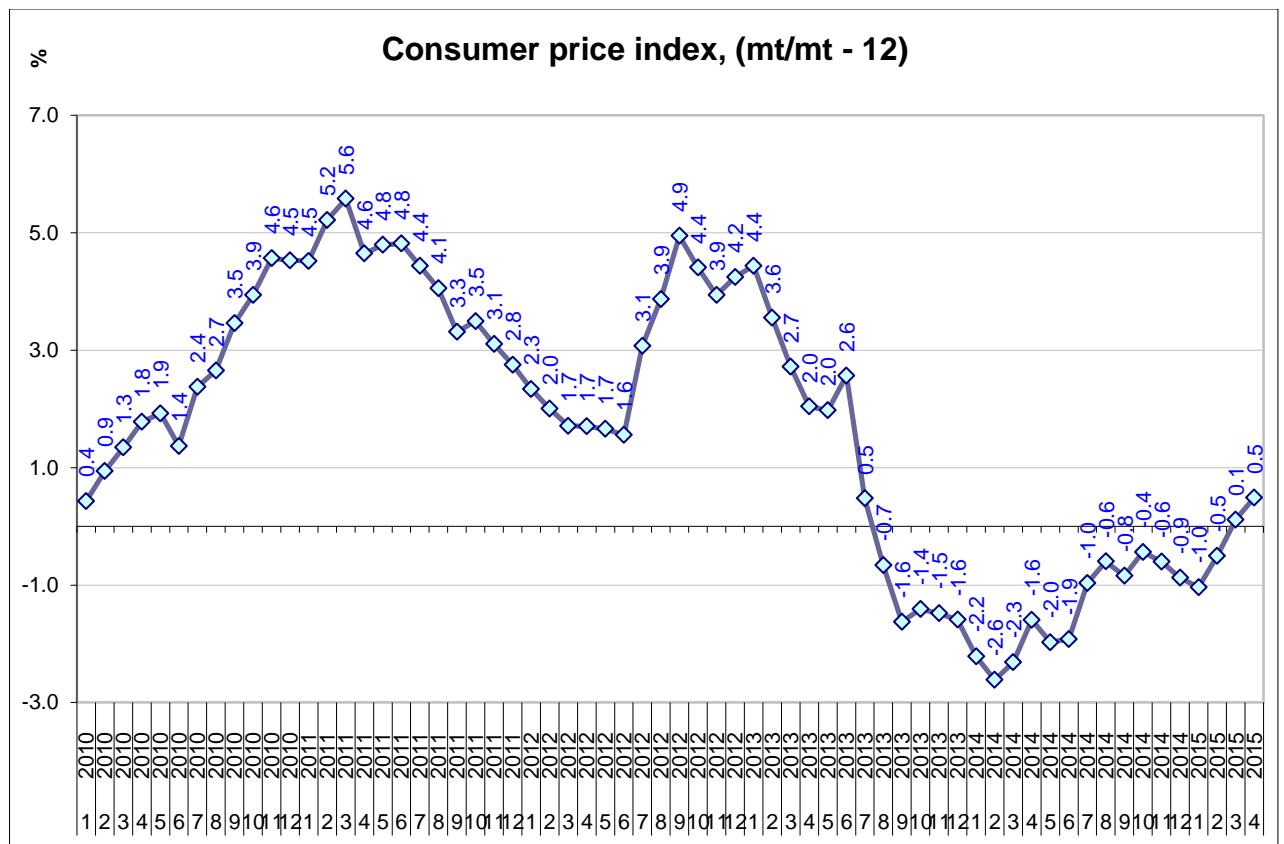
In 2010 gross fixed capital formation is the main factor for GDP decrease, while the trade balance acted positively on the GDP change. Since 2011 in most of the quarters positive GDP growth was recorded. The largest role for these growths had the final consumption and also partially the foreign trade recovery.

Source: NSI (*preliminary data)



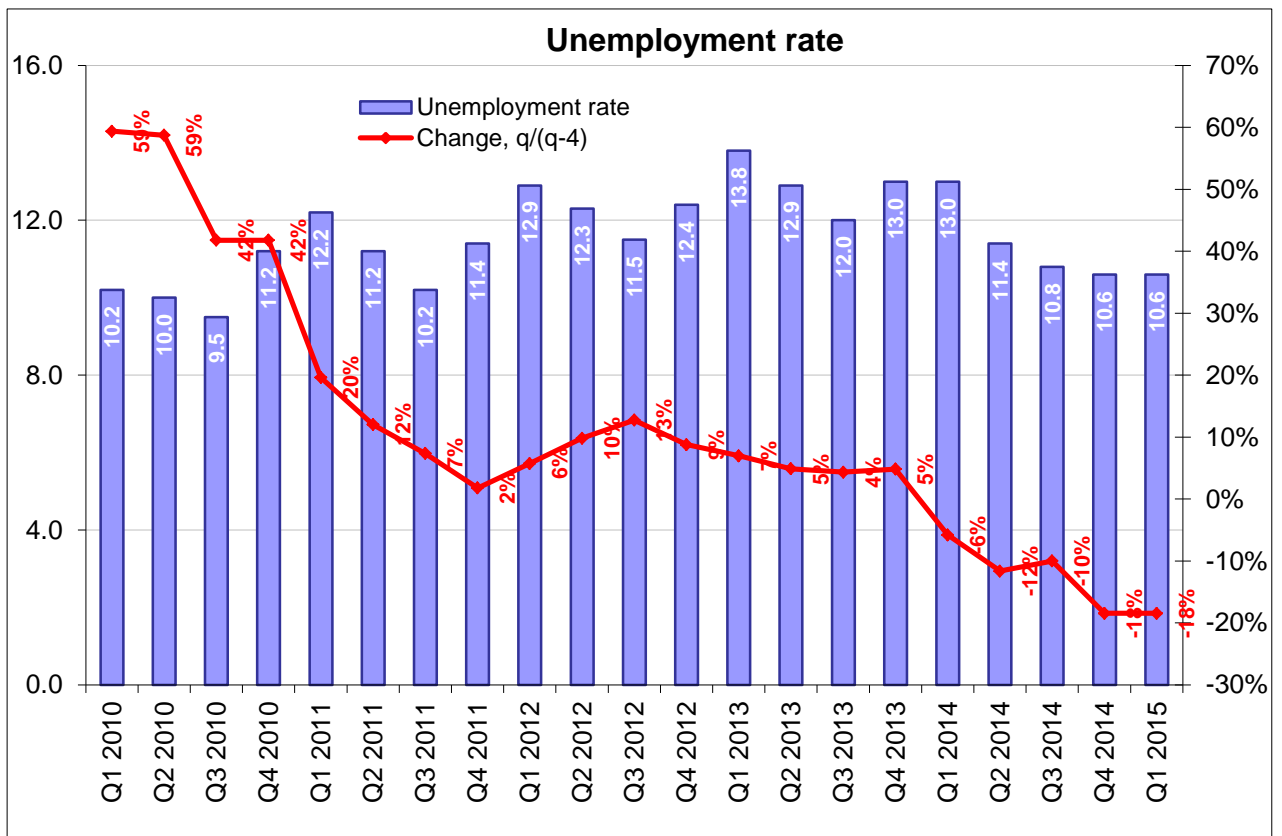
By preliminary data of NSI in the first quarter of 2015 gross value added is BGN 16 431 million.

Source: NSI (*preliminary data)



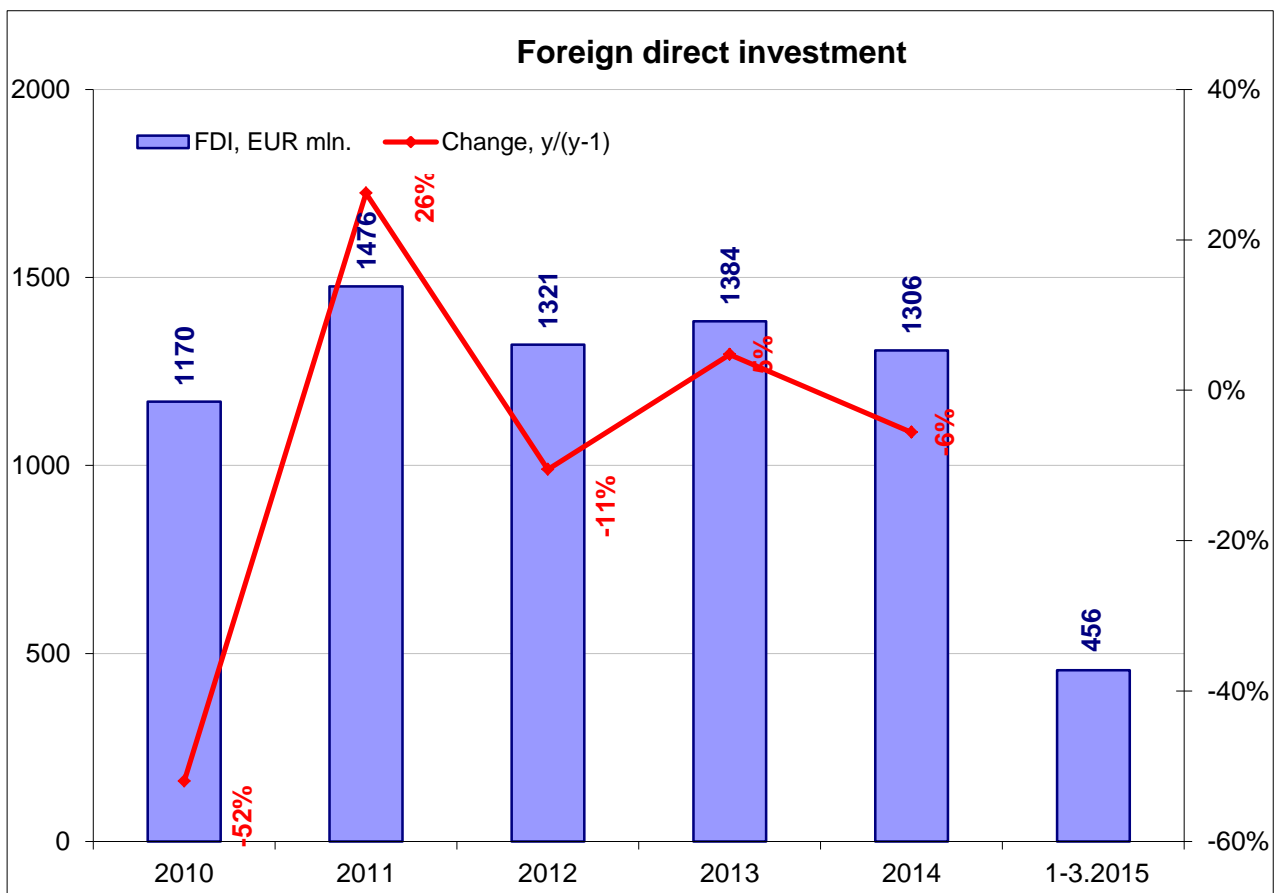
In April 2015 the consumer price index was 0.5% higher than the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Source: NSI



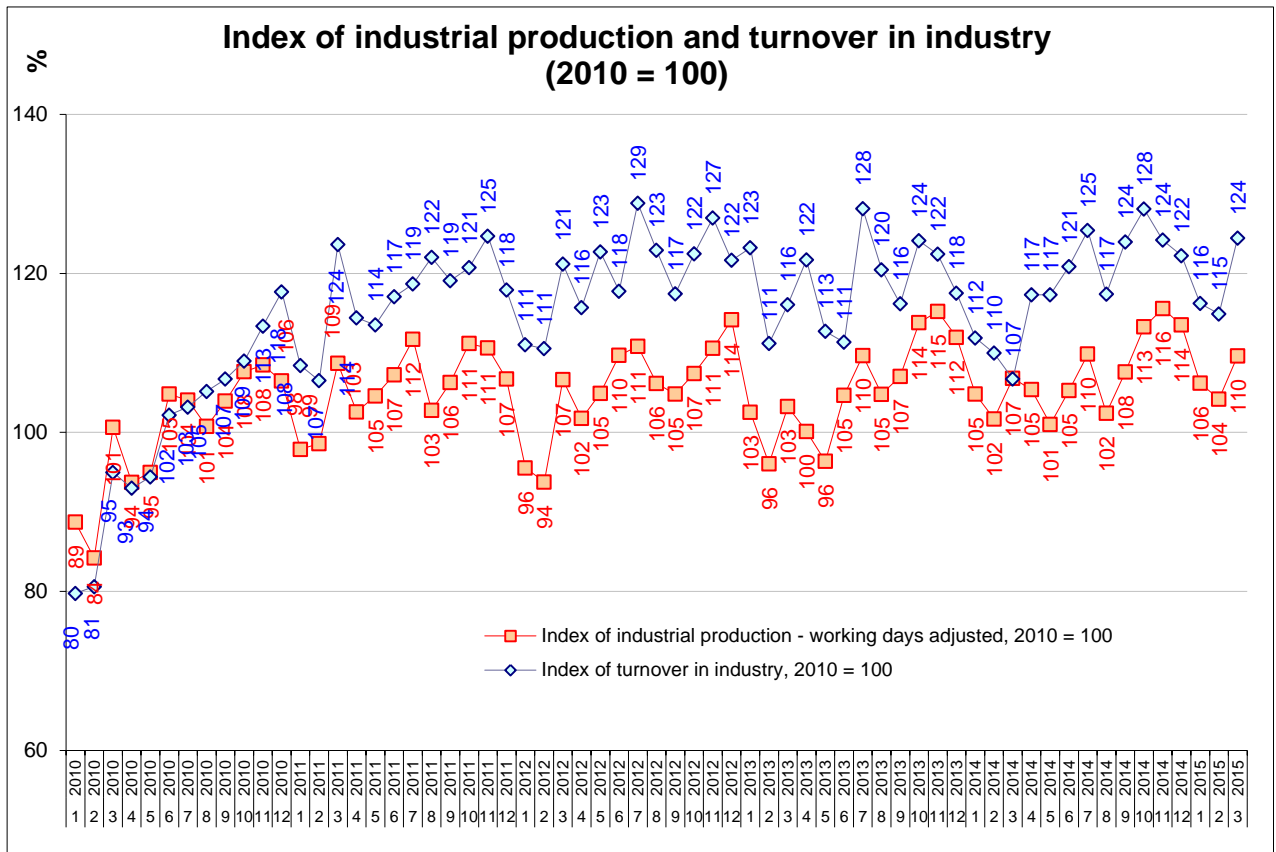
The unemployment rate in the first quarter of 2015 amounted 10.6% and decreased with 18% according to the corresponding quarter of preceding year.

Source: NSI



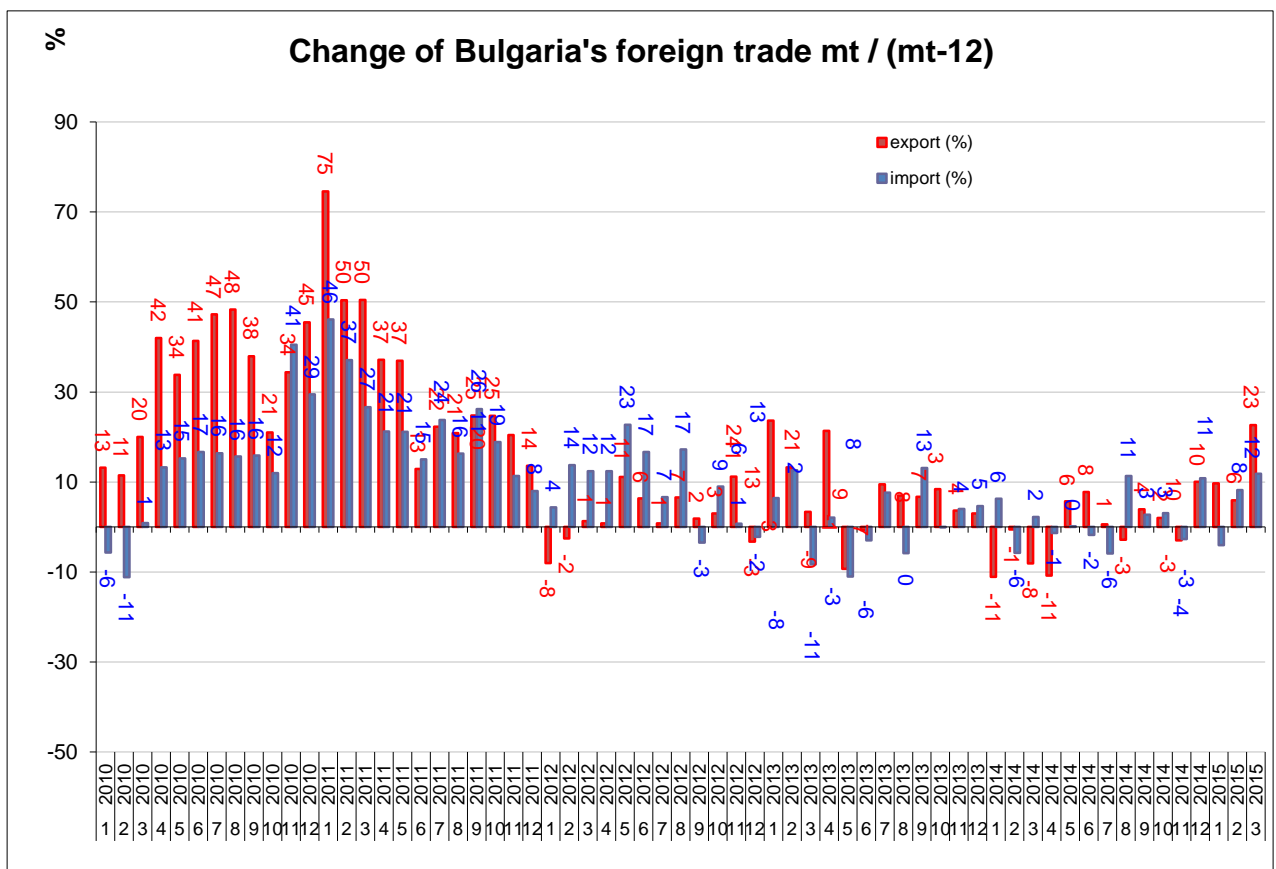
According to the Bulgarian National Bank, in 2014 the country received EUR 1 306 million FDI and in January-March 2015 EUR 455.7 million FDI was indicated.

Source: BNB



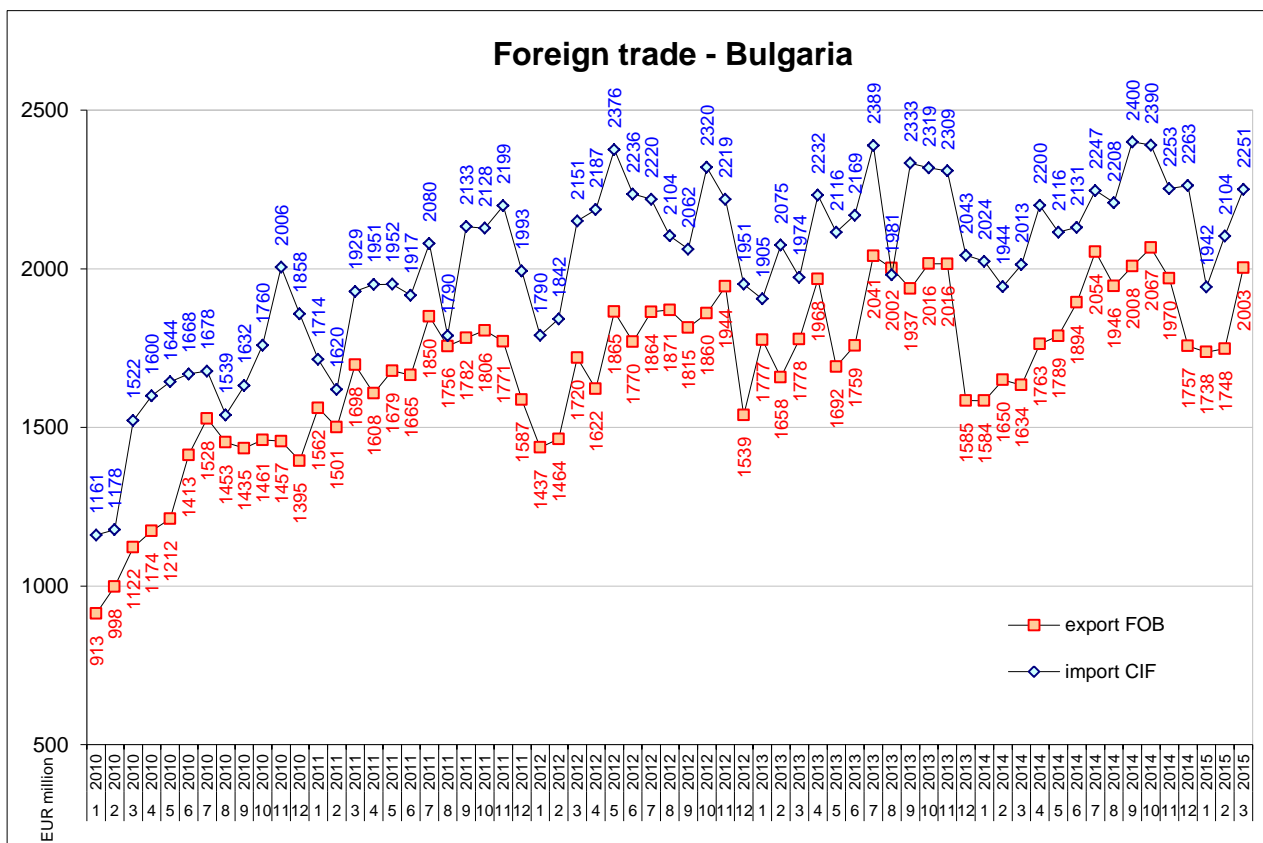
In March 2015 the industrial production index is 110% (at base on 2010), while the index of industry turnover 124% (at base 2010).

Source: NSI



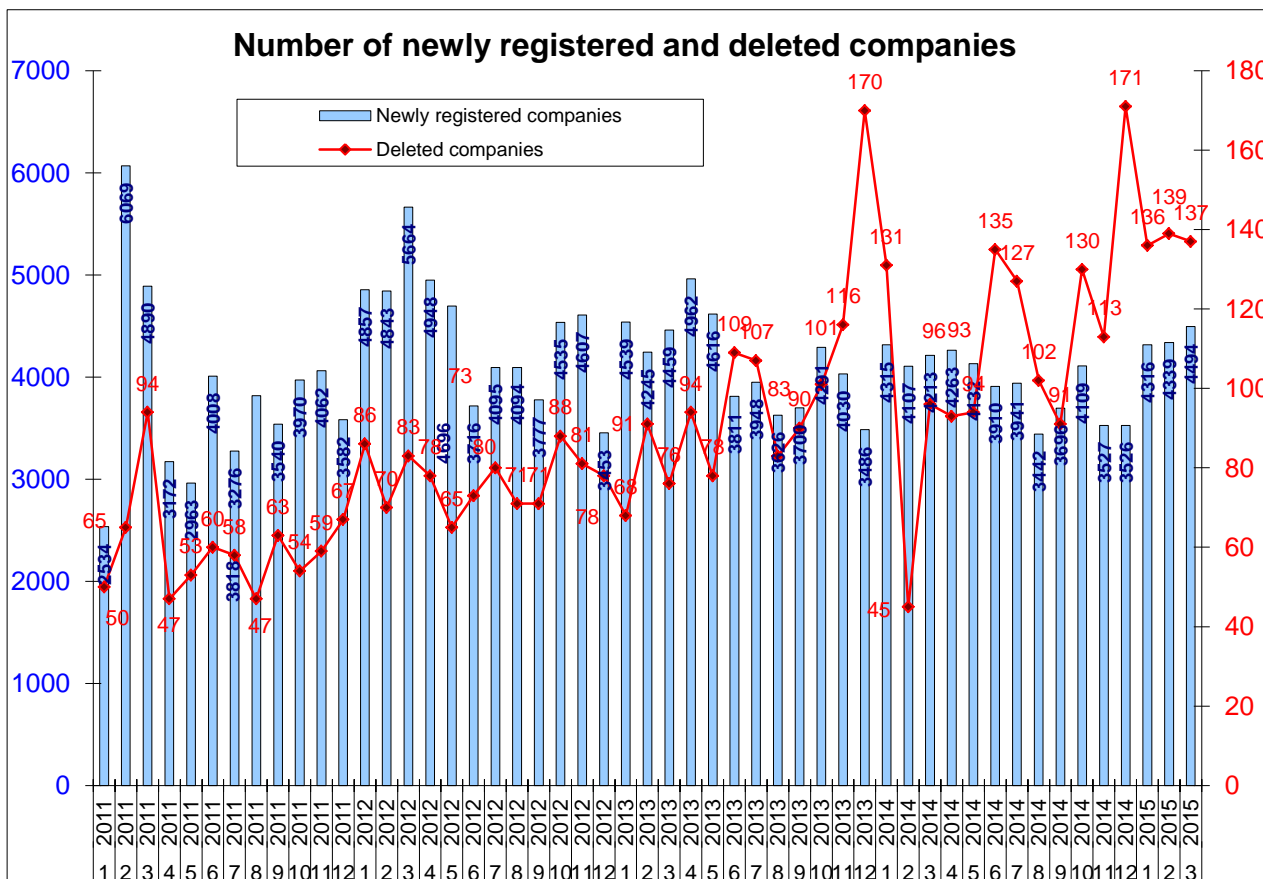
In March 2015 exports increased by 23% and imports by 12% on year-on-year basis.

Source: NSI



In March 2015 the exports amounted EUR 2.0 billion, while imports EUR 2.3 billion.

Source: NSI



In March 2015 were registered 4494 new companies and 137 were deleted.

Source: Registry Agency

Main macroeconomic indicators

	Measurement unit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Real sector								
Gross domestic product								
Gross domestic product	(million BGN)	71 904	78 434	80 044	80 282	82 164	Q1	17 245
Gross domestic product	%, YoY	0.7	2.0	0.5	1.1	1.7	Q1	3.1
Final consumption	(million BGN)	57 215	60 540	64 520	63 470	65 042	Q1	14 822
Gross capital formation	(million BGN)	16 697	17 128	17 804	17 278	17 707	Q1	3 121
Exports of goods and services	(million BGN)	39 648	49 914	51 710	54 907	55 791	Q1	13 039
Imports of goods and services	(million BGN)	41 657	49 149	53 990	55 372	56 376	Q1	13 737
Consumer price index								
period over period change	%	4.5	2.8	4.2	- 1.6	- 0.9	IV	0.7
average annual change	%	2.4	4.2	3.0	0.9	- 1.4	IV	-0.8
Unemployment								
At the end of the period (EA data)	%	9.2	10.4	11.4	11.8	10.7	IV	10.7
Industry								
Industrial production index at the end of the period	% (2010 = 100)	106.5	106.7	114.2	112.0	113.5	IV	106.9
Industrial turnover index at the end of the period	% (2010 = 100)	117.7	117.9	121.7	117.5	122.2	IV	124.8
External sector								
Balance of Payments								
Current account	(million EUR)	- 330.2	375.1	- 108.4	765.2	359.2	III	262.9
Trade balance	(million EUR)	-3 532.7	-2 648.0	-3 947.2	-2 890.7	-3 429.2	III	- 688.6
Exports, FOB	(million EUR)	14 180.6	19 055.7	19 667.6	21 208.0	21 031.4	III	5 199.1
Imports, FOB	(million EUR)	17 713.3	21 703.7	23 614.8	24 098.7	24 460.6	III	5 887.7
Foreign direct investment	(million EUR)	1 169.7	1 476.3	1 320.9	1 383.7	1 306.2	III	455.7
Current account	% of GDP	- 0.9	0.9	- 0.3	1.9	0.9	III	0.6
Trade balance	% of GDP	- 9.6	- 6.6	- 9.6	- 7.0	- 8.2	III	- 1.6
Foreign direct investment	% of GDP	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.1	III	1.1
Public finance								
Budget								
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	(million BGN)	-2 328.0	-1 589.7	- 522.1	- 694.3	-2 336.9		-
Budget deficit(-) / surplus(+)	% of GDP	- 3.2	- 2.0	- 0.7	- 0.9	- 2.8		-
Government and government guaranteed debt								
State debt (Maastricht debt)	(million BGN)	11 453.4	12 290.7	14 388.0	14 731.1	22 694.0		-
State debt (Maastricht debt)	% of GDP	15.9	15.7	18.0	18.3	27.6		-

Source: BNB, NSI

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