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THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA) RELEASES 2013 ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN (November 18, 2014) -- Today, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is releasing estimates of gross domestic product (GDP) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for 2013, in addition to estimates of gross domestic product by industry and compensation by industry for 2012. These estimates were developed under the Statistical Improvement Program funded by the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The latest estimates of GDP for 2007 to 2012 are also presented in this release, as well as GDP by industry and compensation by industry for 2007 to 2011.

Gross Domestic Product for 2013

The estimates of GDP for the CNMI show that real GDP – GDP adjusted to remove price changes – increased 4.4 percent in 2013 (see Table 1.3). For comparison, real GDP for the U.S. (excluding the territories) increased 2.2 percent in 2013. The growth in the CNMI's economy reflected increases in consumer spending and exports of services (see Table 1.4).²

Consumer spending, which was the largest contributor to economic growth in 2013, increased 12.3 percent. This increase was driven primarily by durable goods, reflecting growth in purchases of motor vehicles.

Tourism continued to contribute positively to the economy in 2013, after posting double-digit growth in 2012. Exports of services, which consists mostly of spending by tourists, increased 8.8 percent in 2013 after growing 17.2 percent in 2012.

Gross Domestic Product by Industry and Compensation by Industry for 2012

The estimates of GDP by industry for the CNMI show that the private sector was the source of the increase in real GDP in 2012 (see Table 2.5). The largest contributors to the growth were the distributive services sector and the accommodations and amusement sector. The government sector declined in 2012.

The compensation by industry estimates, which are measured in current dollars, show trends in compensation for major industries (see Table 2.6). Total compensation increased in 2012 reflecting

¹ These estimates are based on limited source data and are subject to revision.

² In this news release, "consumer spending" refers to "personal consumption expenditures."

growth in all major private industry groups. This was partly offset by a decrease in compensation for government employees.

The accompanying tables present estimates for GDP and its major components, GDP by industry, and compensation by industry. Also included in this release are estimates for the major components of gross domestic income.

Revisions to GDP

Estimates for 2010 to 2012 that were released on December 1, 2013 have been revised in order to incorporate improvements to source data.

The pattern of growth in the revised estimates for 2010 and 2011 is similar to that of the previously published estimates (see Table 1.7). However, 2012 GDP was revised down over 3 percentage points, resulting in slower economic growth than originally estimated. This revision was due to the incorporation of a new data source from the CNMI government on the value of imported goods. Updated information on government spending from the CNMI government's financial statements also contributed to the revision.

Future directions

Moving forward, an agreement between OIA and BEA will extend and improve the estimates of GDP for the CNMI. The information provided by the CNMI government will continue to be critical to the successful production of these estimates.

In the summer of 2015, BEA will conduct a comprehensive revision of these accounts. This revision will incorporate information from the 2012 Economic Census of Island Areas, results from BEA's latest revisions to the national accounts, and new source data from the territorial statistical offices. New GDP estimates for 2014, as well as GDP by industry and compensation by industry estimates for 2013, will be released at the same time.

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1. Domestic Product and Income

Table 1.1. Gross Domestic Product

				[Milli	ons of do	llars]		
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gross domestic product	1	867	846	717	716	649	665	682
Personal consumption expenditures	2	560	585	508	518	527	565	623
Goods	3	357	387	342	368	374	422	472
Durable goods	4	135	138	118	132	118	144	180
Nondurable goods	5	222	249	224	236	257	278	292
Services	6	389	397	355	366	358	389	416
Net foreign travel	7	-186	-199	-188	-215	-206	-246	-265
Private fixed investment	8	24	27	27	26	24	24	26
Net exports of goods and services	9	-69	-109	-165	-202	-268	-263	-318
Exports	10	526	376	218	241	229	268	288
Goods	11	333	172	23	19	17	15	16
Services	12	192	205	195	222	212	252	272
Imports	13	595	486	382	443	497	531	606
Goods	14	512	417	327	379	426	455	521
Services	15	83	69	55	64	71	75	85
Government consumption								
expenditures and gross investment	16	352	343	346	373	367	339	351
Federal	17	13	16	21	21	21	22	20
Territorial	18	339	327	325	352	345	317	331

Table 1.2. Real Gross Domestic Product, Chained Dollars

			[Mi	illions of c	hained (2	005) dolla	rs]	
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gross domestic product	1	849	740	598	603	562	574	600
Personal consumption expenditures	2	506	496	427	433	423	449	504
Goods	3	338	343	294	312	301	334	382
Durable goods	4	132	130	107	116	100	123	161
Nondurable goods	5	206	213	187	196	199	211	223
Services	6	349	339	298	297	279	299	324
Net foreign travel	7	-180	-184	-164	-175	-156	-183	-200
Private fixed investment	8	23	26	26	25	22	23	24
Net exports of goods and services	9	-26	-98	-163	-180	-194	-186	-220
Exports	10	516	294	176	182	161	186	202
Goods	11	330	116	19	16	12	11	12
Services	12	186	190	170	180	161	188	205
Imports	13	543	392	339	363	355	371	422
Goods	14	471	337	295	315	304	318	361
Services	15	72	56	44	48	51	53	61
Government consumption								
expenditures and gross investment	16	335	314	312	330	318	291	298
Federal	17	12	14	19	18	18	18	17
Territorial	18	324	300	293	312	300	273	282
Addenda:								
Population (thousands) ¹	19	59.3	57.6	55.5	53.5	52.2	51.4	51.2
Per capita real GDP (chained dollars)	20	14,317	12,847	10,775	11,271	10,766	11,167	11,719

^{1.} Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 1.3. Percent Change From Preceding Year in Real Gross Domestic Product

				[Per	cent]		
	Line	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gross domestic product	1	-12.8	-19.2	8.0	-6.7	2.1	4.4
Personal consumption expenditures	2	-1.9	-13.9	1.4	-2.3	6.1	12.3
Goods	3	1.5	-14.3	6.0	-3.6	11.2	14.1
Durable goods	4	-2.1	-17.7	8.5	-13.6	22.5	31.2
Nondurable goods	5	3.6	-12.4	4.7	2.0	6.1	5.5
Services	6	-3.0	-12.0	-0.4	-6.2	7.5	8.2
Net foreign travel	7						
Private fixed investment	8	9.3	2.3	-4.0	-11.0	2.3	5.7
Net exports of goods and services	9						
Exports	10	-43.1	-40.1	3.6	-11.6	15.3	8.6
Goods	11	-64.8	-83.4	-17.1	-21.7	-8.6	5.9
Services	12	2.4	-10.6	5.9	-10.8	17.2	8.8
Imports	13	-27.7	-13.6	6.9	-2.1	4.6	13.6
Goods	14	-28.6	-12.3	6.6	-3.5	4.7	13.5
Services	15	-22.2	-20.9	8.2	6.6	4.2	14.2
Government consumption							
expenditures and gross investment	16	-6.4	-0.5	5.5	-3.5	-8.4	2.5
Federal	17	19.6	31.3	-4.6	-0.4	3.4	-9.6
Territorial	18	-7.4	-2.0	6.2	-3.7	-9.1	3.4

Table 1.4. Contributions to Percent Change in Real Gross Domestic Product

	Line	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Percent change:							
Gross domestic product	1	-12.8	-19.2	0.8	-6.7	2.1	4.4
Percentage points:							
Personal consumption expenditures	2	-1.20	-9.63	0.98	-1.71	4.97	10.40
Goods	3	0.59	-6.59	2.90	-1.91	6.49	8.95
Durable goods	4	-0.30	-2.92	1.43	-2.59	4.07	6.65
Nondurable goods	5	0.90	-3.67	1.47	0.68	2.42	2.30
Services	6	-1.27	-5.66	-0.22	-3.25	4.14	4.78
Net foreign travel	7	-0.52	2.62	-1.70	3.46	-5.66	-3.34
Private fixed investment	8	0.24	0.07	-0.15	-0.41	0.08	0.21
Net exports of goods and services	9	-9.41	-9.49	-2.70	-2.70	1.86	-7.49
Exports	10	-27.98	-16.90	1.13	-4.12	5.43	3.47
Goods	11	-28.47	-14.26	-0.55	-0.62	-0.22	0.14
Services	12	0.49	-2.65	1.68	-3.50	5.65	3.34
Imports	13	18.57	7.41	-3.83	1.42	-3.57	-10.96
Goods	14	16.54	5.70	-3.17	2.02	-3.11	-9.35
Services	15	2.03	1.71	-0.66	-0.60	-0.46	-1.61
Government consumption							
expenditures and gross investment	16	-2.46	-0.20	2.71	-1.89	-4.77	1.30
Federal	17	0.28	0.59	-0.14	-0.01	0.11	-0.33
Territorial	18	-2.73	-0.79	2.85	-1.87	-4.88	1.63

Table 1.5. Percent Change From Preceding Year in Prices for Gross Domestic Product and **Price Indexes for Gross Domestic Product**

	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
		[Percent]							
Gross domestic product	1	2.4	12.0	4.9	-1.0	-2.9	0.4	-1.8	
Personal consumption expenditures	2	4.0	6.7	0.9	0.6	4.0	1.0	-1.8	
				[Index nu	ımbers, 20	005=100]			
Gross domestic product	3	102.1	114.4	120.0	118.8	115.4	115.9	113.7	
Personal consumption expenditures	4	110.7	118.1	119.1	119.8	124.7	125.9	123.6	

Table 1.6. Gross Domestic Income

		[Millions of dollars]								
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Gross domestic income	1	867	846	717	716	649	665	682		
Compensation of employees	2	569	518	514	525	509	549	558		
Taxes on production and imports less subsidies	3	118	107	98	92	91	100	109		
Gross operating surplus	4	181	221	105	99	49	15	15		

Table 1.7. Revisions to Percent Change in Real Gross Domestic Product

	Line	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Percent change:						
Revised	1	-12.8	-19.2	0.8	-6.7	2.1
Previously published	2	-12.8	-19.2	1.1	-6.8	5.2
Percentage points:						
Revision	3	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.1	-3.1

2. GDP by Industry

Table 2.1. Value Added by Industry

				[Millions of	of dollars]		
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross domestic product	1	867	846	717	716	649	665
Private industries	2	626	618	489	484	437	463
Manufacturing	3	176	66	25	24	24	19
Distributive Services	4	120	104	88	92	87	106
Accommodations and Amusement	5	73	117	109	108	90	99
All Other	6	257	332	267	261	236	239
Government	7	241	229	228	232	212	202
Federal	8	13	15	16	14	14	14
Territorial	9	228	214	212	219	198	188

Table 2.2. Value Added by Industry as a Percentage of GDP

		[Percent]							
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
Gross domestic product	1	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Private industries	2	72	73	68	68	67	70		
Manufacturing	3	20	8	3	3	4	3		
Distributive Services	4	14	12	12	13	13	16		
Accommodations and Amusement	5	8	14	15	15	14	15		
All Other	6	30	39	37	36	36	36		
Government	7	28	27	32	32	33	30		
Federal	8	1	2	2	2	2	2		
Territorial	9	26	25	30	31	31	28		

Table 2.3. Real Value Added by Industry

			[Millions	[Millions of chained (2005) dollars]				
	Line	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Gross domestic product	1	849	740	598	603	562	574	
Private industries	2	616	525	395	402	381	403	
Manufacturing	3	182	35	27	26	26	21	
Distributive Services	4	116	101	78	87	79	96	
Accommodations and Amusement	5	68	107	92	97	82	92	
All Other	6	245	314	223	218	218	219	
Government	7	233	213	207	205	184	175	
Federal	8	11	13	14	11	12	11	
Territorial	9	222	200	193	193	173	163	

Table 2.4. Percent Changes in Real Value Added by Industry

				[Percent]		
	Line	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross domestic product	1	-12.8	-19.2	8.0	-6.7	2.1
Private industries	2	-14.7	-24.8	1.7	-5.0	5.7
Manufacturing	3	-81.1	-22.4	-1.5	-1.3	-20.5
Distributive Services	4	-13.0	-22.9	11.9	-8.6	21.2
Accommodations and Amusement	5	56.8	-13.9	4.8	-14.9	11.5
All Other	6	28.2	-29.0	-2.4	0.2	0.5
Government	7	-8.6	-2.9	-1.0	-10.1	-5.3
Federal	8	12.1	10.0	-18.8	0.5	-2.8
Territorial	9	-9.7	-3.7	0.3	-10.8	-5.4

Table 2.5. Contributions to Percent Change in Real Gross Domestic Product by Industry

	Line	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Percent change:						
Gross domestic product	1	-12.8	-19.2	0.8	-6.7	2.1
Percentage points:						
Private industries	2	-11.01	-18.15	1.18	-3.37	3.86
Manufacturing	3	-21.48	-1.40	-0.05	-0.04	-0.75
Distributive Services	4	-1.64	-2.88	1.42	-1.14	2.83
Accommodations and Amusement	5	4.42	-1.95	0.71	-2.25	1.58
All Other	6	7.69	-11.91	-0.90	0.06	0.20
Government	7	-2.21	-0.77	-0.34	-3.35	-1.72
Federal	8	0.16	0.17	-0.44	0.01	-0.06
Territorial	9	-2.37	-0.94	0.10	-3.36	-1.66

NOTE. Percentage-point contributions do not sum to the percent change in real gross domestic product because of rounding and differences in source data used to estimate GDP by industry and the expenditures measure of real GDP.

Table 2.6. Compensation of Employees by Industry

	Line	[Millions of dollars]					
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total compensation	1	569	518	514	525	509	549
Private industries	2	353	303	300	310	314	369
Manufacturing	3	91	30	10	9	9	13
Distributive Services	4	66	59	60	63	69	81
Accommodations and Amusement	5	60	77	89	90	86	102
All Other	6	136	137	141	147	150	173
Government	7	216	215	214	215	195	181
Federal	8	13	15	17	15	15	14
Territorial	9	203	200	197	201	180	166