

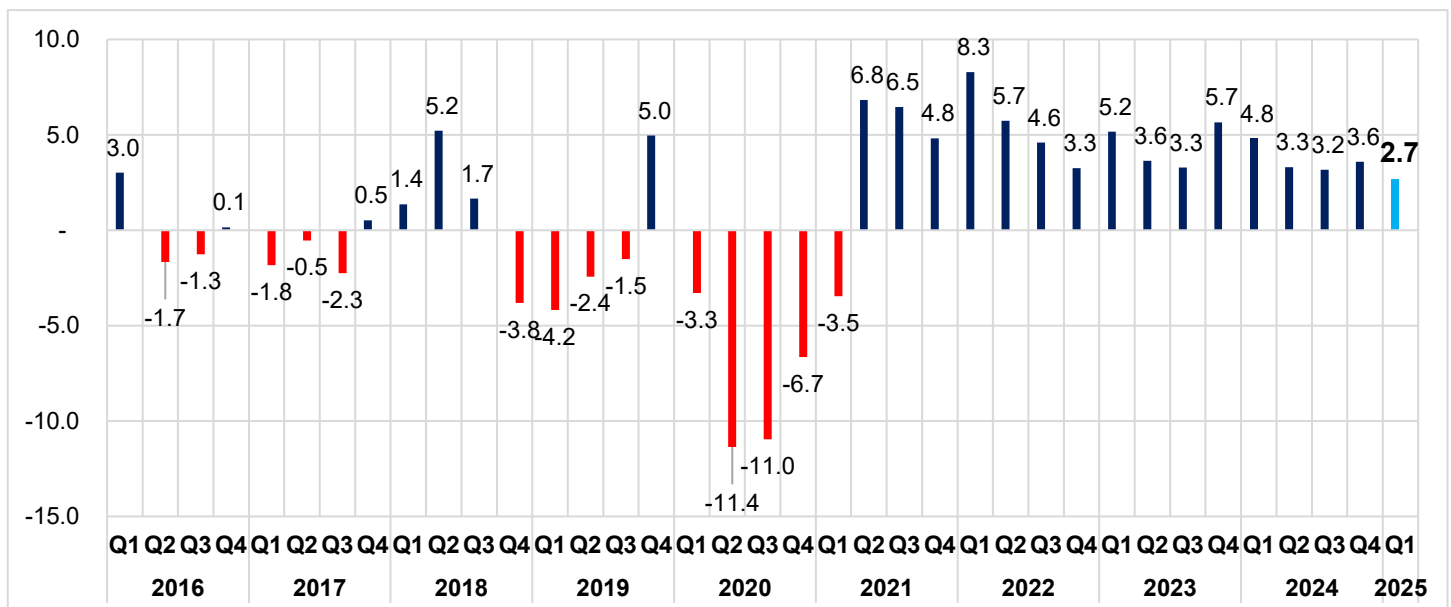
GDP Q1 2025

Quarter 1 2025

Overview

Namibia's economy continued to expand into the first quarter of 2025, with nominal GDP reaching N\$62.4 billion and **real GDP¹** increasing moderately to N\$39.97 billion, up from N\$58.5 billion and N\$38.93 billion recorded during Q1 2024 respectively. This translated into 2.7% real growth rate which represents a moderation compared to stronger performances recorded in previous quarters. The expansion was primarily driven by robust gains in the tertiary sector, led by Health Services (+11.4%), Wholesale and Retail Trade (+6.5%), and Financial Services (+6.0%). However, contractions recorded in key primary and secondary sectors, including Agriculture and Forestry (-20.1%), Fishing and Quarrying (-8.7%), and Manufacturing (-1.7%), tempered overall growth.

Figure 1: Real GDP Growth Rates (2016Q1 – 2025Q1)



Source: NSA

Outlook

Looking ahead, the sustainability of Namibia's growth will depend on whether the primary and secondary sectors can recover from recent declines. The sharp contraction in agriculture and forestry may reflect ongoing climate-related pressures, while subdued manufacturing points to persistent structural challenges. If the tertiary sector remains strong, it will continue to provide critical support; however, this alone may not be sufficient to maintain momentum.

External conditions, including global trade tensions, tariff uncertainty, and commodity price volatility, could impact industrial performance and overall confidence. Overall, the outlook is cautiously optimistic but hinges on a more balanced recovery across sectors amid an uncertain international environment.

¹ Real GDP accounts for inflation by using 2015 as the base year, meaning all output values are measured using constant prices from 2015 while Nominal GDP uses Current Prices. This adjustment removes the effects of price changes over time, allowing for accurate comparison of economic output across different years.