

Early estimates of main economic aggregates in geographical areas 2012

In 2012, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), measured in volume, grew quite homogeneously at the regional level. The reduction was slightly lower than the national average in the North-west area (-2.1%) and in the Centre (-2.3%), while it was the same as the national level in the North-east (-2.4%), a higher decrease was observed in the South and Islands area (-2.8%). These results are consistent with the national accounts data published on 1st March 2013, which showed a decrease in Italian GDP by 2.4% in 2012.

In the North-west the value added decreased by 3% in the primary sector, 3.3% in the industrial sector and 1.1% in services, in all cases less than in the Country as a whole.

In the North-east area the decrease in the economic activity was mainly due to the significant decline in value added in the primary sector (-7.3%) and in the industrial sector (-3.9%). For services the decline was 1%.

In the Centre a strong decline in value added was registered in both the industrial sector (-6%) and in the primary sector (-4.2%), whereas services showed a slighter decrease (-0.9%).

The South and Islands area showed the most negative results. The decrease in value added was 3.4% in the primary sector, while it was -5% in the industrial sector and -1.8% in services.

In 2012 employment decreased by 1.1% in Italy. Such evolution reflects different trends of value added in Italian geographical areas. The greatest contraction (-1.4%) occurred in the South and Islands area, whereas in the Centre-North area the decline in employment was smaller (-1%). In the North-east the reduction in employment was equal to -0.8%, while it was equal to -1% both in North-west and in the Centre. Larger territorial disparities concerned employment in the industrial sector; small decreases occurred in the North (-2.2% in the North-west and -2.4% in the North-east), while a more evident decline was observed in the Centre (-4.4 %) and the South and Islands area (-3.6%).

TABLE 1. VALUE ADDED AT BASIC PRICES AND LABOUR UNITS BY SECTOR AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA Year 2012

Aggregates	Centre-North				South and Islands	Italy
	North-west	North-east	Centre	Total		
Value added (*)						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-3.0	-7.3	-4.2	-5.1	-3.4	-4.4
Industrial sector	-3.3	-3.9	-6.0	-4.1	-5.0	-4.2
Services	-1.1	-1.0	-0.9	-1.0	-1.8	-1.2
Gross Domestic Product (*)	-2.1	-2.4	-2.3	-2.2	-2.8	-2.4
Labour Units (**)						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-4.2	-2.9	-3.9	-3.6	-3.3	-3.5
Industrial sector	-2.2	-2.4	-4.4	-2.8	-3.6	-3.0
Services	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.2
Total	-1.0	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-1.4	-1.1

(*) percentage changes on the previous year were calculated by using chained values.

(**) percentage change on the previous year.

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