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Austria's economy weakens in Q2 2026

Gross Domestic Product by 0.1% below Q1 2026

Vienna, 2026-09-03 – The Austrian economy declined slightly by 0.1% (in real terms, seasonally and calendar adjusted) in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2026, according to Statistics Austria. This is shown by preliminary results from the quarterly national accounts.

"Following 6 quarters of consistently positive economic indicators, we are seeing a slight decline in gross domestic product of 0.1% in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the previous quarter. The economic output was mainly dampened by a further rise in energy prices," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

Year-on-year, however, GDP in the second quarter of 2026 was still 0.4% higher than in the second quarter of 2025. In the first quarter of 2026, growth compared with the same quarter of the previous year had still been twice as high at 0.8%.

The current results are provisional estimates. In accordance with European guidelines, Statistics Austria will publish detailed results of the annual national accounts for 2025 on 30 September 2026, and with them updated results of the quarterly national accounts up to the second quarter of 2026.

Table: Quarterly growth rates of GDP in real terms

	Quarter-on-quarter, seasonally and calendar adjusted	Year-on-year
2025 Q1	0,4	0,4
2025 Q2	0,2	0,7
2025 Q3	0,3	1,3
2025 Q4	0,2	1,0
2026 Q1	0,1	0,8
2026 Q2	-0,1	0,4

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Quarterly National Accounts.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

Information on methodology, definitions: The calculations, which are based on the standardised European system of accounts (ESA 2010), comply with the EU regulation requiring all member states to compile national accounts within the European Union using uniform concepts and methods. The available annual figures are derived from the quarterly national accounts and are provisional. Detailed annual results of the national accounts will be published on 30 September 2026 and revised in line with international standards.

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