

# MONTHLY INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

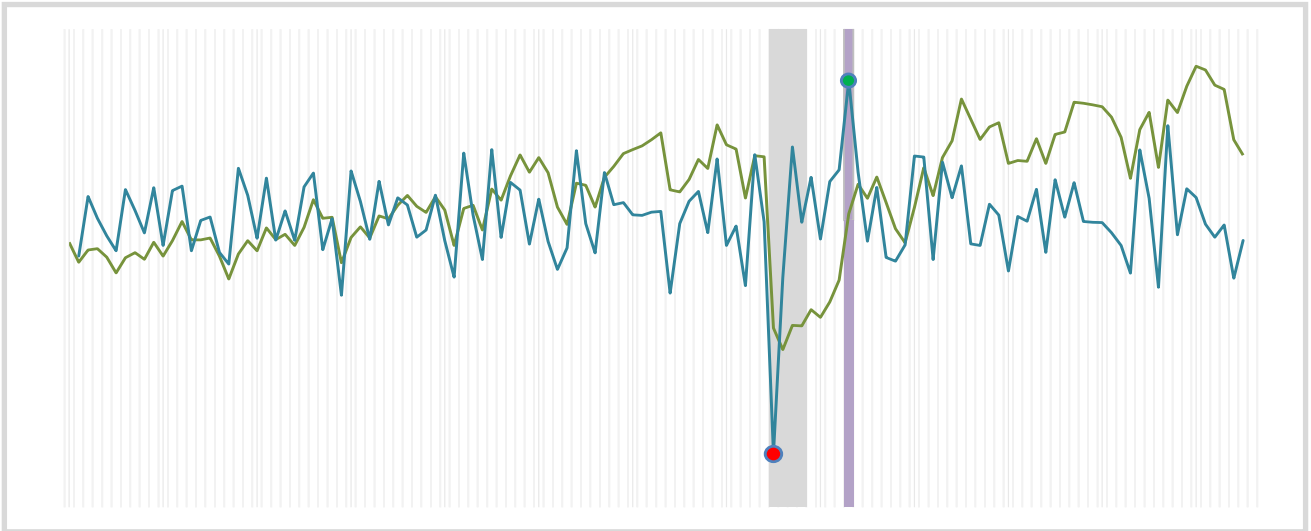
*a timely signal of economic growth on a monthly basis*



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Monthly Indicators of Economic Growth (MIEG) provides a high-frequency measure of economic activity, offering timely insights into the current state of the Maldivian economy. They are conceptually similar to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in volume terms and provide information on key components of economic production.

These indicators capture major industrial and economic activities using a production approach, aligned with international methodologies. Provides policymakers, analysts, and researchers with frequent updates to respond effectively to changes in economic conditions.

## **Monthly Real GDP, January 2026**

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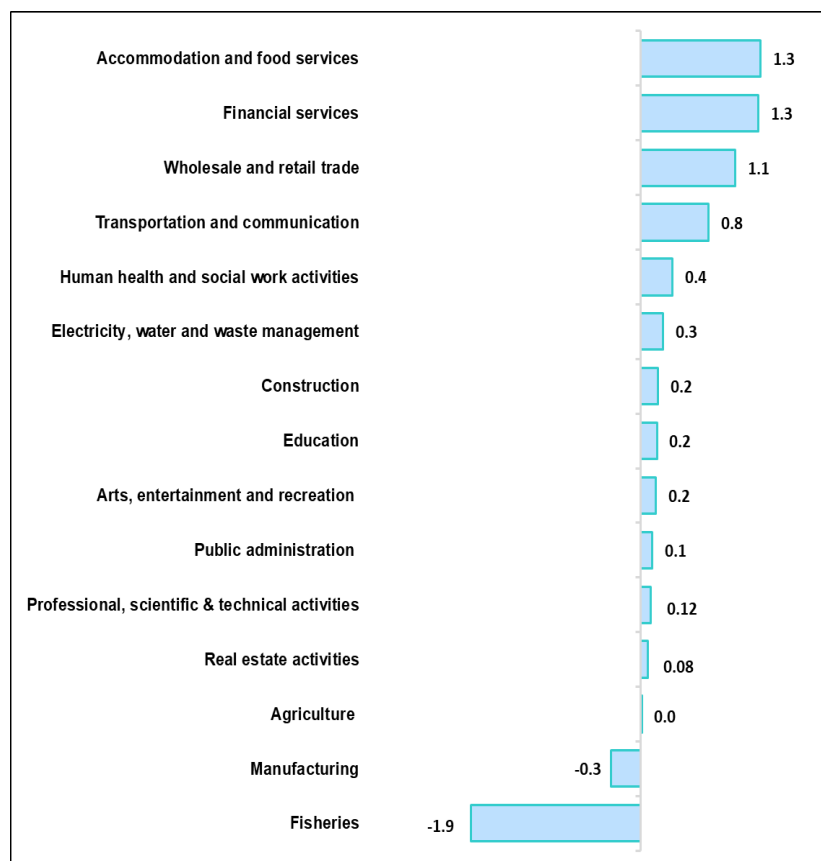
## Monthly GDP Summary

**Table 1: Monthly GDP & growth rate (%)**

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Real GDP at market price (MVR million)	9,509	9,315	8,838	9,186	8,076	7,738	8,870	9,250	8,049	9,015	9,117	9,833	10,028
% change corresponding month, previous year	4.1	4.2	1.7	8.3	6.2	7.9	9.3	8.0	4.9	5.4	9.9	6.5	5.5
% change from preceding month	3.0	-2.0	-5.1	3.9	-12.1	-4.2	14.6	4.3	-13.0	12.0	1.1	7.9	2.0

The monthly real GDP of the Maldives for January 2026 was valued at MVR 10,028 million at market prices. Compared to the corresponding month (January 2025), January 2026 indicated a growth rate of 5.5%. When compared to the preceding month (December 2025), January 2026 experienced a growth of 2.0%.

**Figure 1 Contribution to growth (%), January 2026**



The Figure 1 illustrates contribution to the growth of January 2026, Both accommodation and food services and Financial services contributed the most with 1.3%, followed by Wholesale and retail trade 1.1%. These sectors were the main engines of the growth during this period, while lowest contributions are from Fisheries -1.9 and manufacturing -0.3%.

### Note on Monthly Real GDP revisions

Monthly real GDP estimates are benchmarked up to 2025 Q4 real QGDP. Monthly GDP will be published with a 45-day lag following the reference month, and are subject to revisions in subsequent publications and with the release of QGDP.

# Real GDP

**Figure 2: Real GDP in MVR (millions)**



As shown in Figure 2, the monthly GDP for 2025 up to December totals a real GDP of MVR 106,796 million. Compared to the corresponding month (January 2025), January 2026 shows an increase of MVR 519 million, and an increase of MVR 194 million compared to the preceding month (December 2025).

**Figure 3: Monthly GDP percentage share (%)**

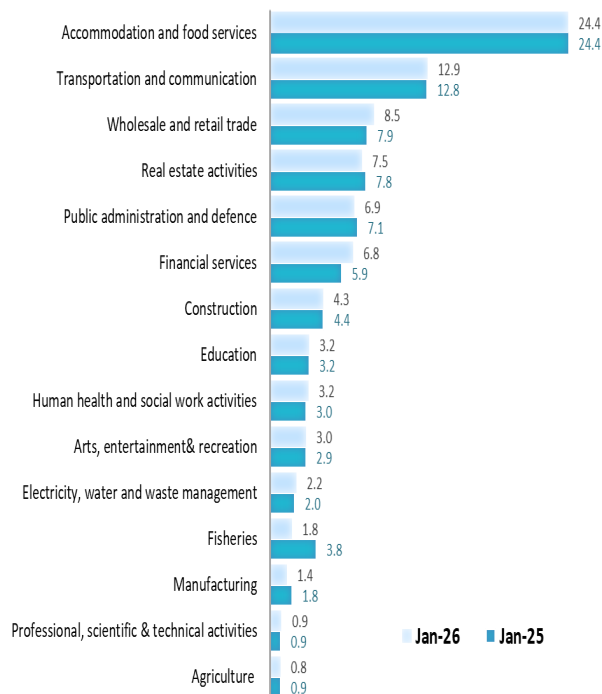


Figure 3, shows the monthly real GDP percentage share for January 2026 and January 2025.

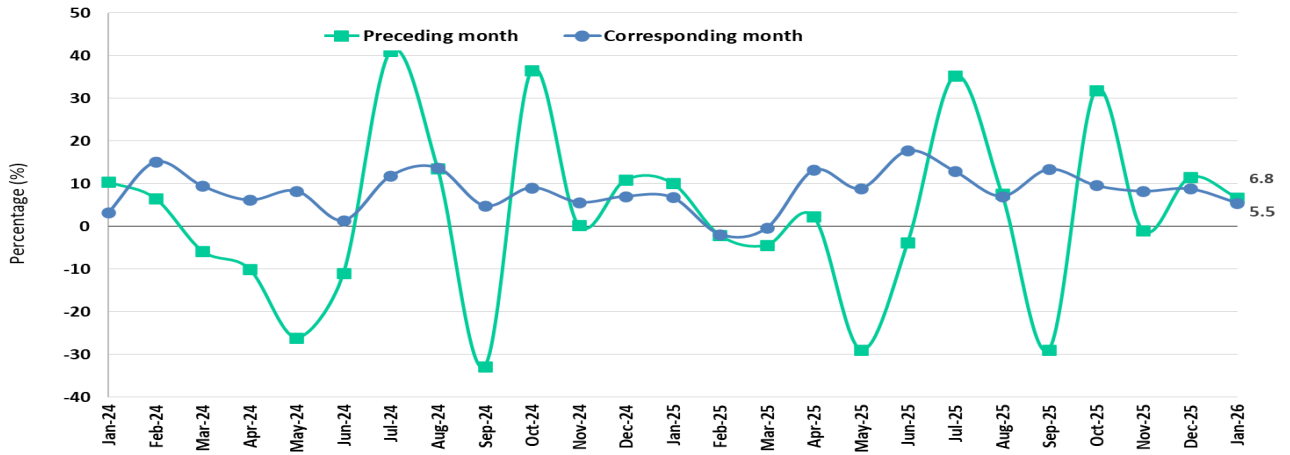
In January 2026, Accommodation and Food Services held the largest share at 24.4%, followed by Transportation & Communication at 12.9% and Wholesale and Retail Trade at 8.5%.

The smallest shares were seen in Agriculture and in Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities at 0.9%.

## Main Sectors

### Accommodation and food services

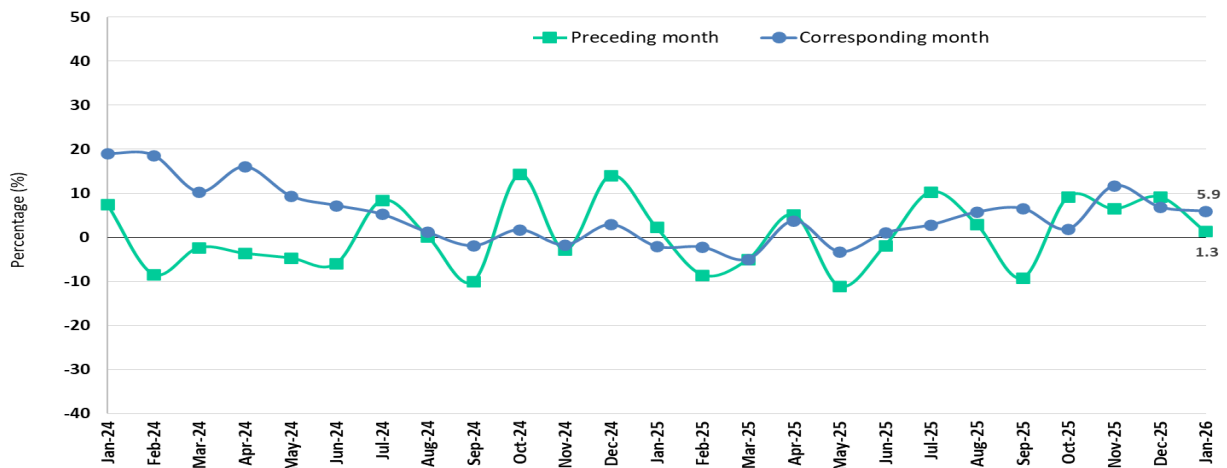
**Figure 4: Accommodation and food services (%)**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Accommodation and Food Services was MVR 2,449 million. The growth of this sector is driven by the number of tourist bed nights. The sector shows a growth of 6.8% compared to the preceding month (December 2025) and a growth of 5.5% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025).

### Transportation and communication

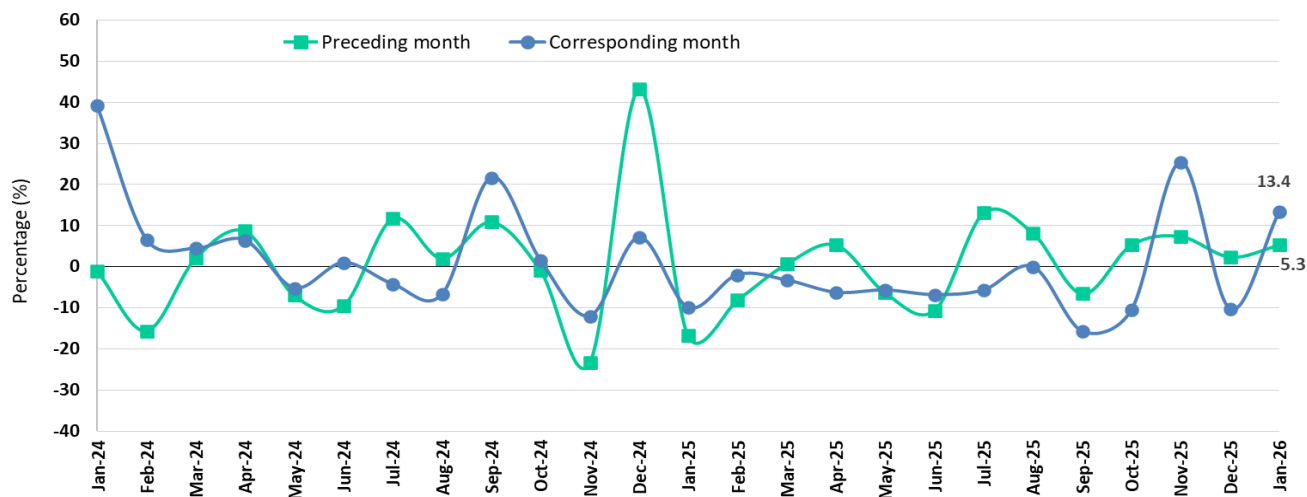
**Figure 5: Transportation and communication growth (%)**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Transportation and Communication was MVR 1,293 million. The sector increased by 1.3% compared to the preceding month (December 2025) and increase by 5.9% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025).

## Wholesale and retail trade

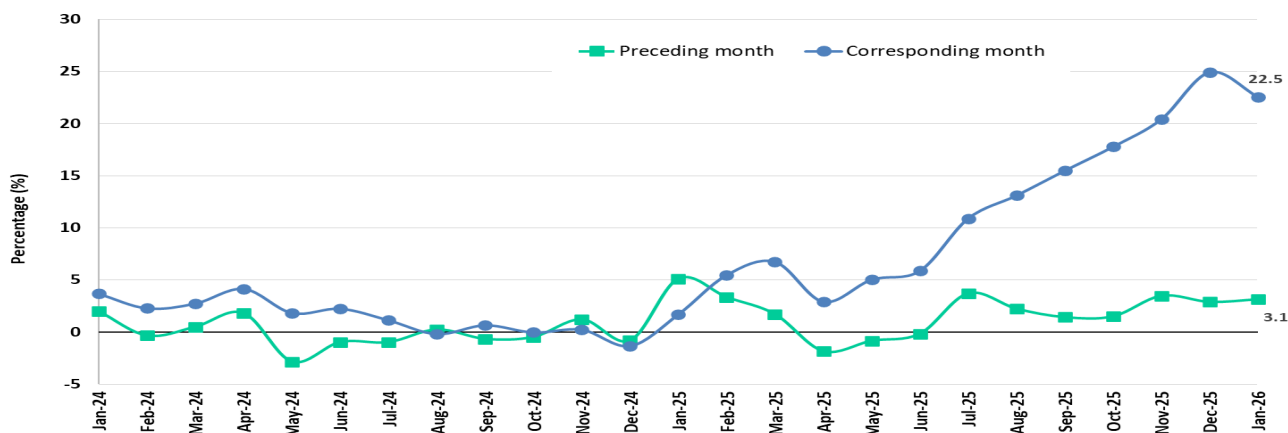
**Figure 6: Wholesale and retail trade growth (%)**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Wholesale and Retail Trade was MVR 854 million. Compared to the preceding month (December 2025), the sector increased by 5.3%, and shows a growth of 13.4% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025). The sector’s growth was influenced by the volume of imported goods.

## Financial services

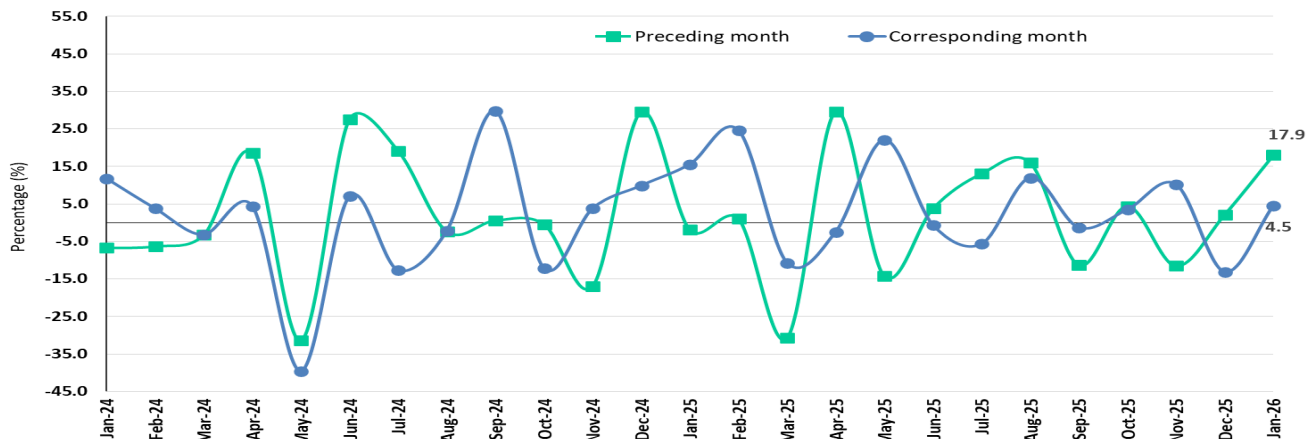
**Figure 7: Financial services growth (%)**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Financial Services was MVR 683 million. The sector grew by 22.5% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025), and by 3.1% compared to the preceding month (December 2025), reflecting a positive impact on its performance.

## Construction

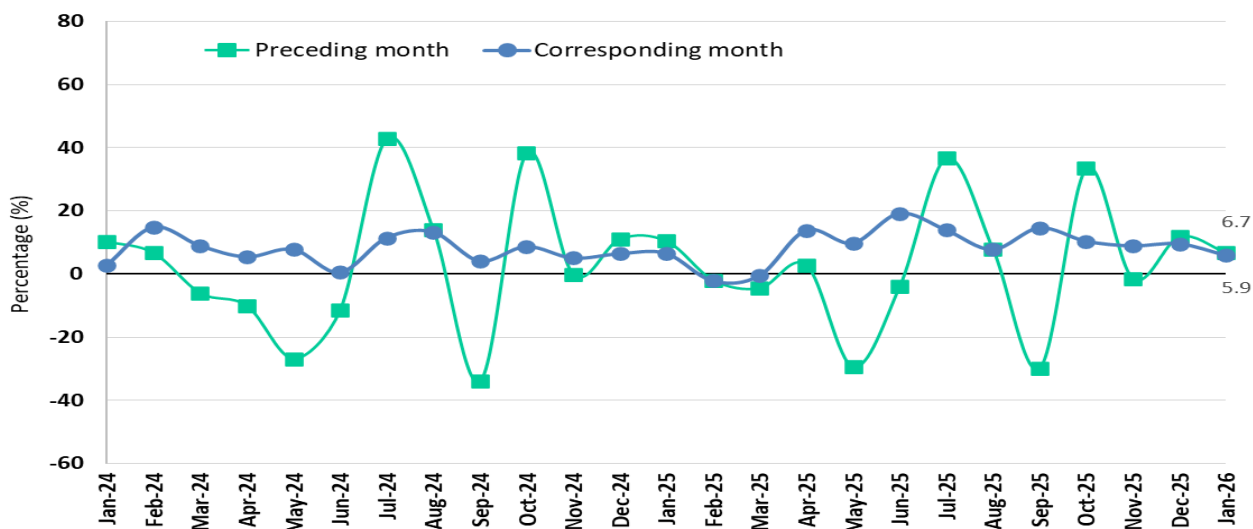
**Figure 8: Construction growth (%)**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for the Construction sector was MVR 435 million. The sector showed a growth of 4.5% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025). Compared to the preceding month (December 2025), this sector grew by 17.9%.

## Arts, entertainment and recreation & Other service activities

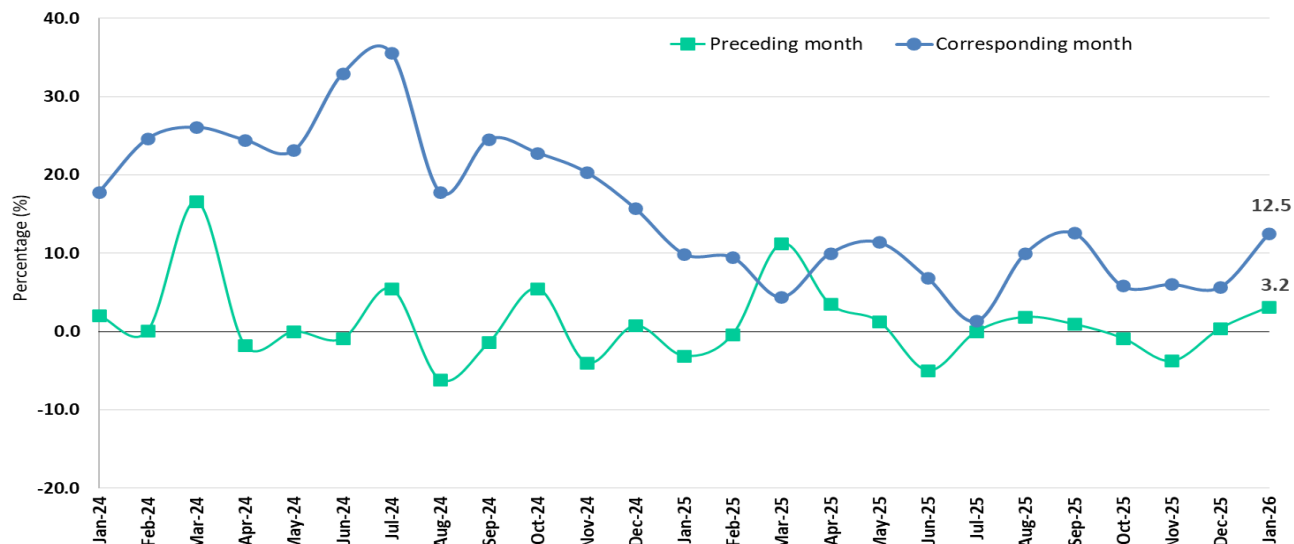
**Figure 9: Arts, entertainment and recreation & Other service activities growth**



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Arts, Entertainment and Recreation & Other Service Activities was MVR 296 million. The sector increased by 5.9% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025) and by 6.7% compared to the preceding month (December 2025).

## Electricity, water and waste management

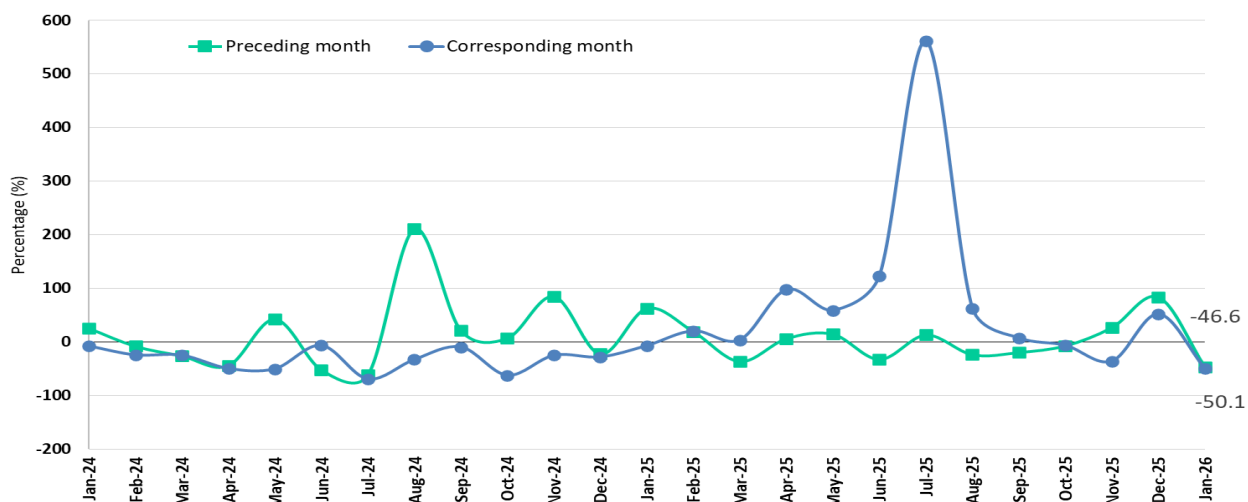
Figure 10: Electricity, water and waste management growth (%)



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for Electricity, Water, and Waste Management was MVR 216 million. The sector increased by 12.5 % compared to the corresponding month (January 2025) and by 3.2% compared to the preceding month (December 2025). The changes in this sector were driven by production of electricity ,water production and waste management services.

## Fisheries

Figure 11: Fisheries growth (%)



In January 2026, the monthly GVA for the Fisheries sector was MVR 180 million. The sector decreased by 50.1% compared to the corresponding month (January 2025). Compared to the preceding month (December 2025), the sector decreased by 46.6%.

## Revisions

### Revision triangle, corresponding month growth rate (%)

Release month	Revisions triangle															
	Reference month															
	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
May-25	2.0	1.1	5.7	3.0	1.3	0.4										
Jun-25	-0.1	0.7	6.5	3.8	4.6	2.9	10.3									
Jul-25	-0.1	0.7	6.5	3.8	4.6	2.9	10.3	9.0								
Aug-25	-0.1	0.7	6.5	3.8	4.6	2.9	10.3	9.0	10.5							
Sep-25	-0.1	0.7	6.5	3.8	4.6	2.9	10.3	9.0	10.5	1.7						
Oct-25	0.0	0.7	6.4	3.8	4.2	1.5	7.5	5.8	6.8	7.3	5.1					
Nov-25	0.0	0.7	6.4	3.9	4.2	1.4	7.0	5.6	7.7	10.3	9.3	6.6				
Dec-25	0.4	0.9	5.9	4.4	4.1	0.9	6.7	5.6	7.9	10.2	9.4	6.5	6.0			
Jan-26	0.2	0.7	6.0	5.4	6.0	2.9	9.6	8.1	9.3	10.7	9.1	5.9	5.6	10.2		
Feb-26	0.2	0.5	5.7	4.1	4.2	1.8	8.3	6.2	7.9	9.2	8.0	4.9	5.5	9.9	6.5	
Mar-26	0.2	0.5	5.7	4.1	4.2	1.7	8.3	6.2	7.9	9.3	8.0	4.9	5.4	9.9	6.5	5.5

Above table shows the series of corresponding month growth rates in percentage as published. The May 2025 publication (first row) shows the first estimate of March 2025. The June 2025 publication (second row) shows the first estimate for April 2025 and second estimate of March 2025. The July 2025 publication (third row) shows the first estimate for May 2025 and second estimate for April 2025 and third estimate for March 2025. Likewise, this pattern continues for subsequent months.

The revisions triangle can be read in different ways. By row, the table will show the series of monthly rates as published at each release month. By column, the revisions triangle will show the revisions history of one specific month. Finally, the triangle can also be analyzed diagonally. The main diagonal includes all the first estimates of the months, the secondary column the second estimates, and so forth.

### Revisions indicators, corresponding month growth rate (%)

Reference month	Revision Indicators		
	1st estimate (1)	2nd estimate (2)	Revision (3)=(2)-(1)
Sep-24	9.5	10.1	0.7
Oct-24	0.8	3.6	2.8
Nov-24	-3.5	-0.9	2.5
Dec-24	4.2	5.4	1.2
Jan-25	7.4	7.5	0.2
Feb-25	4.7	1.3	-3.4
Mar-25	0.4	2.9	2.5
Apr-25	10.3	10.3	0.0
May-25	9.0	9.0	0.0
Jun-25	10.5	10.5	0.0
Jul-25	1.7	7.3	5.7
Aug-25	5.1	9.3	4.2
Sep-25	6.6	6.5	-0.1
Oct-25	6.0	5.6	-0.5
Nov-25	10.2	9.9	-0.3
Dec-25	6.5	6.5	0.0
Jan-26	5.5		
a. Mean Revision (MR) =			1.0
b. Mean Absolute Revision (MAR) =			1.5
c. Standard Deviation of Revision (STDR) =			2.2
d. Range of Revision (RR) =			9.1

Revisions indicators are calculated as descriptive statistics of a revision's history. Thus, revisions indicators can be estimated in subsequent publications with availability of second estimates. Each statistic aims at measuring a specific characteristic of the revision process. In general, direction, size, and dispersion of revisions are the most salient features of a revisions process.

**a. Mean Revision (MR)** is a measure of direction of revisions. A MR value close to zero indicates that there are no directions in the revisions. When the MR is positive, the preliminary estimate is on average below the later estimate (downward bias); when the MR is negative, the preliminary estimate is on average above the later estimate (upward bias).

**b. Mean Absolute Revision (MAR)** is a simple average taken in absolute values. The MAR disregards the sign of revisions. It can be zero when positive, and negative revisions perfectly offset each other. The MAR is a measure of the size of revisions. The larger the MAR value is, the less reliable the preliminary estimate is compared with later ones.

**c. Standard Deviation of Revision (STDR)** is calculated as the standard deviation of growth rate. It is a measure of dispersion of revisions around the mean value. The smaller the STDR value, the closer are the revisions to the MR value. A high STDR value indicates large fluctuations in the reliability of early estimates between months.

**d. Range of Revision (RR)** is the difference between the maximum revision and the minimum revision. Always nonnega-

## Additional Information

	<b>Issue (monthly)</b>	<b>Release date</b>
FORTHCOMING ISSUES	February 2026	30th April 2026
	March 2026	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
	April 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
ROUNDING	Any discrepancies between totals and sum of components in this publication are due to rounding.	
UPDATING GDP	<p>The MBS releases a monthly estimate for GDP with a 45-day lag following the reference month, and are subject to revisions in subsequent publications and with the release of QGDP.</p> <p>MBS releases three vintages of the current quarterly estimate for GDP: "Advance" estimates are released with a four month gap and are based on estimates or source data that are incomplete or subject to further revision by the source agency; "second" and "third" estimates are released with a seven months lag and a ten months lag, respectively, and are based on more detailed and more comprehensive data as they become available.</p> <p>Annual and comprehensive updates are typically released in late September. Annual updates generally cover at least the 3 most recent calendar years (and their associated quarters) and incorporate newly available major annual source data as well as some changes in methods and definitions to improve the accounts.</p> <p>Comprehensive (or benchmark) updates are carried out at about 5-year intervals and incorporate major periodic source data, as well as major conceptual improvements.</p>	
ABBREVIATIONS	MBS	Maldives Bureau of Statistics
	QNA	Quarterly National Accounts
	QGDP	Quarterly Gross Domestic Product
	CPI	Consumer Price Index
	GVA	Gross Value Added
	RGDP	Real Gross Domestic Product
	MIEG	Monthly Indicators of Economic Growth
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