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## 2.0% GDP growth rate at constant prices in the first Quarter of 2019 Compared with the first Quarter of 2018

The Department of Statistics issued the results of the preliminary estimates of the GDP at market fixed prices for the first Quarter of 2019. The results show that growth reached 2.0% during the first quarter of 2019 compared with the first quarter of 2018 the growth for the first quarter of 2018 reached 1.9%. And the general gross rate for the GDP reached 1.9% for 2018 compared with 2017.

The estimates of GDP at the level of production sectors, most sectors have shown positive growth during the first quarter of 2019 compared with the first quarter of 2018. According to the report, Transport, Storage ,Communications sector has achieved the highest growth rate at 3.7%, followed by agricultural sector by 3.6%, followed by Social & Personal Services Sector at 3.4%, followed by Finance, Insurance & Real Estate's Sector by 3.0% and finally Electricity & Water Sector by 1.7%.

At the level of sectors contribution to the achieved growth rate for the first quarter of 2019 by 2.0%, the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate's Sector has contributed by 0.71 percentage points, while Transport, Storage & Communications Sector contribution was 0.31 percentage points of the total achieved growth rate, Manufacturing sector contribution was 0.23 percentage points, then Social & Personal Services Sector and agricultural sector at 0.22 for each of the total achieved growth rate.

## Contribution of the Main Economic Sectors to the GDP for the first quarter of 2019

The Sector	Sectors' Contribution (%)	Contribution to the achieved growth
Agriculture	6.0	0.22
Quarrying	2.4	0.02
Manufacturing	17.7	0.23
Electricity and water	2.7	0.05
Construction	2.3	0.01-
Wholesale , Retail Trade, Restaurants &Hotels	10.0	0.11
Transport, Storage &Communications	8.7	0.31
Finance, Insurance & Business services	24.3	0.71
Social & personal Services	6.5	0.22
Governmental services producers	13.4	0.19
Calculated service cost	4.7-	0.13-
Net Tax on products	9.4	0.09
Total	%100	2.0

<sup>\*</sup>Contribution in percent point

<sup>\*\*</sup> The DoS conducts a comprehensive review to the GDP estimates in terms of data updates according to the latest adopted international methodologies.