



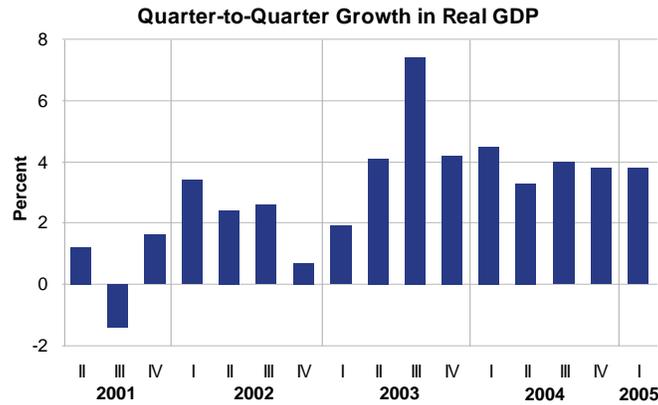
GDP AND PROFITS REVISED UP

"Final" Estimates of GDP and Corporate Profits

The economy grew at an annual rate of 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2005, revised up 0.3 percentage point from the "preliminary" estimates released in May, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. BEA also released a revised estimate of first-quarter corporate profits, which increased 15.4 percent from the same quarter one year ago.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

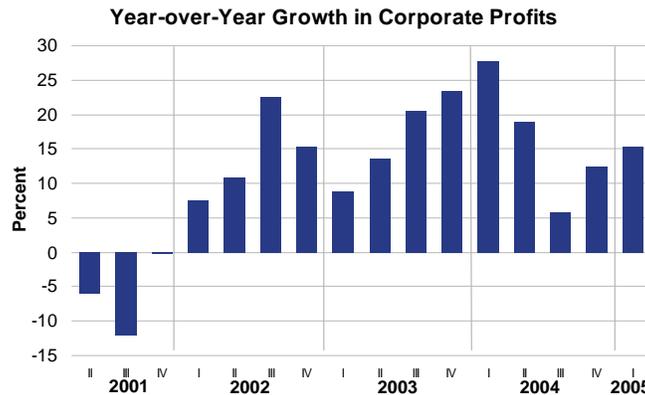
The 3.8-percent increase in inflation-adjusted GDP primarily reflected increases in consumer spending, exports, business inventory investment, and residential investment. GDP is the most comprehensive measure of U.S. economic activity. Today's upward revision to the GDP growth rate mainly reflected upward revisions to exports of services and to residential investment.



Real GDP growth is measured at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Corporate Profits

The 15.4-percent increase in first-quarter profits reflected increases in profits for both financial and nonfinancial domestic corporations.



Corporate profits growth is measured as the percent change from the same quarter one year ago.

BEA's data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states and industries—are available on its Web site: www.bea.gov.

NOTE: On July 29, 2005, the "advance" estimate of GDP for the second quarter of 2005 will be released along with revised estimates for the first quarter of 2002 through the first quarter of 2005.

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