

Finland's economy gradually moving out of recession

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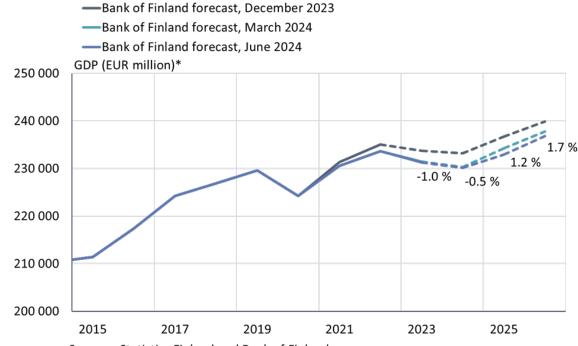




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 The economy grew only slightly in the first quarter of 2024

- Many indicators point to slow growth in the first half of 2024
- Gradual recovery in growth towards the end of 2024

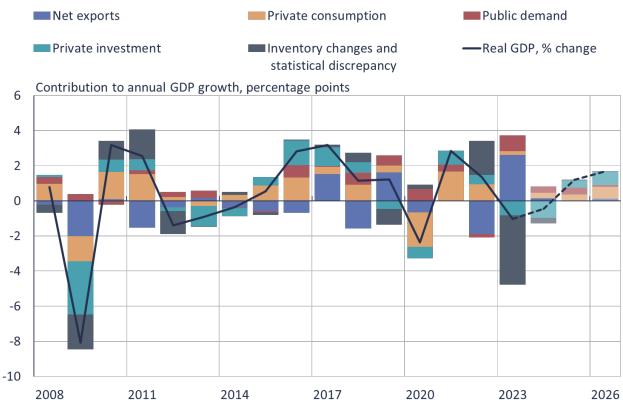


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*In 2015 prices. The annual growth forecasts for the June 2024 forecast are displayed in the graph.

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Finland will return to slow growth



The contribution of each demand component to GDP growth is calculated on the basis of its volume growth and its value share in the previous year. The figures for 2023–2026 are forecasts.

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Growth will be weak in the first half of 2024

- Residential construction continues to weigh on investment
- Consumption is held back by the low level of confidence, fiscal adjustment measures and persisting high prices and interest rates
- Near-term outlook for exports is weak: orders, expectations and capacity utilisation rates are low

Domestic demand will support growth in 2025– 2026

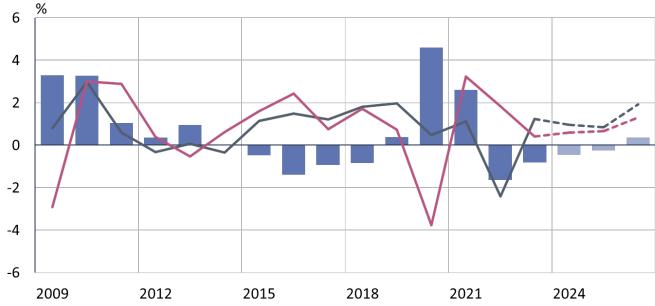
- Consumption will gradually increase as purchasing power strengthens
- Investment will pick up as demand recovers
- Exports will improve, but net exports will remain modest



Stronger purchasing power will support private consumption

■ Household savings rate

—Real disposable income of households*



Households = households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH).

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Alternative scenario:

'Finland's economy will improve more than expected'

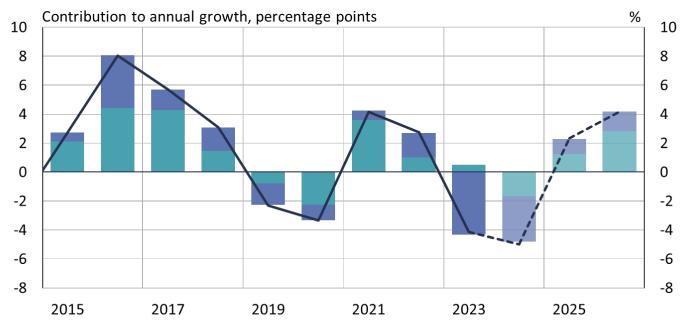
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^{* %} change on previous year.

Investment will recover in 2025

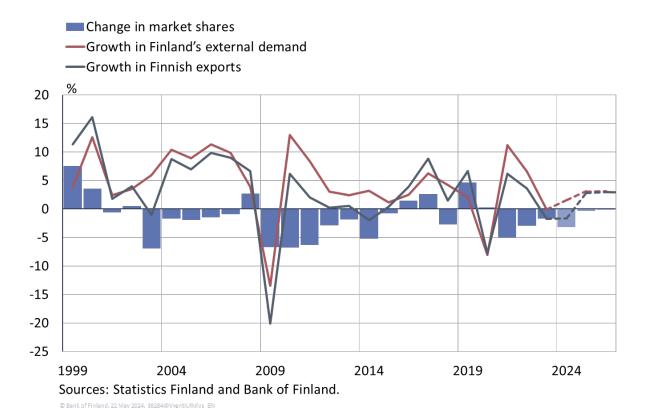
- Residential investment
- Non-residential investment
- —Private investment total, annual growth (right-hand scale)



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Recovery in export markets will boost Finnish exports



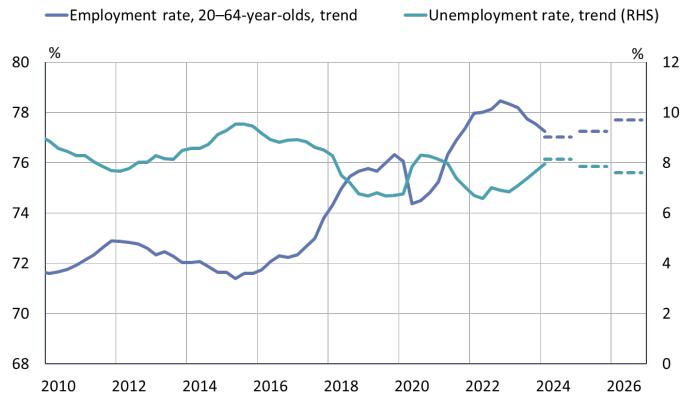
- Finland's export market shares will continue to decline in 2024
- Exports will strengthen in 2025–2026
- Impact of net exports will remain minor

Feature articles:

'Impact of the collapse in trade with Russia on the Finnish economy' by Heli Simola

'Finnish goods exports have difficulties in defending their market shares' by Petri Mäki-Fränti

Unemployment will gradually decrease



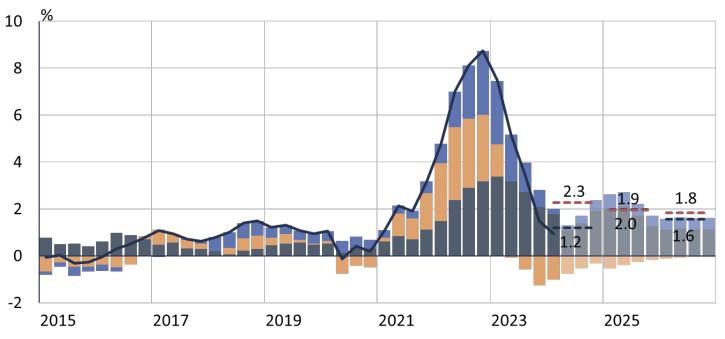
Sources: Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey and Bank of Finland.

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Inflation has slowed, price pressures remain moderate

Food
Energy
Services and non-energy industrial goods
—Inflation
--- Inflation, Bank of Finland forecast, June 2024
--- Core inflation (excluding energy and food), Bank of Finland forecast, June 2024



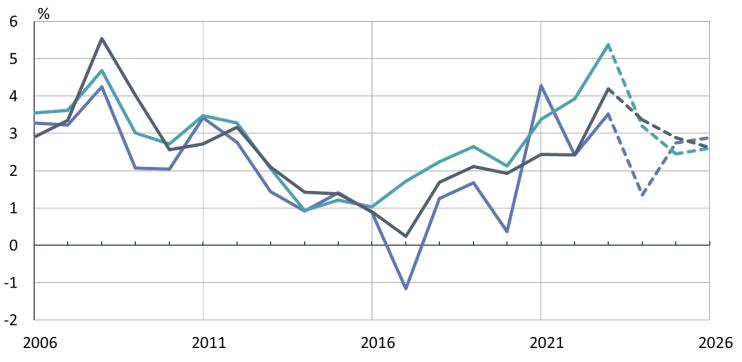
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Earnings growth will slow slightly

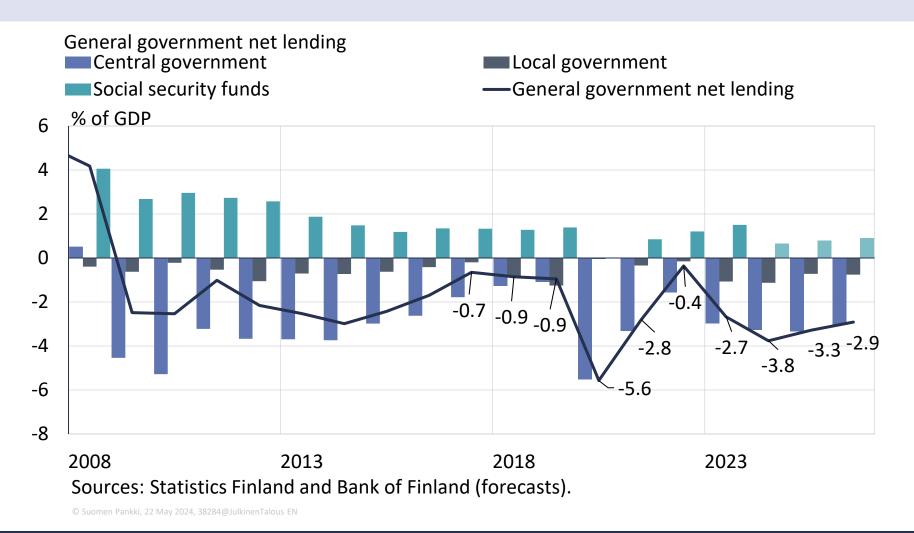
- —Compensation per employee, national accounts
- —Average hourly earnings, national accounts
- —Index of wage and salary earnings



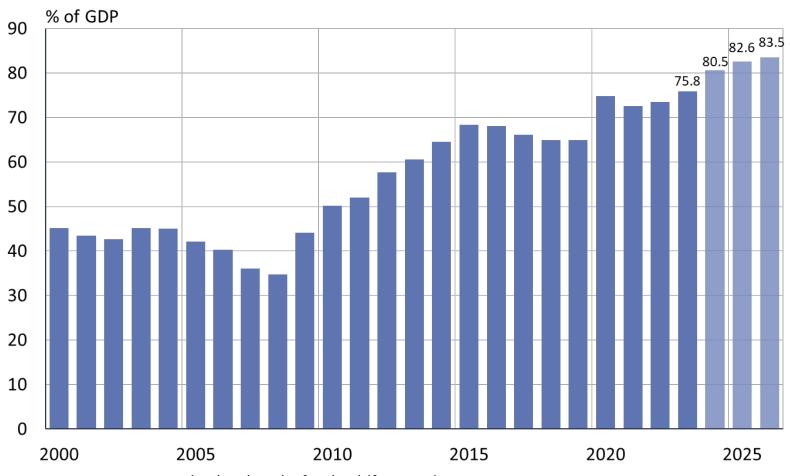
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Weak cyclical conditions make it difficult to rebalance public finances



Debt-to-GDP ratio will grow sharply in 2024 but at a slower rate after that



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Consumer spending is supported by improved purchasing power



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