

Mexico Economic Profile

Second Bimester of 2023

Timely Macroeconomic Report for Decision Making

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Economic Profile of Mexico Second Bimonthly Report of 2023



In the first third of 2023, the economic inertia of 2022 prevails. Economic activity remains vigorous and inflation maintains its downward trend. However, in the US there are signs of a slowdown and that is slowing down Mexican exports; meanwhile, core inflation remains elevated indicating that inflationary pressures remain in place. For its part, political effervescence has intensified in a year prior to the federal elections. The big bet of the current administration is to forge a big and strong government, generalize social support and stay in power at all costs. His greatest interest lies in extending his term and tipping the electoral balance in his favor. Fortunately, the current government is losing power, the Supreme Court has thrown out various initiatives of the executive branch, the opposition is reorganizing and society remains on alert. The next few months will be crucial for the fate of the republic.

Economic Recovery still vigorous.- In the first quarter of 2023, economic growth was 3.7% (similar to the previous quarter). The forecasts are for a gradual slowdown in the coming quarters. This points to growth of around 2% for 2023 (vs. 3% forecast by the government), supported solely by the domestic market, due to the expected slowdown in the US and the persistence of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Inflation begins to subside.- After many years of being kept under control, inflation skyrocketed in 2021 (7.4% at the close) and reached its peak in August 2022 (8.7%) and then declined to 7.8% in December 2022 and to 6.3% in April 2023. It derives from an explosion in world demand, the imbalances in the production chains due to Covid-19 and the spike in the price of energy and food, which worsened with the Russia-Ukraine war. Two anti-inflationary programs and a generous gasoline subsidy have been insufficient to contain inflation. It is expected that it will gradually return to its historical levels (2-4%) in 2024.

Job creation remains healthy.- After the huge loss of formal jobs in 2020 (-648 thousand), a rapid recovery of jobs was observed in 2021 (+846 thousand) and 2022 (+753 thousand). In April 2023, the annual job creation stood at 809 thousand, showing that it continues to be vigorous. As a consequence, the unemployment rate declined rapidly and is now below 3% (2.8% in April 2023). Meanwhile, minimum wages gained purchasing power, despite rising inflation; although this only contributes to partially and temporarily improving the wage bill and reinforcing consumption.

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Public finances weaken.- For January-April 2023, revenues add up to 7.7% of GDP, expenses 8% of GDP, and this results in a negative balance of -0.1% of GDP. The expectation is to increase tax revenues to offset the loss in oil revenues and adjust programmable spending downward to accommodate the rise in non-programmable spending. As a result, a larger deficit and a public debt of less than 50% of GDP are expected. In the first third, government debt went from 47.3% to 45.9% of GDP.

Financing to the Private Sector continues decreasing.- Despite the efforts to promote it, financing to the private sector suffered a severe decline in 2021 and a more moderate one in 2022 and 2023. In the first quarter of 2023, the annual decline (-2.7%) is explained by a fall in financing to companies (-6.3%) and housing (-0.2%) and by an increase of that destined for consumption (9.2%). All in a context of rising interest rates (already above 11% in April 2023), which will continue to slow down the recovery of financing.

International trade begins to slow down.- Although there are some signs of a slowdown, Mexico's international trade grew 6.7% in the first quarter of 2023. This together with remittances (which also grew 11.3% in that quarter) have strengthened income of foreign currency and contributed to maintaining a good level of international reserves (by April 2023 they sum 203 USD Bn). The biggest concern is the decline in foreign portfolio investment and the slowdown in foreign direct investment, which are indicators of declining external confidence in the country.

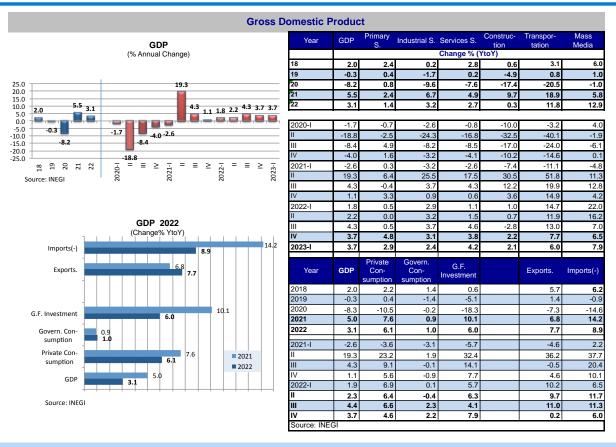
Economic slowdown in the US with declining inflation.- In the first quarter of 2023, an economic growth of 1.3% was reported in the US (vs 2.6% previously). For its part, industry continues to contract (-0.5%), which is not favorable to the Mexican economy. For its part, unemployment has stagnated at low levels (3.4% in April). As throughout the world, the main concern lies in high inflation, which began to decline in the second part of 2022 (from 9.1 to 6.5% in December) and is already at 4.9% in April 2023. In short, in The US economy slows down and inflation recedes.

Downward Economic Outlook.- In 2023, the forecasts are for low economic growth for Mexico and the US: around 2% for Mexico and 1% for the US, in view of a restrictive monetary policy in both countries. For 2024, growth forecasts would be very similar to those for 2023 for both countries.

Economic Activity

In the first quarter of 2023, GDP grew 3.7% (the same as the previous quarter), which means that economic growth has not lost strength.

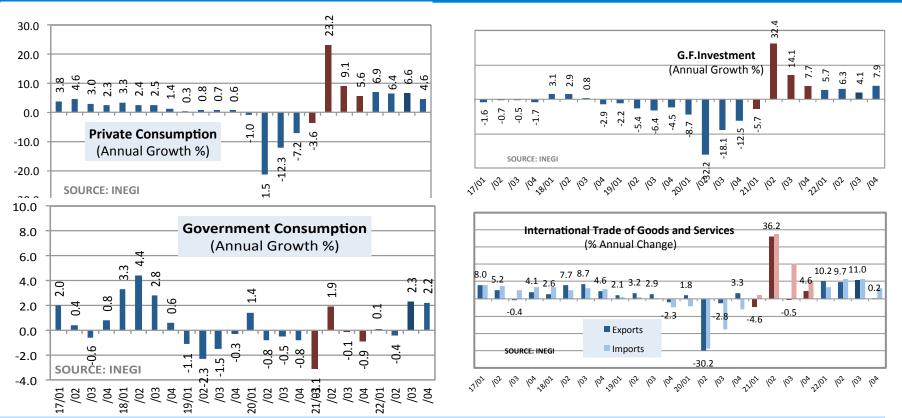




- The economic reports show solid economic growth in the first quarter of 2023 (3.7%), identical to that of the previous quarter, which means that the slowdown expected for 2023 has not yet occurred.
- At the sector level, in 2023 the most accelerated recovery occurred in the services sector (4.2%), then in the agricultural sector (2.9%), and finally in the industrial sector (2.4%).
- On the demand side, all drivers have been reactivated and are still dynamic, although they are gradually losing strength.

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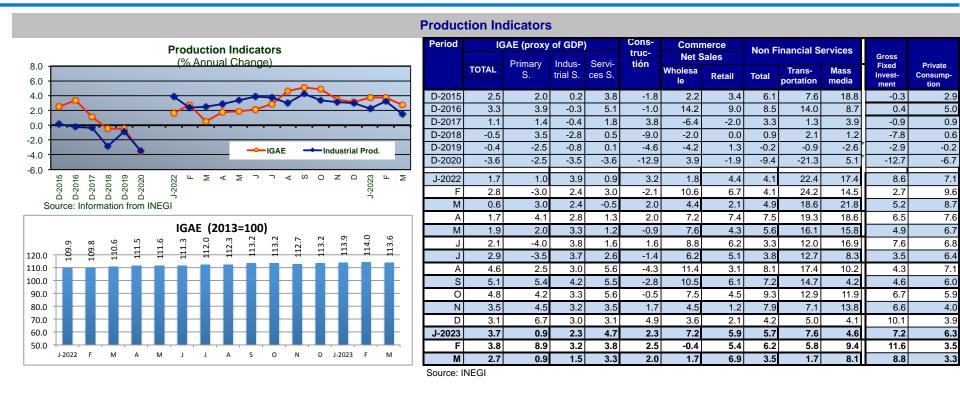


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- Private consumption, with great weight in demand (2/3 of GDP), after a difficult biennium (2020-2021), in the fourth quarter of 2022 maintains the inertia of the recovery (4.6%), but the trend is decreasing.
- A similar behavior is observed in investment: very high growth (7.9%) with trend surprisly increasing.
- For their part, exports of goods and services slowed down markedly in the fourth quarter (0.2%), due to the slowdown in US economy.



Economic Activity In the first quarter of 2023, a good performance of economic activity was reported.



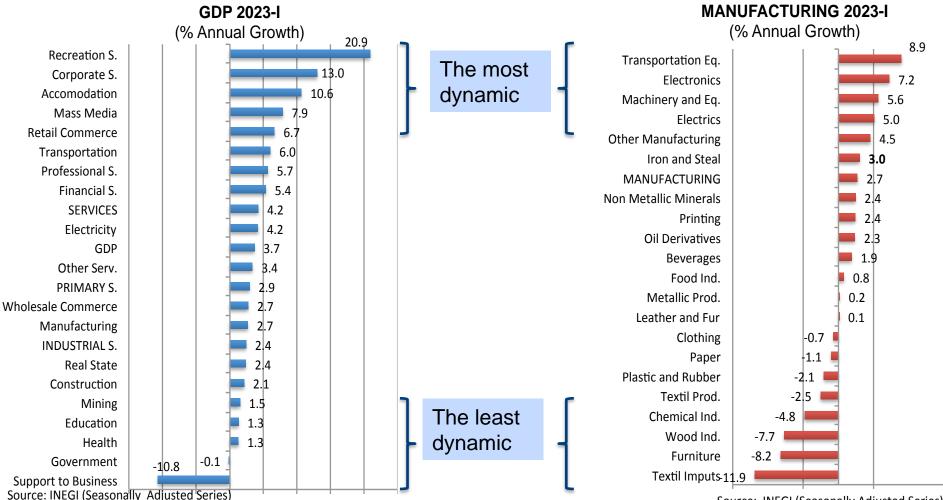


- The IGAE (Global Indicator of Economic Activity), after the high growth of 2021-II, has since observed a moderation in its annual growth; however, at the beginning of 2023, growth looks vigorous: 3.7% in the first quarter.
- At the sectoral level, if the agricultural sector is ignored, which is usually very volatile, growth rests in the service sector and then in the industrial sector.
- Regarding demand, private consumption and especially investment continue to show great vitality.

Economic Activity

In 2023, the rebound effect fades and the return to normality and to positive and moderate growth in most economic branches is confirmed



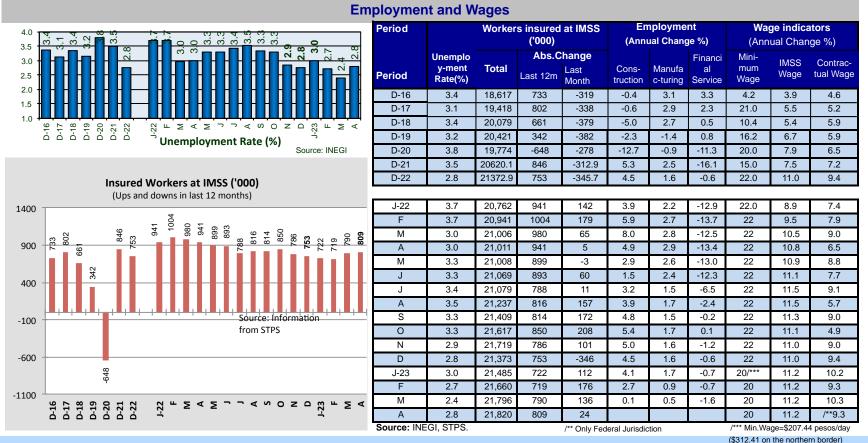


Source: INEGI (Seasonally Adjusted Series)

Employment and Wages

In the second two months of 2023, unemployment remains moderate (2-3%) and the annual job creation picks up again: 809 thousand in April 2023.



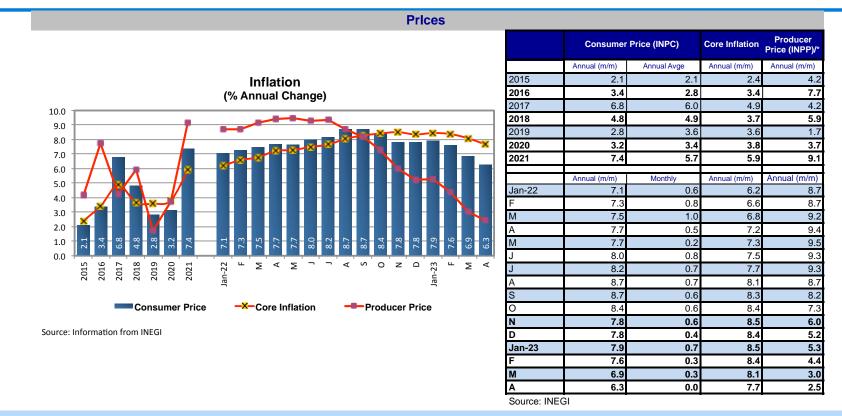


- The unemployment rate rebounded to 2.8% in April, but remains below 3%.
- In 2022, 753 thousand jobs were created and in April 2023, job creation of 809 thousand was reported, which
 reconfirms that the labor sector remains strong.
- The higher inflation has resulted in uneven gains in the three main salary indicators: +13.7% in the minimum, 4.9% in the IMSS salary and 3% in the contractual salary. The wage improvement is largely attributed to the annual adjustment in the minimum wage (20% in 2023) promoted by the current administration.

Prices

In April 2023, inflation fell back to 6.3%. Although it has taken a downward trend, core inflation remains very high (7.7%).





- Despite two anti-inflationary programs and a fuel subsidy, inflation remains high. It seems to have reached a
 maximum in August 2022 (8.7%) and in December it fell to 7.8% to settle at 6.3% in April 2023. It is attributed
 to the burst in world demand and the imbalance in production chains derived from the pandemic and the
 Russia-Ukraine war.
- This inflation doubles the institutional goal of Banco de México (3% +/- 1%). The good news is that producer price inflation is already at 2.5%, but not core inflation, which remains high (7.7%).
- The expectation is that inflation will reaffirm its downward trend and gradually return to its historical level in 2024.

Public Finances In January-April 2023, government revenues add up to 7.7% of GDP, expenditures 8% of GDP, and that results in a deficit of 0.1% of GDP.



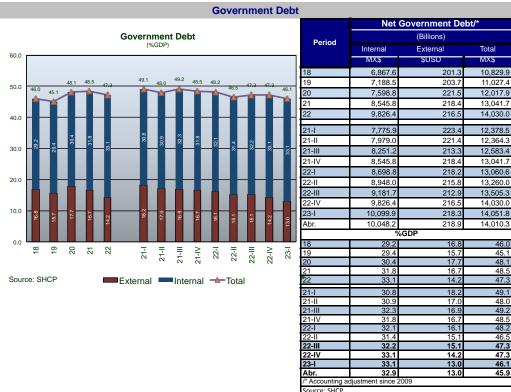
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26.4 000	16	4,841	790	4,051	2,716	542	793	5,344	4,160	2,978	1,182	1,183	-503.7	
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20.0 -	20	5,340	606	4,734	3,339	551	844	6,000	4,455	3,663	792	1,545	-674.2	
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	16	24.1	3.9	20.1	13.5	2.7	3.9	26.6	20.7	14.8	5.9	5.9	-2.5	
5.0 -	17	22.6	3.8	18.8	13.0	2.5	3.3	23.6	17.6	14	3.6	6	-1.1	
	18	21.8	4.2	17.6	13.0	1.1	3.4	23.8	17.3	14.2	3.1	6.5	-2.1	
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Revenue	23-PEF/*	23.4	4.3	19.0	15.1	0.8	3.1	27.1	19.4	15.5	3.9	7.7	-3.7	
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	% Change	3.8		10.0	10.0	3.0	12.9	4.9	-1.5	,		22.5		
	% Real Change	-3.1		2.7	2.6	-3.9	5.4	-2.1	-8.1	-2.9	-27.5	14.3		
	Source: SHCP						/* PEF 2023	(Federal	Budget 20	123)				

- In January-April of 2023, a moderate decrease in income (-3.1%) and a moderate decrease in expenses (-2.1%) are reported.
- On the revenue side, the decrease derives from the drop in oil revenues (-28.8%). On the spending side, the most significant decline is in investment spending (-27.5%).
- In 2023, strong spending pressures are emerging to conclude emblematic projects and strengthen social programs, in a year in which an economic slowdown is looming.

Public Debt

Public debt, as a percentage of GDP, remains under control: despite the greater budgetary pressures, the debt continues to contract: it fell from 47.3% in 2022 to 45.9% of GDP in April 2023.



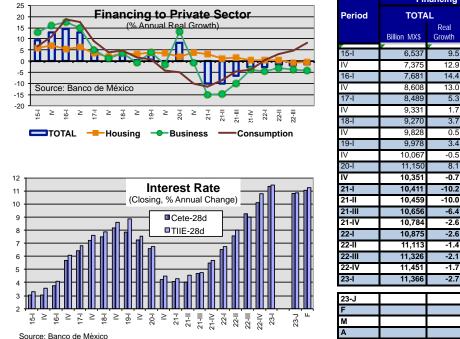


- In world comparison, Mexico's public debt is moderate: it mantains below 50% of GDP in recente years. As a reference, in the US it is around 130% of GDP and in Japan 260% of GDP.
- The current administration has kept its promise to keep the debt under control. While it has experienced ups and downs, it has remained within manageable ranges. Undoubtedly, the higher inflation helps to "liquefy the debt".
- In order to control debt, it is essential to maintain a moderate fiscal deficit and a relatively stable exchange rate, and this has been achieved. It has not been easy as the sources of government resources are very limited and the budgetary needs, along with social programs, are enormous.

Financial sector

In the first quarter of 2023, financing to the private sector showed a moderate annual decline (-2.7%); in addition, interest rates continue to rise and in April 2023 they are already above 11%.





	Fir	nancing t	o Private	Interes	t Rates	Stock Market						
Period	TOTAL		By Source		For I	Destinatio	n	(% AI	nnual)	IPC	%	
	Billion MX\$	Real Growth	External	Internal	Consumption	Housing	Business	28d	TIIE-28d	('000)	Growth	
5-I	6,537	9.5	18.8	6.6	6.6	5.7	12.7	3.1	3.3	43.7	-1.1	
V	7,375	12.9	14.2	12.5	10.9	6.9	16.1	3.1	3.6	43.0	-2.3	
6-l	7,681	14.4	17.7	13.2	18.7	5.6	17.6	3.8	4.1	45.9	6.8	
/	8,608	13.0	15.6	12.0	17.7	6.2	14.9	5.7	6.1	45.6	0.9	
7-l	8,489	5.3	0.4	7.1	9.0	3.6	5.2	6.4	6.8	48.5	6.4	
V	9,331	1.7	-4.7	4.2	4.0	2.0	1.1	7.2	7.6	49.4	1.6	
8-I	9,270	3.7	-2.4	5.8	4.8	3.6	3.5	7.5	7.9	46.1	-6.5	
V	9,828	0.5	-9.0	3.9	1.6	3.0	-0.7	8.2	8.6	41.6	-15.9	
9-I	9,978	3.4	-1.8	5.1	0.7	4.0	3.8	7.9	8.9	43.3	3.9	
/	10,067	-0.5	-2.5	0.1	-4.0	3.6	-1.4	7.3	7.6	43.5	1.2	
0-I	11,150	8.1	24.8	3.0	-5.1	2.1	13.5	6.6	6.7	34.6	-20.5	
/	10,351	-0.7	3.7	-2.0	-10.1	4.1	-0.7	4.2	4.5	43.2	15.5	
1 -	10,411	-10.2	-18.0	-7.4	-11.5	3.3	-15.0	4.1	4.3	47.2	9.2	
1-II	10,459	-10.0	-15.9	-7.9	-8.6	1.1	-14.6	4.0	4.5	50.3	6.4	
1-III	10,656	-6.4	-10.6	-4.9	-4.7	1.8	-10.1	4.7	4.7	51.4	2.2	
1-IV	10,784	-2.6	-2.0	-2.8	-4.0	0.4	-3.7	5.5	5.7	53.3	3.7	
2-I	10,875	-2.6	-6.0	-1.5	0.5	0.6	-4.7	6.5	6.7	56.5	6.1	
2-11	11,113	-1.4	-6.6	0.3	3.0	0.4	-3.1	7.6	8.0	47.5	-15.9	
2-111	11,326	-2.1	-11.0	0.9	4.6	-0.9	-3.9	9.3	9.0	44.6	-6.1	
2-IV	11,451	-1.7	-15.1	2.7	8.2	-0.3	-4.3	10.1	10.8	48.5	8.6	
3-I	11,366	-2.7	-20.2	2.7	9.2	-0.2	-6.3	11.3	11.4	53.9	11.2	
3-J								10.8	10.8	54.6	12.6	
								11.0	11.3	52.8	-3.3	
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The recent economic crisis translated first into a slowdown in financing to the private sector (2020) and then into a decline from 2021 to 2023.

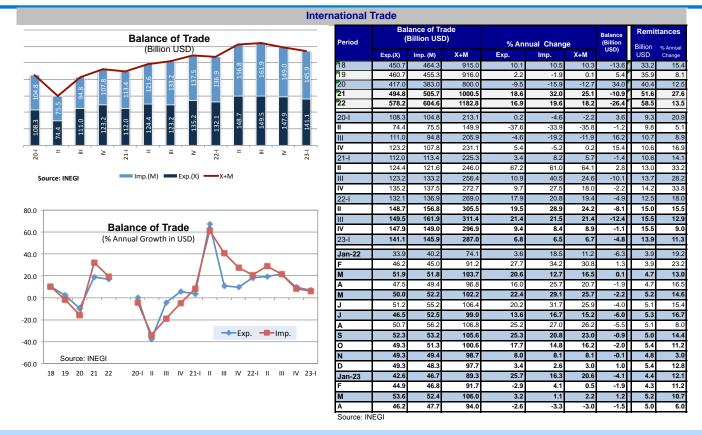
Financial Indicators

- The decline in the first guarter of 2023 (-2.7%) is observed above all in financing for companies (-6.3%) and housing (-0.2%); this is not the case in consumption, which shows vigorous growth (9.2%).
- To boost financing, interest rates remained low, but they began to rise in the second part of 2021 and are already above 11% in April 2023. The Stock Market, for its part, has shown great ups and downs in recent years; in 2022 it lost 9% and in January-April 2023 it gained 13.5%.

Source: Banco de Mèxico

International Trade In the first quarter of 2023, international trade in goods experiences a rapid slowdown, as a result of the economic slowdown in the US.



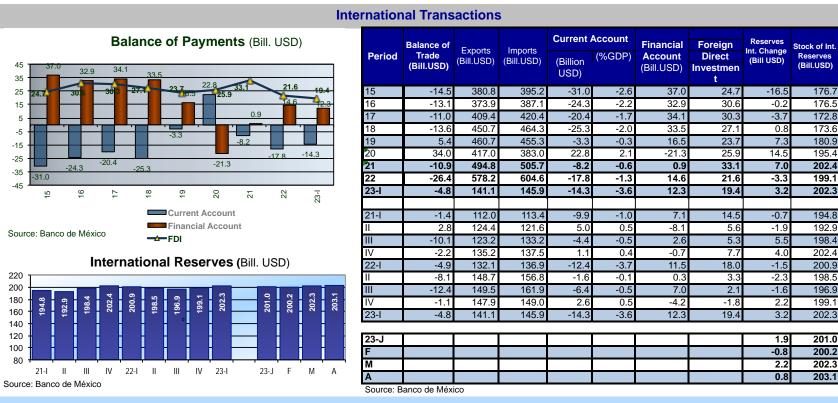


- After the collapse of 2020, international trade in goods recovered rapidly in 2021 and remained dynamic in 2022, accumulating 1,182.8 USD Bn in the year. But in 2023 a rapid slowdown is observed.
- In 2022, the trade balance registered a deficit of 26.4 USD Bn, but in January-April 2023 the deficit was located at 6.3 USD Bn.
- For the rest, remittances continue to be dynamic and totaled 18.9 USD Bn in January-April 2023.

External Sector

In the first quarter of 2023, the balance of payments reflects a deficit in the current account (-14.3 USD Bn) and a surplus in the financial account (12.3 USD Bn), sustained by Foreign Direct Investment (19.4 USD Bn).





- In the first quarter of 2023, a deficit was registered in the current account (-14.3 USD Bn) and a very similar surplus in the financial account (12.3 USD Bn), supported by the inflow of Direct Foreign Investment (19.4 USD Bn).
- As a consequence, international reserves remain high: they closed 2022 at 199.1 USD Bn and in April 2023 they already stood at 203.1 USD Bn.
- The confidence of foreign investors is not going through its best moment. Financial investment has shown high volatility, with a downward trend, while direct investment is also declining, although it is less unstable.

International economy

The US GDP reported growth of 1.3% in the first quarter of 2023 (vs 2.6% in the previous quarter). Besides that, the industrial sector decreased -0.5%, while unemployment stagnated (3.4% in April).



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- In the first quarter of 2023, the US economy experienced an increase of 1.3%, less than the previous quarter (2.6%). For its part, industrial growth continues to decline (-0.5% in the first quarter), while unemployment remains low (3.4% in April), but has stagnated.
- The good news is that inflation is contracting: it closed the year at 6.5% and in April fell to 4.9%. The fight against inflation is a priority and it is recognized that this will imply lower growth in 2023.
- The expectation for 2023 is to achieve moderate economic growth (around 1% or less) and quickly bring down inflation, via a very restrictive monetary policy and high interest rates.

Key Prices

In the second two months of 2023, the price of crude oil stops its fall (rises to 79 DPB), the exchange rate consolidates its downward trend (18.1 PPD in April) and the country risk rises slightly (to 400 base points).

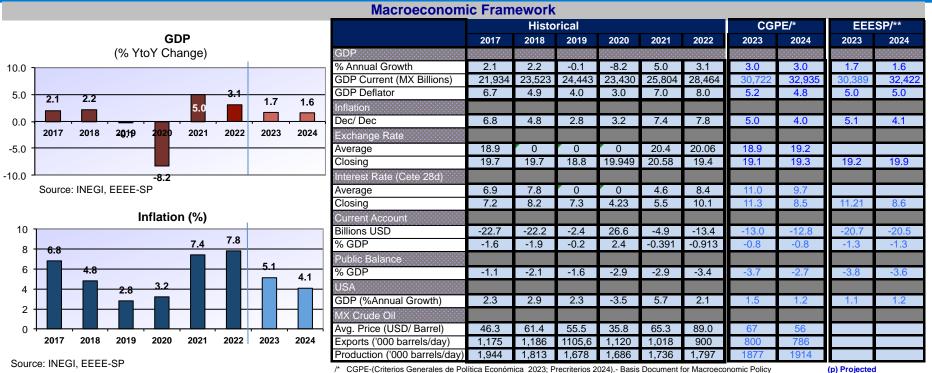


			Key P	rices								
120 110			Period	MX Oil Price (USD/ Barrel)	МХ	Crude C	Dil	Exchange Rate		Risk Country/* (Basis Point)		
100 90 80 70					Production Barrels ('00		ports Million USD)		\$MX/Euro	Mexico	Brozil	Argen- tina
60	0000	Oil Price (USD/ Barrel)	D-15	28.7	2,275	1,008	896	17.2	3WX/Euro 19.0	232	523	438
50 - 40 -			D-15	37.8	2,275	1,008	1,614	20.5	21.8	252	350	528
30			D-17	48.3	1,730	1,159	1,679	18.6	21.0	180	244	359
10	Source: PEMEX		D-18	50.5	1,710	1,198	1,876	19.7	22.5	245	232	351
	D-15 D-16 D-17 D-18 D-18 D-19 D-21 D-21		D-19	54.5	1,706	1,115	1,884	18.8	21.2	292	212	1,744
22			D-20	47.2	1,695	1,243	1,727	19.9	24.4	361	250	1,368
23 21	0		D-21	67.6	1,752	1,037	2,173	20.6	23.3	347	306	1,688
19												
17	0		J-22	78.4	1,762	832	2,023	20.7	23.1	356	316	1723
15 13		Exchange Rate	F	87.7	1,743	925	2,273	20.7	22.9	382	321	1816
11	Source: Banxico (I	(MX Pesos/ USD)	М	100.6	1,757	905	2,815	20.0	22.1	349	280	1718
9 7			A	102.2	1,747	1,024	3,140	20.6	21.5	391	291	1801
'	P-10 0-15 0-13 0-13 0-13 0-13 0-13 0-13 0-13 0-13		М	104.3	1,755	964	3,117	19.6	21.1	382	291	1918
		÷	J	106.0	1,767	1,029	3,272	20.0	21.0	473	357	2428
550 500			J	94.4	1,777	1,061	3,106	20.4	20.7	437	309	2398
450			A	86.3	1,760	915	2,446	20.0	20.2	432	295	2385
400 350	B-B	8-2-2-2 - 2-2-2-2-0-0	S	81.6	1,755	1,022	2,501	20.3	19.6	483	295	2801
300			0	78.1	1,770	971	2,351	19.8	19.7	428	269	2624
250 200		Country Dick	Ν	78.2	1,778	893	2,096	19.3	20.1	392	249	2248
150		Country Risk	D	69.8	1,797	900	1,947	19.4	20.8	386	258	2196
100 50	Source: SHCP	(Basis Points)	J-23	67.4	1,850	980	2,048	18.8	20.4	357	257	1822
0	0 +	22 P Z P L L Z A Z T 23	F	67.0	1,849	949	1,780	18.4	19.5	368	244	1960
	D-15 D-16 D-17 D-18 D-18 D-19 D-20 D-21	, 22 , 23 , 23 , 23 , 23 , 23 , 25 , 25 , 25 , 25 , 25 , 25 , 25 , 25	М	64.2	1,858	971	1,933	18.1	19.6	393	254	2302
			А	69.1	1,884	989	2,050	18.1	19.9	401	258	2684
			Source: P	EMEX, BAN	XICO, INEGI, S⊦	ICP, JP Mo	organ, Invenomi	c /* The series	are prelimina	ry and are co	ontinually	eviewed,

- The price of crude oil rose to 69.9 DPB in April, after a clearly downward trend.
- Despite the uncertainty and the ups and downs of the market, the exchange rate has remained relatively stable in 2023 and with a downward trend: 18.1 PPD in April 2023.
- For its part, the country risk in the post-pandemic stage has shown ups and downs: it closed 2022 at 386 and in April 2023 it exceeded 400 basis points.

Macroeconomic Framework of Mexico According to experts, the prevailing growth expectations for 2023-2024 continue to improve (although they do not exceed 2% for the biennium) while inflation expectations are downward: 5.1% and 4.1% for both years.





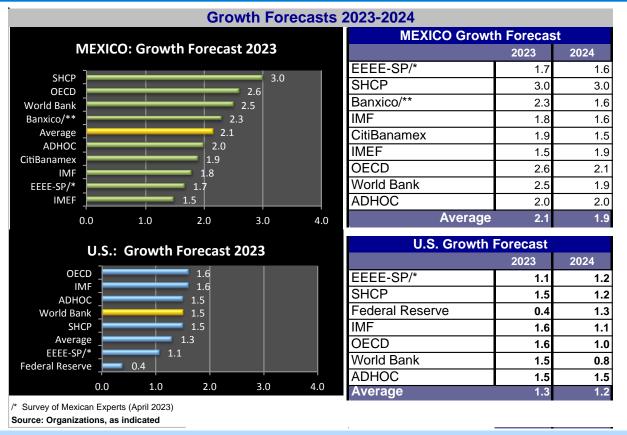
/** Encuesta de Expectivas de Expertos en Economía del Sector Privado-EEEE-SP/ Survey of Mexican Experts (April 2023)

- For 2023-2024, experts forecast moderate economic growth: 1.7% and 1.6% for the biennium.
- A decreasing inflation rate is estimated, but higher than the institutional goal in the biennium: 5.1% and 4.1%.
- According to forecasts, fundamental balances will remain under control, although the fiscal deficit tends to overflow (-3.8 and -3.6% of GDP for the biennium), while the current account balance remains very low, slightly above 1% of GDP for both years.
- According to their forecasts, a two-year period of moderate growth is expected for the US economy: in 2023 (1.1%) and in 2024 (1.2%).

Growth Forecasts 2023-2024

According to specialized agencies, the expected growth for 2023 is 2.1% and 1.3% for Mexico and the US, respectively. For 2024, growth of 1.9% and 1.2% is forecast for both countries.





- For Mexico, the forecasts of nine specialized organizations fluctuate between 1.5% and 3% in 2023, with an average of 2.1%. By 2024, the average forecast is 1.9%.
- For the US, the forecasts of seven specialized organizations fluctuate between 0.4% and 1.6% for 2023, with an average of 1.3%. By 2024, the average forecast is 1.2%.
- As can be seen, both economies show moderate dynamism, but growth moderation is greater in the US than in Mexico.



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