

# Taiwan Economic Factsheet

Date: December 2017  
Population: 23,562 mil.  
Area: 36,197 km<sup>2</sup>

	2014		2015		2016		2017	
<b>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</b>								
in bil. USD <sup>2</sup> (in %) <sup>6,7</sup>	530.5	(3.69)	525.2	(-0.99)	529.9	(1.48)	571.7	(2.58*)
Economic Growth Rate per Quarter	Q1 (3.84)		Q1 (4.01)		Q1 (-0.23)		Q1 (2.64)	
	Q2 (4.31)		Q2 (0.66)		Q2 (1.13)		Q2 (2.28)	
	Q3 (4.39)		Q3 (-0.70)		Q3 (2.12)		Q3 (3.10*)	
	Q4 (3.56)		Q4 (-0.79)		Q4 (2.79)		Q4 (2.30*)	
GDP per Capita in USD <sup>1</sup>	22,668		22,384		22,495		24,269*	
GDP per Capita in TWD <sup>1</sup>	715,914		706,945		717,610		739,052*	
<b>Foreign Exchange Reserves in bil. USD<sup>1</sup></b>								Oct
	419.0		426.0		434.2		447.79	
<b>Foreign Trade in bil. USD<sup>2</sup> (in %)<sup>6</sup></b>								Jan-Oct
	601.94	(-2.1)	522.56	(-13.2)	511.34	(-2.1)	422.34	(14.4)
<b>Exports in bil. USD (in %)<sup>6</sup></b>	320.09	(-2.8)	285.34	(-10.9)	280.32	(-1.7)	258.99	(12.9)
1. PR China	82.15	(-0.4)	71.22	(-13.3)	73.9	(-1.7)	71.57	(20.5)
2. Hong Kong	42.54	(-7.9)	38.07	(-10.5)	38.4	(-0.5)	33.4	(6.7)
3. USA	34.87	(-7.1)	34.26	(-1.7)	33.53	(-2.9)	30.28	(9.6)
4. Japan	19.91	(-3.6)	19.29	(-3.1)	19.55	(-0.2)	17.17	(5.7)
5. Singapore	20.56	(-5.3)	17.26	(-16.1)	16.16	(-7.2)	14.54	(9.9)
6. South Korea	12.71	(-5.3)	12.57	(-1.1)	12.79	(-0.7)	12.25	(16.6)
7. Vietnam	10.00	(-11.8)	9.48	(-5.2)	9.55	(-1.7)	8.61	(9.1)
8. Malaysia	8.62	(-5.3)	7.13	(-17.3)	7.84	(9.0)	8.48	(31.1)
9. Philippines	9.53	(-2.5)	7.45	(-24.2)	8.66	(15.2)	7.83	(13.9)
10. Germany	6.15	(-9.3)	6.01	(-3.6)	5.93	(-1.3)	5.34	(10.9)
<b>Imports in bil. USD (in %)<sup>6</sup></b>	281.85	(-1.4)	237.22	(-15.8)	230.94	(-2.6)	213.22	(12.8)
1. PR China	48.04	(-12.8)	44.19	(-8.0)	44.00	(-2.8)	40.68	(12.5)
2. Japan	41.7	(-3.4)	38.71	(-7.2)	40.65	(4.6)	34.6	(3.0)
3. USA	27.42	(-8.8)	26.41	(-3.7)	28.60	(-2.0)	24.75	(5.2)
4. South Korea	14.8	(-6.2)	13.03	(-12.0)	14.65	(8.9)	13.99	(18.1)
5. Germany	9.39	(-13.7)	8.76	(-8.2)	8.70	(-0.7)	7.55	(5.1)
6. Singapore	8.38	(-1.9)	7.12	(-15.0)	7.52	(4.8)	7.33	(23.6)
7. Australia	7.33	(-7.2)	5.71	(-22.1)	6.09	(-11.2)	7.05	(46.6)
8. Malaysia	8.79	(-8.2)	6.54	(-25.6)	6.28	(-6.7)	5.94	(14.5)
9. Saudi Arabia	13.69	(-12.2)	7.32	(-46.5)	5.83	(-20.5)	5.63	(13.7)
10. Indonesia	7.4	(-3.4)	5.97	(-19.3)	4.32	(-27.5)	4.04	(11.9)
<b>Trade Volume TW-GER</b>								Jan-Sep
in bil. USD <sup>1</sup> (in %) <sup>6</sup>	15.50	(-12.2)	14.70	(-6.3)	14.63	(-1.0)	12.89	(6.5)
balance TW with GER in bil. USD <sup>1</sup>	-3.24		-2.69		-2.77		-2.21	
<b>Investments<sup>3</sup></b>								
<b>Private Investments<sup>12</sup></b>								
in bil. USD (in %)	40.26	(10.40)	42.26	(4.97)	45.88	(8.56)		
<b>Public Investments in Infrastructure<sup>1</sup></b>								
in bil. USD (in %) <sup>13</sup>	10.55	(-0.20)	10.7	(-1.40)	11.14	(4.11)		
<b>Foreign Investments</b>								Jan-Oct
in Taiwan in bil. USD (in %) <sup>6</sup>								
approved <sup>4</sup>	5.77	(17.00)	4.8	(-16.8)	11.04	(130.00)	5.55	(-46.06)
realized	5.06	(-12.90)	3.87	(-23.1)	9.44	(118.52)	0.87	(-17.92)
<b>Investments TW in GER<sup>4</sup></b>								
in mil. USD	32.83		76.98		26.10		31.37	
<b>Investments GER in TW<sup>4</sup></b>								
in mil. USD	558.79		101.95		31.74		64.15	
<b>Total Investments GER in TW<sup>4</sup></b>								
since 1952 in bil. USD	2.6		2.7		2.74		2.795	
<b>Inflation Rate<sup>1</sup> (in %)<sup>6</sup></b>								Oct
Consumer (CPI)	(-1.2)		(-0.31)		(1.70)		(-0.32)	
Wholesale (WPI)	(-0.51)		(-8.84)		(1.41)		(1.58)	
<b>Private Consumption<sup>1</sup></b>								
Growth (in %) <sup>6</sup>	(3.33)		(2.30)		(2.0)		(2.1*)	
<b>Labor Market<sup>1</sup></b>								Oct
Employed persons in mil.	11.08		11.20		11.32		11,382	
Unemployed persons in thousand	457		440		446		443	
Unemployment rate (in %)	(3.96)		(3.78)		(3.92)		(3.75)	
<b>Average Wage<sup>18</sup></b>								Sep
TWD/Month (in %) <sup>6</sup>	47,300	(-5.7)	48,490	(-2.5)	39,729	(3.82)	40.11	(2.5)
<b>Exchange Rate<sup>5</sup></b>								04.12.2017
USD/TWD	30.37		31.73		30.82		29.97	
EUR/TWD	40.34		35.22		33.62		35.63	

1 Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics (DGBAS), Executive Yuan; 2 Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Statistics; 3 Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), Investment Commission; 4 Approved Investments by Foreign Nationals and Overseas Chinese, MOEAIC; 5 OANDA; 6 Annually; 7 Based on GDP-value in TWD; 8 Industry and service sector; 9 Average of 2013, 2014, 2015; 10 Provisional value; 11 Provisional estimate; 12 Invest in Taiwan (Quarterly); 13 Official values for previous years. Values for current year according to budget of current year; 14 Monthly regular earnings, excluding bonus; \* Forecast