

GDP GROWTH REVISED UP IN FIRST QUARTER

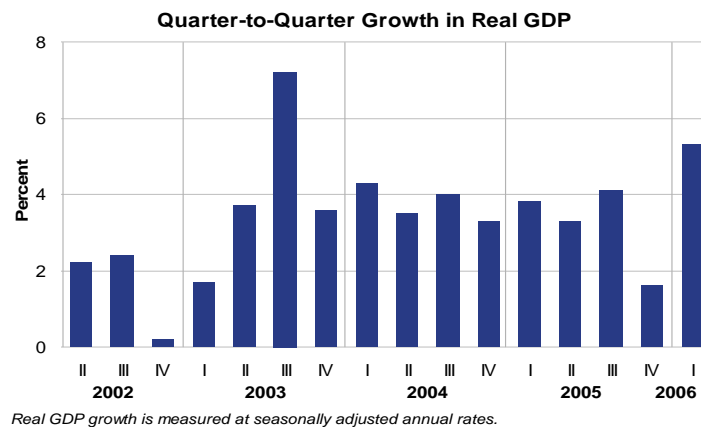
Corporate Profits Remained Strong

The economy grew at an annual rate of 5.3 percent in the first quarter, according to the “preliminary” estimates released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The growth rate was revised up 0.5 percentage point from the “advance” estimates released in April. BEA also released its first estimate of first-quarter corporate profits, which increased 23.8 percent from the same quarter a year ago.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

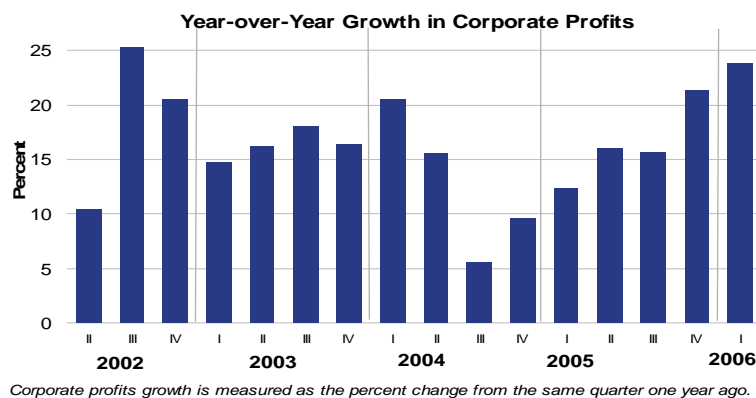
The acceleration in first-quarter GDP growth primarily reflected an upturn in consumer spending on durable goods, an acceleration in exports, an upturn in Federal government spending, and a pick-up in equipment-and-software investment.

The upward revision from the advance estimates mainly reflected revisions to inventory investment and to exports.



Corporate Profits

First-quarter corporate profits increased 23.8 percent from the same quarter a year ago. Profits of nonfinancial corporations increased 26.5 percent, and profits of financial corporations increased 19.0 percent.



BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The “final” estimate of GDP for the first quarter of 2006 will be released on June 29, 2006.