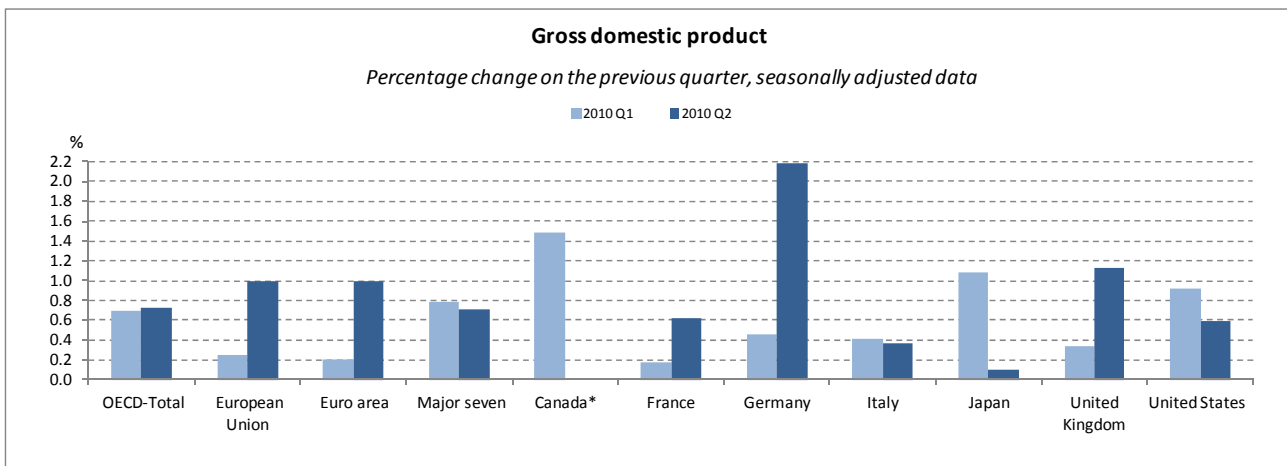


**News Release: GDP growth - Second quarter of 2010****Germany and the United Kingdom drive stronger GDP growth in the European Union but, growth slows in Japan and the United States.**

Gross domestic product (GDP) in the **OECD area** rose by 0.7% in the second quarter of 2010, the same rate as in the previous quarter. Real GDP grew by 1% in both the **euro area** and the **European Union** driven by record growth of 2.2% in **Germany**; its highest rate since reunification. GDP growth was 1.1% in the **United Kingdom**, up from 0.3% in the previous quarter; 0.6% in **France**, up from 0.2%; and 0.4% in **Italy**, unchanged from the previous quarter. By contrast, GDP growth in **Japan** and the **United States** slowed to 0.1% and 0.6% respectively, compared with 1.1% and 0.9% in the previous quarter.

Relative to a year earlier, GDP in the **OECD area** expanded by 2.8%, up from 2.4% in the previous quarter. **Germany** at 3.7% had the highest rate and **Italy** (1.1%) the lowest.



\* Latest quarter not yet available.

**Methodological Notes:** <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/21/2/44605770.pdf>

**Access to data:**

Quarterly real GDP growth rates for all OECD countries and geographic groupings, as well as historical data, are available for download from the OECD online data dissemination facility OECD.Stat at: <http://stats.oecd.org/WBOS/Index.aspx?QueryName=350&QueryType=View&Lang=en>.

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**Contributions to GDP growth – Q2 2010:** first week of October 2010

**GDP growth – Q3 2010:** third week of November 2010

**Quarterly Real GDP Growth**  
*Percentage change on the previous quarter*

	2008			2009				2010	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>OECD-Total</b>	-0.1	-0.7	-2.0	-2.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	<b>0.7</b>
<b>European Union</b>	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9	-2.6	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Euro area</b>	-0.4	-0.5	-1.9	-2.5	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Major seven</b>	-0.2	-0.9	-1.9	-2.2	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.8	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Canada*</b>	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-1.8	-0.7	0.2	1.2	1.5	<b>..</b>
<b>France</b>	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6	-1.5	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Germany</b>	-0.7	-0.4	-2.2	-3.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Italy</b>	-0.7	-1.1	-2.0	-2.9	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Japan</b>	-0.5	-1.4	-2.6	-4.4	2.5	-0.3	1.0	1.1	<b>0.1</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	-0.3	-0.9	-2.1	-2.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.4	0.3	<b>1.1</b>
<b>United States</b>	0.1	-1.0	-1.7	-1.2	-0.2	0.4	1.2	0.9	<b>0.6</b>

**Quarterly Real GDP Growth**  
*Percentage change on the same quarter of the previous year*

	2008			2009				2010	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>OECD-Total</b>	1.3	0.1	-2.5	-5.0	-4.6	-3.4	-0.6	2.4	<b>2.8</b>
<b>European Union</b>	1.6	0.5	-1.9	-5.1	-5.1	-4.3	-2.3	0.5	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Euro area</b>	1.4	0.3	-2.0	-5.2	-4.9	-4.1	-2.1	0.6	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Major seven</b>	0.9	-0.5	-2.8	-5.1	-4.7	-3.6	-0.8	2.2	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Canada*</b>	0.9	0.4	-0.9	-2.5	-3.2	-3.1	-1.1	2.2	<b>..</b>
<b>France</b>	0.7	-0.2	-2.0	-3.9	-3.1	-2.7	-0.5	1.2	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Germany</b>	1.7	0.5	-2.0	-6.6	-5.5	-4.4	-2.0	2.0	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Italy</b>	-0.5	-1.8	-3.3	-6.5	-6.1	-4.7	-2.8	0.5	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Japan</b>	-0.1	-1.3	-4.3	-8.7	-5.9	-4.9	-1.3	4.4	<b>1.9</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1.0	-0.4	-2.7	-5.5	-5.9	-5.3	-2.9	-0.2	<b>1.6</b>
<b>United States</b>	1.2	-0.3	-2.8	-3.8	-4.1	-2.7	0.2	2.4	<b>3.2</b>

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