

# General information on Croatia

## Economic indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Area (square km)	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538	56,538
Population (million)	4.440	4.440	4.440	4.439	4.442	4.440	4.436	4.434	4.429	4.418	4.402
GDP (million HRK, current prices) <sup>a</sup>	192,289	208,796	228,932	247,428	266,652	291,044	318,308	345,015	335,189	334,564	341,206
GDP (million EUR, current prices)	25,738	28,189	30,265	33,009	36,034	39,745	43,390	47,765	45,669	45,917	45,897
GDP per capita (in EUR)	5,797	6,349	6,816	7,436	8,112	8,951	9,781	10,772	10,311	10,394	10,427
GDP – real year-on-year rate of growth (in %)	3.7	4.9	5.4	4.1	4.3	4.9	5.1	2.2	-6.0	-1.2	0.0
Average year-on-year inflation rate <sup>b</sup>	3.8	1.7	1.8	2.1	3.3	3.2	2.9	6.1	2.4	1.1	2.3
Current account balance (million EUR)	-785	-2,032	-1,821	-1,361	-1,899	-2,653	-3,151	-4,258	-2,293	-472.1	-446.3
Current account balance (as % of GDP)	-3.0	-7.2	-6.0	-4.1	-5.3	-6.6	-7.2	-8.8	-5.2	-1.1	-1.0
Exports of goods and services (as % of GDP)	42.0	39.5	43.4	43.1	42.4	42.7	42.2	41.7	35.4	38.3	41.0
Imports of goods and services (as % of GDP)	46.8	48.8	50.0	48.9	48.3	49.2	49.3	49.5	38.9	38.5	40.9
External debt (million EUR, end of year) <sup>c</sup>	13,609	15,144	19,884	22,933	25,990	29,725	33,721	40,590	45,244	46,483	45,734
External debt (as % of GDP)	52.9	53.7	65.7	69.5	72.1	74.8	77.7	85.0	99.1	101.3	99.6
External debt (as % of exports of goods and services)	126.0	136.1	151.4	161.1	170.2	175.3	184.6	204.6	277.3	262.4	243.3
External debt service (as % of exports of goods and services) <sup>c,d</sup>	27.5	27.5	21.3	22.5	25.0	37.3	35.1	29.6	47.2	42.2	36.9
Gross international reserves (million EUR, end of year)	5,334	5,651	6,554	6,436	7,438	8,725	9,307	9,121	10,376	10,660	11,195
Gross international reserves (in terms of months of imports of goods and services, end of year)	5.3	4.9	5.2	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.6	7.0	7.2	7.2
National currency: Croatian kuna (HRK)											
Exchange rate on 31 December (HRK : 1 EUR)	7.3700	7.4423	7.6469	7.6712	7.3756	7.3451	7.3251	7.3244	7.3062	7.3852	7.5304
Exchange rate on 31 December (HRK : 1 USD)	8.3560	7.1457	6.1185	5.6369	6.2336	5.5784	4.9855	5.1555	5.0893	5.5683	5.8199
Average exchange rate (HRK : 1 EUR)	7.4710	7.4070	7.5642	7.4957	7.4000	7.3228	7.3360	7.2232	7.3396	7.2862	7.4342
Average exchange rate (HRK : 1 USD)	8.3392	7.8725	6.7044	6.0312	5.9500	5.8392	5.3660	4.9344	5.2804	5.5000	5.3435
Consolidated general government overall fiscal balance (as % of GDP) <sup>e</sup>	-5.9	-4.3	-5.4	-4.2	-3.5	-3.4	-3.0	-2.1	-4.5	-5.3	-
Public debt (as % of GDP) <sup>f</sup>	35.2	34.8	35.4	37.6	38.2	35.4	32.9	29.2	35.1	41.3	45.7
Unemployment rate (ILO, persons above 15 years of age)	15.8	14.8	14.3	13.8	12.7	11.2	9.6	8.4	9.1	11.8	13.5
Employment rate (ILO, persons above 15 years of age)	41.8	43.3	43.1	43.5	43.3	43.6	44.2	44.5	43.3	41.1	39.5

<sup>a</sup> Data for the 2008-2010 period are preliminary.

<sup>b</sup> CPI inflation rate.

<sup>c</sup> In accordance with the obligations assumed during the pre-accession negotiations with the European Commission, the new legislative provisions governing the monitoring of foreign borrowing entered into force early in 2008. The external debt balance at end-2007 is reported in accordance with the old system. In order to provide for the comparability of annual data, the external debt is also calculated in accordance with the new system which shows an upward adjustment in the end-2007 balance, increasing it by EUR 365m or to EUR 34,086m. The advanced data processing system is in use since early 2009. For comparability reasons, the external debt balance at end-2008 is also calculated in accordance with the advanced system which shows an upward adjustment in the end-2008 balance, increasing it by EUR 366m or to EUR 40,956m.

<sup>d</sup> Includes principal payments on bonds, long-term trade credits and long-term loans (excluding liabilities to affiliated enterprises), as well as total interest payments net of interest payments on direct investment.

<sup>e</sup> The overall fiscal balance (GFS 2001) in the 1999-2001 period is shown on a cash basis and from 2002 on a modified accrual basis. CM, CR, CPF and DAB are included from 2001, but CM has been excluded since 2008. Repayments of debt to pensioners are included in the calculation of the balance (for more details on the methodology of the balance calculation, see Box 4 in CNB Bulletin No. 165).

<sup>f</sup> Public debt is the debt of the general government. From 2008 on, it excludes the debt of CM.

Sources: CBS, MoF and CNB.