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First release for the third quarter of 2023

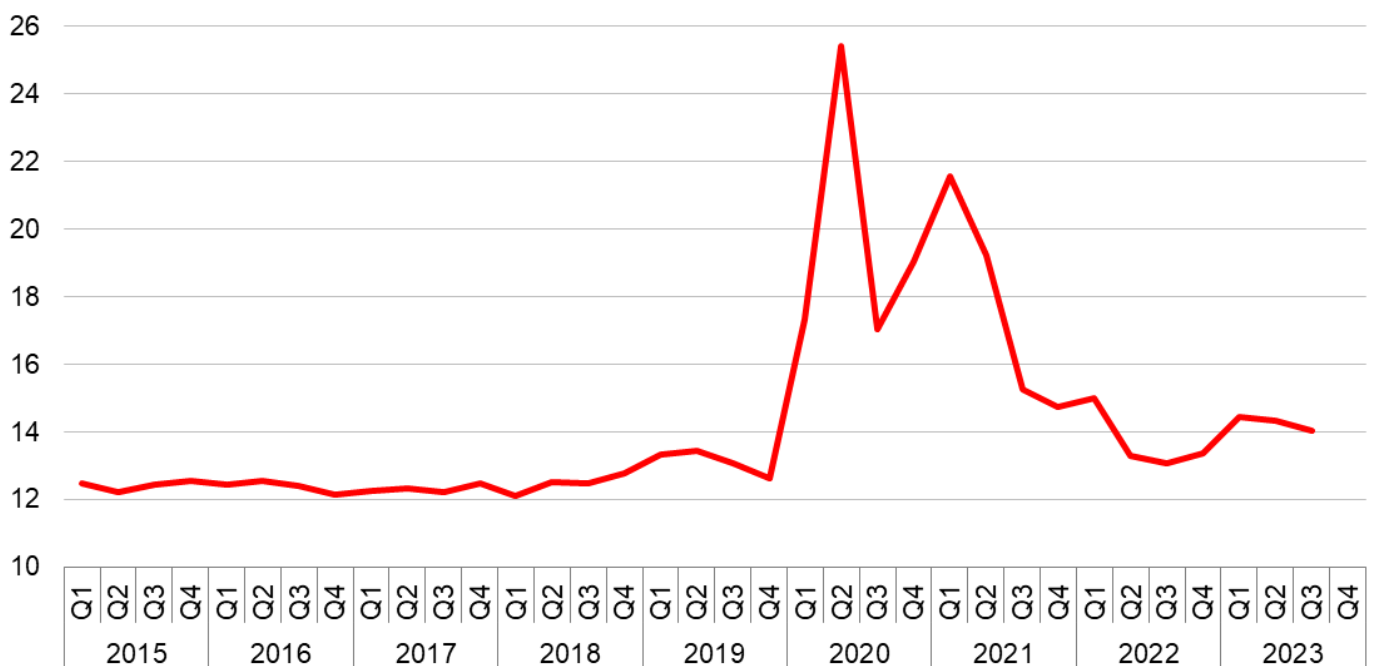
Household saving rate down to 14.0% in the euro area

Business profit share decreases to 40.2%

The **household saving rate** in the **euro area** was at 14.0% in the third quarter of 2023 (compared with 14.3% in the second quarter of 2023).

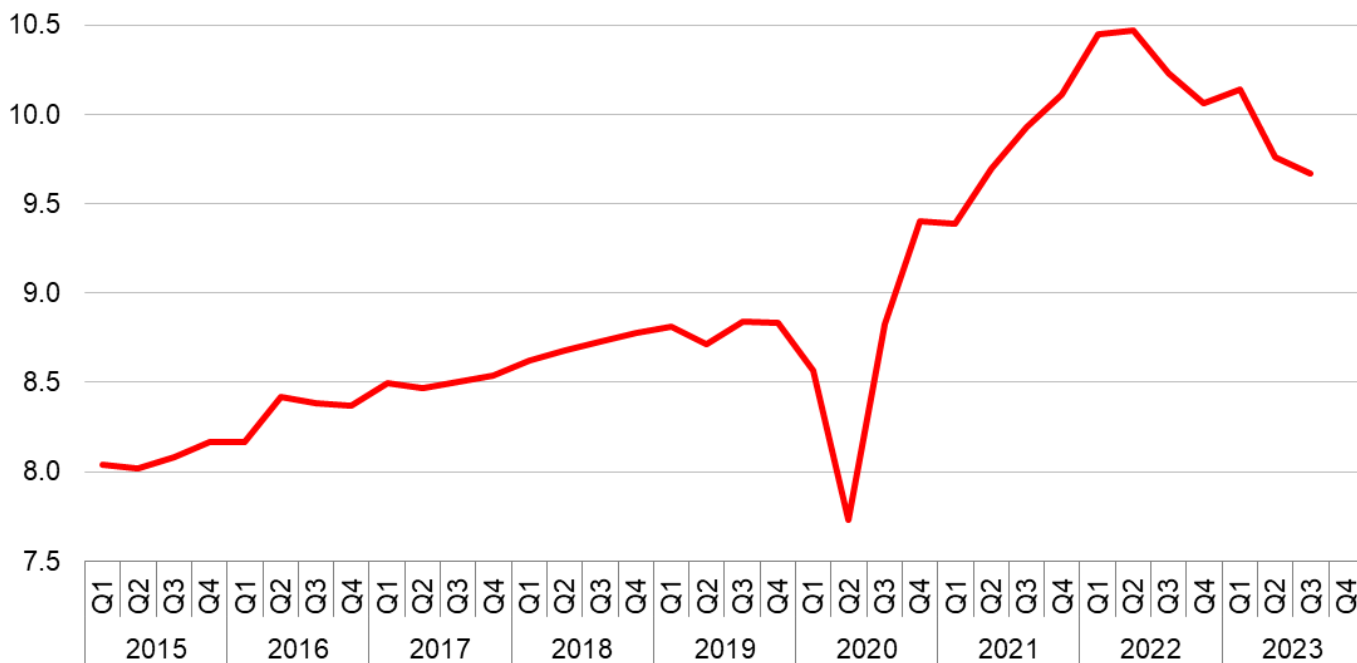
These data come from a first release of seasonally adjusted quarterly European sector accounts from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Household saving rate in the euro area
seasonally adjusted (%)



At the same time, the **household investment rate** in the **euro area** decreased from 9.8% to 9.7% in the third quarter of 2023.

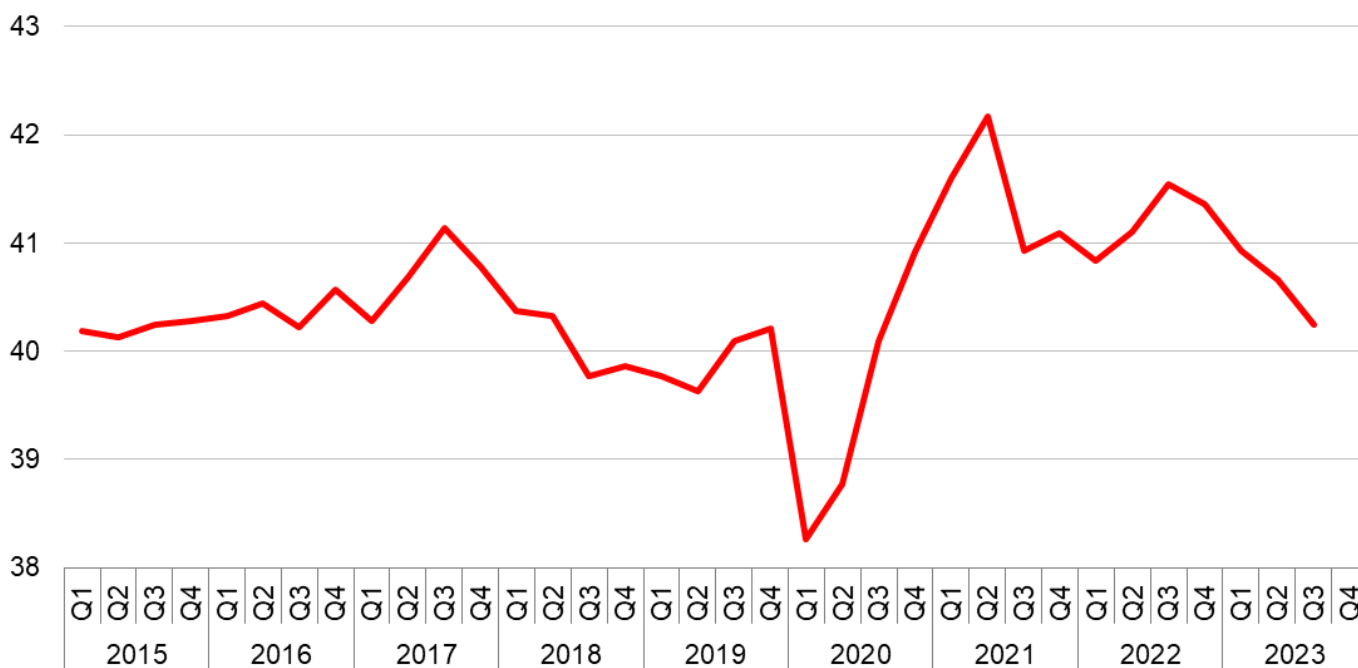
Household investment rate in the euro area seasonally adjusted (%)



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In the third quarter of 2023, the **profit share of businesses (non-financial corporations)** decreased from 40.7% to 40.2% in the **euro area**.

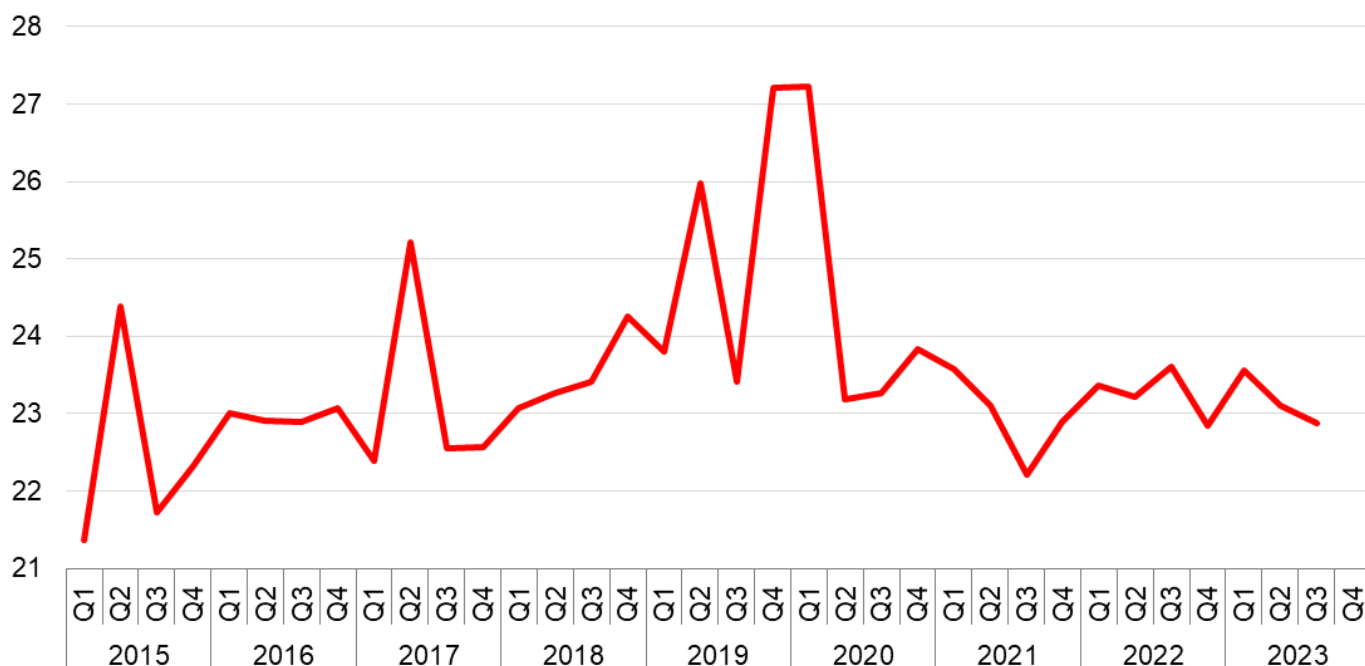
Profit share of non-financial corporations in the euro area seasonally adjusted (%)



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The **business investment rate** in the **euro area** decreased from 23.1% to 22.9% in the third quarter of 2023. The peaks in 2015Q2, 2017Q2, 2019Q2, 2019Q4 and 2020Q1 are related to large imports of intellectual property products reflecting globalisation effects.

Investment rate of non-financial corporations in the euro area seasonally adjusted (%)

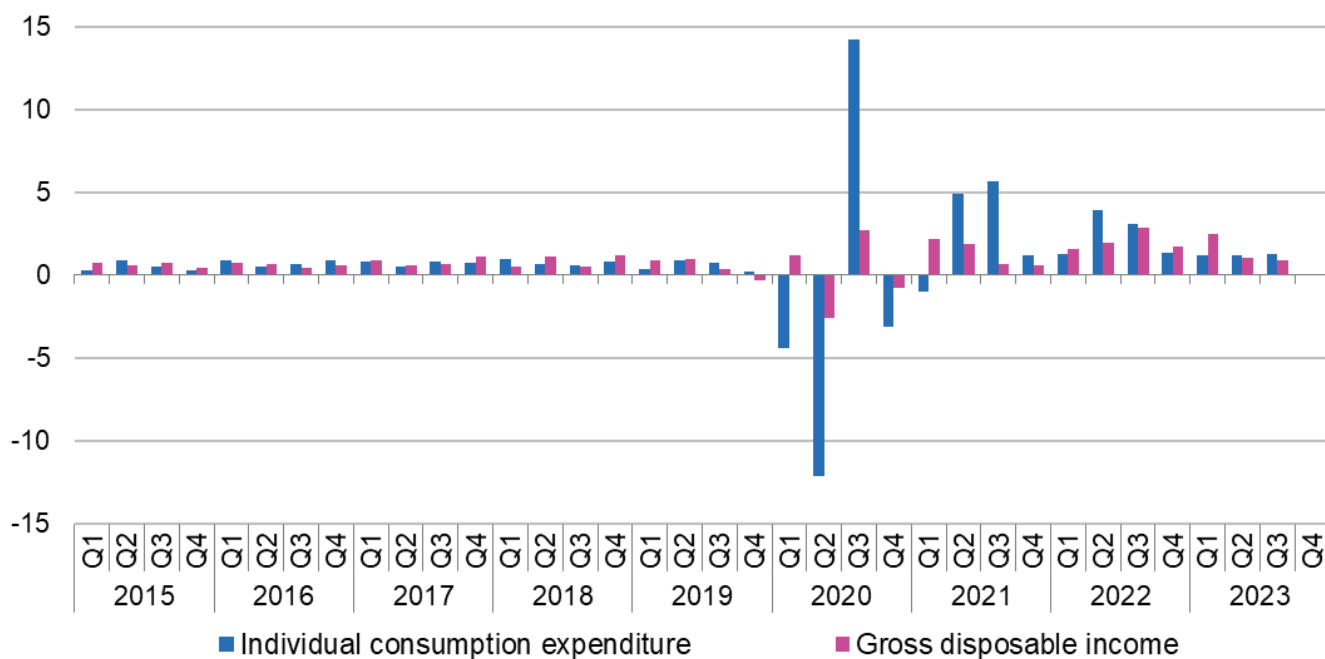


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Household saving rate and its components

The decrease of households' saving rate in the **euro area** is explained by *gross disposable income* increasing by 0.9%, at a slightly slower rate than *consumption* (+1.2%).

Components of household saving rate in the euro area seasonally adjusted, quarter-over-quarter (%)

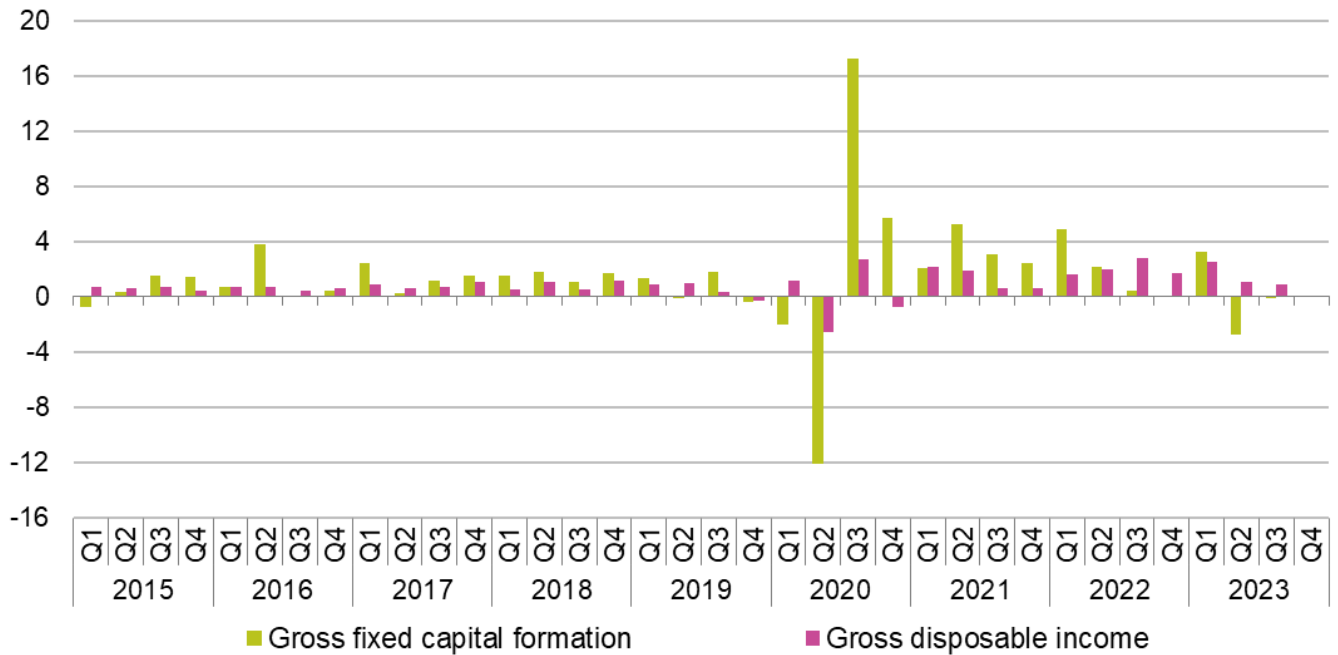


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Household investment rate and its components

Household's investment rate decreased in the **euro area**, as *gross fixed capital formation* decreased by 0.1%, while *gross disposable income* increased by 0.9%.

Components of household investment rate in the euro area
seasonally adjusted, quarter-over-quarter (%)

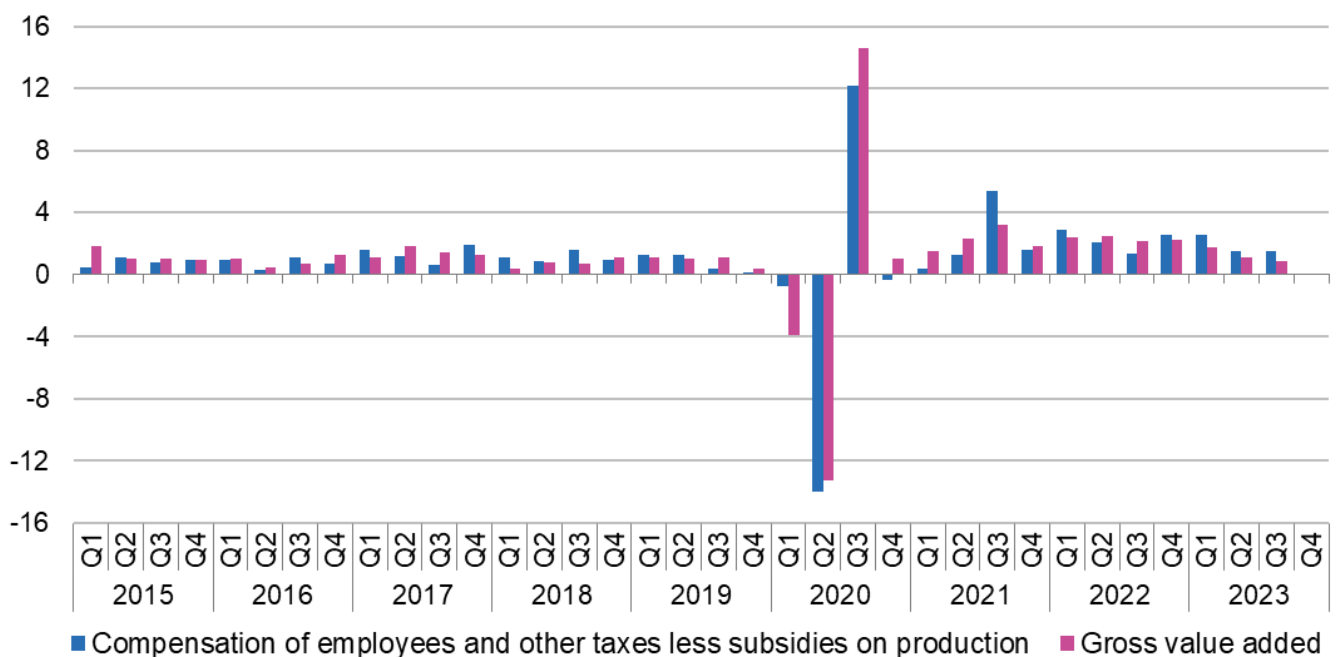


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Non-financial corporations profit share and its components

The decrease of business profit share in the **euro area** is explained by the increase of business *compensation of employees (wages and social contributions) plus taxes less subsidies on production* by 1.5%, at a faster rate than *gross value added* (+0.8%).

Components of profit share of non-financial corporations in the euro area
seasonally adjusted, quarter-over-quarter (%)

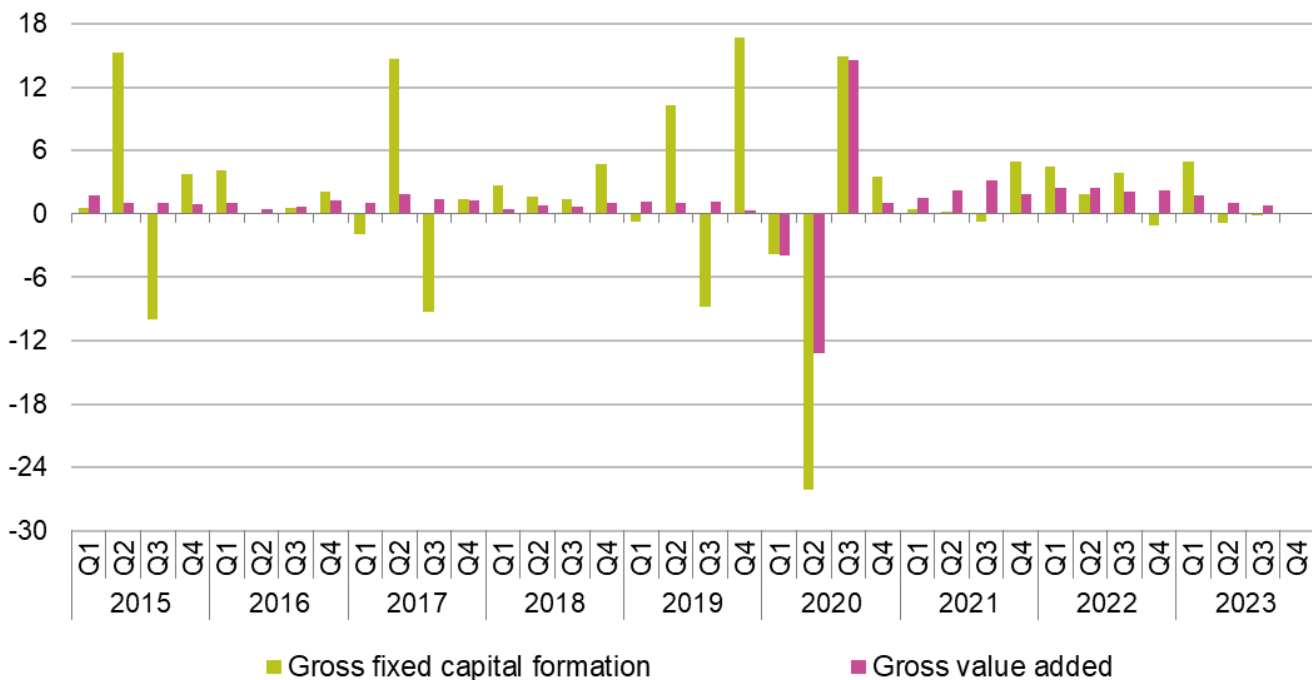


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Non-financial corporations' investment rate and its components

Business investment rate decreased in the **euro area** as business *gross fixed capital formation* decreased by 0.2%, while *gross value added* increased by 0.8%.

Components of investment rate of non-financial corporations in the euro area
seasonally adjusted, quarter-over-quarter (%)



Geographical information

The **euro area** (EA20) consists of 20 Member States: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland, plus the European Central Bank, the European Stability Mechanism and the European Financial Stability Facility.

Methods and definitions

The **gross saving rate of households** (household saving rate) is defined as gross saving divided by gross disposable income, with the latter including the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves. Gross saving is the part of the gross disposable income which is not spent as final consumption expenditure. Therefore, the saving rate increases when gross disposable income grows at a higher rate than final consumption expenditure.

The **gross investment rate of households** (household investment rate) is defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross disposable income, with the latter being adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves. Household investment mainly consists of the purchase and renovation of dwellings. The **gross investment rate of non-financial corporations** is defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added. This ratio relates the investment of non-financial businesses in fixed assets (buildings, machinery etc.) to the value added created during the production process.

The **profit share of non-financial corporations** is defined as gross operating surplus divided by gross value added. This profitability-type indicator shows the share of the value added created during the production process remunerating capital. It is the complement of the share of wage costs (plus other taxes less other subsidies on production) in value added.

The compilation of the European sector accounts follows the **European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA2010)** and covers the period from the first quarter of 1999 onwards. The data comes from a first release of seasonally adjusted quarterly European sector accounts released by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union** and the **European Central Bank (ECB)**.

Institutional sectors bring together economic units with broadly similar characteristics and behaviour, namely: households (including non-profit institutions serving households), non-financial corporations, financial corporations, government and the rest of the world. In the latter, to measure the external transactions of the euro area / European Union (EU), it is necessary to remove cross-border flows within the area concerned.

Revisions and timetable

Compared with data released on [27 October 2023](#), the household saving rate for the second quarter of 2023 was revised downwards from 14.9% to 14.3%. The household investment rate remained unchanged at 9.8%. The profit share of non-financial corporations for the second quarter of 2023 was revised downwards from 40.9% to 40.7%. The investment rate of non-financial corporations was revised downwards from 23.3% to 23.1%.

Around 94 days after the end of the quarter, Eurostat publishes the first news release and a subset of quarterly key indicators in its website. Around 120 days after the end of the quarter, Eurostat publishes the final release and detailed annual and quarterly sector accounts of Member States of the European Economic Area and derived key indicators, including annual indicators such as debt-to-income ratios. The final news release for the third quarter of 2023, focussing on data for household real income and consumption per capita for both the euro area and the EU, will be published on 26 January 2024.

For more information

Eurostat [quarterly data and annual data](#), [quarterly key indicators](#) and [annual key indicators](#) on sectoral accounts

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Key indicators and growth rates of selected transactions of the euro area, seasonally adjusted

		Households					Non-financial corporations				
		Saving rate (%)	Investment rate (%)	Gross disposable income, quarter-over-quarter change (%)	Individual consumption expenditure, quarter-over-quarter change (%)	Gross fixed capital formation, quarter-over-quarter change (%)	Profit share (%)	Investment rate (%)	Gross value added, quarter-over-quarter change (%)	Compensation of employees and other taxes less subsidies on production, quarter-over-quarter change (%)	Gross fixed capital formation, quarter-over-quarter change (%)
2018	Q1	12.1	8.6	0.6	0.9	1.5	40.4	23.1	0.4	1.1	2.7
	Q2	12.5	8.7	1.1	0.7	1.8	40.3	23.3	0.8	0.9	1.6
	Q3	12.5	8.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	39.8	23.4	0.7	1.6	1.4
	Q4	12.8	8.8	1.2	0.8	1.7	39.9	24.3	1.1	1.0	4.7
2019	Q1	13.3	8.8	0.9	0.3	1.4	39.8	23.8	1.1	1.3	-0.8
	Q2	13.4	8.7	1.0	0.9	0.0	39.6	26.0	1.1	1.3	10.3
	Q3	13.1	8.8	0.3	0.7	1.8	40.1	23.4	1.2	0.4	-8.8
	Q4	12.6	8.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	40.2	27.2	0.4	0.2	16.7
2020	Q1	17.3	8.6	1.2	-4.4	-2.0	38.3	27.2	-3.9	-0.8	-3.8
	Q2	25.4	7.7	-2.6	-12.1	-12.1	38.8	23.2	-13.2	-13.9	-26.1
	Q3	17.0	8.8	2.7	14.2	17.3	40.1	23.3	14.6	12.1	15.0
	Q4	19.0	9.4	-0.8	-3.1	5.7	40.9	23.8	1.0	-0.4	3.5
2021	Q1	21.6	9.4	2.2	-1.0	2.1	41.6	23.6	1.5	0.4	0.4
	Q2	19.2	9.7	1.9	4.9	5.2	42.2	23.1	2.3	1.3	0.3
	Q3	15.3	9.9	0.7	5.7	3.1	40.9	22.2	3.2	5.4	-0.8
	Q4	14.7	10.1	0.6	1.2	2.5	41.1	22.9	1.9	1.6	5.0
2022	Q1	15.0	10.4	1.6	1.3	4.9	40.8	23.4	2.4	2.9	4.5
	Q2	13.3	10.5	2.0	4.0	2.1	41.1	23.2	2.5	2.1	1.9
	Q3	13.1	10.2	2.8	3.1	0.5	41.5	23.6	2.2	1.4	3.9
	Q4	13.4	10.1	1.7	1.4	0.0	41.4	22.8	2.2	2.6	-1.1
2023	Q1	14.4	10.1	2.5	1.2	3.3	40.9	23.6	1.8	2.5	5.0
	Q2	14.3	9.8	1.1	1.2	-2.7	40.7	23.1	1.1	1.6	-0.8
	Q3	14.0	9.7	0.9	1.2	-0.1	40.2	22.9	0.8	1.5	-0.2

Source dataset including non-seasonally adjusted data: [nasq_10_ki](#)