

Economic Indicators

First Semester 2020

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2018

2019

H1 2019

H1 2020

All LL based indicators were converted to USD at LL1,507

(e) estimated – (f) forecasted

Macroeconomic Indicators

	2018	2019	H1 2019	H1 2020
GDP Growth (IMF calculations)	-1.9	-6.5 ▼		-12% (f) all 2020
Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Year End	108	116 ▲	109	207 ▲
Coincident Indicator (100 in 1993) – Year End	301	266 ▼	293	153 ▼
Exports (USD billion)	2.95	3.7 ▲	1.7	1.6 ▼
Productive Exports (USD billion) *	2.2	2.2 —	1.1	0.97 ▼
Imports (USD billion)	19.9	19.2 ▼	10.1	5.2 ▼
Productive Imports (USD billion) *	14.6	11.7 ▼	6.3	3.3 ▼
Trade Balance (USD billion)	-16.95	-15.5 ▲	-8.4	-3.6 ▲
Remittances Inflows (USD billion) – World Bank	6.9	7.46 ▲	4 (e)	3.6 (e) ▼

* Trade excluding excluding pearls, precious stones, fuel and oil products

Business Indicators

	2018	2019	H1 2019	H1 2020
Real Estate Sales Transactions (Number)	60,714	50,352 ▼	21,957	27,216 ▲
Real Estate Sales Value (USD million)	8,100	6,800 ▼	2,720	5,398 ▲
Building Permits (million square meters)	9.01	6 ▼	2.7	1.3 ▼
Cement Deliveries (million tons)	4.7	3.2 ▼	1.6	0.748 ▼
Airport Passenger (Numbers in million)	8.8	8.6 ▼	3.9	1.2 ▼
Beirut Port Activity (out/in in thousand tons)	7,984	6,524 ▼	3,510	2,245 ▼
Number of Vessels	1,872	1,746 ▼	861	737 ▼
Number of Containers (million)	1.3	1.2 ▼	0.62	0.41 ▼
Sale of New Vehicles	35,301	21,991 ▼	13,174	3,998 ▼
Electricity Production (million kWh)	15,245	14,797 ▼	7,112	6,066 ▼