

USER NOTIFICATION ON THE REVISION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

June 2026

The Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), as the national authority responsible for the compilation and dissemination of National Accounts in Albania, informs users that a planned revision of National Accounts data will be released in June 2026.

This revision forms part of INSTAT's continuous efforts to improve the quality, consistency and analytical value of macroeconomic statistics and to ensure their progressive alignment with the statistical standards of the European Union, in particular the European System of Accounts (ESA 2010), as well as relevant Eurostat recommendations. In the context of Albania's EU integration process, the revision represents an important step towards strengthening compliance with the EU statistical acquis and enhancing the comparability of Albanian macroeconomic indicators within the European statistical framework.

Scope and main improvements

The June 2026 revision follows the benchmark revision implemented in 2024 and constitutes a planned intermediate update aimed at improving the accuracy, completeness and internal consistency of National Accounts data.

The revision will include the following key improvements:

Integration of new and updated data sources

- Incorporation of results from the Population and Housing Census 2023;
- Use of updated administrative and statistical data sources;
- Improved use of available information for the estimation of key macroeconomic aggregates.

Methodological enhancements

- Further alignment with ESA 2010 concepts, definitions and compilation practices;
- Improvements in estimation methods, including deflation techniques and the measurement of volumes;
- Harmonization of price concepts (current prices, previous year prices and chain-linked volumes);
- Implementation of the new COICOP 2018 "Classification in household final consumption expenditure".

Improved internal consistency of the system

- Enhanced coherence between the production, expenditure and income approaches to GDP;
- Improved consistency between annual and quarterly National Accounts;
- Further development and strengthening of sector accounts, with particular attention to the General Government sector (S.13).

Completion and extension of time series

- Reduction of data gaps in earlier reference periods;
- Improved coverage of key aggregates, including income components, investment, changes in inventories and external transactions;
- Further completion and extension of time series to provide users with consistent indicators for analyzing economic developments in Albania.

Expected impact of the revision

As a result of the revision, users may observe:

- Revisions to the level and growth rates of GDP and its main components;
- Updates to household final consumption expenditure, including impacts related to the implementation of the new COICOP classification;
- Revisions to employment, sector accounts and other macroeconomic indicators;
- Overall improvements in internal consistency, data reliability and international comparability.

Ongoing development of National Accounts

This revision should be seen as part of a broader and continuous process of development and improvement of National Accounts in Albania.

INSTAT remains committed to further enhancing the scope, quality and usability of its outputs, ensuring compatibility with the high standards applied across the European Union.

Users can therefore expect further methodological improvements, extended datasets and enhanced analytical outputs in the future.

Dissemination and communication

INSTAT ensures full transparency towards users by publishing the user notification in advance, in full alignment with INSTAT's Dissemination Policy and Guidelines, which are publicly available on the official website at the following link: [dissemination-policy-guideline.pdf](#).

The revised data will be published in June 2026, together with:

- A detailed revision impact analysis;
- Updated methodological documentation and metadata;
- Explanatory notes