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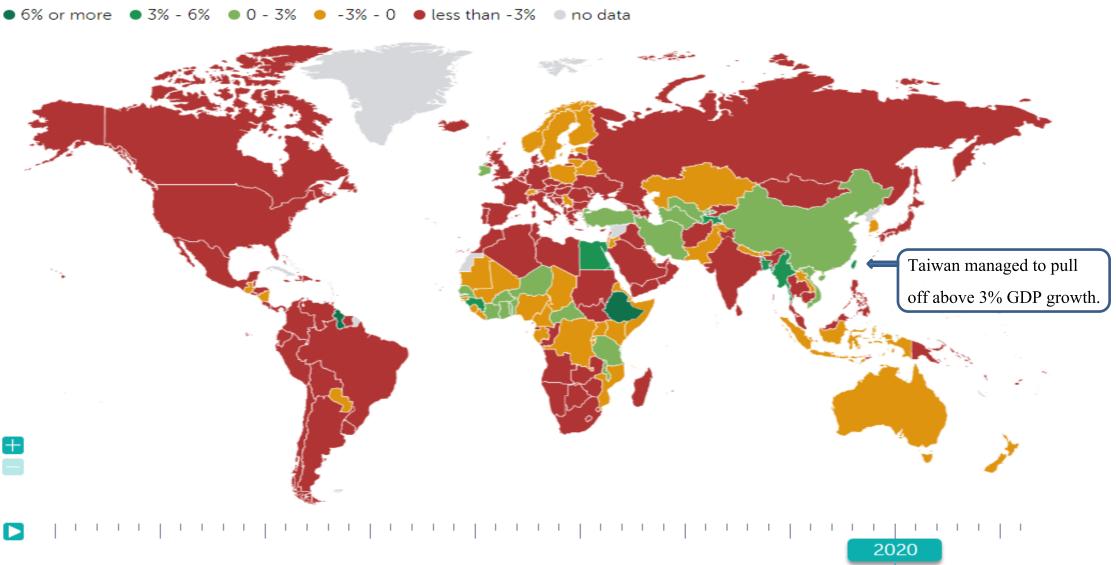
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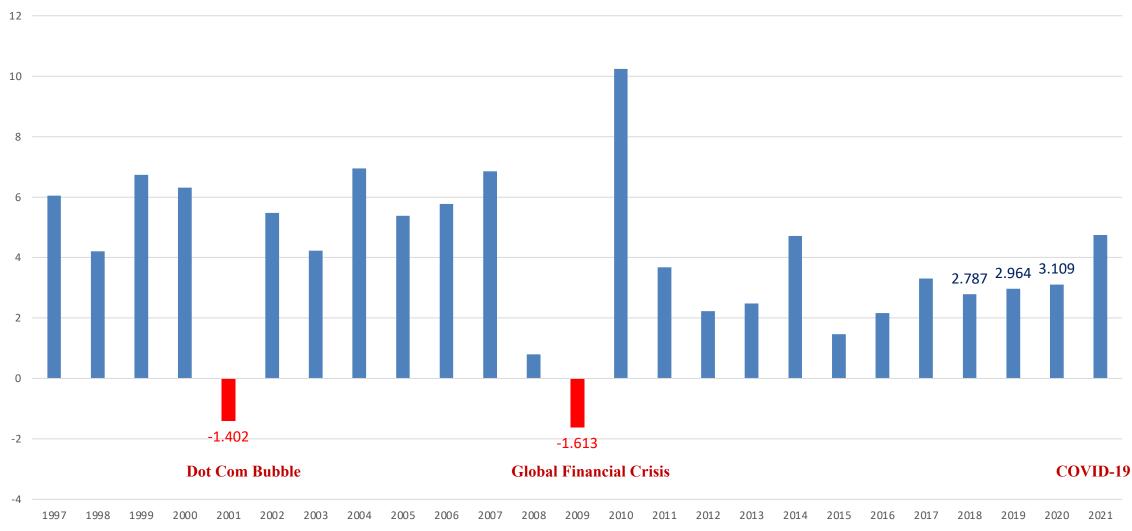
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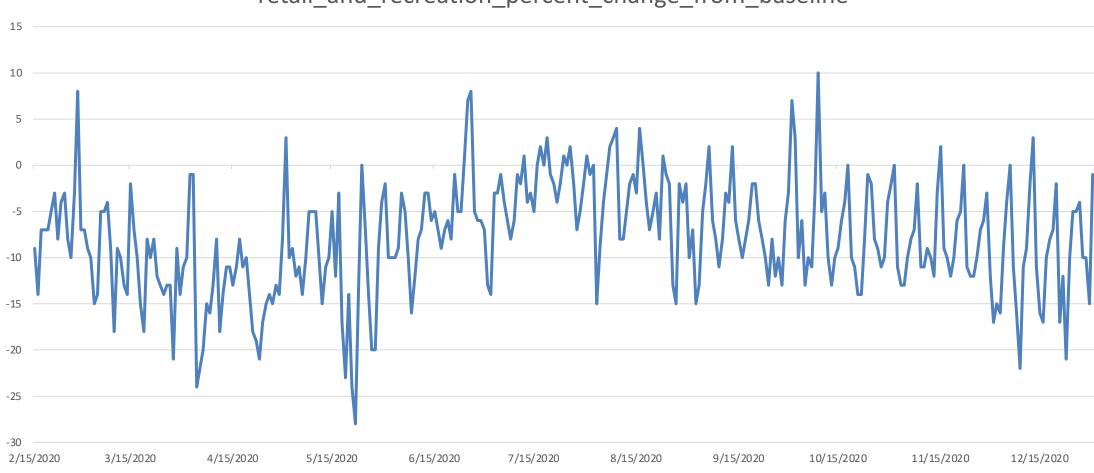
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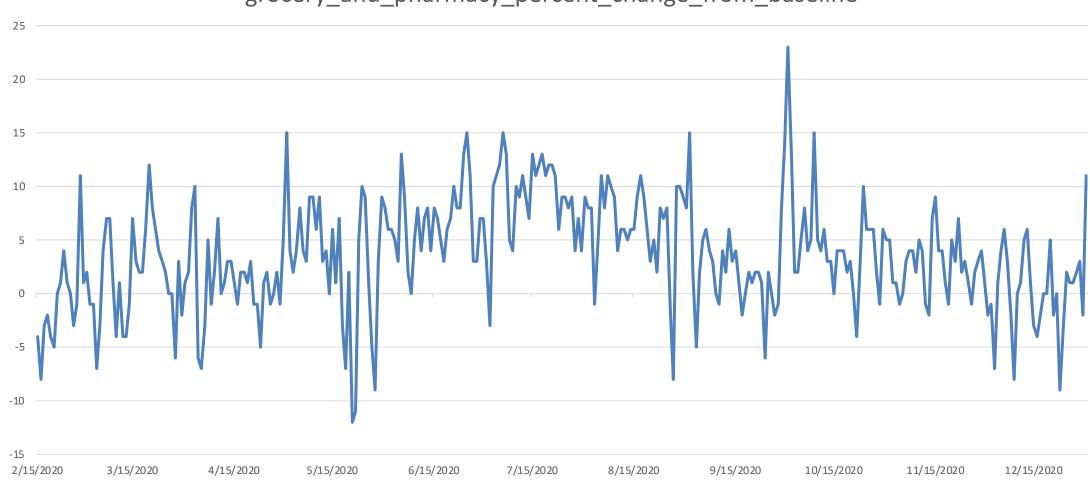


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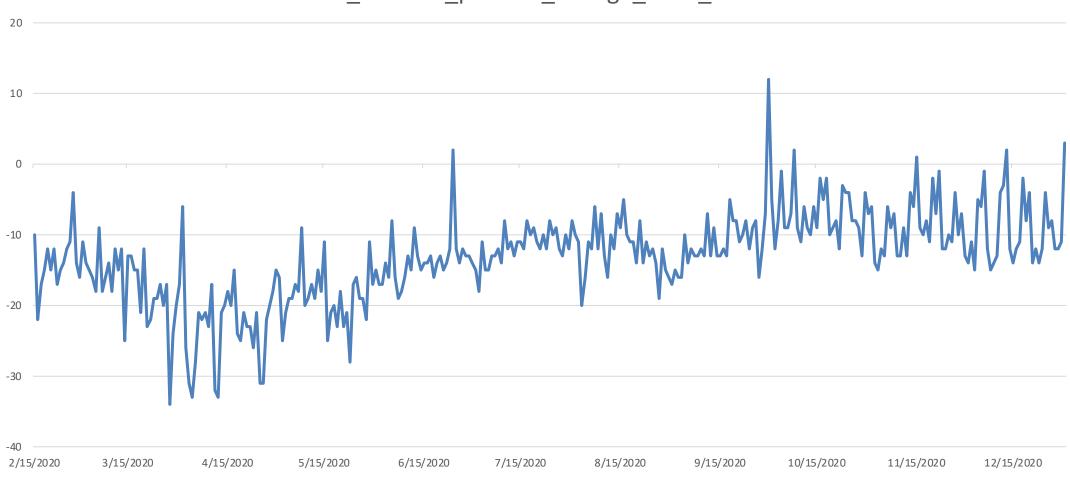
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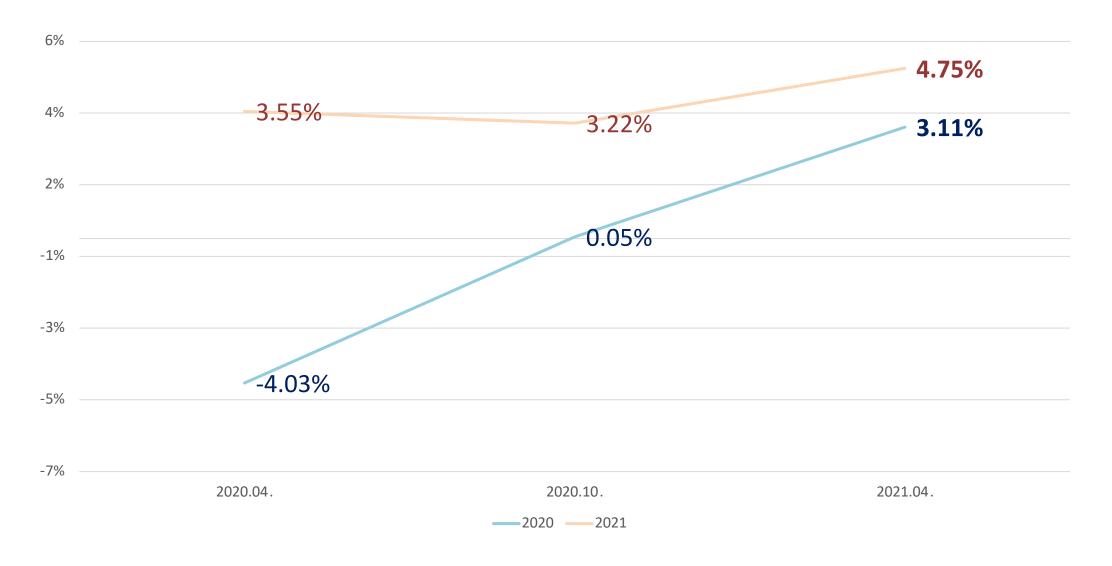


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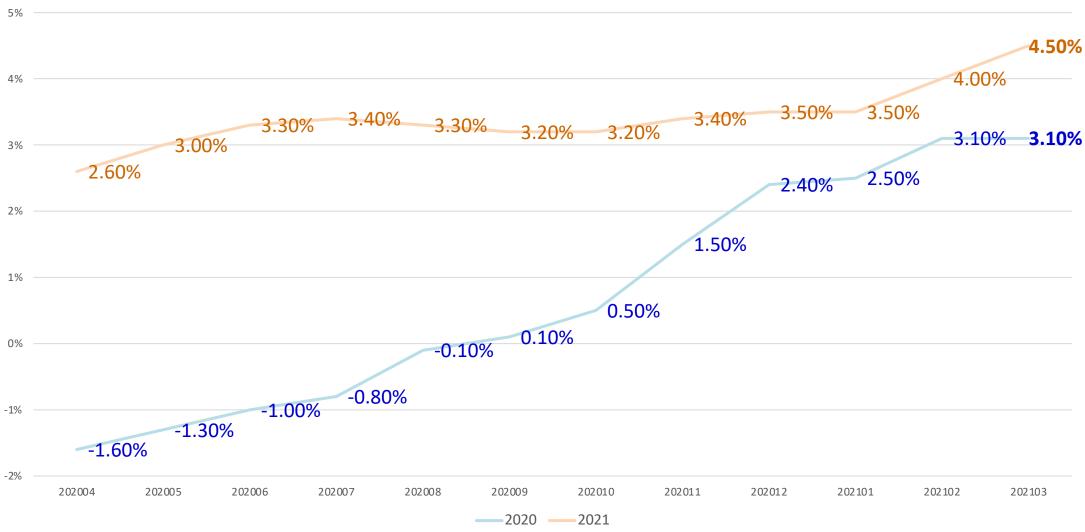
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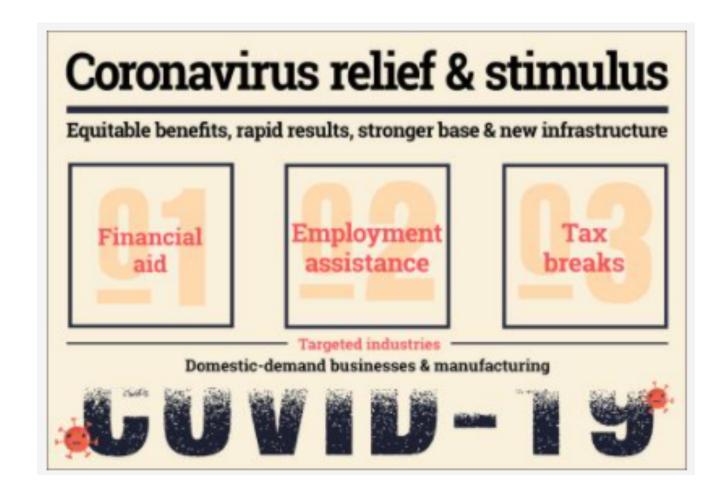
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COVID Relief and Stimulus for Taiwan Industry





Financial aid



- NT\$750 billion in financing for businesses, medical organizations, educational institutions and workers facing COVID-19 disruptions.
- Interest subsidies for existing loan repayment extensions, borrowing to cover salaries and rent, and loans to fund stimulus-driven capital expenditures and cash-flow requirements for SMEs.

Employment assistance



- Subsidies to supplement salaries and training for furloughed workers.
- Provide unemployment payments for temporarily unemployed and compensation for companies.
- Priority assistance given to affected SMEs and high-risk manufacturers for health and safety-focused facility and equipment upgrades during the pandemic. Subsidies have also been expanded to encourage companies to promote a healthier work-life balance for employees.

Tax breaks

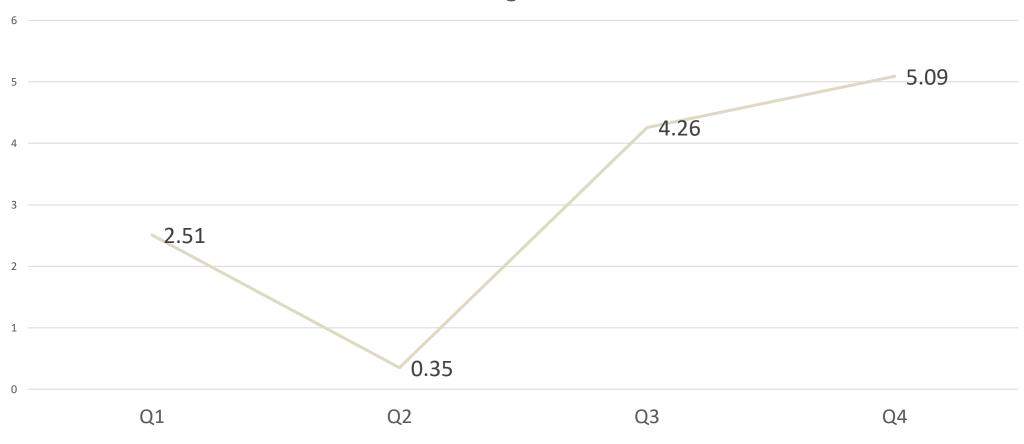


- For hard-hit small companies exempt from revenue reporting, tax authorities are lowering assessed sales and taxes.
- Enterprises that lose business income due to COVID-19 can deduct the losses from taxable income, and deadlines have been eased to allow for temporary postponements and instalment payments.
- Tax breaks will be given to employers who pay employees during time off due to the COVID-19.

Taiwan's GDP Growth in 2020 y-o-y (%)







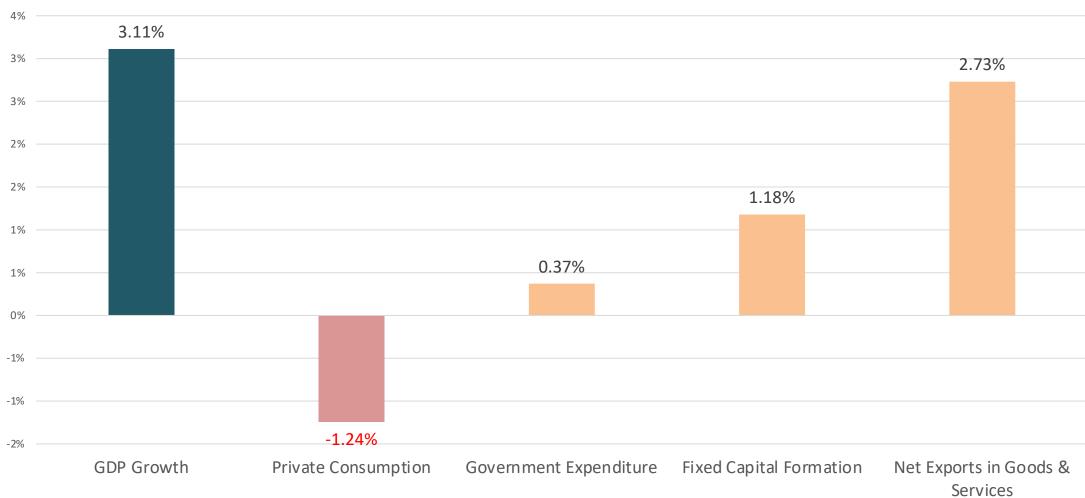
GDP in 2020 and Forecast for 2021



	GDP	Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Fixed Investment	Exports (G&S)	Imports (G&S)
Structure						
2020		48.61%	14.03%	23.77%	58.55%	44.87%
2021		48.65%	13.83%	23.69%	58.15%	44.64%
Growth						
2020	3.11%	-2.37%	2.61%	4.96%	1.06%	-3.86%
2021	4.64%	3.74%	2.07%	3.50%	5.05%	3.76%

Factor Contribution to GDP Growth in 2020







2020 International Comparison: Growth-Exports in Goods

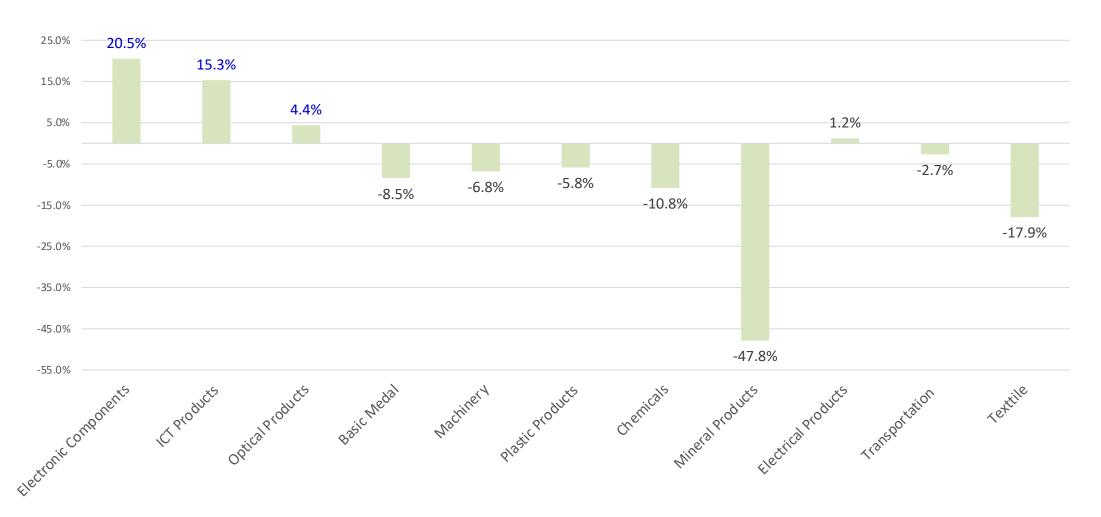






Taiwan's Exports in Sectors, 2020

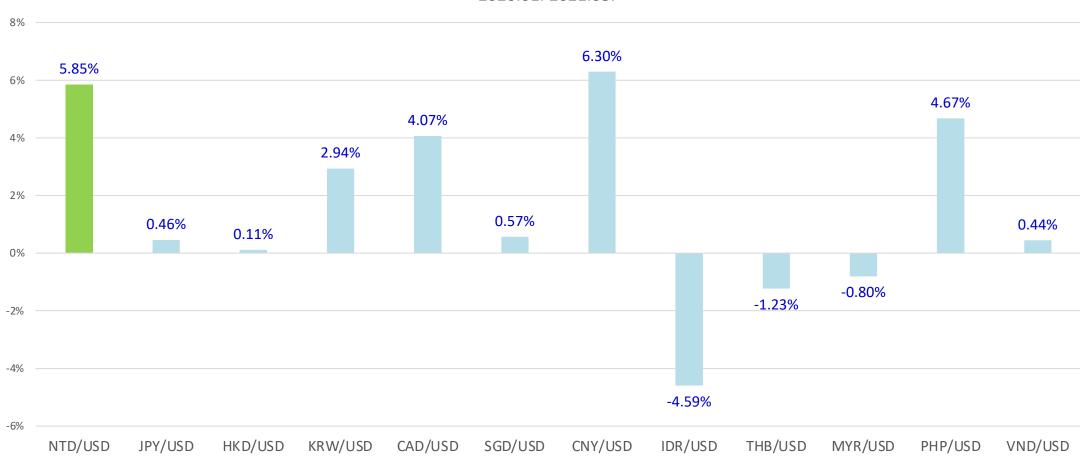




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Conclusions



- As an export-oriented economy, Taiwan's economic performance is highly correlated with the global conditions.
- The COVID-19, an anomaly that has triggered paradigm-shift in global economic format, whereas Taiwan's unique status in ICT supply chains helped pick up Taiwan's GDP growth in 2020.
- The government's policies also helped relieve the impacts to certain extent.



