

Update 8: Serbia - Economy Contracts by 1.4% YoY in Q3 FY 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- Serbia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted 1.4% YoY in Q3 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Serbia's economy rose by 7.4% QoQ in the third quarter of 2020, after falling 9.2% in April-June 2020
- The third quarter of 2020 saw a significant decline of gross value added in real terms in the construction sector, of 18% YoY
- A decline of 7.9% YoY was reported in the sector of professional, scientific, and technical activities, as well as administrative and support service activities
- In the wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles, a decline of 3.0% YoY was reported
- The gross value added in the sector of industry and water supply, sewerage, and waste management rose by 3.2% YoY
- In the information and communication sector, gross value increased by 6.0% YoY
- Among the GDP components in Q3 2020, household expenditure on final consumption decreased by 0.9% YoY, whereas general government expenditures on final consumption fell by 1.0%
- Gross fixed capital formation declined by 5.5% YoY in July-September, exports of goods and services fell by 8.5% YoY, while imports of goods and services went down by 2.7%
- Also, Serbia's foreign trade deficit shrank 5.3% YoY to US\$5.353 B in the first ten months of 2020
- As of now, Serbia has recorded 175,438 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,604 related deaths (~0.91% of total reported cases), and 31,536 recoveries (~18% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia (<https://www.zdravlje.gov.rs/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Serbia

Source(s)

<https://seenews.com/news/serbias-gdp-shrinks-14-yy-in-q3-stats-office-722727>

<https://seenews.com/news/serbias-10-mo-trade-gap-narrows-53-yy-722744>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/serbia/>

Targets Affected:

Serbia

Category(s):

Macro-Economic Risk - Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Negative Impact on Economy' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 6: Serbia - Airline Air Serbia Plans to Resume Flights to Russia from November 9, 2020

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Update 5: Serbia - Orders Mandatory Mask Wearing Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 4: Serbia - Announces Relaxation in Few COVID-19 Measures

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Update 3: Belgrade, Serbia - Bans Public Gathering and Suspends Plan to Impose Weekend Curfew Amid Protests and COVID-19 Outbreak

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Update 2: Serbia - Violent Anti-Government Protest Continues

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Update 1: Serbia - Thousands Protest Due to Reimposition of Weekend Curfew Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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