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**BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

What is the publication about?

The publication provides information on the balance of payments and international investment position, which was compiled in accordance with the sixth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual of International Monetary Fund (BPM6, IMF, 2009).

What date are data relevant?

The data, presented in the publication, are relevant as of June 27, 2023.

Where can data be found?

Statistical tables on the standard and analytical presentations of the balance of payments and international investment position are available on websites of the Central Bank of Uzbekistan <http://www.cbu.uz/> and International Monetary Fund <http://data.imf.org/>.

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BRIEF REVIEW

In the I quarter of 2023, in the context of improving expectations regarding the growth indicators of global economies, reducing difficulties in transport and logistics, as well as a slow recovery in economic activity among major trading partners (particularly China) and increasing vulnerabilities in international financial markets, the **current account balance** of Uzbekistan was negative and amounted to USD 1.3 bln. (*the negative balance in the I quarter of 2022 was USD 1.1 bln.*).

At the same time, during the I quarter of 2023, the dynamics of the current account remained exposed to risks associated with such factors as the aggravation of the geopolitical situation, the formation of high rates of global inflationary processes, and an increase in the cost of attracting funds from international financial markets.

The negative trade (goods and services) balance (*USD 3.6 bln.*) was partially offset by the positive balance of primary and secondary income (*USD 2.3 bln.*).

During the reporting period, external trade turnover (excluding gold) amounted to USD 12.9 bln. (*USD 11.1 bln. in the I quarter of 2022*). At the same time, the volume of exports (without gold) amounted to USD 3.4 bln., and the volume of imports – USD 9.4 bln., which increased by 16%, respectively, compared to the I quarter of last year.

Exports of goods (excluding gold) amounted to USD 2.5 bln. and services to USD 897.1 mln., while imports of goods and services accounted for USD 7.7 bln. and USD 1.7 bln., respectively.

Balance of the primary income accounted for USD 314.8 mln. during the reporting period (*USD 505.8 mln. in the I quarter of 2022*). In addition, the positive balance of secondary income amounted to USD 2 bln. due to a sizable increase in personal transfers compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (*USD 646.9 mln. in the I quarter of 2022*).

In the I quarter of 2023 the **financial account balance** was negative and accounted for USD 1.3 bln. (*negative balance of USD 994.5 mln. in the I quarter of 2022*). In the asset part of the financial account, a volume of operations related to other investments increased by USD 752.6 mln., whereas a volume of operations related to international reserve assets decreased by USD 1.5 bln.

In the liability part of the financial account, mainly direct investments and other investments increased by USD 171 mln. and USD 322 mln., respectively.

The net growth of foreign direct investments to Uzbekistan was provided by net investments in capital (*excluding operations of enterprises operating on the basis of product sharing agreements - USD 114.6 mln.*), loans attracted from parent companies (*USD 93.6 million*) and net disbursement of investments by enterprises operating on the basis of product sharing agreements (*USD 96.5 million*).

The negative balance of portfolio investments accounted for USD 14.3 mln. in the I quarter of 2023.

The **net international investment position** of Uzbekistan increased by 1% (*USD 165.2 mln.*) compared to the beginning of 2023 and as of April 1 of 2023 accounted for USD 19 bln. The total volumes of assets in the foreign currency and external liabilities of residents were equal to USD 82.6 bln. and USD 63.6 bln., respectively.

Addenda 1. Balance of payments for the I quarter of 2021-2023 (analytic presentation)

(mln. USD)

Indicators	I quarter of 2021	I quarter of 2022	I quarter of 2023
A. Current account balance	-2 135,3	-1 090,8	-1 273,9
Goods, credit (exports)	1 947,7	5 248,6	4 941,7
Goods, debit (imports)	4 708,7	6 518,2	7 726,0
Services, credit (exports)	430,2	670,5	897,1
Services, debit (imports)	895,6	1 644,4	1 719,3
Balance on goods and services	-3 226,3	-2 243,5	-3 606,6
Primary income, credit	337,2	956,3	1 029,9
Primary income, debit	372,7	450,5	715,1
Balance on goods, services, and primary income	-3 261,8	-1 737,8	-3 291,8
Secondary income, credit	1 237,0	867,0	2 204,5
Secondary income, debit	110,5	220,0	186,6
B. Capital account (excluding reserve assets)	1,8	8,2	1,2
Capital account, credit	1,8	8,2	1,2
Capital account, debit	-	-	-
Balance on capital account and current account	-2 133,6	-1 082,7	-1 272,6
C. Financial account	-844,2	-1 089,0	255,3
Direct investment: assets	0,6	2,1	9,6
Direct investment: liabilities	437,3	312,1	170,9
Portfolio investment: assets	-	-	0,2
Equity and investment fund shares	-	-	0,2
Debt securities	-	-	-
Portfolio investment: liabilities	12,3	6,7	14,5
Equity and investment fund shares	0,7	-5,2	2,5
Debt securities	11,6	12,0	11,9
Financial derivatives (other than reserves)	3,2	2,8	0,5
Financial derivatives: assets	-	-	-
Financial derivatives: liabilities	-3,2	-2,8	-0,5
Other investment: assets	355,7	-441,8	752,6

Indicators	I quarter of 2021	I quarter of 2022	I quarter of 2023
Other equity instruments	0,6	-	0,4
Debt instruments	355,1	-441,8	752,2
Central bank	-	-	-
Deposit-taking corporations (except the central bank)	-117,5	-34,2	-611,0
General government	-5,7	-6,1	-7,0
Other sectors	478,3	-401,5	1 370,1
Other financial corporations	-	-	-
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs	478,3	-401,5	1 370,1
Other investment: liabilities	754,1	333,3	322,2
Other equity	-	-	-
SDR allocation	-0,0	0,3	1,0
Debt instruments	754,1	333,1	321,2
Central bank	-	-	-
Deposit-taking corporations (except the central bank)	506,9	-127,0	280,9
General government	51,0	163,4	378,8
Other sectors	196,2	296,6	-338,4
Other financial corporations	2,6	4,1	4,7
Nonfinancial corporations, households, and PISHs	193,5	292,5	-343,1
D. Net Errors and Omissions	1,0	88,0	-21,0
E. Overall Balance	1 288,4	-94,4	1 549,0
F. Reserves and Related Items	-1 288,4	94,4	-1 549,0
Reserve assets	-1 288,4	94,4	-1 548,7
Net credits from the IMF (other than reserves)	-0,0	0,0	0,2
Exceptional financing	-	-	-

This statistic report uses analytic presentation, described in the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6).

Addenda 2. International investment position for 2021-2022 and the I quarter of 2023

(mln. USD)

Indicators	01.01.2022	01.01.2023	01.04.2023
Assets	70 404,0	82 172,9	82 584,9
Direct investments	197,7	202,0	210,4
Equity instruments and investment fund shares	29,8	31,7	39,4
Investments of direct investor in direct investment enterprises	29,8	31,7	39,4
Investments of direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse investment)	0,0	0,0	0,0
Investments between fellow enterprises	0,0	0,0	0,0
Debt instruments	167,9	170,3	171,0
Investments of direct investor in direct investment enterprises	2,5	2,5	2,5
Investments of direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse investment)	0,0	0,0	0,0
Investments between fellow enterprises	165,4	167,9	168,5
Portfolio investments	2,5	2,5	2,7
Equity instruments and investment fund shares	2,5	2,5	2,7
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	1,1	1,1	1,1
General government	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other sectors	1,4	1,4	1,5
Other financial institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0
Debt securities	0,0	0,0	0,0
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
General government	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other sectors	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other financial institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0
Financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other investments	35 064,6	46 200,9	46 934,4
Other equity instruments	1,2	1,6	2,0
Debt instruments	35 063,4	46 199,3	46 932,3
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0

Indicators	01.01.2022	01.01.2023	01.04.2023
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	2 935,4	4 556,9	3 921,8
General government	3,3	3,7	2,9
Other sectors	32 124,7	41 638,7	43 007,6
Other financial institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0
Reserve assets	35 139,2	35 767,5	35 437,5
Monetary gold	20 949,7	23 064,8	24 254,8
Special drawing rights	1 111,9	1 057,3	1 068,8
Reserve position in IMF	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other reserve assets	13 077,6	11 645,4	10 113,9
Liabilities	53 573,0	63 304,5	63 551,2
Direct investments	11 593,9	13 647,0	13 491,2
Equity instruments and investment fund shares	10 053,9	11 361,7	11 130,3
Investments of direct investor in direct investment enterprises	10 053,9	11 361,7	11 130,3
Investments of direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse investment)	0,0	0,0	0,0
Investments between fellow enterprises	0,0	0,0	0,0
Debt instruments	1 540,0	2 285,3	2 360,8
Investments of direct investor in direct investment enterprises	1 376,7	2 022,0	2 095,9
Investments of direct investment enterprises in direct investor (reverse investment)	0,0	0,0	0,0
Investments between fellow enterprises	163,3	263,3	264,9
Portfolio investments	4 720,4	4 192,1	4 186,4
Equity instruments and investment fund shares	83,5	105,9	106,5
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	37,1	48,4	50,3
General government	0,0	0,0	0,0
Other sectors	46,4	57,5	56,2
Other financial institutions	0,9	1,4	1,3
Debt securities	4 636,9	4 086,3	4 079,9
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	993,2	893,9	926,0
General government	2 669,2	2 375,0	2 319,1
Other sectors	974,5	817,3	834,8
Other financial institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0
Financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options	11,5	2,0	0,9
Other investments	37 247,2	45 463,3	45 872,8
Other equity instruments	0,0	0,0	0,0

Indicators	01.01.2022	01.01.2023	01.04.2023
Special drawing rights (Net incurrence of liabilities)	1 107,3	1 057,6	1 070,1
Other debt instruments	36 139,9	44 405,7	44 802,7
Central Bank	0,0	0,0	0,0
Deposit enterprises, excluding the Central Bank	6 766,0	10 439,4	10 739,8
General government	15 290,6	18 006,8	18 436,9
Other sectors	14 083,2	15 959,5	15 626,0
Other financial institutions	72,2	103,9	107,8
Net international investment position	16 831,1	18 868,5	19 033,7