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# Quarterly Gross Domestic Product

**Report**



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## Macroeconomic Performance

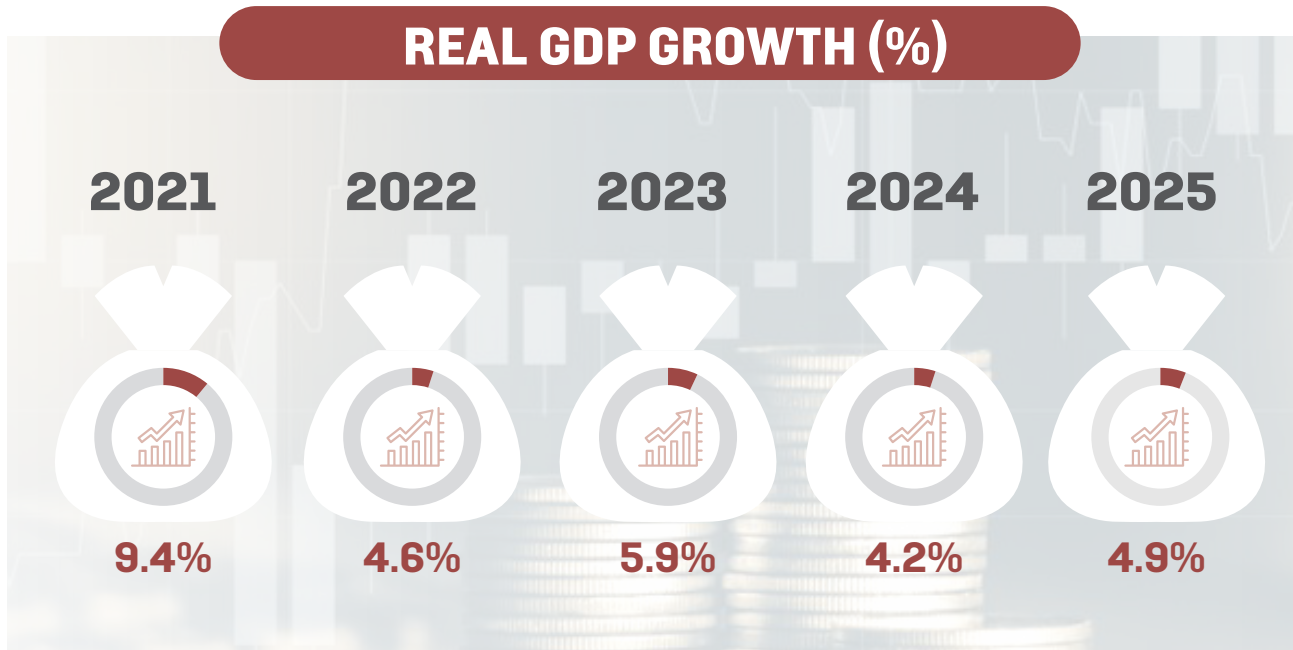
The economy recorded improved performance in the third quarter of 2025 compared to the corresponding quarter in 2024. During the quarter under review, the economy expanded by 4.9 per cent compared to 4.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2024. The growth was mainly supported by accelerated growths in a number of sectors. Notably, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing sector expanded by 3.2 per cent while the construction sector rebounded from a 2.6 per cent contraction in the third quarter of 2024, expanding by 6.7 per cent in the quarter under review. The Mining and Quarrying sector also recovered from a

12.2 per cent contraction in the third quarter of 2024, expanding by 16.6 per cent in the third quarter of 2025. Other sectors that recorded notable growths include Accommodation & food serving (17.7%), Real Estate (5.7%), Financial & Insurance (5.4%), Transport and Storage (5.2%), Public Administration (5.1%), Wholesale and Retail Trade (4.8%) and Information & Communication (4.5%).

Figure 1 shows the third quarter GDP growth rates for the period 2021 to 2025.



Figure 1: Third Quarter GDP Growth Rates (%), 2021-2025

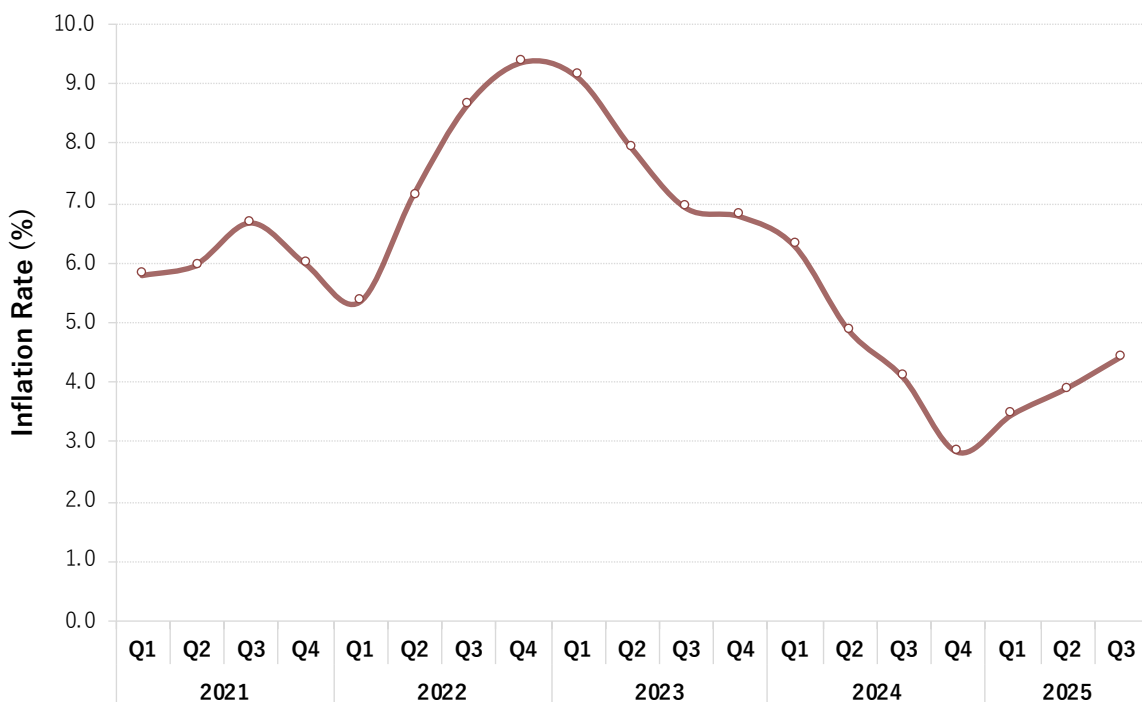


During the third quarter of 2025, key macroeconomic indicators showed mixed performance. The average inflation for the quarter under review rose from 4.08 per cent in the third quarter of 2024 to 4.42 per cent in the

third quarter of 2025 mainly driven by rise in prices of items in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages category.

Figure 2 shows the average inflation rate trend from 2021 to 2025.

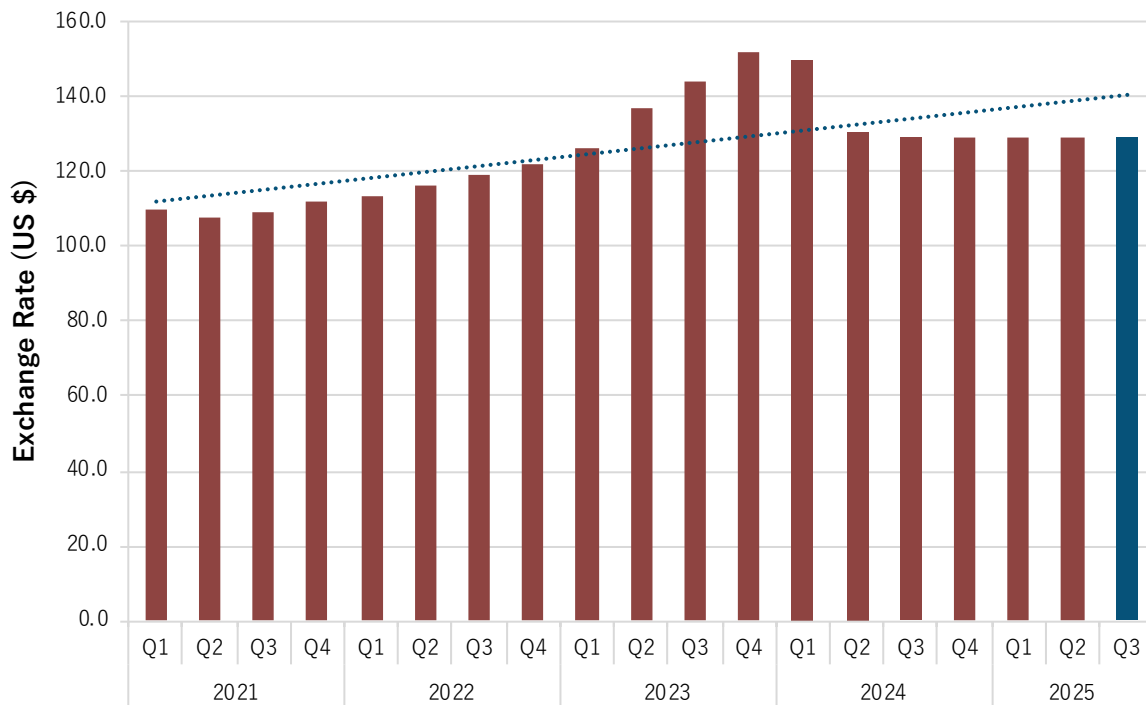
Figure 2: Inflation Rates, 2021-2025



During the third quarter of 2025, the Kenyan Shilling appreciated by 0.2 per cent against the US Dollar compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024 but depreciated against all other major currencies. Notably, the Kenyan Shilling depreciated against the Euro, Pound Sterling, the

South African Rand and the Japanese Yen by 6.2 per cent, 3.6 per cent, 1.6 per cent and 0.7 per cent respectively. Against the regional currencies, the Kenyan Shilling appreciated against the Tanzanian Shilling and the Ugandan Shilling by 5.8 per cent and 4.1 per cent, respectively.

**Figure 3: Foreign Exchange Rate of Kenyan Shilling against US Dollar, 2021-2025**



The Central Bank Rate (CBR) was revised downwards from 9.75 per cent in July 2025 to 9.50 for both August and September 2025 compared to 12.75 per cent in September 2024. The NSE 20 Share Index increased from 1,776 points in September 2024 to 2,973 points in September 2025. The Broad money supply (M3) also increased from

KSh 5,992.2 billion in September 2024 to KSh 6,443.7 billion in September 2025.

The current account deficit widened markedly, increasing from KSh 43.5 billion in the third quarter of 2024 to KSh 135.3 billion in the third quarter of 2025.

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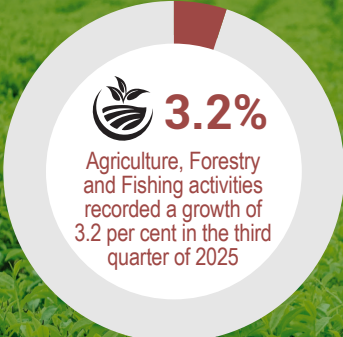
## Sectoral Analysis

### Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

The sector recorded a growth of 3.2 per cent in the quarter under review, compared to a 4.0 per cent growth recorded in the third quarter of 2024. The growth was supported by increase in milk production and exports of cut flowers. Milk deliveries to processors increased by 9.7 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 to stand at 249.0 million litres. Similarly, exports of cut flowers increased by 36.2 per cent from 22,960.7 metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 31,277.0 metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2025.

However, during the quarter under review, there was a decline in the exports of coffee, vegetables and fruits. Exports of coffee and vegetables declined from 17,732.8

metric tonnes and 20,480.9 metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to stand at 8,312.7 metric tonnes and 16,617.0 metric tonnes, respectively, in the third quarter of 2025. Similarly, fruit exports declined by 5.0 per cent from 61,509.5 metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 58,414.5 metric tonnes in the quarter under review. Additionally, sugarcane and tea production declined during the period under review. Cane deliveries declined from 2,526.7 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 1,350.0 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2025, while tea production also declined by 2.8 per cent to stand at 118.4 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2025.



## Manufacturing

Manufacturing sector is estimated to have expanded by 2.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to a growth of 2.3 per cent in the corresponding quarter of 2024. The performance in the period under review showed mixed results, with growth primarily driven by the non-food sub-sector, while the food sub-sector recorded a decline.



**2.5%**

Manufacturing sector's real GDP expanded by 2.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to a growth of 2.3 per cent in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

In the manufacture of non-food products, growth was supported by the production of cement, galvanized sheets and assembly of motor vehicles. Cement production rose by 15.7 per cent from 2,338.3 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 2,704.5 thousand metric tonnes in the period under review. Production of galvanized sheets expanded by 20.3 per cent to stand at 84,120.8 metric tonnes. Similarly, assembly of motor vehicles increased from 3,262 units in the third quarter of 2024 to 3,368 units in the quarter under review.

However, the sector's growth was constrained by low level of activity in the manufacture of food products, specifically in the production of sugar and soft drinks. Sugar production declined significantly by 49.4 per cent to stand at 116,900.0 metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2025 from 231,052.6 metric tonnes in the same period of 2024. Production of soft drinks contracted by 2.2 per cent to 162,152.9 thousand litres. Conversely, milk deliveries to processors increased by 9.7 per cent from 227.0 million litres in the third quarter of 2024 to 249.0 million litres in the period under review. Similarly, the volume of processed milk rose to 174.3 million litres in the quarter under review from 152.1 million litres in the third quarter of 2024.

Credit advanced to enterprises in the manufacturing sector increased from KSh 532.0 billion as at the end of September 2024 to KSh 591.2 billion recorded as at the end of September 2025.

## Electricity Supply

In the third quarter of 2025, electricity and water supply

sector expanded by 3.6 per cent up from 0.9 per cent recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024. This growth was driven by increased electricity generation, which rose by 5.0 per cent to stand at 3,402.4 million kilowatt hour (KWh) in the third quarter of 2025.

Electricity generation from geothermal and solar sources rose by 10.1 per cent and 3.6 per cent, reaching 1,553.5 million KWh and 105.9 million KWh respectively in the third quarter of 2025. Similarly, thermal electricity generation rose from 294.6 million KWh to stand at 380.0 million KWh in the quarter under review. However, electricity generated from hydro sources declined from 950.1 million KWh in the third quarter of 2024 to 880.5 million KWh in the similar quarter of 2025.

Electricity sales during the review period increased by 9.0 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 to 2,976.2 million KWh compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024. Similarly, the total electricity imports increased from 359.5 million KWh in the third quarter of 2024 to 453.0 million KWh in the review period.

## Construction

Construction sector activities expanded by 6.7 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to a contraction of 2.6 per cent in the third quarter of 2024. Indicators in the construction sector pointed to increased activities in the sector. For instance, cement consumption increased by 16.2 per cent to stand at 2,664.1 thousand metric tonnes during the third quarter of 2025. In addition, iron and steel imports increased to 336,262.0 metric tonnes compared to 220,284.6 metric tonnes imported in a similar quarter of 2024. Similarly, the quantity of imported bitumen increased by 7.3 per cent to stand at 19,698.5 metric



**3.6%**

During the period under review, electricity and water supply sector grew by 3.6 per cent up from 0.9 per cent recorded in a similar quarter of 2024.



**6.7%**

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tonnes in the third quarter of 2025, from 18,353.0 metric tonnes imported during the corresponding quarter of 2024. Credit extended to enterprises in the construction sector improved from KSh 129.2 billion as at the end of September 2024 to KSh 195.3 billion as at the end of September 2025.

### Transportation and Storage



**5.2%**

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Transportation and Storage sector expanded by 5.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to a growth of 4.6 per cent in the corresponding quarter of 2024. The growth was largely supported by increased activities in water transport, road transport, and air transport.

The volume of goods handled at the Port of Mombasa, increased from 10,237.4 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 11,501.2 thousand metric tonnes in the period under review. Consumption of light diesel, a key input for land transportation, increased by 10.5 per cent to 633.1 thousand metric tonnes in the review period. Furthermore, the average diesel price remained relatively stable, recording a marginal increase of 0.2 per cent to stand at KSh 172.72 per litre. In air transport, visitor arrivals through the main international airports expanded by 9.9 per cent to 578,234 passengers in the third quarter of 2025 from 526,170 passengers in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

Performance in the railway transport sub-sector showed mixed trends. The number of passengers ferried through the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) increased by 8.6 per cent, rising from 650,352 passengers in the third quarter of 2024 to 706,385 passengers in the period under review. On the other hand, freight transported via SGR contracted marginally by 1.3 per cent, decreasing from 1,720.4 thousand metric tonnes in the third quarter of 2024 to 1,698.2 thousand metric tonnes in the quarter under review.

### Accommodation and Food Service Activities

During the quarter under review, the Accommodation and Food Service sector grew by 17.7 per cent compared to a growth of 22.9 per cent in the third quarter of 2024. The growth was majorly supported by increased visitor arrivals as Kenya co-hosted the African Nations Championship (CHAN) in the quarter under review. International visitor arrivals via the two major airports, the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and the Mombasa International Airport (MIA) increased by 9.9 per cent to stand at 578,234 passengers in the third quarter of 2025 compared to 526,170 passengers in a similar quarter of 2024.



**17.7%**

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### Information and Communication


Information and communication sector experienced a slowed growth in the quarter under review. During the third quarter of 2025, Information and communication sector grew by 4.5 per cent compared to a 6.9 per cent growth that was recorded in the same quarter of 2024. Domestic voice traffic increased by 14.2 per cent from 26.2 billion minutes in the third quarter of 2024 to 29.9 billion minutes during the quarter under review. Similarly, domestic Short Messaging Services (SMSs) increased by 7.3 per cent to 14.7 billion messages in the third quarter of 2025.



**4.5%**

Activities in the Information and Communication sector grew by 4.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to 6.9 per cent growth in the similar quarter of 2024.

Additionally, mobile money transactions increased by 5.2 per cent, to reach 646.86 million transactions in the third quarter of 2025. However, further growth was held back by a substantial decline in total utilized international bandwidth from 17,411.66 Gigabits per second (Gbps) in the third quarter of 2024 to 14,066.33 Gbps in the quarter under review.



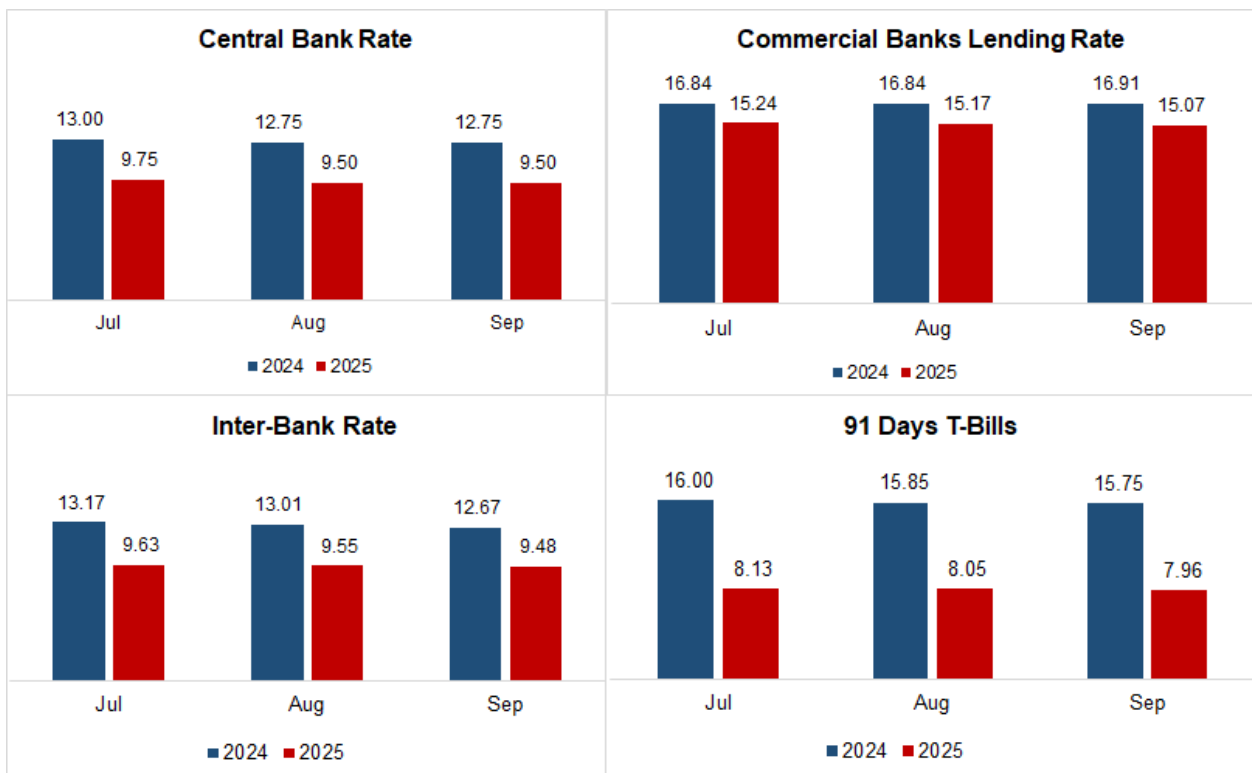

**5.4%**

Financial and Insurance sector grew by 5.4 per cent in the third quarter of 2025 compared to 7.3 per cent in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

### Financial and Insurance Activities

Financial and Insurance sector recorded a slower growth of 5.4 per cent in the quarter under review, compared to a growth of 7.3 per cent recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2024. The Central Bank Rate was revised downwards from 12.75 per cent in September 2024 to 9.50 per cent in September 2025 to stimulate lending to private sector and support economic activities. In the review period, the cost of credit eased as average interest rates on loans and other advances by commercial banks declined from 16.91 per cent in September 2024 to 15.07 per cent in September 2025. The inter-bank rate declined from 12.67 per cent in September 2024 to 9.48 per cent in September 2025. The average yield for 91 Days Treasury Bills stood at 7.96 per cent in September 2025 from 15.75 per cent in September 2024.

Figure 4: Trends in Selected Interest Rates, July to September, %

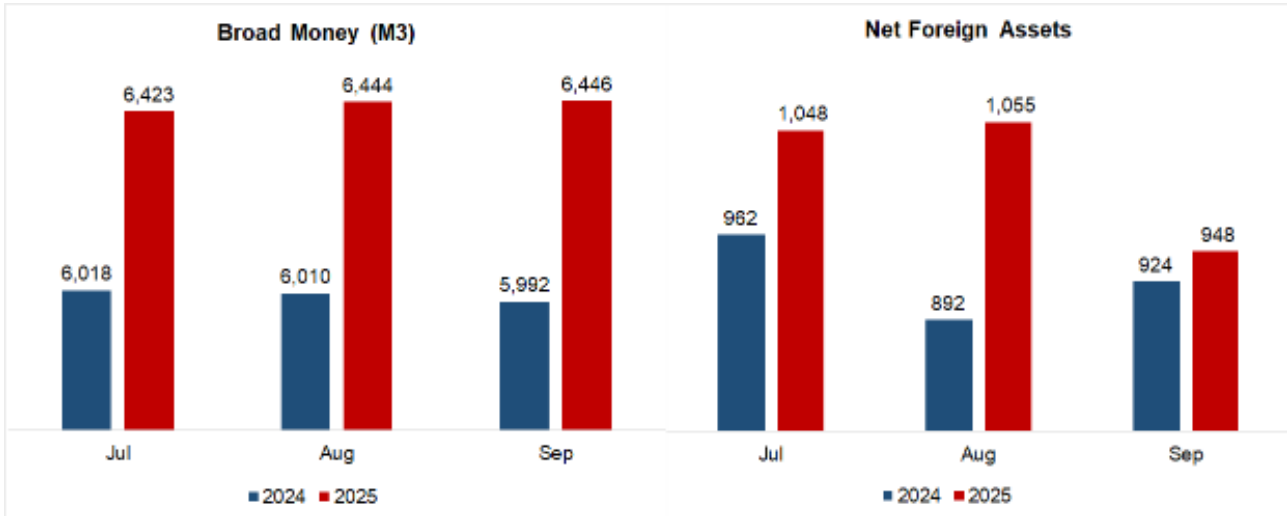



**7.5%**

Broad money supply (M3) grew by 7.5 per cent to KSh 6,443.7 billion as at end of September 2025 on account of growth in demand deposits (20.5 per cent) and quasi monetary deposits (6.2 per cent).

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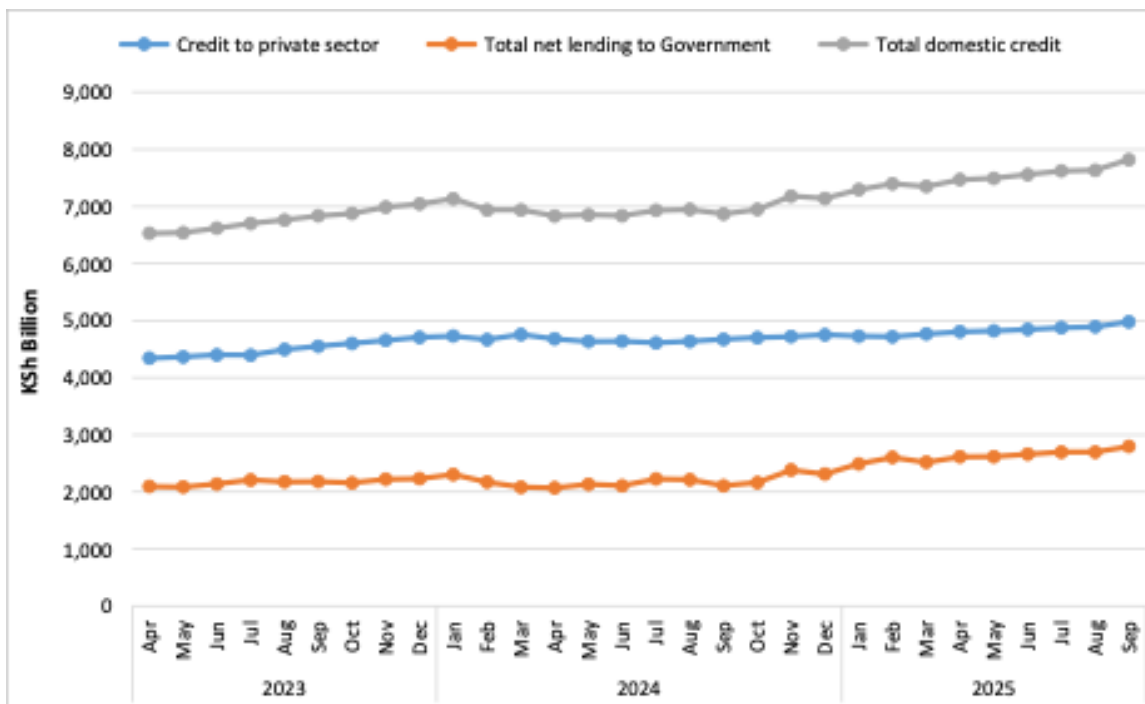
Figure 5: Money Supply and Net Foreign Assets, July to September, KSh billion



Total domestic credit registered a growth of 13.9 per cent from KSh 6,868.4 billion in September 2024 to KSh 7,820.3 billion in September 2025. This growth was supported by credit to private sector and total net lending to

Government that grew by 6.6 per cent and 32.5 per cent, respectively, over the review period. Credit advanced to County Governments increased from KSh 7.2 billion in September 2024 to KSh 13.9 billion in September 2025.

Figure 6: Domestic credit, April 2023 to September 2025, billion



Note: Net lending to Government includes lending to National Government and County Governments

The number of shares traded in the Nairobi Securities Exchange more than doubled from 334 million in September 2024 to 848 million in September 2025. Correspondingly, the total value of shares traded increased

from KSh 5.0 billion in September 2024 to KSh 122.9 billion in September 2025. The NSE 20 Share Index grew by more than half to 2,973 points in September 2025.

**Figure 7: NSE 20-Share Index and Value of Shares Traded, April 2023 to September 2025**

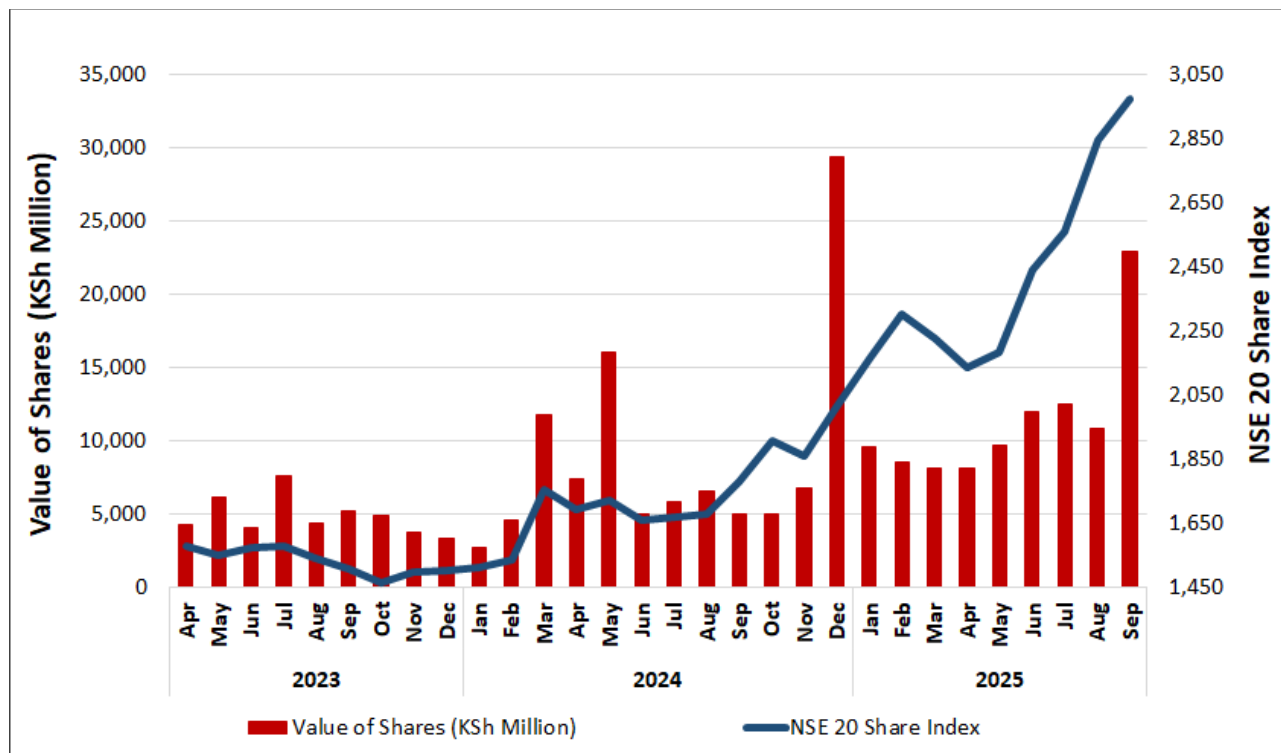






Table 3: Gross Domestic Product by Activity, Growth Rates

Year	Quarter	Percentage Changes (%)																					
		Agriculture	Mining & Quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity & Water Supply	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Accommodation & Food Services	Transportation & Storage	Information & Communication	Financial & Insurance	Public Administration	Professional, Admin & Support Services	Real Estate	Education	Health	Other Services	FISIM	All Industries at Basic Prices	Taxes on Products	GDP at Market Prices	GDP, Seasonally Adjusted	
2020	1	4.6	5.5	-0.3	0.6	10.1	-0.4	-47.7	-8.0	6.0	5.9	7.0	-13.7	4.1	-9.2	5.6	-14.6	-1.8	0.5	-8.0	-0.3		
	2	-0.4	18.0	7.3	5.6	6.7	8.0	52.6	7.4	6.1	11.5	6.0	7.1	6.7	22.8	8.9	12.5	5.3	7.2	11.9	7.6		
	3	-1.5	9.3	2.6	5.5	4.1	3.5	26.8	5.8	9.0	12.0	5.1	9.5	4.5	5.2	3.4	6.5	0.2	4.7	6.7	4.9		
	4	6.6	-6.5	2.2	3.2	3.0	3.3	33.6	5.5	10.3	10.1	5.0	9.9	7.3	2.9	4.5	4.3	2.7	6.0	3.2	5.7		
2021	1	4.6	-9.2	2.8	1.9	-0.7	3.8	25.7	4.4	7.0	7.6	8.2	6.2	5.3	3.9	6.3	4.7	9.0	4.8	4.4	4.7		
	2	4.8	6.6	1.7	1.4	10.1	5.3	-11.5	1.9	8.5	6.4	4.6	2.4	4.3	5.6	6.7	-3.7	-4.0	4.5	5.6	4.6		
	3	8.1	4.0	-5.1	-4.5	6.9	-3.9	-59.9	-17.0	5.3	3.6	4.4	-25.7	3.7	-21.4	8.5	-23.9	-0.4	-2.4	-20.7	-4.1		
	4	-4.4	5.6	-2.0	0.9	10.2	-5.0	-64.0	-10.4	4.6	3.1	8.3	-18.3	3.8	-16.5	4.2	-13.9	-2.2	-3.1	-8.5	-3.6		
2022	1	9.3	5.9	4.1	4.7	13.0	1.8	-56.2	-6.5	5.8	9.9	10.4	-12.0	4.6	-4.8	3.4	-17.2	-0.8	3.0	-7.1	2.0		
	2	-0.6	10.4	2.0	3.9	6.2	8.8	-28.3	-7.9	5.1	10.1	7.2	-12.3	6.0	12.0	7.9	-8.5	5.9	2.3	2.4	2.4		
	3	-1.8	10.6	11.1	7.7	6.9	10.3	69.7	18.5	11.8	13.2	8.2	20.0	6.8	34.4	9.5	28.6	3.6	9.6	19.2	10.3		
	4	-0.6	16.0	10.5	7.1	6.7	6.6	145.1	14.6	1.4	10.6	5.3	15.3	7.1	30.9	7.1	17.5	5.0	9.1	12.5	9.4		
2023	1	2.1	35.5	6.2	3.8	7.0	6.7	120.8	7.0	6.9	11.8	3.7	9.6	6.8	18.4	10.8	16.9	6.5	8.1	14.6	8.6		
	2	-0.9	18.2	3.6	3.2	6.0	4.5	35.9	6.7	8.1	16.4	6.5	13.3	4.8	4.5	4.8	9.2	0.4	5.7	8.3	5.9		
	3	-2.1	16.3	3.6	5.9	4.5	3.7	40.1	6.5	10.1	15.3	4.3	11.1	4.1	4.6	3.2	5.0	0.3	4.8	5.4	4.9		
	4	-1.1	16.5	1.9	6.7	3.5	3.3	16.0	5.4	10.7	8.7	4.2	9.1	4.1	4.4	2.4	6.6	0.1	4.4	6.8	4.6		
2024	1	-1.7	-9.8	1.5	6.2	2.5	2.7	21.9	4.8	7.4	8.8	5.7	5.3	4.8	7.0	3.3	5.4	0.2	3.9	6.2	4.1		
	2	6.5	-10.6	2.1	3.8	1.4	3.7	46.3	6.8	10.4	4.7	8.4	8.6	6.6	3.6	4.8	4.1	0.4	5.7	2.7	5.4		
	3	7.9	-8.1	2.0	3.1	1.4	2.8	42.3	3.8	8.4	11.1	4.0	6.7	7.5	2.9	4.2	3.0	5.1	5.7	3.0	5.5		
	4	5.1	0.6	2.8	3.8	4.1	3.7	34.5	4.5	9.8	13.7	5.0	10.1	7.8	2.6	4.5	6.3	8.2	6.1	3.1	5.9		
2025	1	6.3	-7.5	1.8	2.0	4.9	3.0	18.9	7.2	12.5	10.7	3.0	13.7	7.3	2.5	4.5	3.9	-2.0	6.3	3.7	6.1		
	2	5.6	-16.1	1.9	2.8	0.4	3.6	38.1	4.1	9.2	9.6	7.5	9.4	6.9	2.4	5.4	5.1	15.4	5.1	2.9	4.9		
	3	4.5	-5.5	3.2	1.2	-3.7	2.5	35.0	3.4	6.7	8.0	9.0	6.7	5.9	3.2	8.1	4.8	10.3	4.6	3.8	4.6		
	4	4.0	-12.2	2.3	0.9	-2.6	2.6	22.9	4.6	6.9	7.3	7.3	4.5	4.8	4.8	6.2	4.9	11.0	4.0	6.3	4.2		
2026	1	4.3	-2.3	3.9	2.7	2.9	6.4	10.9	5.6	5.6	6.0	9.2	4.7	3.6	5.4	5.6	4.0	0.7	5.2	4.5	5.1		
	2	6.0	10.8	2.1	3.6	3.0	5.4	4.1	3.7	5.8	5.2	6.5	4.6	5.3	2.9	4.8	3.0	2.4	4.8	5.7	4.9		
	3	4.4	15.3	1.0	5.7	5.7	4.1	7.8	5.4	6.0	6.7	6.0	8.5	5.5	3.2	6.8	1.8	1.8	5.1	3.3	5.0		
	4	3.2	16.6	2.5	3.6	6.7	4.8	17.7	5.2	4.5	5.4	5.1	6.1	5.7	3.4	4.1	6.2	3.6	5.0	3.7	4.9		



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