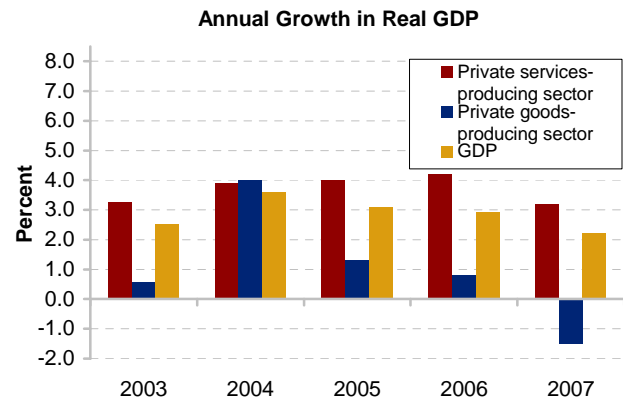


## Downturn in Finance and Insurance Restrains Real GDP Growth in 2007

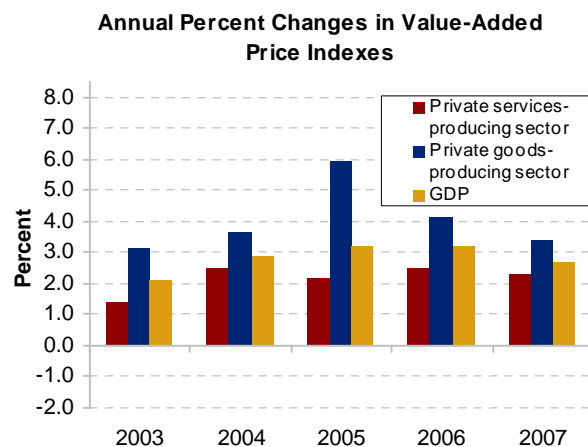
In 2007, weakness in four industry groups: finance and insurance; real estate; construction; and mining accounted for most of the slowdown in economic growth, according to preliminary industry accounts statistics from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

- Growth in the services sector slowed to 3.2 percent in 2007, down from 4.2 percent in 2006, mainly because of a downturn in finance and insurance and a deceleration in real estate and rental and leasing.
- Real value added for the goods sector fell 1.5 percent in 2007, compared with an increase of 0.8 percent in 2006; construction value added fell 12.1 percent after falling 6.0 percent in 2006.
- Information-communications-technology industries increased 13.2 percent in 2007, the fourth consecutive year of double-digit growth for these industries.



Growth in the GDP price index slowed in 2007, reflecting slowing value-added price growth for the private goods-producing sector.

- Prices in the goods sector rose 3.4 percent in 2007, compared with 4.1 percent in 2006.
- Price growth in the services sector slowed, primarily due to utilities, which increased 2.8 percent in 2007 after increasing 12.1 percent in the previous year.
- A sharp upturn in price growth for agriculture and forestry moderated the overall slowdown in goods prices.



BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov). [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: These statistics incorporate data from the March 2008 update of the National Income and Product Accounts. They will be revised in December 2008 when more accurate and detailed industry data become available. For more information on these GDP-by-industry statistics, see the May, 2008 *Survey of Current Business*.