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Bosnia and Herzegovina

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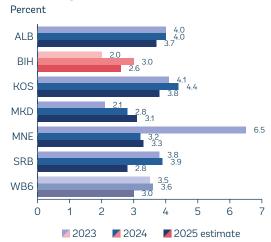
Public debt remains modest. However, average real income growth of just 3 percent per year since 2015 has left per capita GDP at only one-third of the EU average in 2024, limiting progress in poverty reduction. Economic vulnerability persists, with 40 percent of adults reporting they could not cover expenses for more than a month if their main income was lost. Increase in minimum wage has provided some relief to those with lower income.

Looking ahead, Bosnia and Herzegovina faces key challenges: accelerating structural reforms, improving the business climate, and boosting labor market inclusion, especially for vulnerable groups. The outlook is subject to downside risks from global economic uncertainty and political instability in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bosnia and Herzegovina faces real challenges, from political instability slowing reforms to rising prices and global uncertainty. While consumption continues to support growth in the short term, lasting progress will depend on stronger investment, quality jobs, and steady reforms, especially as the country moves toward EU integration. Staying focused and adaptable will be key to overcoming risks and building a more resilient future.

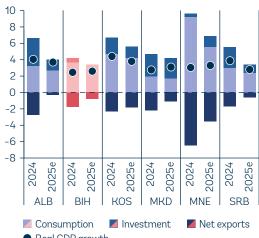
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Annual Growth Composition

Percentage point



Real GDP growth
Source: National statistical offices and World Bank estimates.

Note: WB6 = Western Balkans six; e = estimate.



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