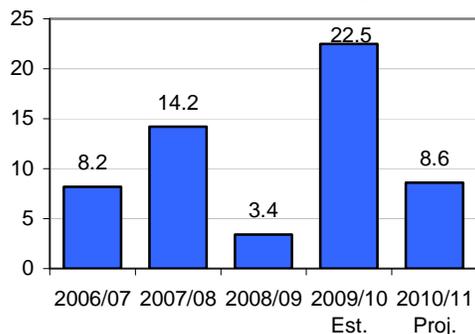
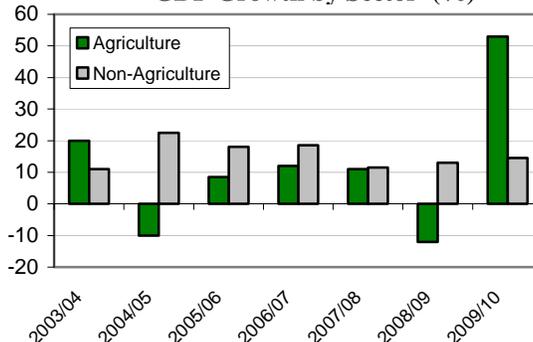


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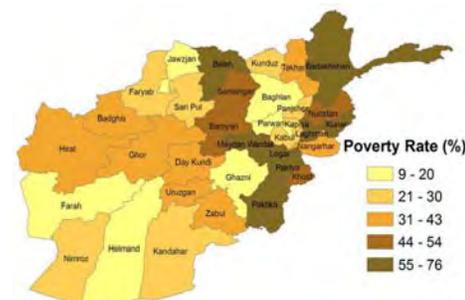
GDP Growth (%)



GDP Growth by Sector (%)



Poverty Rate by District



GDP: 13.9bn US\$ in 2009; 22.5% estimated annual **GDP growth** in 2009/10. GDP growth is driven by a rebound in the agriculture sector (from 12% of GDP in 2008/09 to 53% in 2009/10) due to abundant and well distributed rain fall. Wheat production increased and services continued to grow in double digits.

Inflation: -12% annual change in 2009/10 primarily due to plummeted cereal prices, which account for 28% of the basket. Outlook for 2010/11 is a 2.3% increase in inflation.

Exports as % of GDP: -16.3% proj for 2009/2010 down from 13.5% in 2008/2009. Estimated to rebound to 9.9% in 2010/11. The nominal value of exports are projected to collapse by 40% mainly driven by dry fruits and carpets.

FDI: 1.4% of GDP in 2009/10; 2.5 in 2008/09; 2.5 in 2008/09

External debt: 10.0% of GDP in 2009/10 down from 19.2 in 2008/09.

Local **production of Opium** fell by 10% in 2009 & the area under cultivation is estimated to have decreased by 22%. Poppy cultivation decreased in the last 2 years due to more aggressive counter-narcotics offensive by NATO troops in ISAF and by Afghan national authorities. Progress is also due to initiatives such as the creation of food zones to promote legal crops.

In 2009, **opium income** accounted for 3x wheat income, down from 27x what income in 2003.

Of the 2,186 **casualties** recorded from January to November 2009, 69% were attributed to Anti-government elements and 23 per cent to Pro-government forces.

Average Annual **Income** per capita: \$370 US in 2009

Unemployment is estimated at 35% in 2008, down from 40% in 2005

Population: 29.1m 2010 est; 51% male; 55% under the age of 20

Ethnic Groups: Pashtun 42%, Tajik 27%, Hazara 9%, Uzbek 9%, Aimak 4%, Turkmen 3%, Baloch 2%, other 4% Pashtun 42%, Tajik 27%, Hazara 9%, Uzbek 9%, Aimak 4%, Turkmen 3%, Baloch 2%, other 4%

Fertility rate: 7.1 children per women; more than three times the replacement rate of 2.3.

Poverty: 42% of population is living below the poverty line. 20% is living slightly above the poverty line and 45% of the population is experiencing food poverty.

Life Expectancy: Afghanistan has the third lowest life expectancy in the world at 44 years at birth.

Mortality: Afghanistan has the third highest Child Mortality in the world at 257 deaths per 1,000 births.

Only 23% have **access to safe drinking water**. This is the lowest globally. Only 12% have access to **adequate sanitation**.

Literacy: Only 24% of the population aged 15+ can read and write. **Female literacy** is estimated at 18%.

Primary school enrollment (net): 74% male; 46% female in 2004-2008.