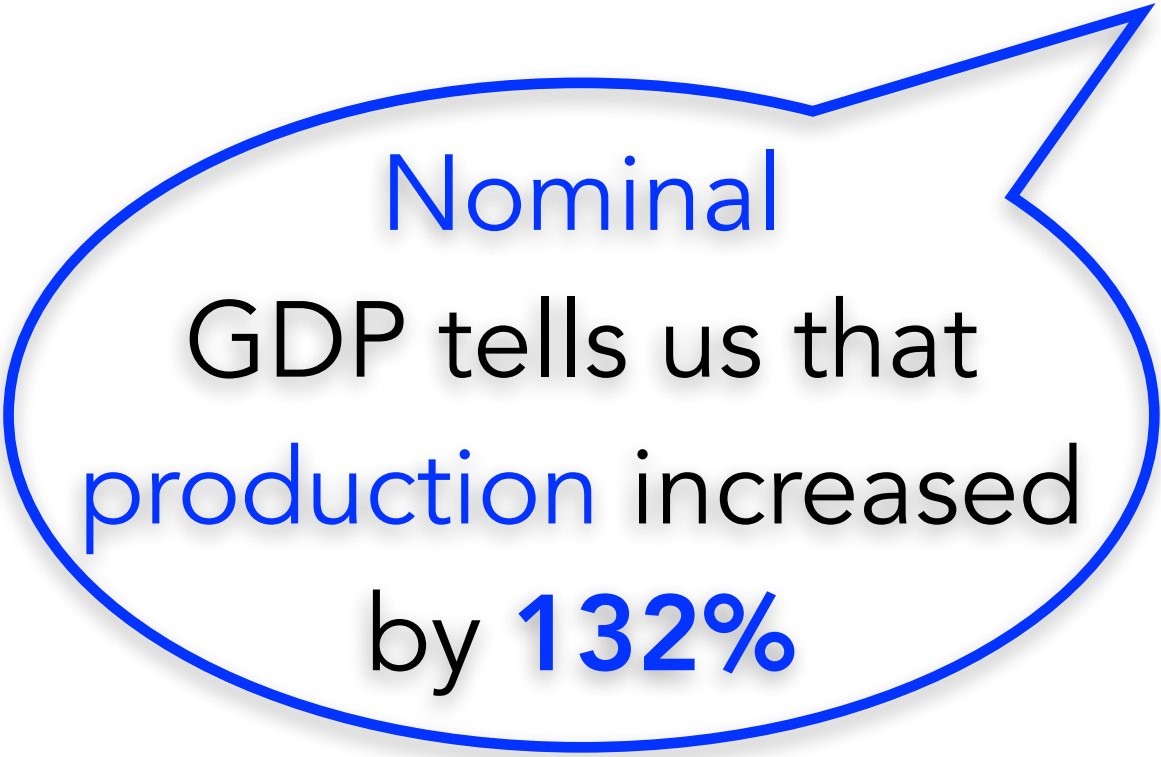




Comparing Real and Nominal GDP

Year
1
2
3
4





Nominal  
GDP tells us that  
production increased  
by **132%**



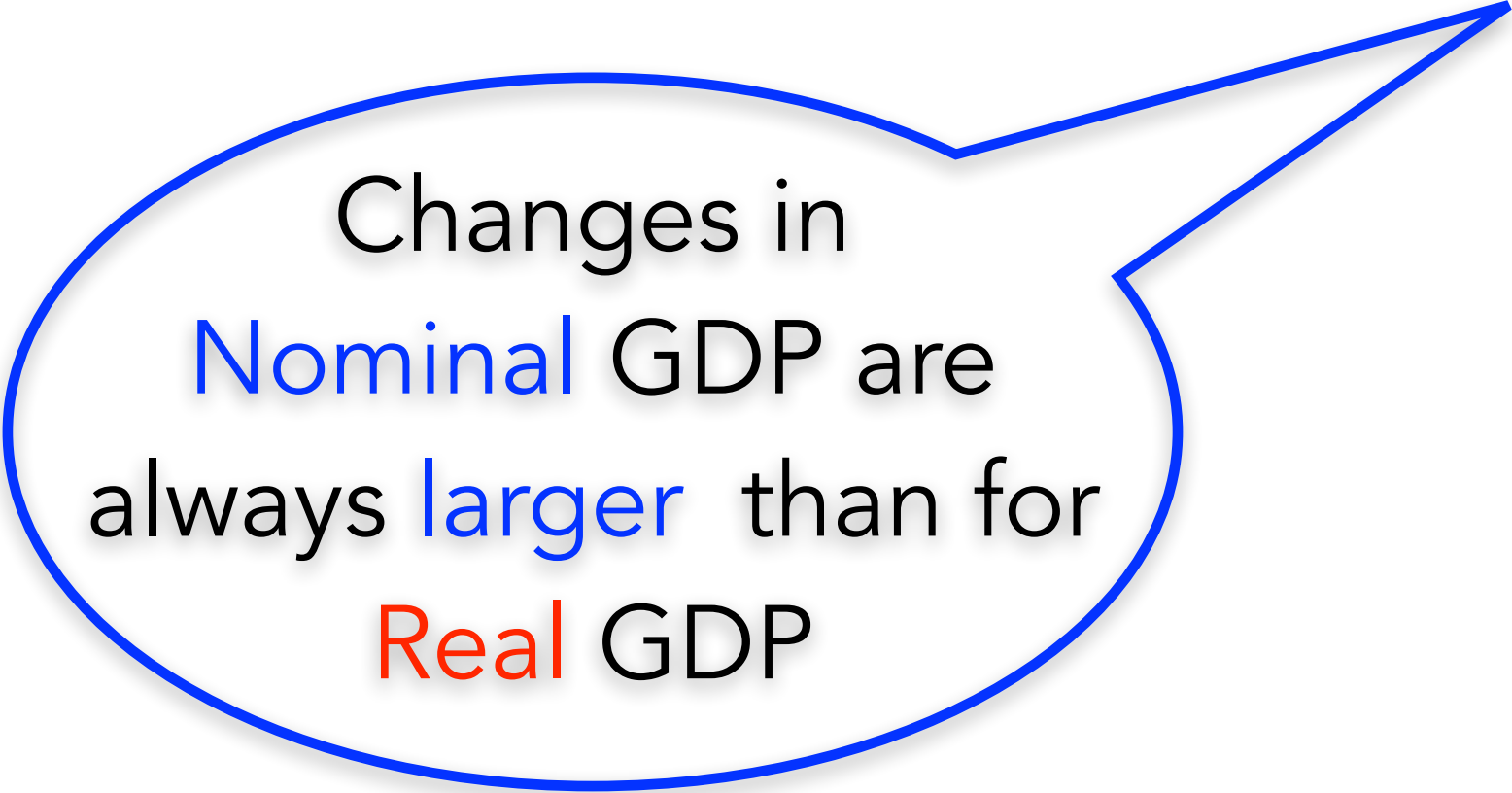
Real GDP tells us  
that production  
increased by 16%

In fact, the **combined**  
increase in **both** prices and  
quantities was **132%**

Since we keep prices the  
**same**, the increase in  
quantities **alone** was **16%**



Real GDP gives us an accurate measure of the actual change in quantities without the distorting effect of prices

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Changes in  
Nominal GDP are  
always larger than for  
Real GDP





Changes in **Nominal** GDP reflect  
the **combined** change in **both**  
prices and quantities

Changes in Real GDP  
reflect changes in  
quantity only

Year
1
2
3
4

# Nominal GDP

131

304

692

1,552



Year	Nominal GDP
1	131
2	304
3	692
4	1,552

# % Increase Nominal GDP

132.1

127.6

124.3

Year	Nominal GDP	% Increase Nominal GDP
1	131	
2	304	132.1
3	692	127.6
4	1,552	124.3

Real GDP
131
152
173
194

Year	Nominal GDP	% Increase Nominal GDP	Real GDP
1	131		131
2	304	132.1	152
3	692	127.6	173
4	1,552	124.3	194

# % Increase Real GDP

16.0

13.8

12.1

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Changes in Real GDP reflect changes in quantity only

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