

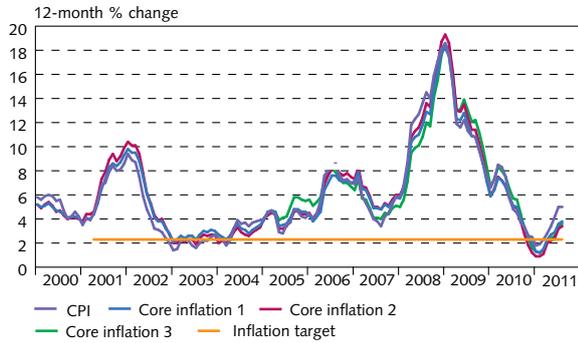
Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland
August 2011

I Inflation and inflation expectations

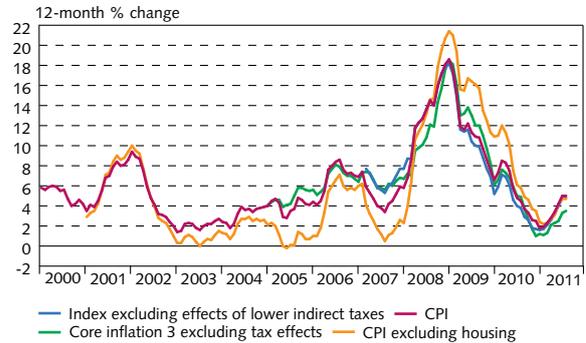
I-1 Consumer price inflation and core inflation



Overall index and measures of underlying inflation. Core Index 1 excludes prices of agricultural products and petrol, and Core Index 2 excludes prices of public services as well. Core Index 3 is Core Index 2 excluding the effects of changes in real interest rates on the housing component of the CPI.

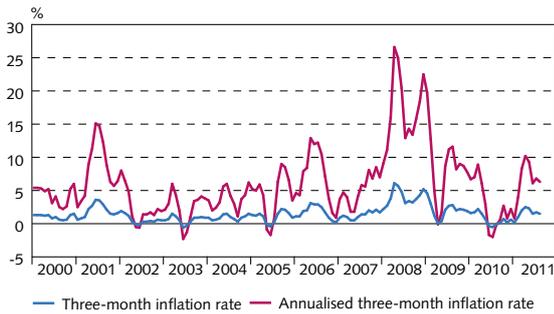
Monthly data.
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

I-2 Inflation: various measurements



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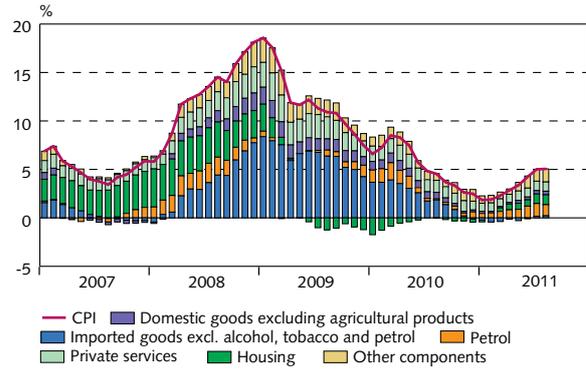
I-3 Seasonally adjusted inflation



This inflation measurement is very volatile but indicates how inflation pressures are developing. Monthly data.

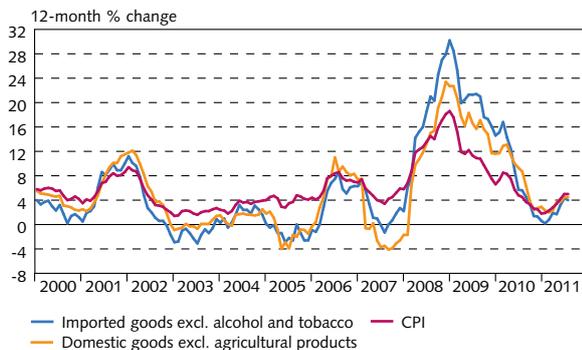
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I-4 Components of CPI inflation



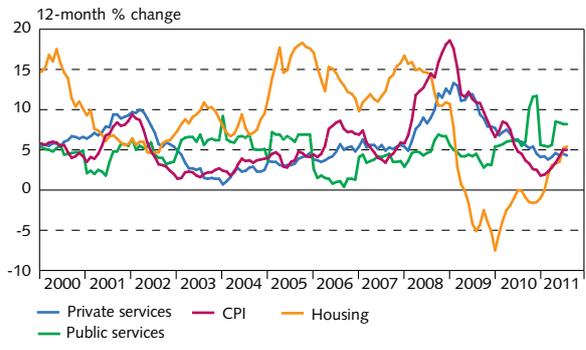
Contribution of individual items to 12-month inflation. Monthly data.
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-5 Price developments: goods



Monthly data.
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-6 Price developments: housing and services

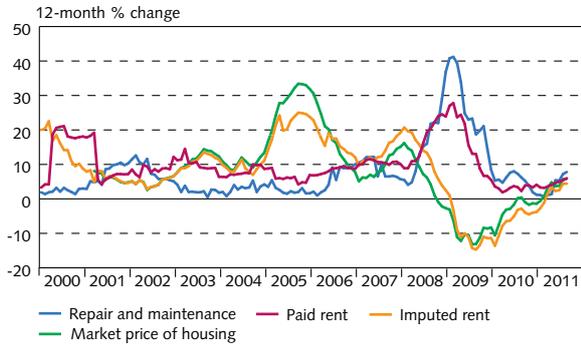


Monthly data.
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I Inflation and inflation expectations

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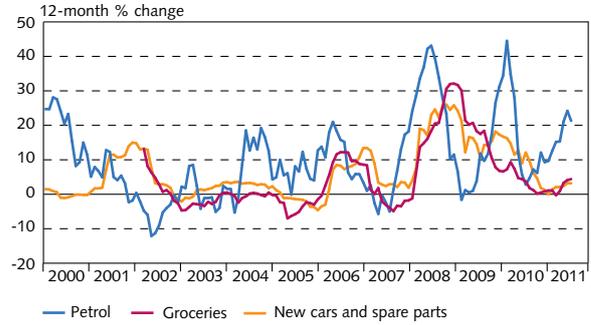
Price developments: housing



Monthly data.
Source: Statistics Iceland.

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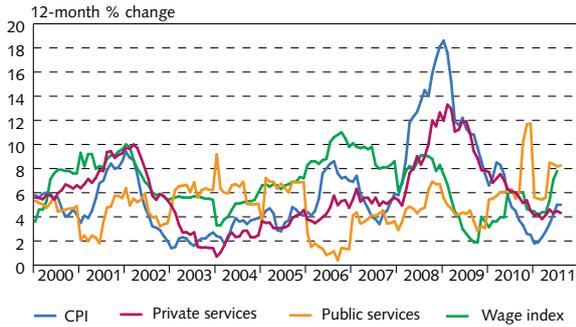
Price developments: various components



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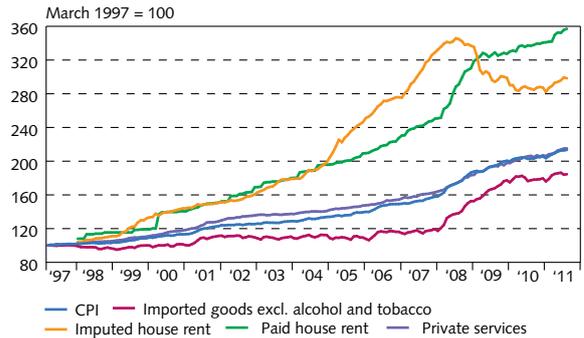
Price and wage developments: wages, inflation and services



Monthly data.
Source: Statistics Iceland.

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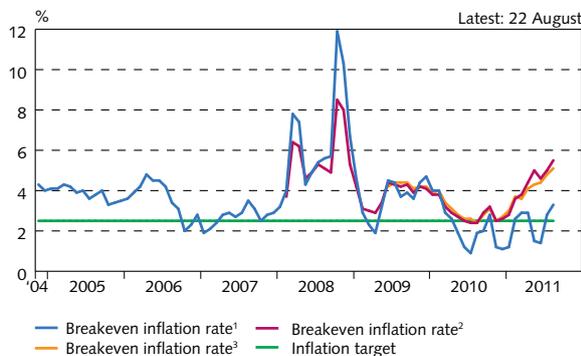
Price developments: goods, housing and services



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Source: Statistics Iceland.

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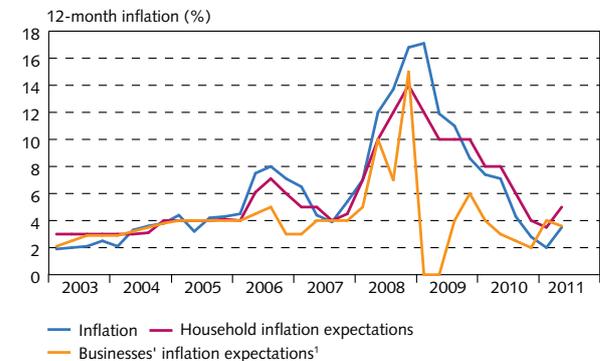
Breakeven inflation rate



Breakeven inflation rate at month-end, is calculated from 1) RIKB 13 0517 and HFF 150914; 2) RIKB 19 0226 and HFF 150224; and 3) RIKB 25 0612 and HFF 150434.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Inflation expectations of businesses and households one year ahead and current inflation

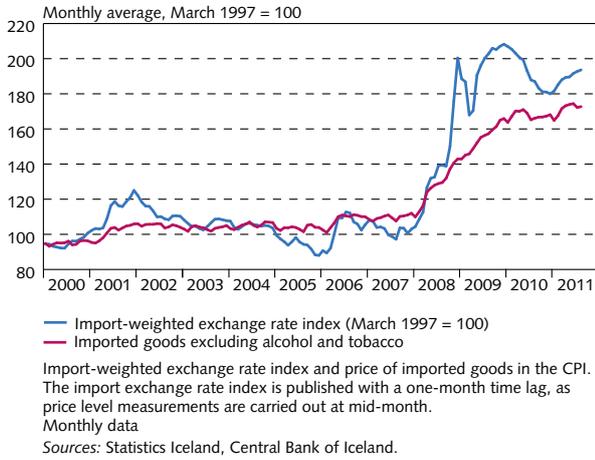


1. Inflation expectations according to surveys carried out by Capacent Gallup. Respondents are asked about inflation 12 months ahead and median figures are used. Businesses' inflation expectations were measured on an irregular basis before Q3/2006 until then, measurements are interpolated. Quarterly data.
Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland.

I Inflation and inflation expectations

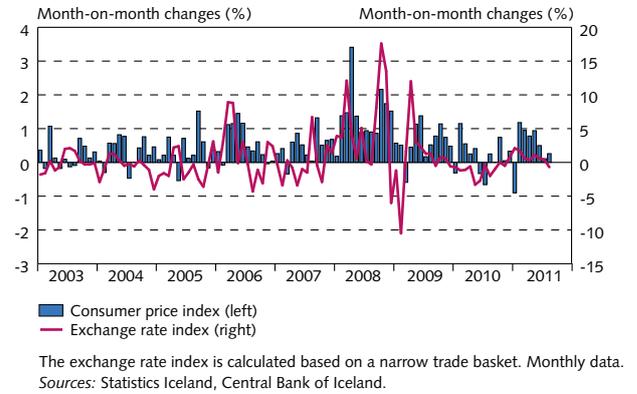
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Import price levels and exchange rate developments



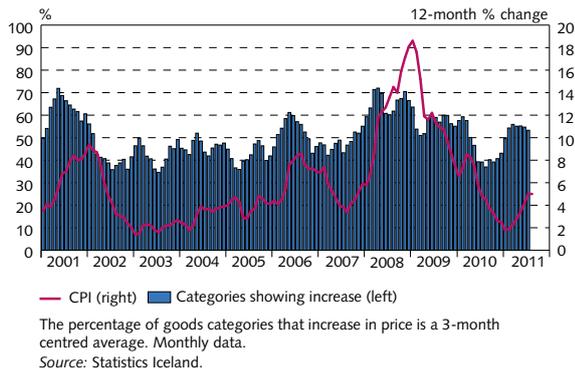
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Price level and exchange rate developments



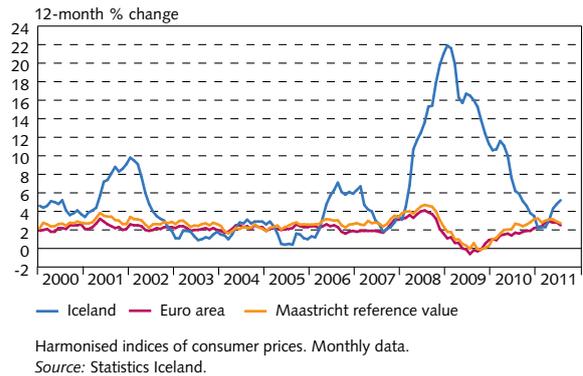
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Distribution of price increases in the CPI



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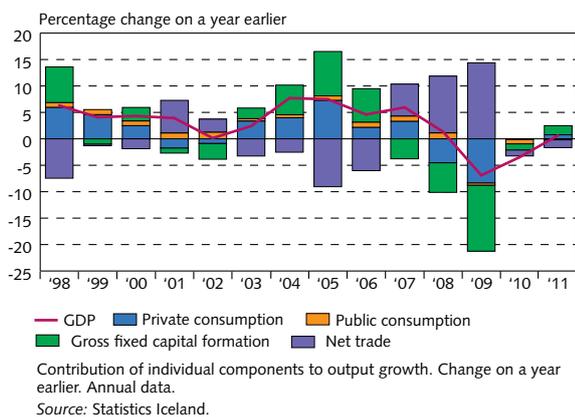
Inflation in Iceland and Europe



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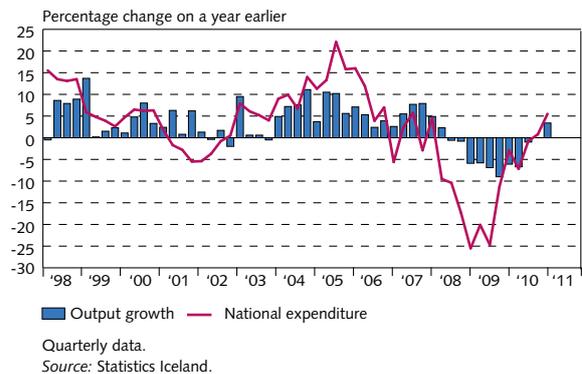
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Gross domestic product



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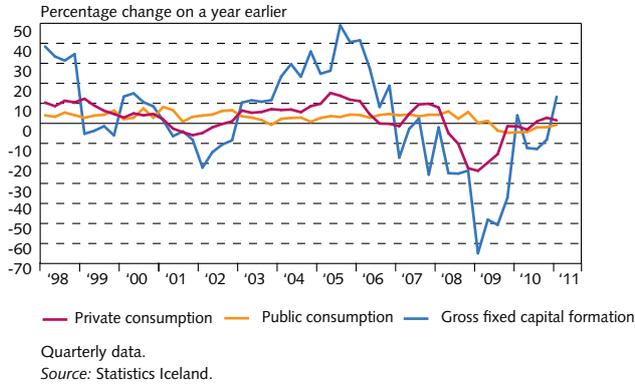
Output growth and national expenditure



II Output and demand

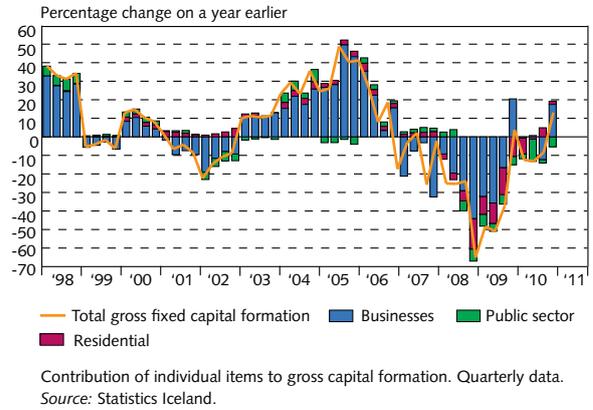
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Private consumption, public consumption and gross fixed capital formation



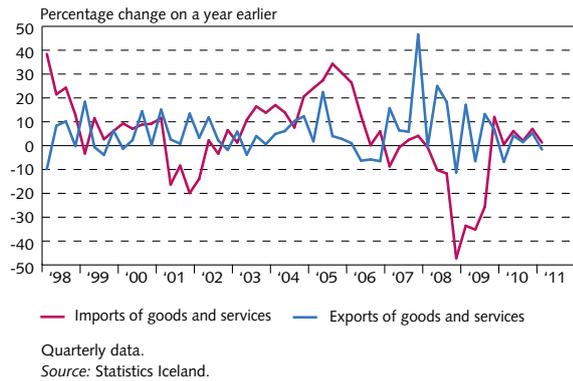
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Gross fixed capital formation



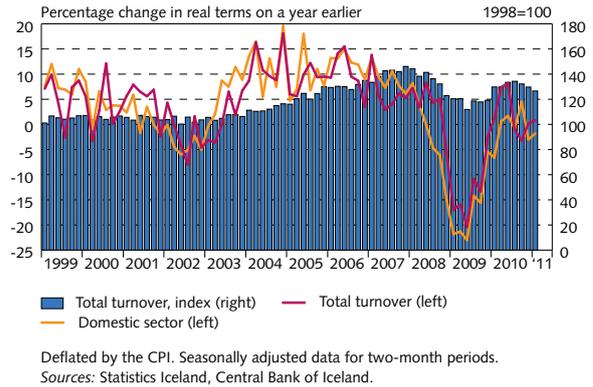
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Foreign trade



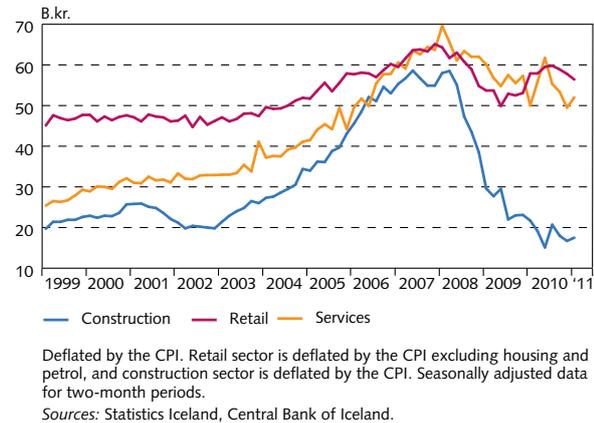
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Turnover according to VAT returns



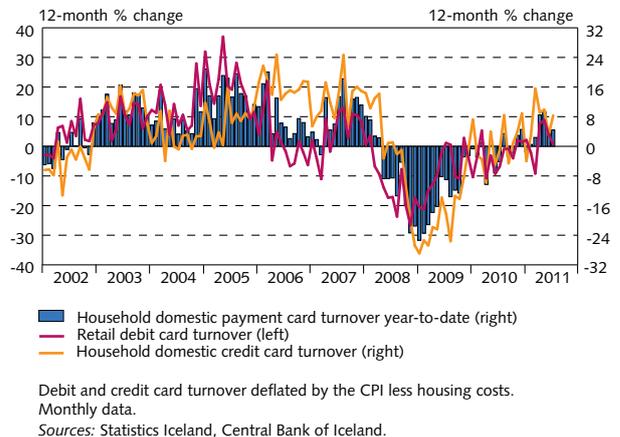
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Turnover according to VAT returns: several components



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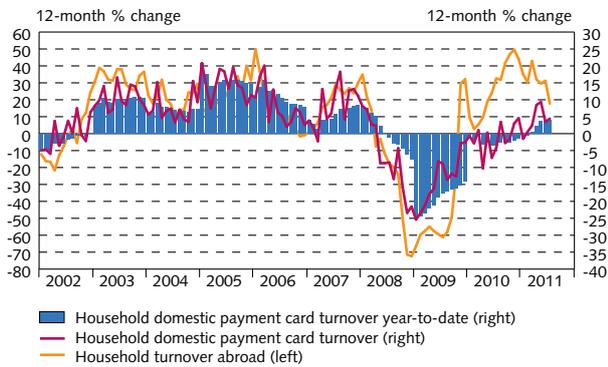
Payment card turnover



II Output and demand

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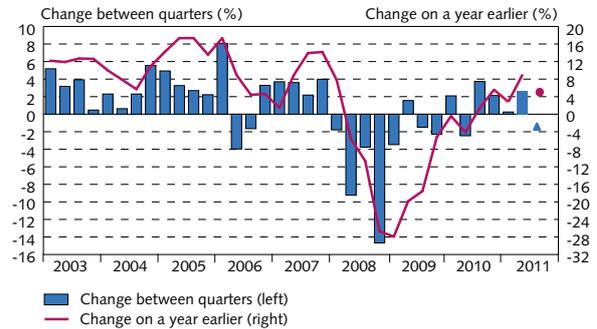
Payment card turnover



Debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Turnover abroad is deflated by the exchange rate index. Monthly data.
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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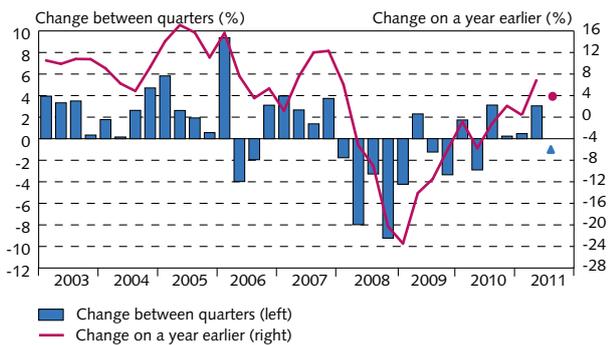
Total household payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q3 2011 are for July.
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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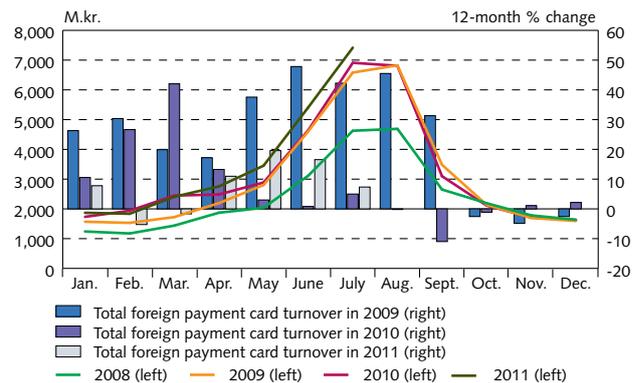
Household domestic payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted domestic debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q3 2011 are for July.
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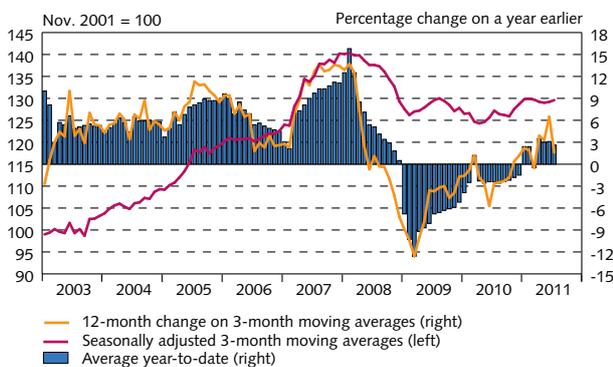
Foreign payment card turnover in Iceland



Foreign payment card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Monthly data.
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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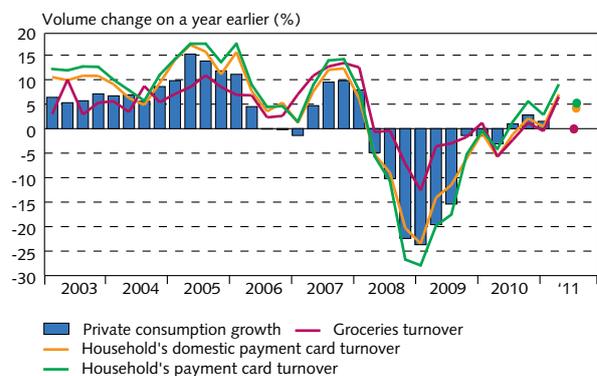
Groceries turnover



Deflated by price of groceries in CPI. Monthly data.
Sources: Icelandic Centre for Retail Studies, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Private consumption, groceries and payment card turnover

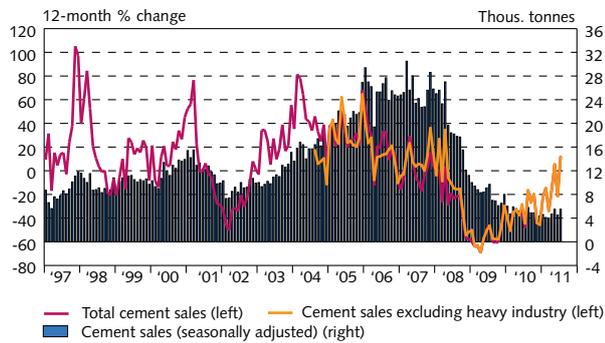


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II Output and demand

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Cement sales

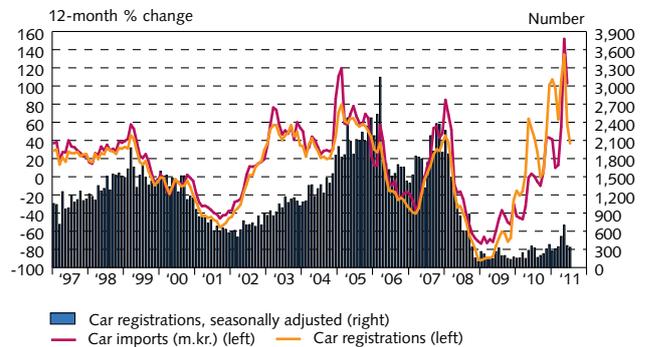


3-month moving average. Monthly data.

Sources: Aalborg Portland hf., BM Vallá, Sementsverksmiðjan hf., Central Bank of Iceland.

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Importation and new registration of motor vehicles

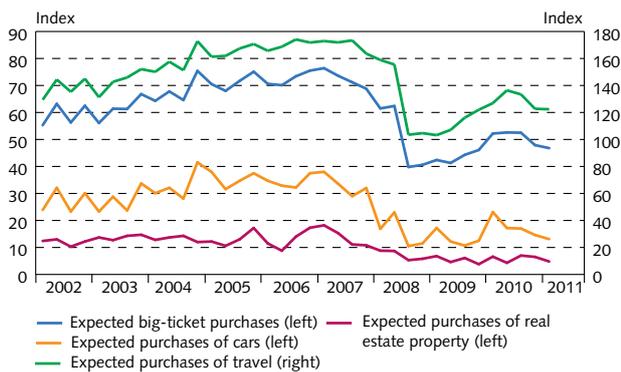


3-month moving average. New motor vehicle registrations include new and used vehicles in all categories (passenger cars, motor coaches, and delivery and transport vehicles). Monthly data.

Sources: Bilgreinasambandið, Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Indices of expected big-ticket purchases

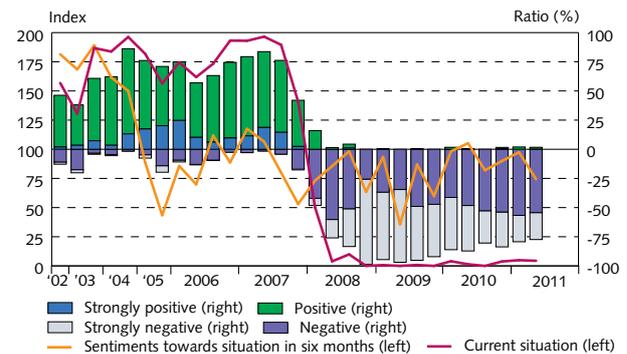


Indices of expected big-ticket purchases are based on Capacent Gallup consumer sentiment survey. The index for expected big-ticket purchases is an average of the other three indices. Quarterly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Capacent Gallup Business Sentiment Indices

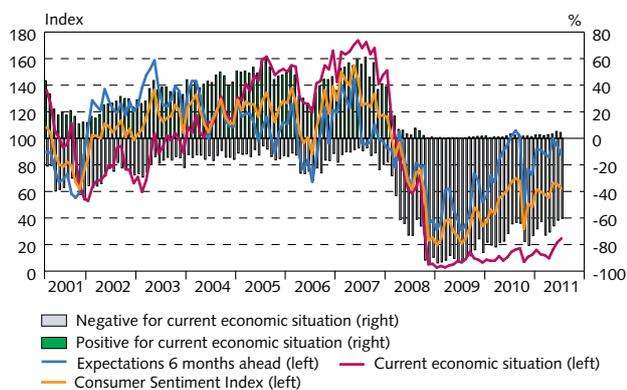


The Business sentiment indices are based upon Capacent Gallup's survey of the largest companies in Iceland. The columns show the sentiments towards the current situation in the economy.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Consumer sentiment (Gallup)

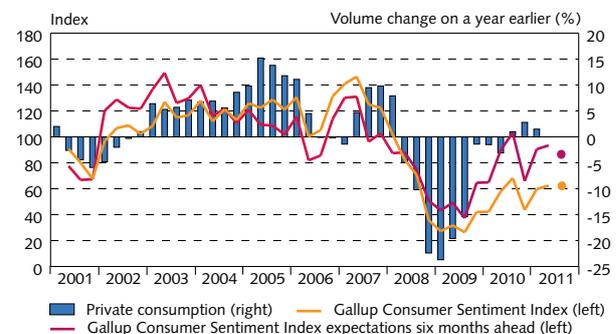


Monthly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Private consumption and Gallup Consumer Sentiment Index



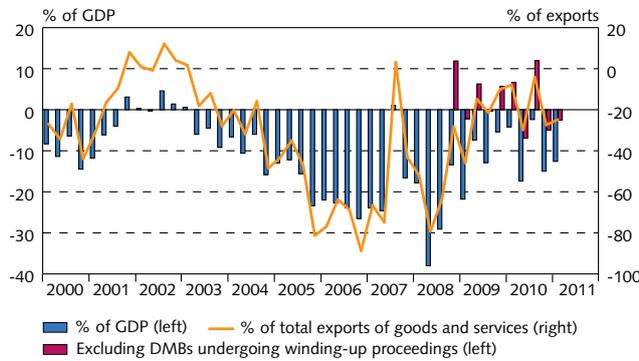
Points show value for July. Quarterly data.

Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland.

III Foreign trade and external economic conditions

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Current account balance

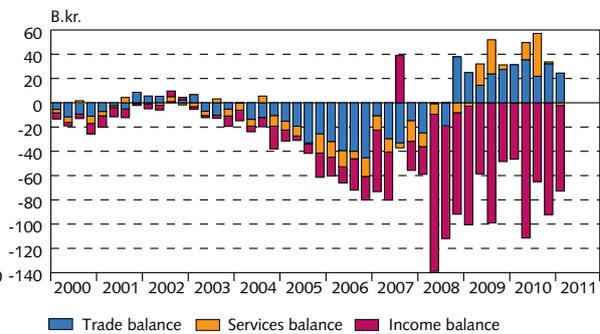


Quarterly data.

Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Components of current account

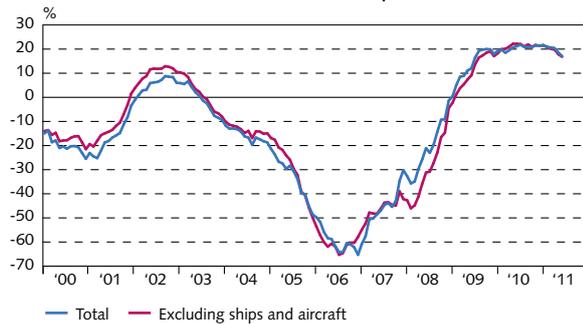


Net current transfers are included in factor income. Quarterly data.

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Merchandise trade balance as percentage of merchandise exports

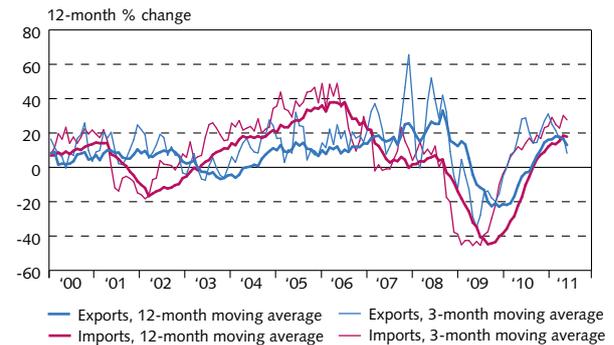


12-month moving averages. Monthly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

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Merchandise imports and exports at constant exchange rates

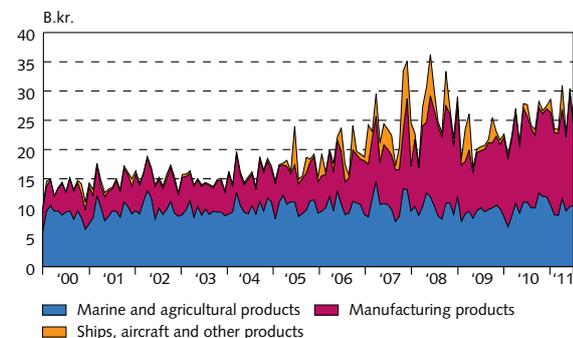


Monthly data.

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Components of merchandise exports

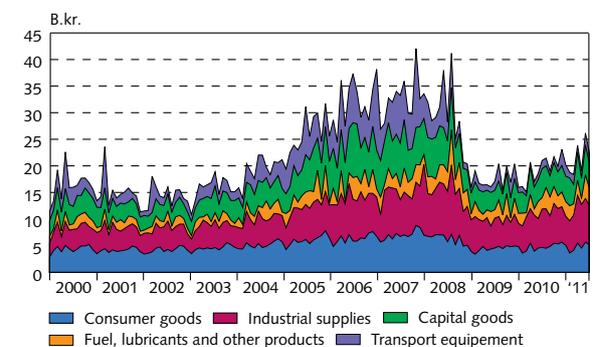


Merchandise export values at constant exchange rates based on monthly average export-weighted exchange rate index (broad trade basket). Monthly data.

Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Components of merchandise imports



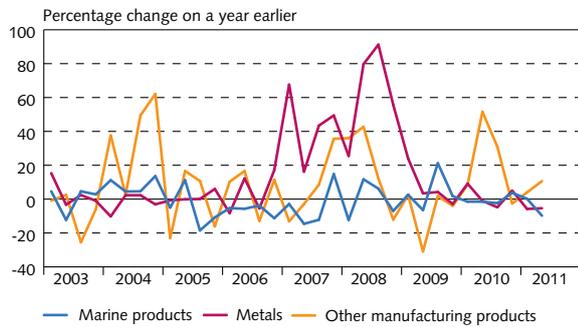
Merchandise import values at constant exchange rates based on import-weighted exchange rate index (broad trade basket). Monthly data.

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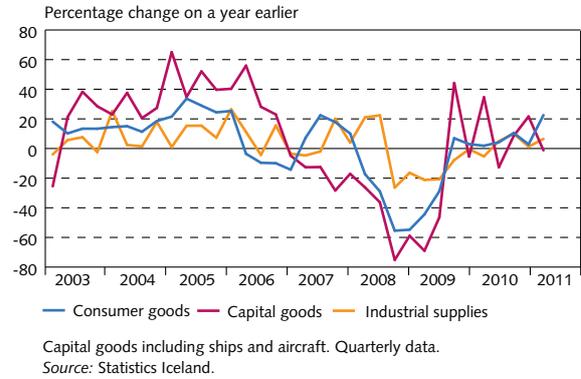
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Volume changes on main export products



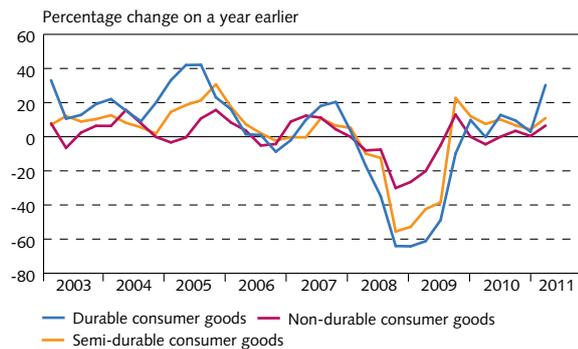
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Volume changes on main import products



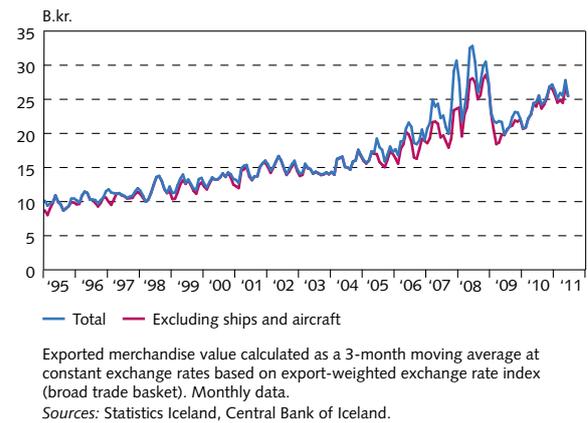
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Volume changes on import products



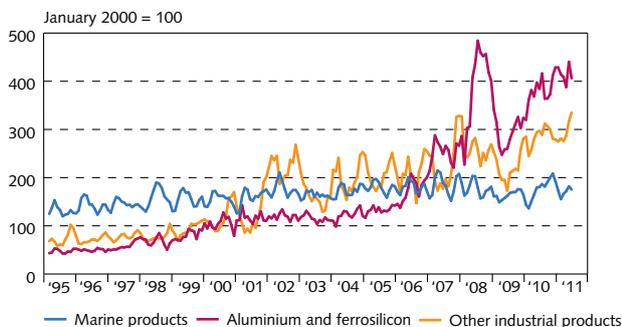
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Merchandise exports



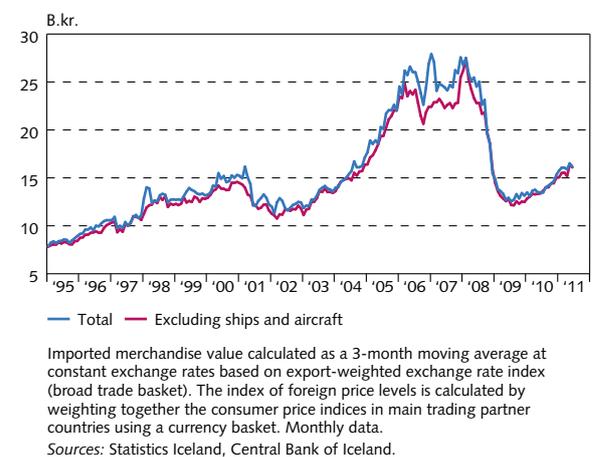
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Merchandise exports by category



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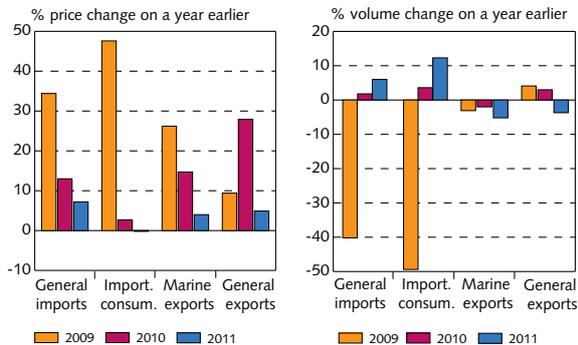
Seasonally adjusted merchandise imports



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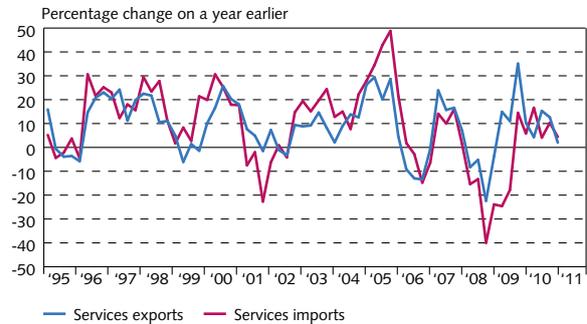
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Merchandise trade in
January - June



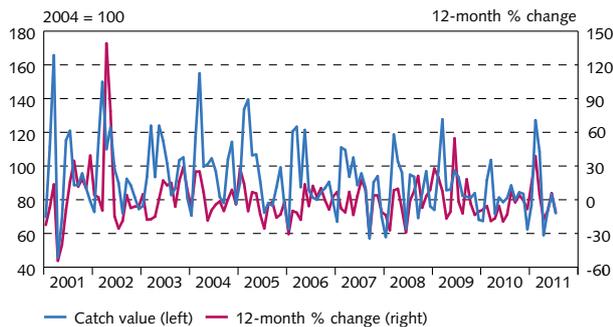
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Services balance



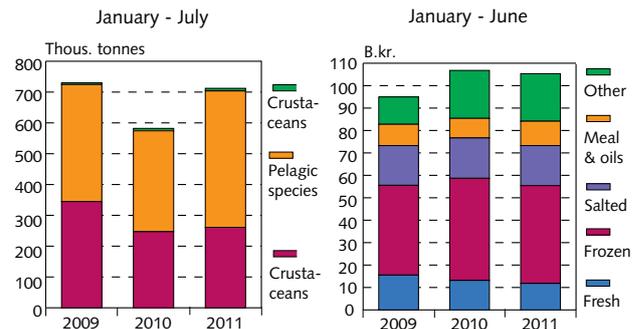
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Fish catch volume



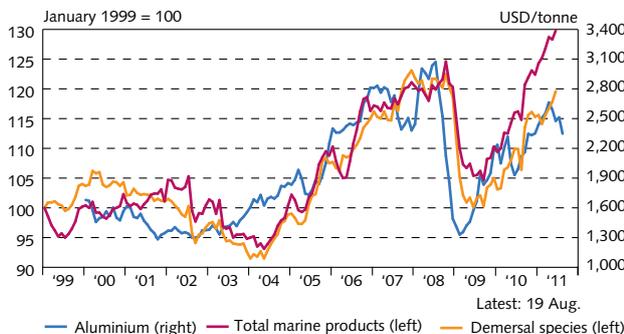
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Marine export value



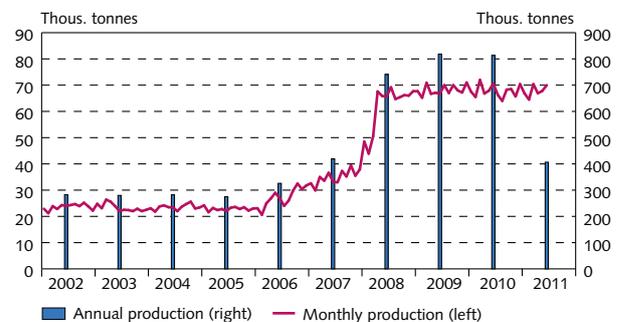
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Export prices



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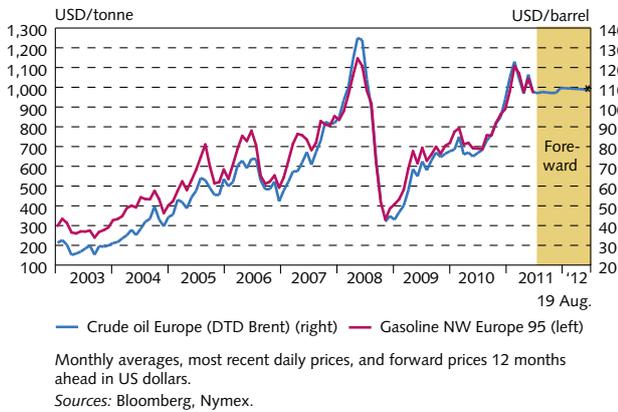
Aluminium production



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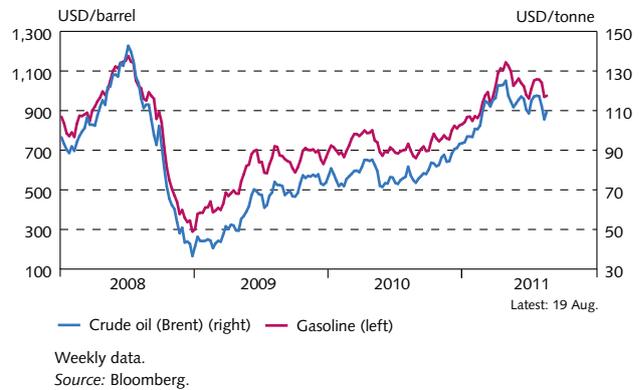
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Global crude oil and gasoline prices



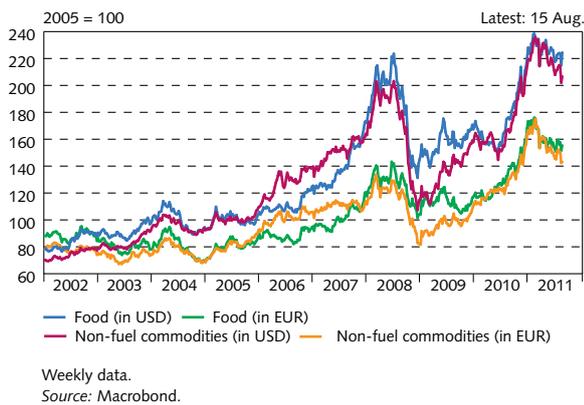
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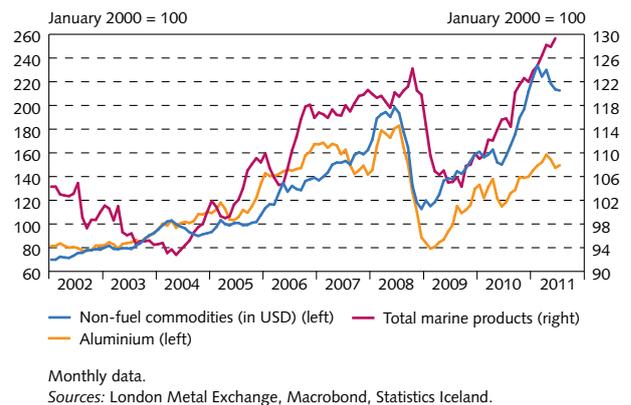
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Commodity prices in international markets



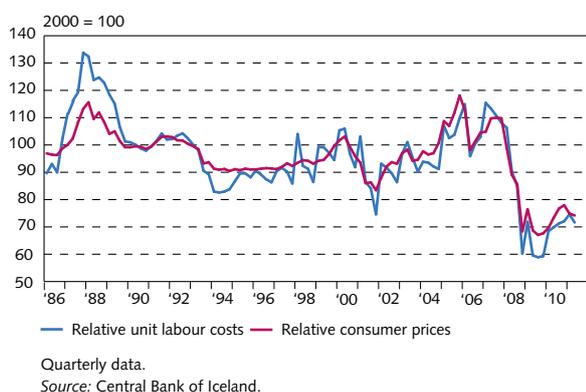
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Global commodity prices and Icelandic export prices



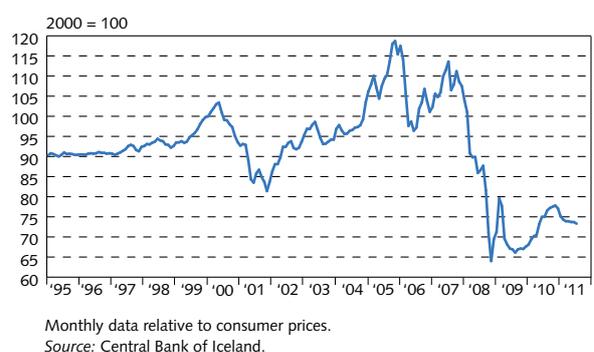
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Real exchange rate



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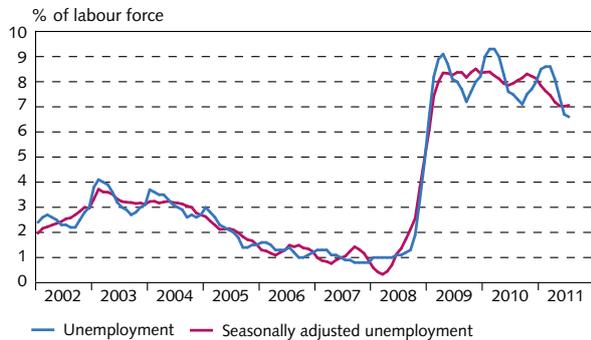
Real exchange rate



IV Labour market and wages

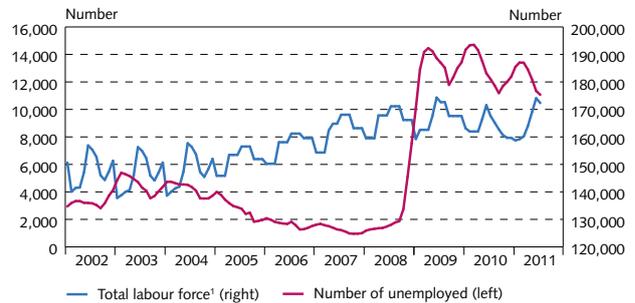
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Unemployment



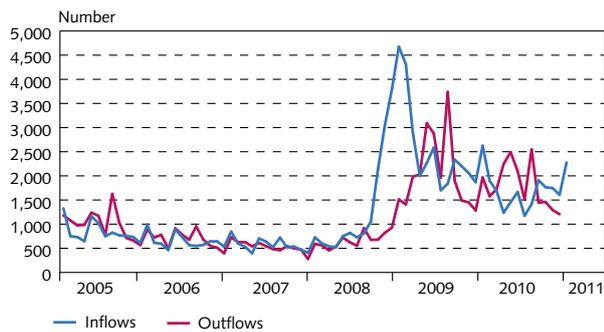
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Number of unemployed and total labour force



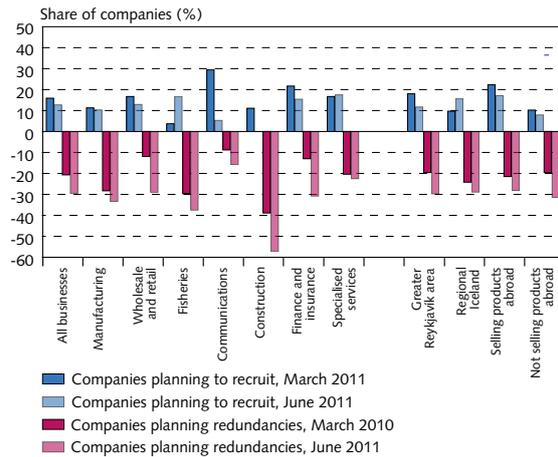
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Unemployment register: Inflows and outflows



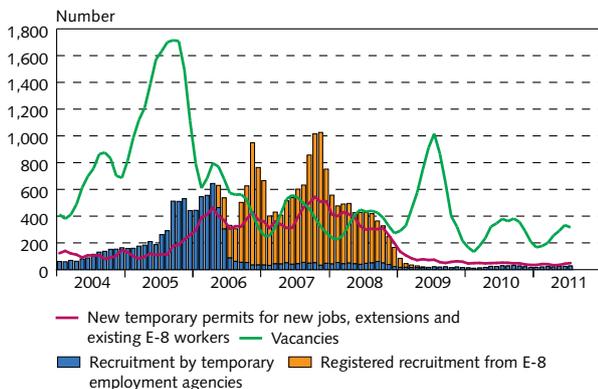
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Companies planning to change staffing levels during the next 6 months



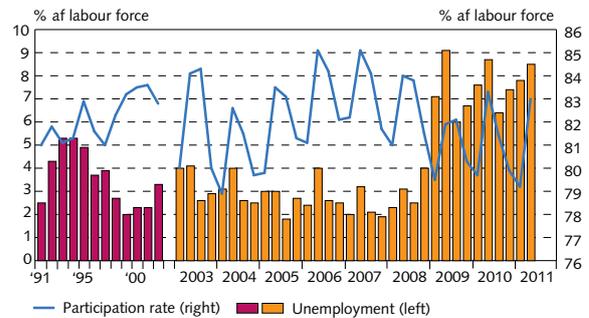
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Vacancies and foreign labour



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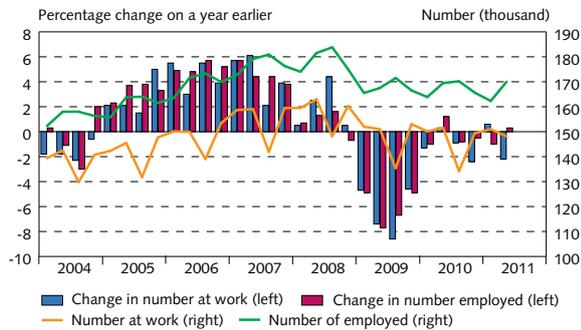
Unemployment rate and labour participation rate



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Employed persons and number of persons at work

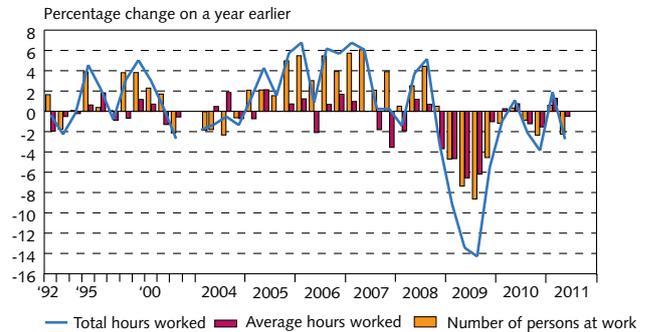


Employed persons are those who worked at least one hour during the reference week or were absent from work that they were hired to carry out. Persons at work are those who worked one hour or more during the reference week. Quarterly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

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Changes in labour force

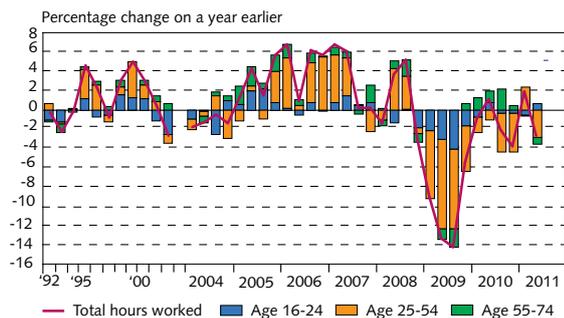


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Source: Statistics Iceland.

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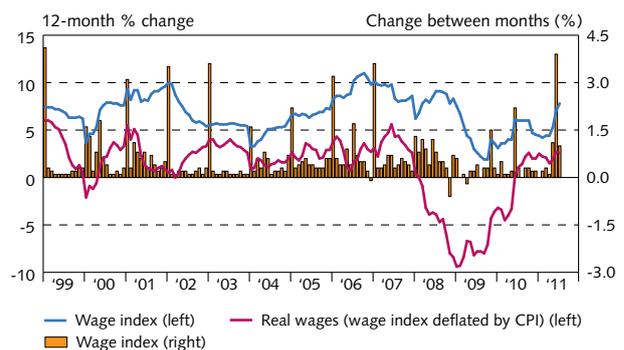


Contribution of age groups to changes in total hours worked. Until 2003, the Statistics Iceland labour market survey included only one week in April and one week in November; however, since January 2003, it has been continuous and the results published quarterly. As a result, figures from January 2003 and thereafter are not entirely comparable with earlier figures. Quarterly data.

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Nominal and real wages

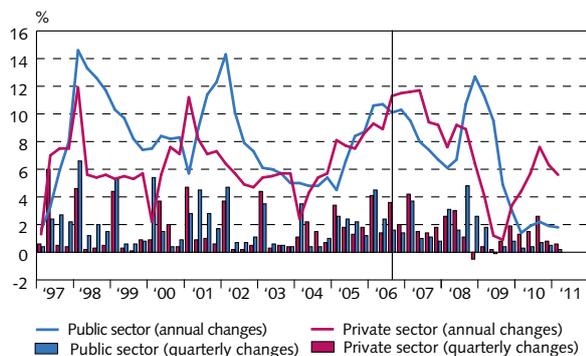


Real wages are the wage index deflated by the CPI. Monthly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

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Wage changes by sector

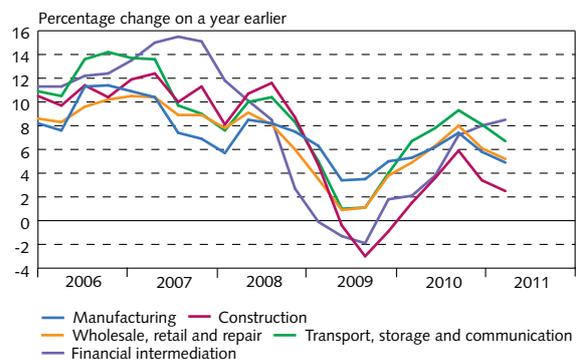


Until 2006, private sector wages, on the one hand, and public sector and banking sector wages, on the other, are components of the wage index; however, from 2006 onwards, the banking sector is included in private sector wages. Quarterly data.

Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Private sector wage index by sector



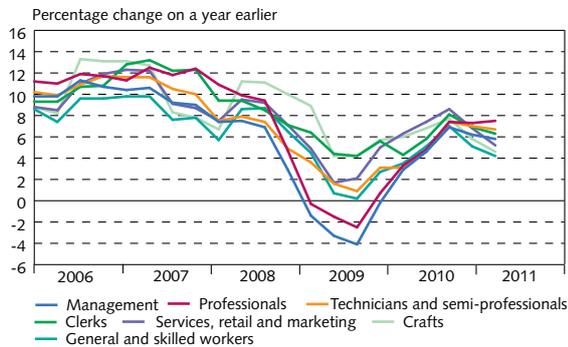
Sectors are defined according to ISAT 95, a classification standard based on the industry classification system of the European Union. Quarterly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

IV Labour market and wages

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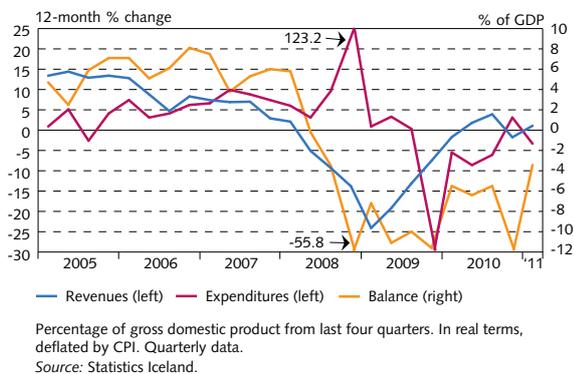
Private sector wage index by occupational group



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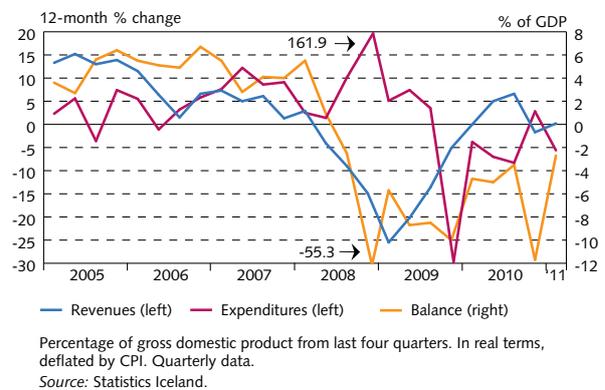
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Public sector revenues, expenditures and balance



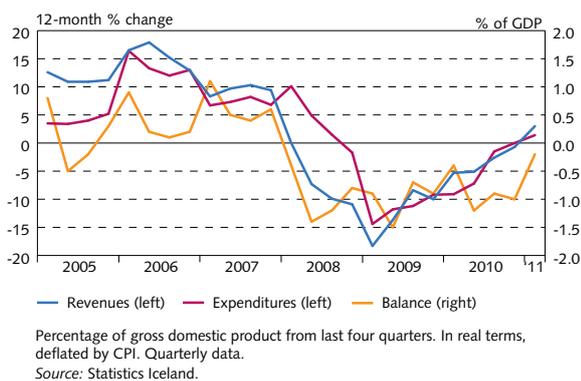
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Treasury revenues, expenditures and balance



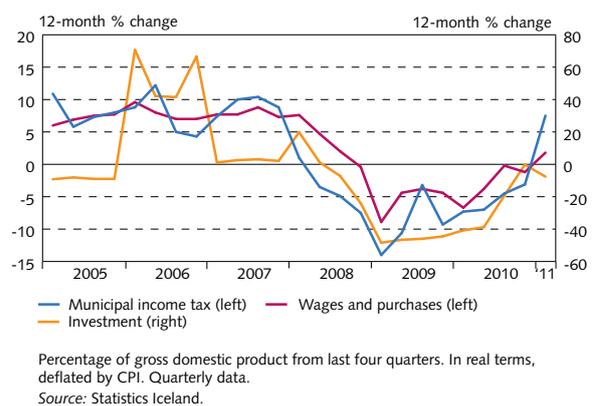
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Local government revenues, expenditures and balance



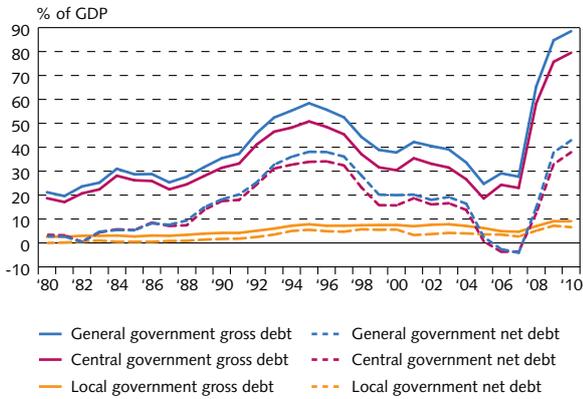
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Local government revenues and expenditures



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Public sector debt

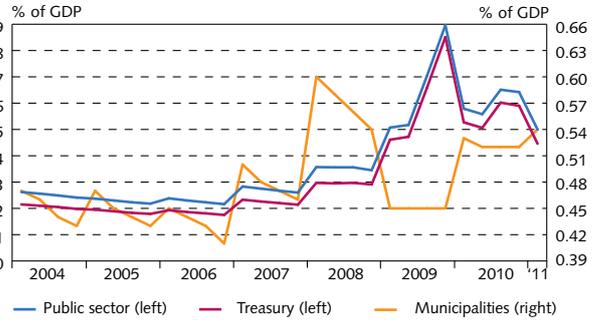


Excluding civil service pension liabilities and equity holdings. Debt on transaction accounts netted out of assets.

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Statistics Iceland.

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Public sector interest expense

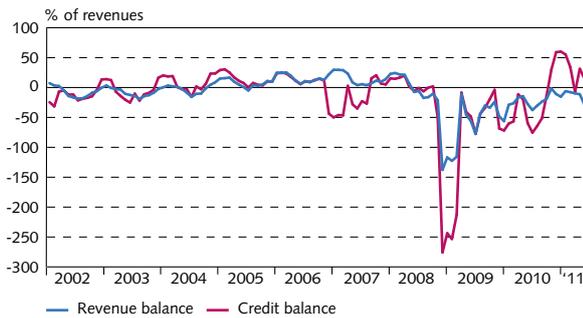


Figures for 2010 are preliminary. Quarterly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

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Treasury balance and net credit balance

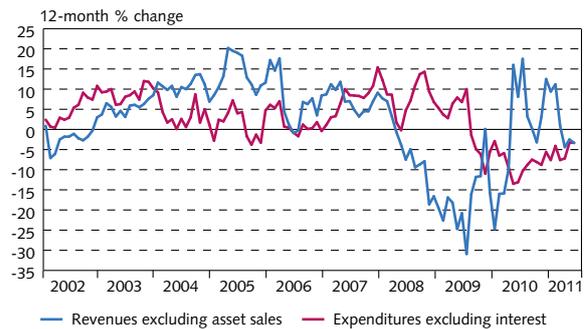


4-month moving averages, deflated by the CPI. Revenues from assets sales included. Monthly data.

Sources: State Accounting Office, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Regular revenues excluding asset sales, regular expenditure excluding interest

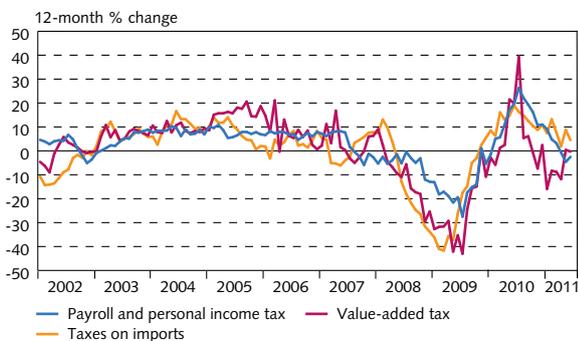


4-month moving averages, deflated by the CPI. Monthly data.

Sources: State Accounting Office, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Tax revenues

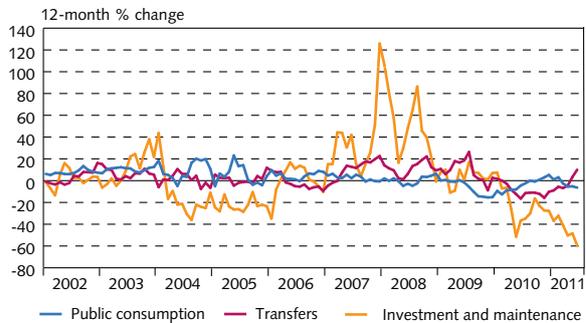


4-month moving average, deflated by the CPI. Monthly data.

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Treasury expenditures by type



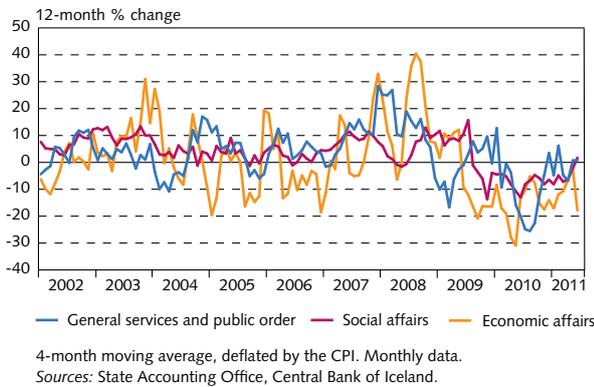
4-month moving average, deflated by the CPI. For December 2008, irregular expenditures totalling 192 b.kr. due to the banks' collapse are not shown. Monthly data.

Sources: State Accounting Office, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Treasury expenditures by function



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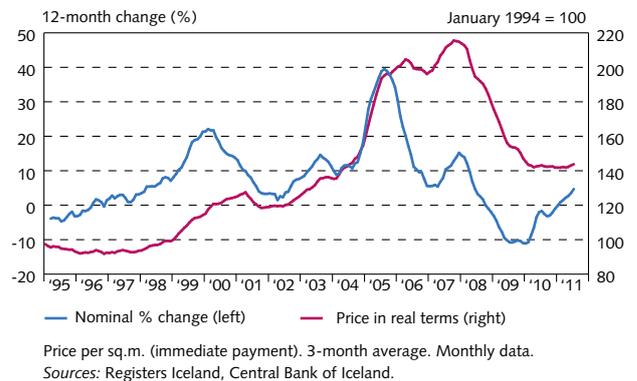
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Housing market prices and turnover in greater Reykjavik



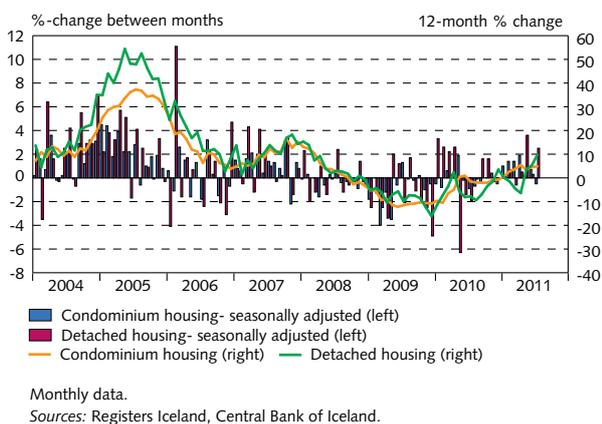
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Housing market prices in greater Reykjavik



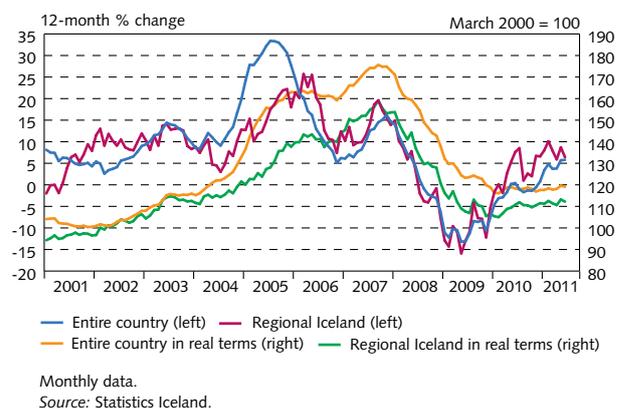
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House prices in greater Reykjavik



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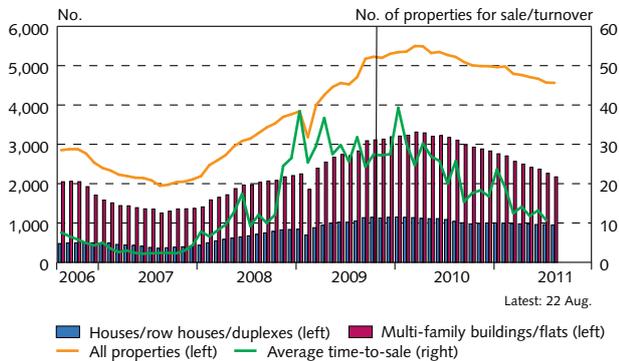
Market price of residential housing



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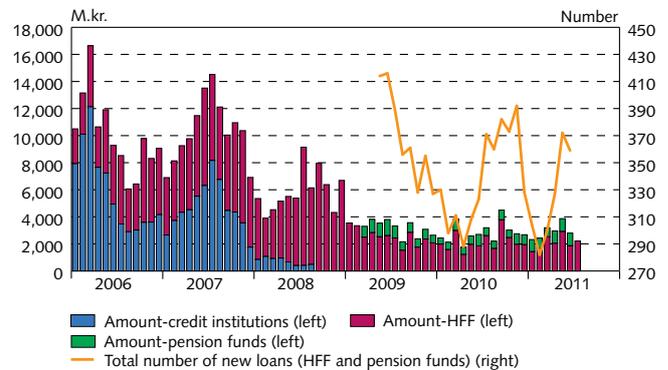
Advertised property and average time to sale



Monthly average of advertisements on Morgunbladid real estate website. The count is carried out by property code so as to avoid a repeat count of the same property. Monthly turnover is according to the number of officially registered purchase agreements. The average time to sale is the length of time (in months) that it takes to sell advertised property divided by the turnover for the month in question. As of February 2009, Morgunbladid began charging a fee for online real estate advertisements. This reduced the number of advertisements placed. Sources: Morgunbladid Real Estate Website (mbl.is), Registers Iceland.

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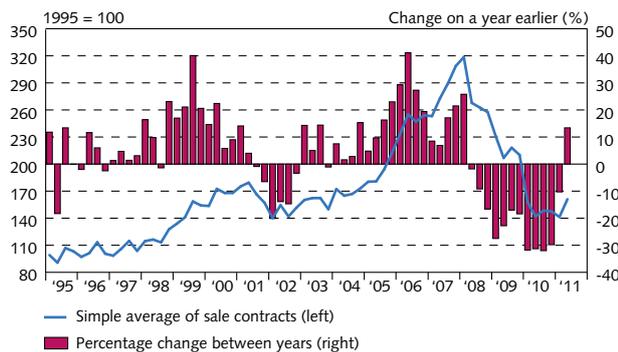
Number and amount of new residential housing loans



Information on new pension fund loans is based on a sample covering the nation's 20 largest pension funds. During the survey period, the number of pension funds in the sample rose from 18 to 20. The sample now extends to almost 97% of Icelandic pension funds' net assets. Information from credit institutions was unavailable from September 2008 onwards. Monthly data. Number of new loans is shown as a 3-month rolling average. Sources: Housing Financing Fund, Central Bank of Iceland.

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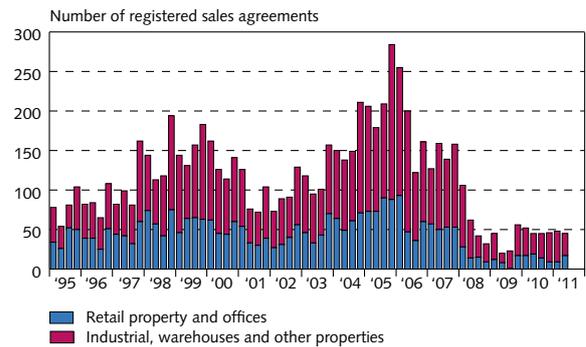
Commercial property prices in greater Reykjavik



Weighted average of industrial, retail, and office housing. Data are subject to uncertainty due to sparsity and divergence of measurements. Quarterly data. Sources: Registers Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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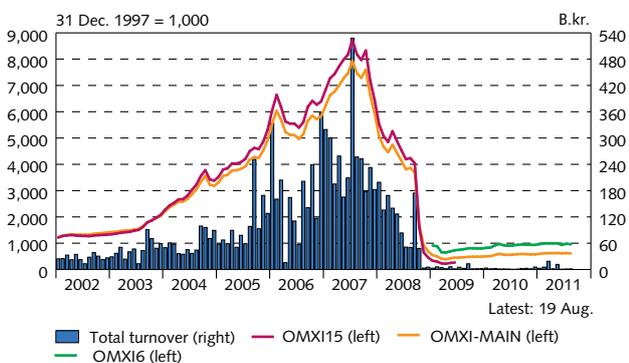
Turnover of commercial housing



Before June 2006, turnover is based on purchase day, otherwise on day of registered sales agreement. Sources: Registers Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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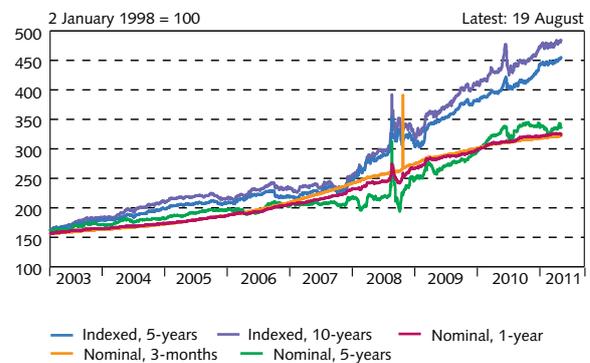
Equity market



Total monthly volume of listed shares and monthly average of main stock indices. Source: Nasdaq OMX Iceland.

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Bond indices

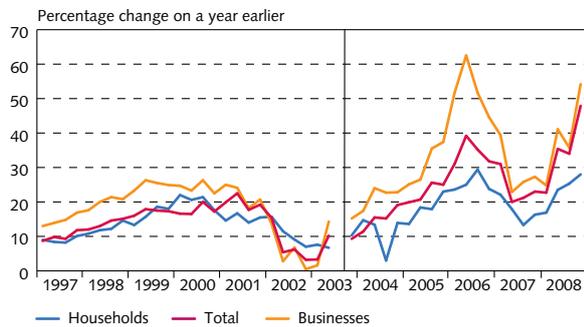


Indices are the OMX Nordic Exchange Iceland's calculations of yields on fixed-maturity bonds. Daily data. Source: Nasdaq OMX Iceland.

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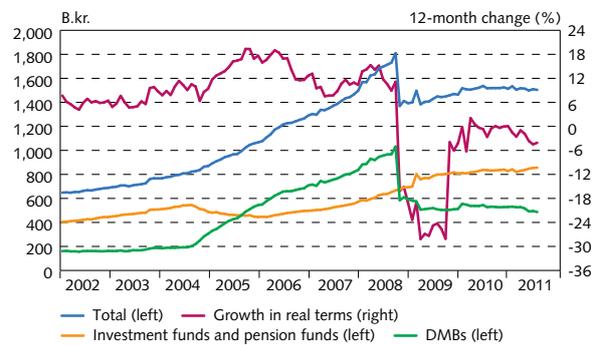
Credit system lending growth



Due to reclassification of lending, data from Q3 2003 are not comparable to earlier data. Quarterly data. The series have not been updated since September 2008 due to lack of data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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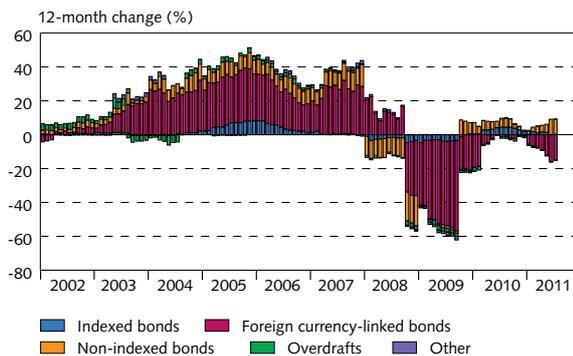
Household debt with major credit institutions



Monthly data. From September 2008, debt to DMBs are shown at discounts as taken over by the new banks. The total includes insurance companies and the student loan fund.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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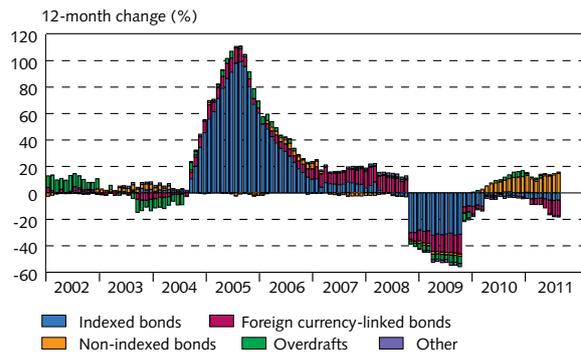
Credit institution lending to businesses



Contribution of individual components to lending growth. From September 2008, lending is shown at discounts as taken over by the new banks. The category labelled "other" includes bills of exchange, redeemed guarantees, and asset financing agreements. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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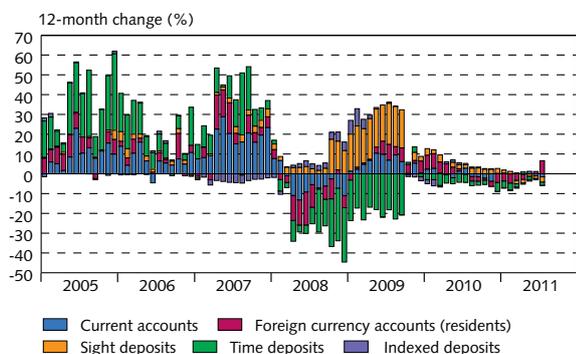
DMB lending to households



Contribution of individual components to lending growth. From September 2008, lending is shown at discounts as taken over by the new banks. The category labelled "other" includes bills of exchange, redeemed guarantees, and asset financing agreements. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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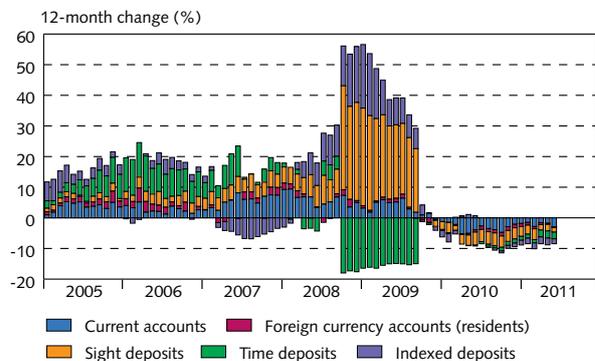
Companies' deposits



Contribution of individual components to deposit growth. Term deposits include money market accounts and other non-sight deposits. Indexed deposits include pension savings, indexed vacation allowance accounts, and other indexed savings. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Household deposits

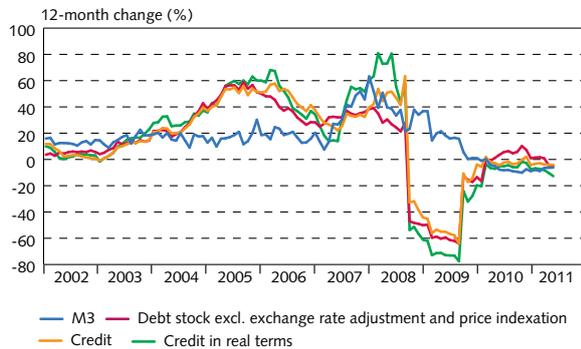


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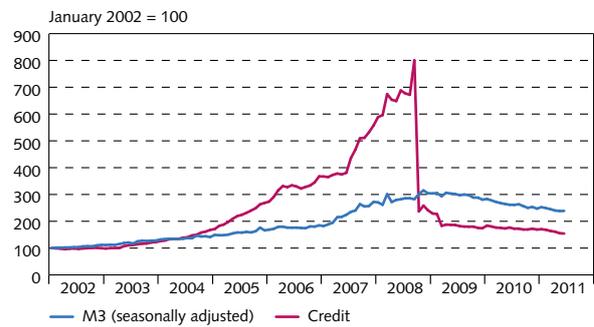
M3 and domestic bank credit



Corrected for estimated effects of price level and exchange rate movements on indexed and foreign-denominated loans. Real loan values are deflated by the CPI. Corrected for entry of Kaupthing from January 2002 onwards. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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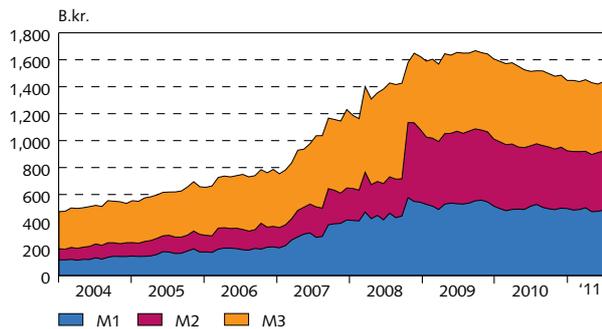
Real M3 and domestic bank credit



Lending and M3 at constant price levels are deflated by the CPI. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.
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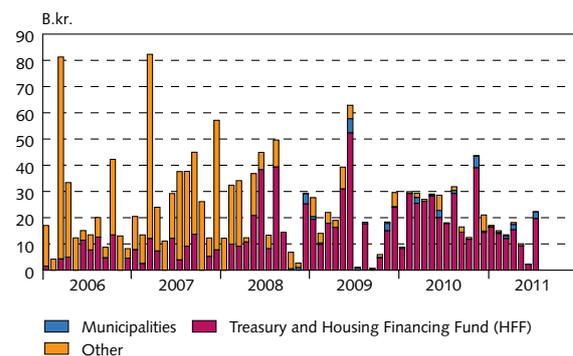
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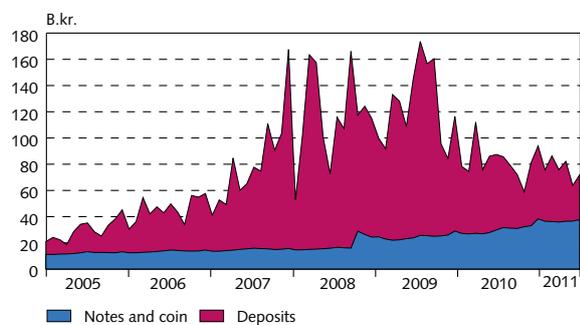
Bond auctions



Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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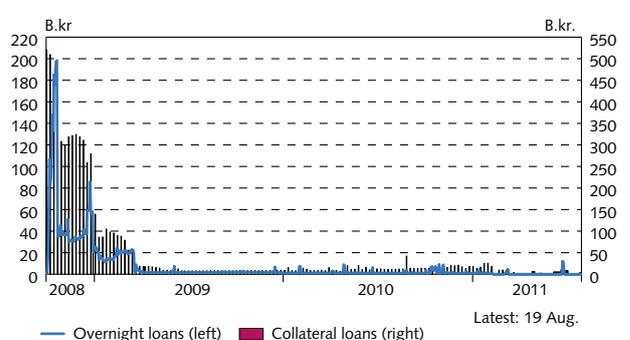
Base money



Categorisation of base money according to Central Bank of Iceland. Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Central Bank collateral loans and overnight loans

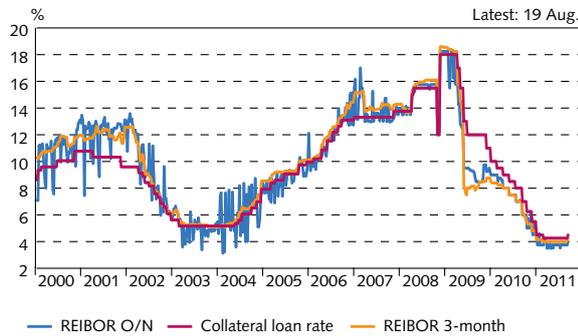


Weekly data for collateral loans; daily data for overnight loans.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Central Bank collateral loan rate and money market interest rates

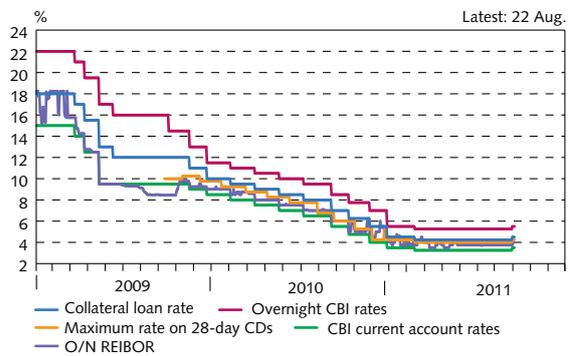


Weekly data.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Central Bank and short-term market interest rates

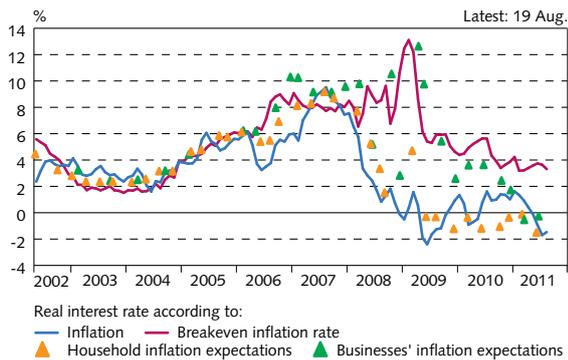


Daily data.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Central Bank real interest rate

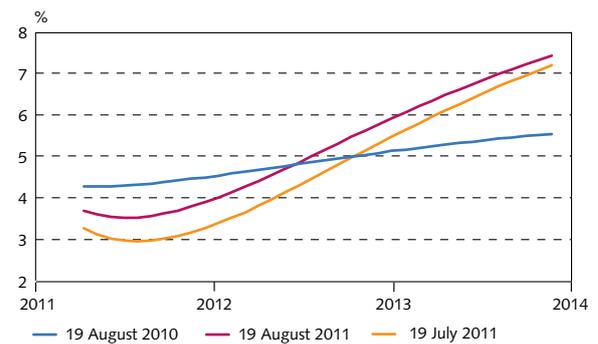


According to 12-month inflation. Real interest rates according to breakeven inflation rate on Treasury notes are calculated based on Treasury note (RIKB 13 0517) and Treasury bond (RIKS 1001) yields until June 2004, and on Treasury note (RIKB 13 0517) and HFF bond (HFF 150914) yields from July 2004 onwards. From April 2009 onwards, the Central Bank deposit interest rate is considered the effective policy rate.

Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Forward interest rates on Treasury bond market

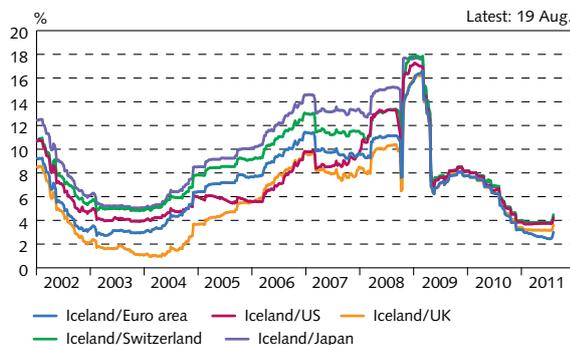


Forward interest rates calculated based on interbank market interest and yields on Treasury notes, using the Nelson-Siegel method. The valuation is subject to some uncertainty because of the small number of Treasury notes underlying the calculations.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Short-term interest rate differential

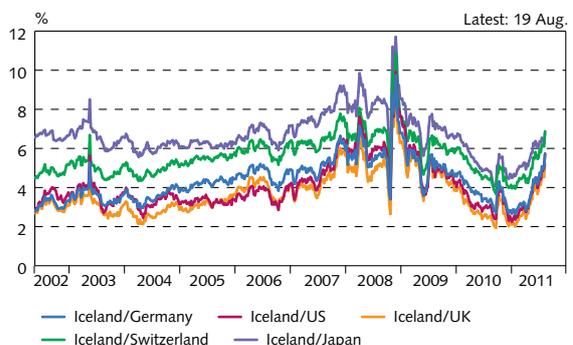


3-month interbank rates. Weekly data.

Source: Macrobond.

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Long-term interest rate differential



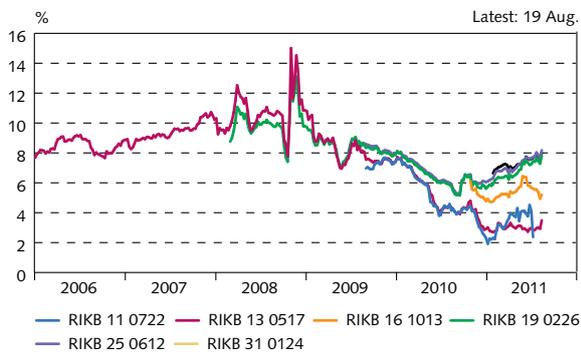
Yields on non-indexed 10-year Treasury bonds are used. For Iceland, RIKB 13 0517 is used until end-February 2008, and RIKB 19 0226 is used thereafter.

Weekly data. Sources: Macrobond, Central Bank of Iceland.

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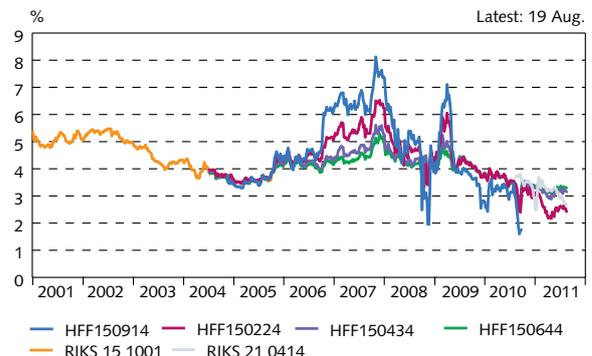
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Long-term nominal Treasury bond yields



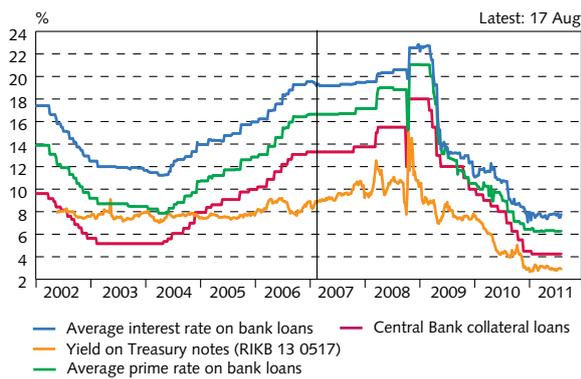
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Yields on indexed long-term bonds



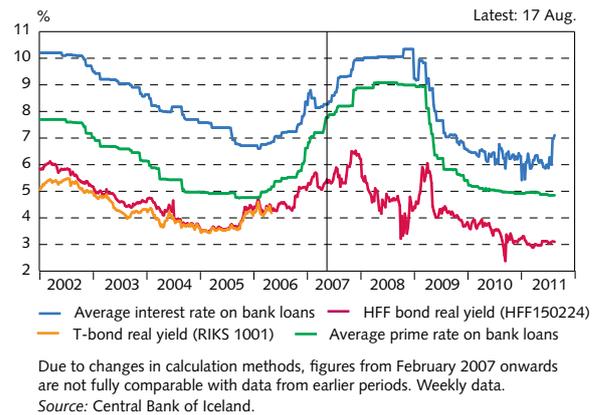
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Average nominal interest rates



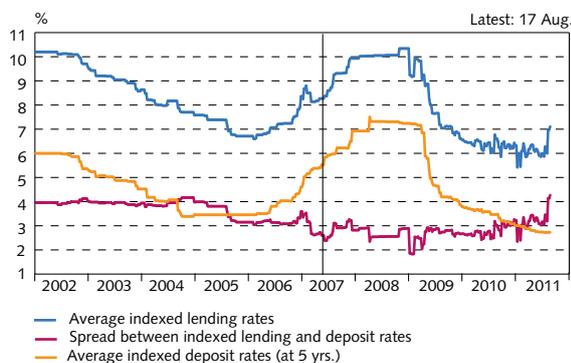
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Average indexed interest rates



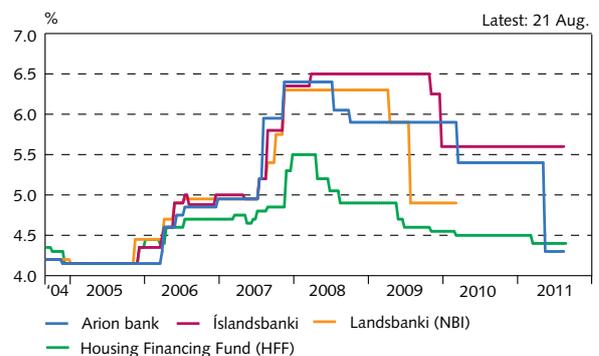
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Bank lending and deposit rates



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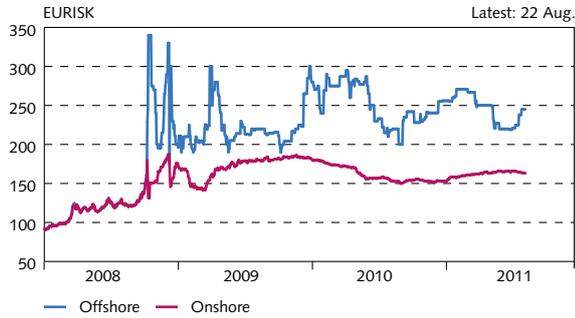
Interest rates on indexed housing loans



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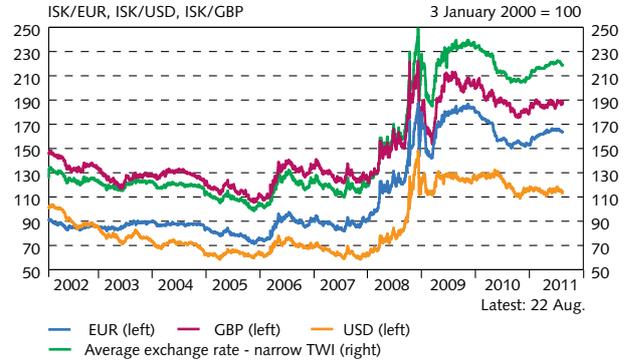
The ISK exchange rate markets against the euro



The onshore exchange rate is the end-of-day rate. Daily data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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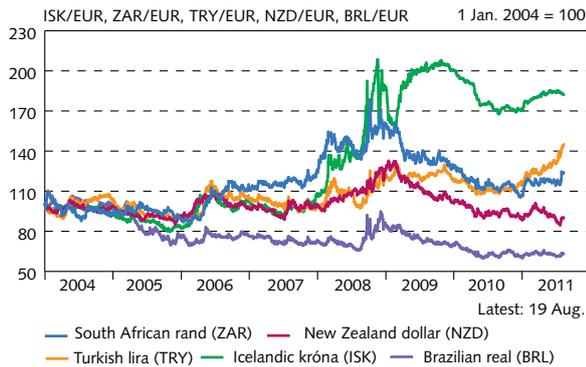
Exchange rate of the króna against foreign currencies



The exchange rate index is calculated based on a narrow trade basket. Daily data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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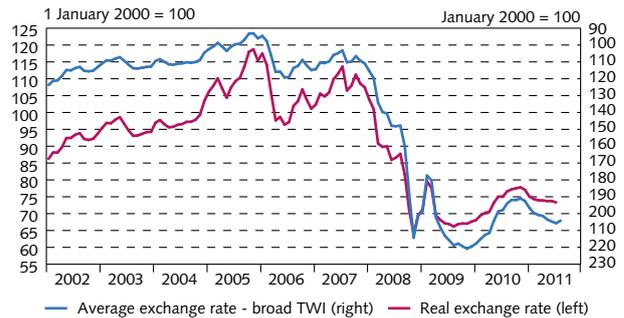
Exchange rate of high-yielding currencies against the euro



Daily data.
Source: Macrobond.

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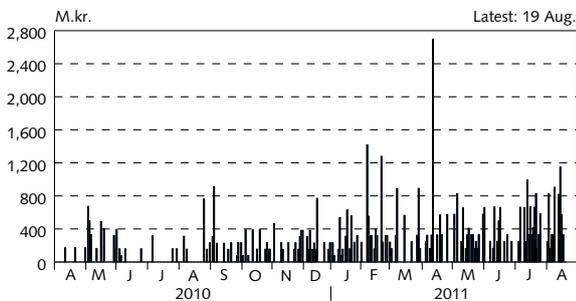
Nominal and real effective exchange rate of the króna



Monthly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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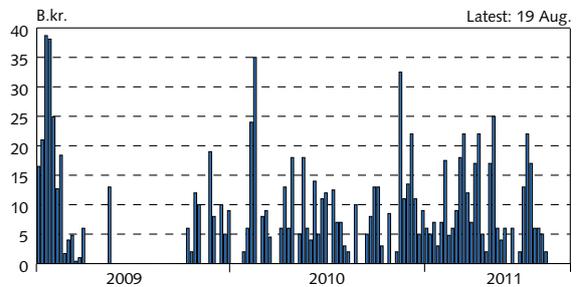
FX-market turnover



Daily data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Turnover on the interbank market for krónur

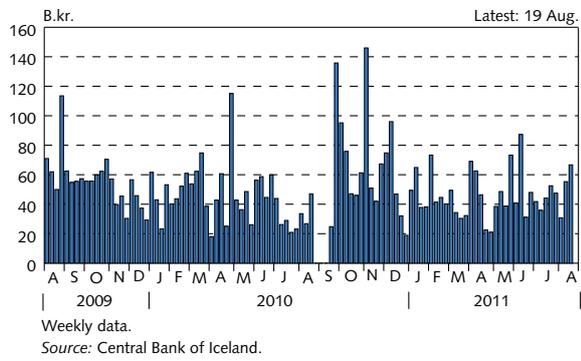


Weekly data.
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Bond market turnover



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CDS spread for Iceland

