

Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland
March 2007

Overview of economic indicators

I Inflation and inflation expectations¹

	Latest period	Latest value	Change (%)			Contribution to 12-mo. inflation (%)	12-mo. ch. 1 year ago (%)
			on prev. month	over 6 months ²	over 12 months		
Consumer price index.....	March '07	267.1	-0.3	1.1	5.9	.	4.5
Core index 1 (CPI excl. agricultural products and petrol).....	March '07	151.9	-0.1	3.6	6.5	5.6	4.2
Core index 2 (core index 1 excl. public services).....	March '07	152.6	0.0	3.3	6.7	5.4	4.4
Domestic goods excl. agricultural products.....	March '07	132.0	-6.6	-10.6	-0.6	0.0	2.9
Agricultural products	March '07	126.3	-5.6	-11.5	0.9	0.1	4.0
Imported goods excl. alcohol and tobacco	March '07	115.4	1.4	-2.9	5.6	1.7	-0.1
- food and beverages	March '07	119.1	-6.6	-11.2	4.2	0.1	0.7
- cars and spare parts	March '07	129.8	-0.7	5.9	12.6	0.9	-3.1
- petrol	March '07	151.0	1.4	-17.0	2.6	0.2	10.7
- imported goods excl. food and beverages	March '07	100.0	4.1	1.1	3.8	0.6	-2.3
Housing.....	March '07	254.2	1.4	9.2	11.4	2.6	13.7
Public services	March '07	151.0	-0.8	7.3	3.4	0.2	1.8
Private services	March '07	156.5	-0.6	4.5	5.3	1.1	3.5
Groceries (perishables).....	March '07	124.3	-6.5	-11.2	1.3	0.2	2.5
Weighted import exchange rate index (Dec. 31 1994=100).....	February 28 '07	102.3	-6.2	-10.7	15.7	.	-3.5

	Latest period	Expected 12 mo. inflation	Change on prev. survey	Exp. 12-mo inflation 1 year ago	Expected annual inflation over next 2 yrs.	Expected annual inflation over next 3 yrs.	Perceived inflation in past 12 mo.
Businesses' inflation expectations	February '07	2.9	0.7	4.2	3.0	.	.
Household inflation expectations.....	October '06	5.7	-0.2	4.4	.	.	7.0

1. Index base periods: Consumer price index: May 1988=100; other price indices: March 1997=100. 2. Annualised inflation.

II Output and demand

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change ¹ on		Year-to-date ¹	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
GDP (b.kr.)	Q3/2006	297.6	261.4	-1.0	2.5	1,141.7	2.6
National expenditure (b.kr.).....	Q3/2006	349.9	303.5	1.6	3.2	1,346.1	7.4
Private consumption (b.kr.).....	Q3/2006	178.9	161.8	4.8	1.2	686.5	4.6
Public consumption (b.kr.).....	Q3/2006	71.7	63.7	-0.8	2.9	280.7	2.9
Gross fixed investment (b.kr.).....	Q3/2006	97.2	80.1	1.7	3.4	365.6	13.0
Exports of goods and services (b. kr.)	Q3/2006	90.1	75.4	-12.2	-6.4	372.2	-5.6
Imports of goods and services (b. kr.).....	Q3/2006	-142.4	-117.6	-1.9	-0.6	-576.5	8.8
Domestic turnover according to VAT statements (b. kr.).....	nóv.-des. '06	269.5	232.9	-0.3	9.3	1,408.7	13.4
Turnover in groceries stores (b.kr.).....	February '07	110.6	115.6	-9.9	-4.4	116.6	0.0
Credit and debit card turnover (b.kr.) ²	February '07	53.6	51.0	-4.4	-1.4	110.0	-1.1
Turnover of publicly listed companies on ICEX (b.kr.)	Q1-Q2/2006	607.0	332.0	19.7	82.7	607.0	82.7
Cement sales (thous. tons)	February '07	20.0	21.2	21.1	-5.8	36.4	-10.7
Automobile registrations (number)	February '07	1,326	2,237	1.2	-40.7	2,636	-38.0

1. Change between periods is presented in real terms. 2. Change in seasonally adjusted values.

III Foreign trade and external economic conditions

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		Year-to-date	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
Price of marine products in foreign currency (Jan.1999=100).....	January '07	117.2	110.3	0.8	6.3	117.2	6.3
Price of aluminium, LME cash price USD/t	March '07	2,735	2,360	-3.4	15.9	2,792	17.6
Price of crude oil (Brent) USD/b	March '07	62.3	62.1	0.0	0.3	65.9	6.5
Demersals (1,000 tonnes).....	January '07	34.4	32.3	-1.8	6.3	34.4	6.3
Pelagics (1,000 tonnes)	January '07	46.5	9.1	26.3	410.0	46.5	410.0
Merchandise exports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	January '07	20.1	14.1	-0.8	27.7	226.6	9.8
- marine products (b.kr.) ¹	January '07	8.8	7.9	-19.0	-6.0	124.4	1.0
- aluminium (b.kr.) ¹	January '07	5.5	3.4	6.9	55.9	57.0	41.7
- other industrial products (b.kr.) ¹	January '07	4.4	1.9	38.0	97.4	36.0	4.6
Merchandise imports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	January '07	27.8	24.2	-16.7	4.7	357.9	15.6
Merchandise trade balance (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.)	January '07	-7.7	-10.1	.	.	-131.2	.
Services exports (b.kr.) ¹	Q3/2006	29.1	28.6	-18.9	-13.5	121.4	-15.8
Services imports (b.kr.) ¹	Q3/2006	45.2	44.6	-4.9	-14.1	180.2	0.3
Real effective exchange rate (relative CPI) (2000=100).....	Q3/2006	104.5	118.1	3.1	-11.5	104.2	-6.4

Note: In the case of volumes and values, 'Year-to-date' refers to cumulated figures, but in the case of prices or indices it refers to the average price or index. 1. Changes are calculated at constant exchange rates.

IV Labour market and wages

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	Change ¹ from		Year-to-date ²	
				previous period	previous year	Average	Change on prev. year (%)
Number of unemployed listed at employment agencies	February '07	2,037	2,338	60	-301	2,007	-16.0
Registered unemployment, s.a. (% of total estim. labour force)	February '07	1.1	1.4	0.0	-0.2	1.1	-0.3
Unemployment rate, labour force survey.....	Q3/2006	2.5	2.7	-0.1	-0.2	2.9	0.3
Listed vacancies at employment agencies.....	February '07	303	728	18.8	-58.4	279	-55.6
Work permits issued, total.....	February '07	157	1,001	-38	-84.3	411	-75.4
New permits for new jobs and permit extensions	February '07	119	259	-38	-54.1	311	-35.7
Wage index (December 1988=100)	February '07	312.3	284.4	0.3	9.8	311.9	10.0
Real wages (wage index deflated by CPI).....	February '07	145.5	142.4	-0.2	2.2	145.7	2.6

1. Change from previous period refers to change in the number of unemployed and change in the rate of unemployment; percentage changes otherwise. 2. Average from beginning of year except for work permits where the cumulated number of permits is shown. Change on previous year refers to change in the average number of unemployed and change in the unemployment rate; percentage changes otherwise.

V Public finances

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		Year-to-date	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
Treasury revenue balance (b.kr.).....	January '07	11.6	8.7	.	.	90.2	.
- as a percentage of revenue.....	January '07	29.9	25.7	.	.	20.8	.
Net borrowing requirement (b. kr.).....	January '07	13.0	-8.7	.	.	-10.4	.
- as percentage of revenue.....	January '07	33.3	-25.9	.	.	-2.4	.
Treasury revenue (b. kr.).....	January '07	39.0	33.8	15.1	7.8	433.1	-7.7
- excl. asset sales and irregular items (b. kr.).....	January '07	38.9	33.4	15.2	8.7	432.2	8.9
- from VAT (b. kr.).....	January '07	10.5	9.6	0.1	2.2	133.0	6.8
- from payroll & personal income tax withheld (b. kr.)	January '07	11.4	9.9	5.5	7.2	127.8	6.8
- from imports (b. kr.)	January '07	2.1	2.2	-2.7	-7.5	30.1	-0.6
Treasury expenditures (b. kr.).....	January '07	27.3	25.1	4.0	1.8	342.9	-3.8
- excl. irregular items (b. kr.)	January '07	27.3	25.1	4.0	1.8	342.9	-1.9

Note: First four columns show 4-month moving averages of monthly values, last two show current year to date.

VI Asset markets

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		Year-to-date	
				previous period	previous year	Average ¹	Change on prev. year (%)
ICEX-15 equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000).....	February '07	7,275.8	6,641.7	6.4	9.5	7,057.9	11.2
Equity turnover on ICEX, ² monthly total.....	February '07	300.3	160.6	-6.0	87.0	619.8	25.3
Residential housing prices, narrow index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	February '07	300.3	160.6	-6.0	87.0	619.8	25.3
Real residential housing prices, broad index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	February '07	308.4	290.3	1.1	6.2	306.7	13.4
Price of long-term cod quota (kr./kg.).....	February '07	198.5	203.0	-0.2	-2.2	198.6	4.4

1. Except for turnover which is cumulated to date. 2. ICEX = Iceland Stock Exchange. Prices are monthly averages. 3. In Greater Reykjavik.

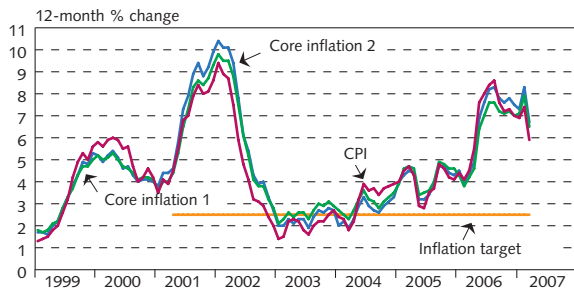
VII Financial markets

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		Year-to-date	
				previous period	previous year	Average	Change on prev. year (%)
Bank lending to domestic sector (b.kr.) ¹	February '07	2,396.5	1,814.7	0.9	32.1	.	.
- adjusted for estimated indexation effects on inflation- and exchange rate-linked loans (index) ¹	February '07	518.0	425.3	1.1	24.6	.	.
- in real terms (January 2002 = 100) ¹	February '07	287.0	230.1	1.3	24.7	.	.
Credit system total lending (b.kr.).....	December '06	4,310.0	3,213.3	2.8	34.1	.	.
M3 (b.kr.).....	February '07	781.3	662.6	3.8	17.9	.	.
Central Bank policy interest rate (%).....	March 16 '07	14.25	10.75	0.0	3.5	14.25	3.58
Money market yield, 3-mo. (%) ²	March 16 '07	14.9	10.4	-0.2	4.5	13.8	3.4
Money market yield, 12-mo. (%) ²	March 16 '07	14.1	10.5	-0.1	3.7	14.2	3.9
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 10 0317) (%) ²	March 16 '07	10.0	8.2	0.5	1.8	9.8	1.6
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 13 0517) (%) ²	March 16 '07	8.9	8.1	0.4	0.8	8.7	0.7
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150224) (%) ²	March 16 '07	5.6	4.3	0.1	1.3	5.4	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150234) (%) ²	March 16 '07	4.7	4.2	0.1	0.6	4.6	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150244) (%) ²	March 16 '07	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.2	4.3	.
Real yield on Treasury bonds (RIKS 15 1001) (%) ²	March 16 '07	5.1	4.1	0.3	1.0	5.1	0.8
Average bank lending rate, non-indexed loans (%) ²	March 16 '07	19.1	16.2	-0.2	2.9	19.3	3.2
Average bank lending rate, indexed loans (%) ²	March 16 '07	8.2	6.7	-0.4	1.4	8.4	1.7
Exchange rate index of króna (Dec. 31 1991=100) ²	March 16 '07	120,4	112,1	-1,7	8,3	122,4	14,7

1. For comparability, financial companies which were reclassified as deposit money banks or moved into that category through mergers are included retrospectively for the entire period. This adjustment is made only for percentage changes and not applied to the original stock figures. 2. All figures except for two last columns are based on 4-week averages.

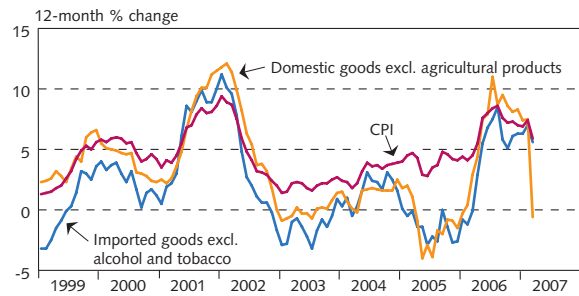
I Inflation and inflation expectations

I-1 Consumer price inflation and core inflation¹

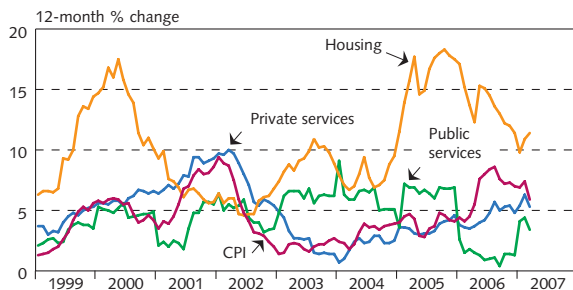


1. Core inflation 1: CPI excl. agricultural products and petrol. Core inflation 2: Core inflation 1 excl. public services.

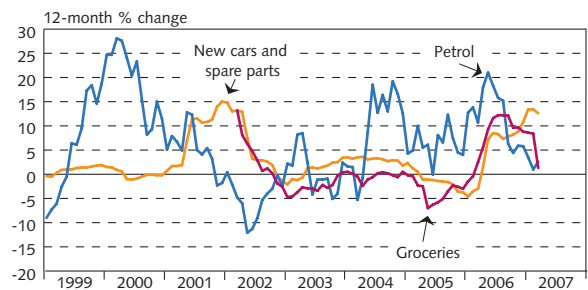
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Goods



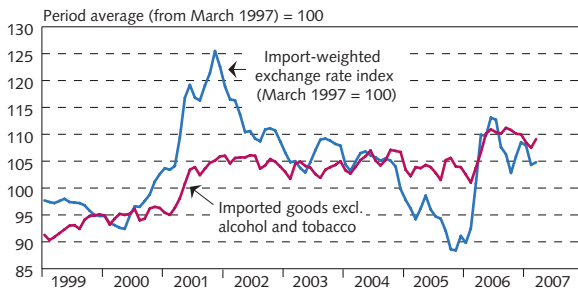
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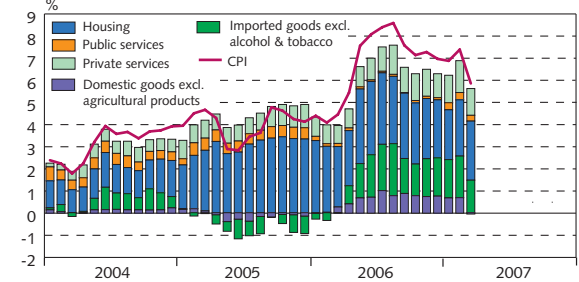
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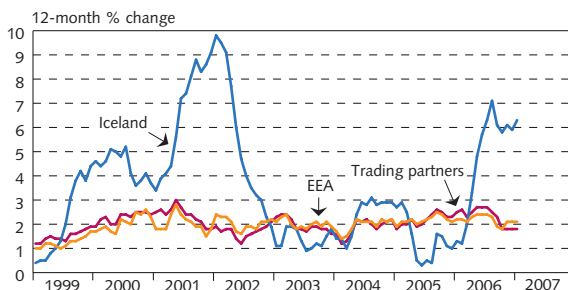
I-5 Prices of imported goods and exchange rate development
Import-weighted exchange rate of the króna and prices of imported goods in the CP



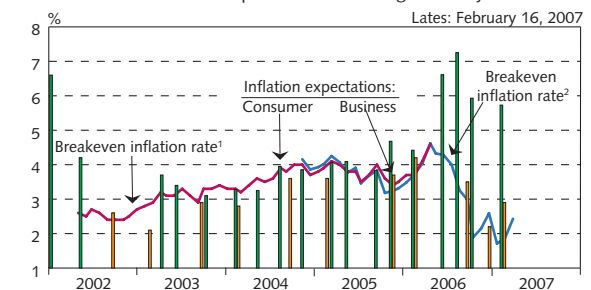
I-6 Components of CPI inflation
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I-7 Inflation in Iceland and trading partner countries
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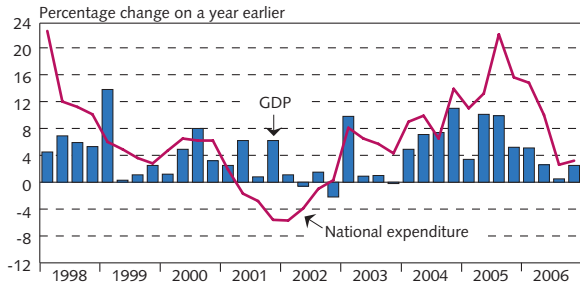
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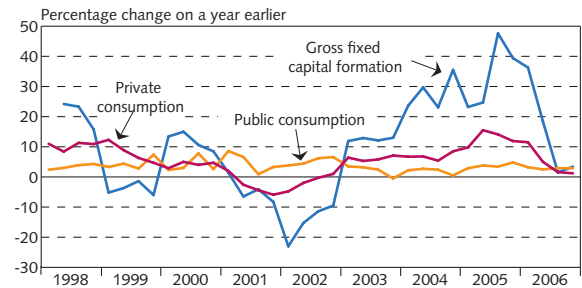
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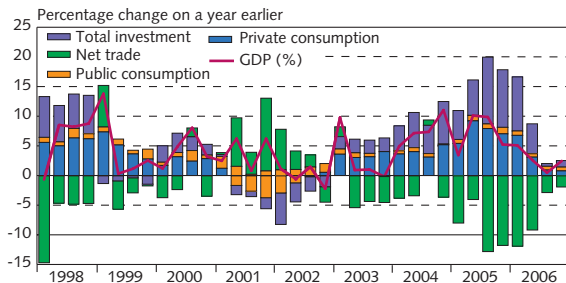
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Economic growth and national expenditure
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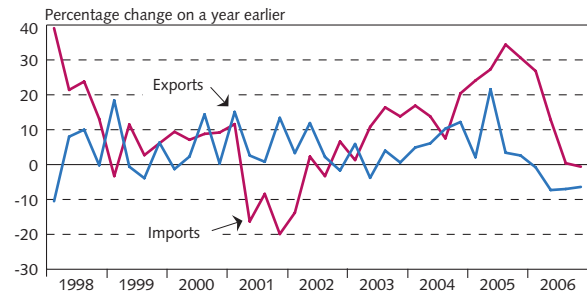
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Consumption and gross fixed capital formation
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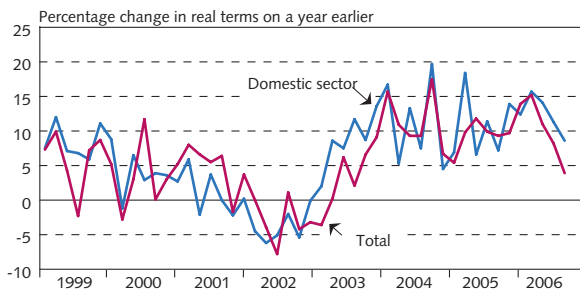
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Contributions to GDP growth
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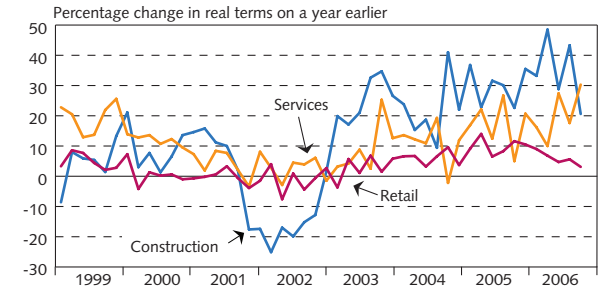
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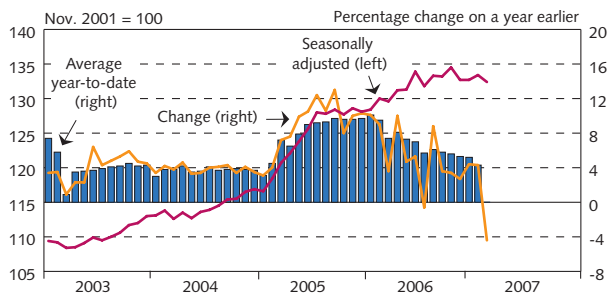
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Turnover based on VAT returns
Seasonally adjusted



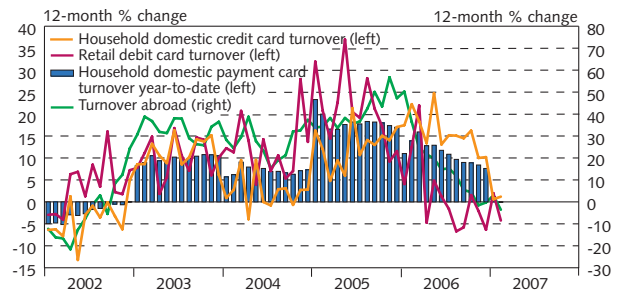
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Turnover based on VAT returns
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Groceries turnover
In real terms (deflated by the price of groceries in the CPI)



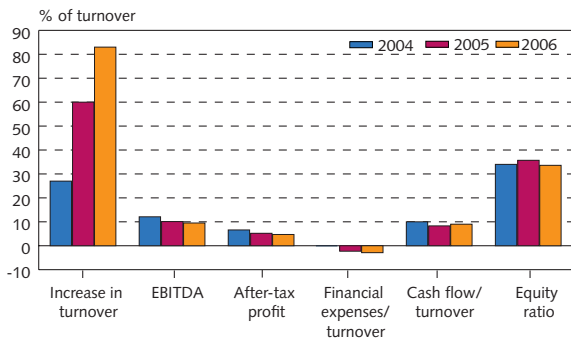
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Payment card turnover
Deflated by the CPI for domestic turnover and the exchange rate for turnover abroad



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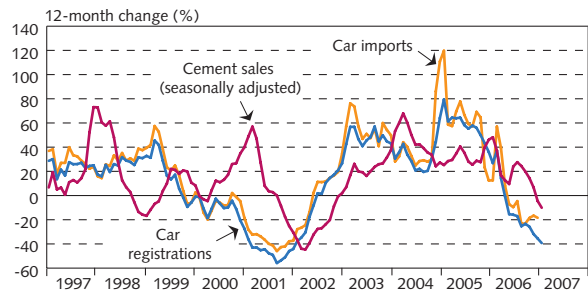
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ICEX-listed company turnover and profits
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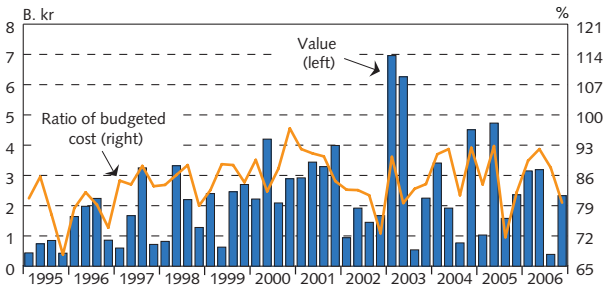
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Car imports and registrations and cement sales
Monthly data



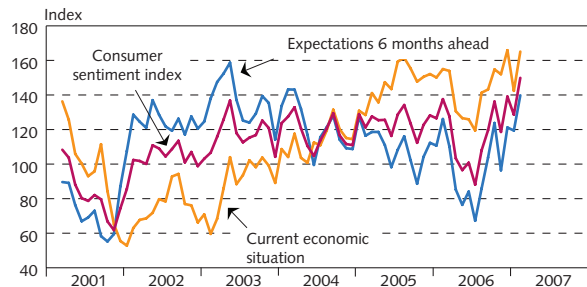
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Contracts in public tenders
Value and as a ratio of budgeted cost



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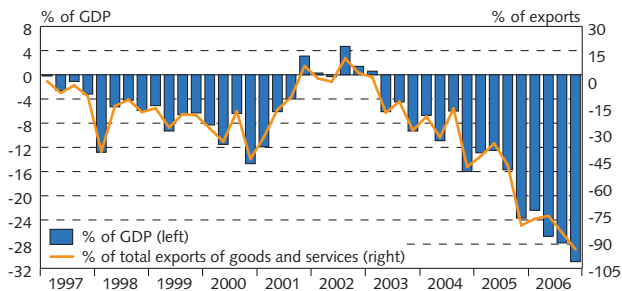
Consumer sentiment (Gallup)
Index, current situation and expectations six months ahead



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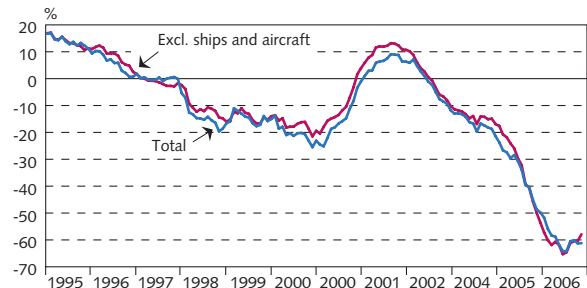
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Current account balance
Quarterly data



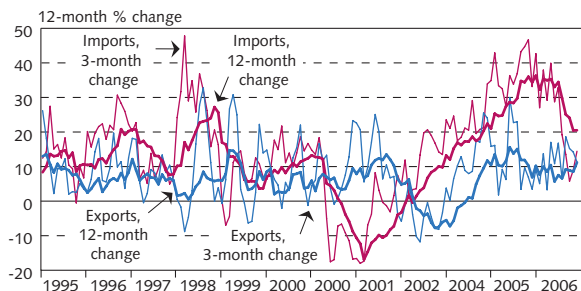
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Merchandise trade balance
12-month moving averages



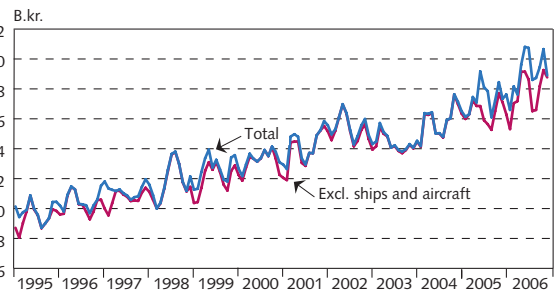
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Merchandise imports and exports
12- and 3-month moving averages, at fixed exchange rates



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Merchandise exports
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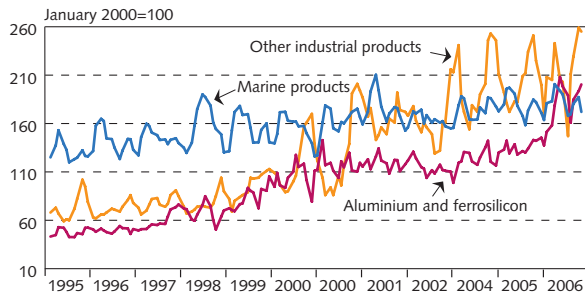


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Merchandise exports by category

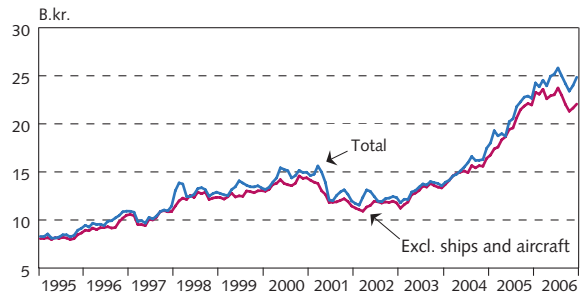
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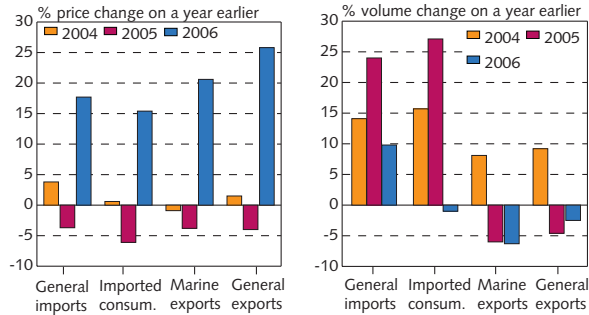
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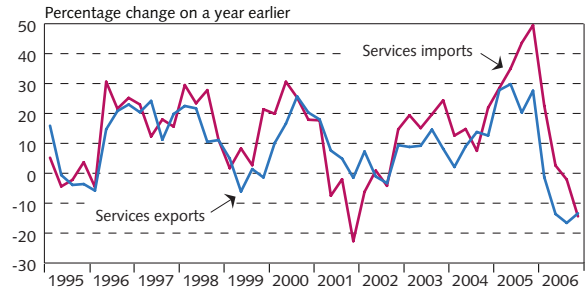
Merchandise trade in Jan. - Dec. 2004-2006



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Services account

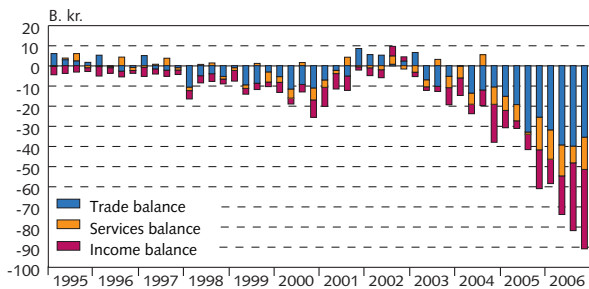
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Components of current account

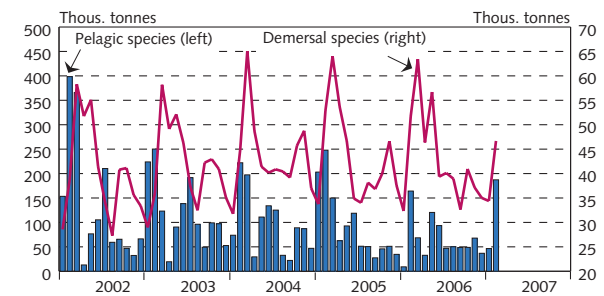
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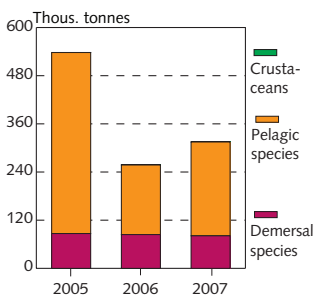
Fish catch volume

Monthly data

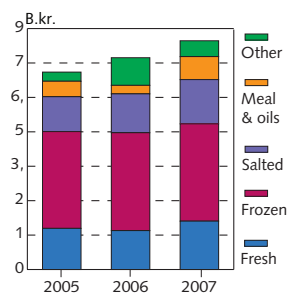


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Fish catch January



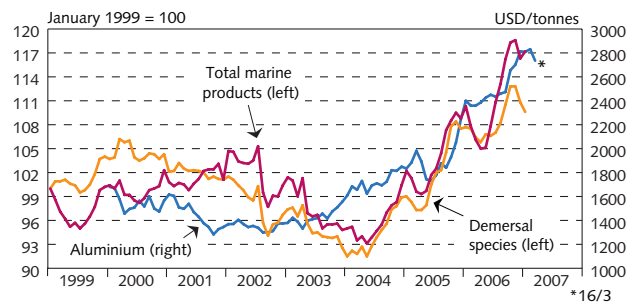
Marine export value January - December



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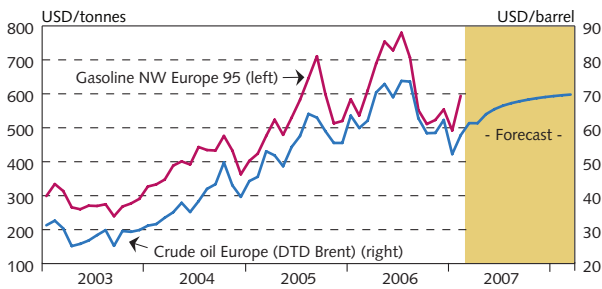
Currency-weighted for marine exports and in USD for aluminium



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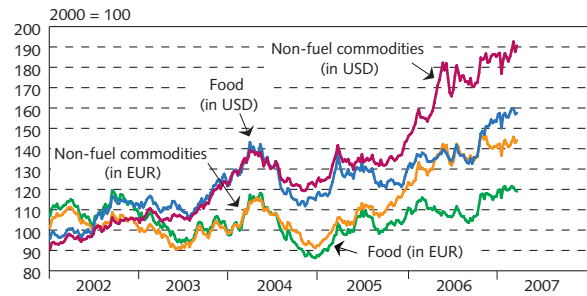
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Crude oil and gasoline prices
Forecast based on Rotterdam futures prices



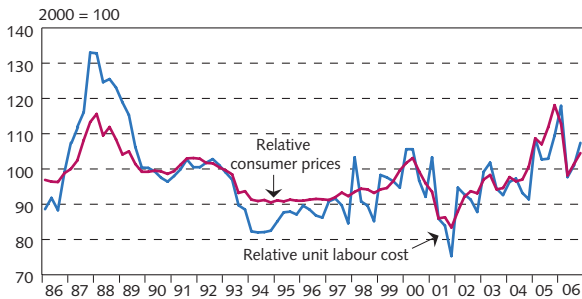
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Commodity prices in international markets
Weekly data



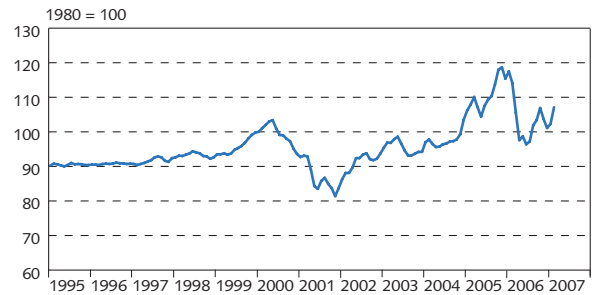
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Real effective exchange rate of the króna
Quarterly data



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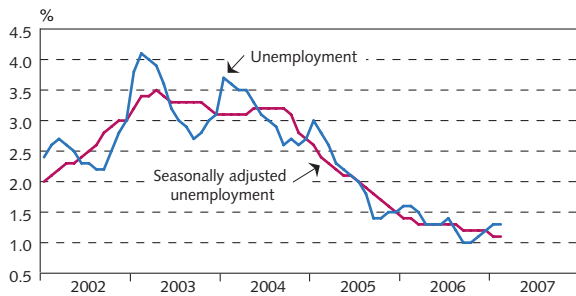
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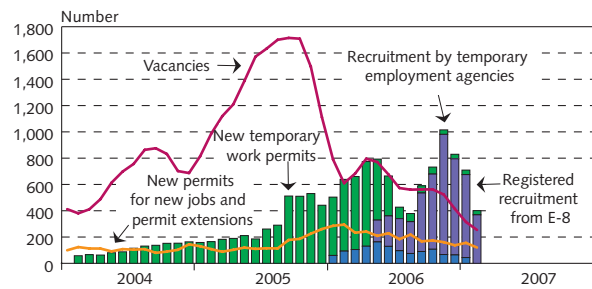
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Unemployment
Percentage of labour force



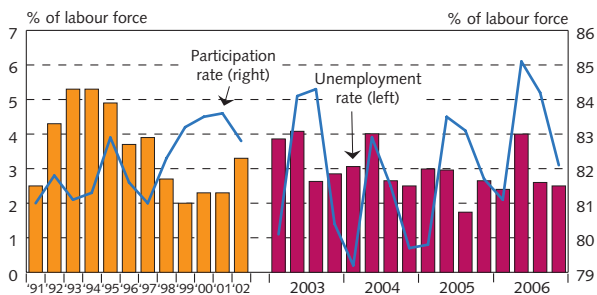
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Foreign labour
3-month moving averages



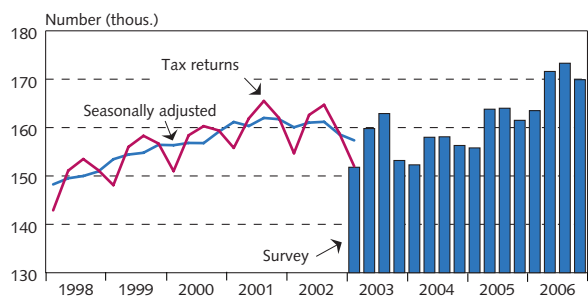
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Unemployment rate and labour participation rate
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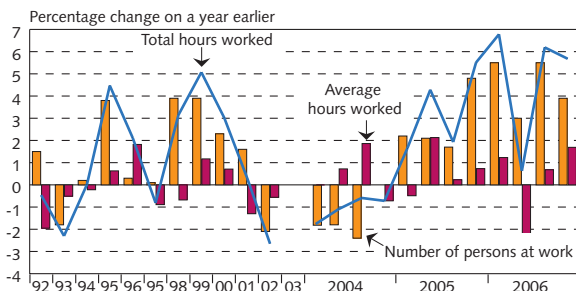
Number of employed persons
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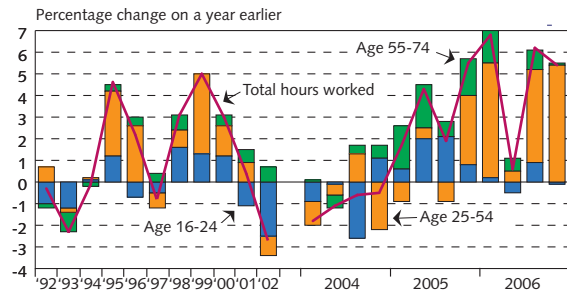
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Change in labour use
Survey-based



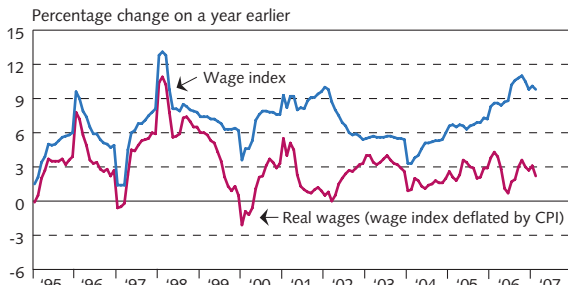
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Contribution of age groups to total hours worked



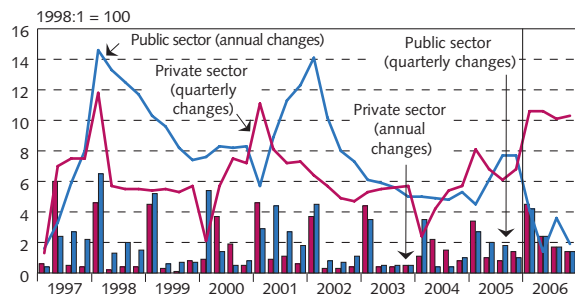
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Nominal and real wages
Statistics Iceland wage index



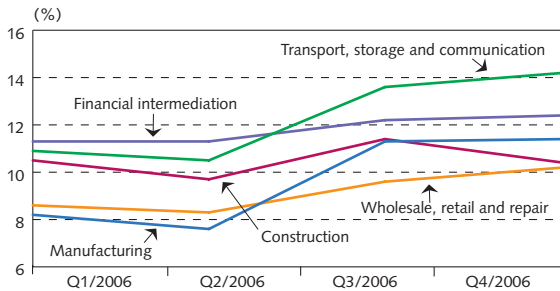
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Wage changes by sectors
Statistics Iceland wage index



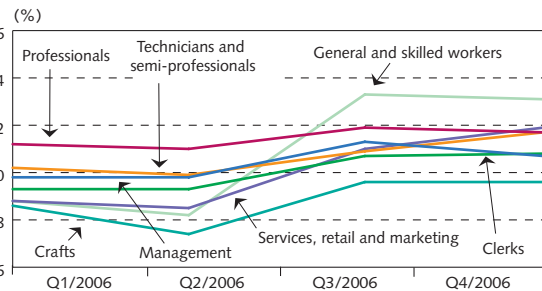
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Private sector wage index by sector
Percentage change on a year earlier



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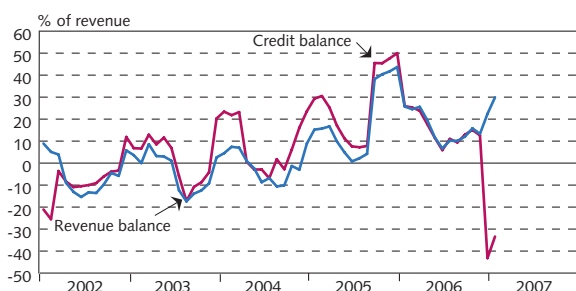
Private sector wage index by occupational group
Change on a year earlier (%)



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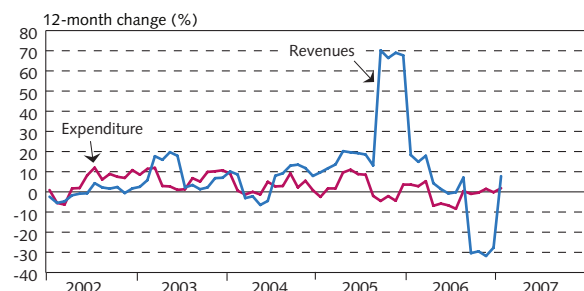
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Treasury balance and net credit balance
4-month moving averages in real terms



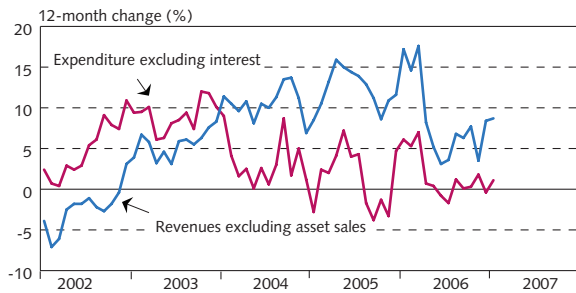
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Regular Treasury revenues and expenditure
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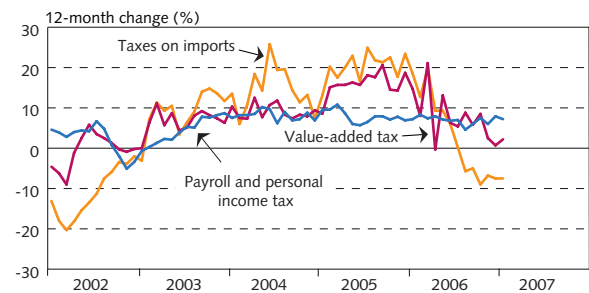


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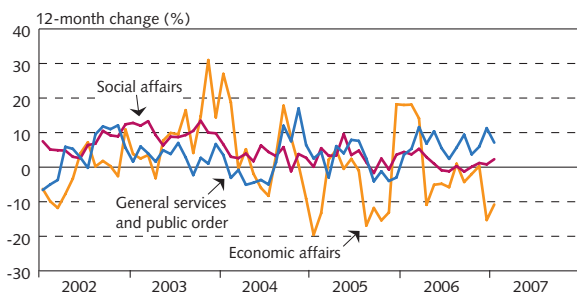
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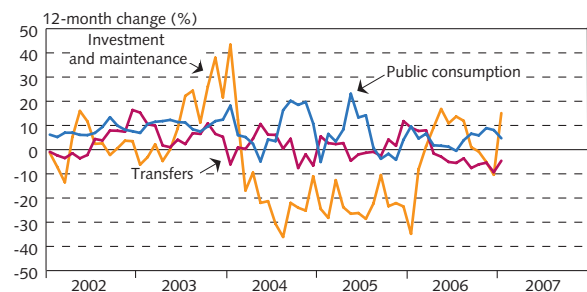
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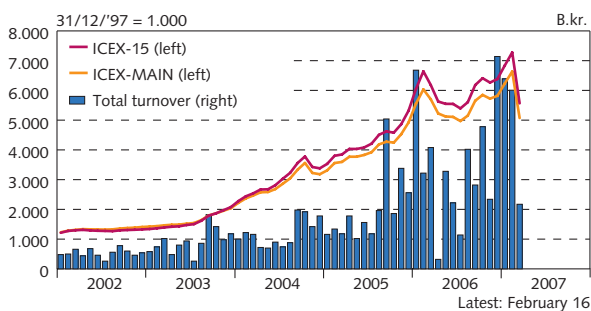


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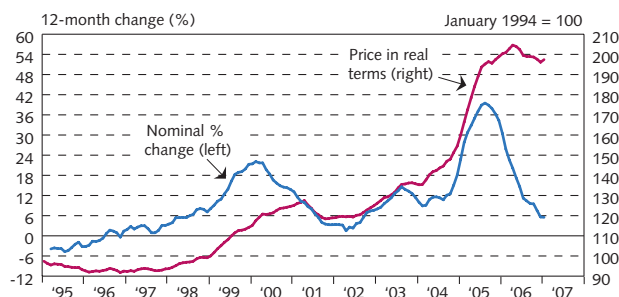


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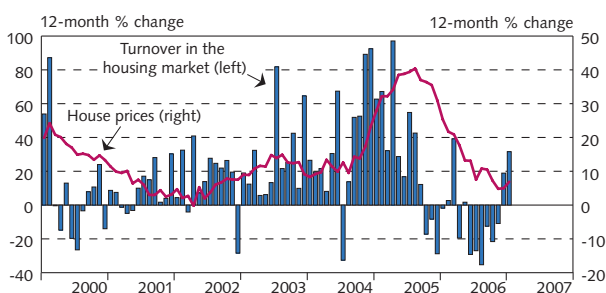
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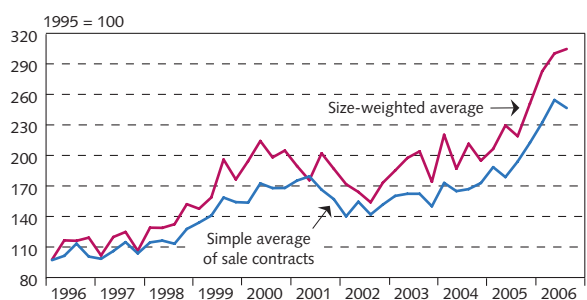
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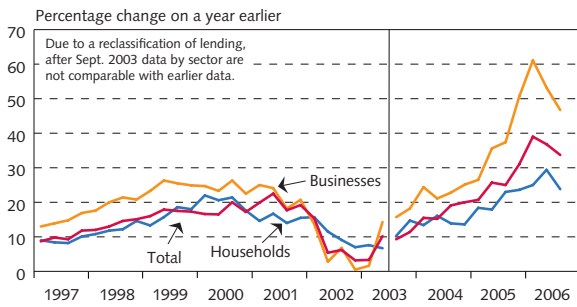
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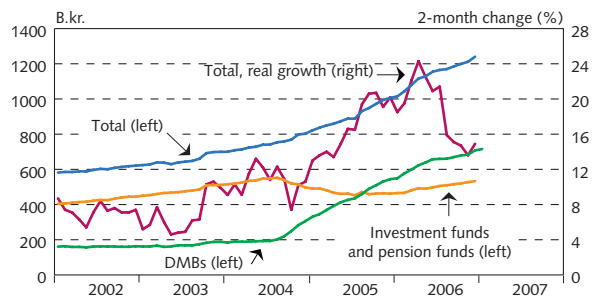
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Credit system lending growth
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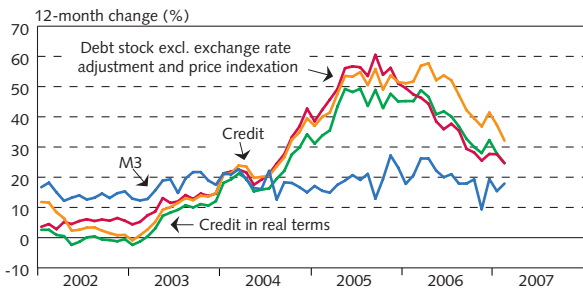
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Household debt with main credit institutions
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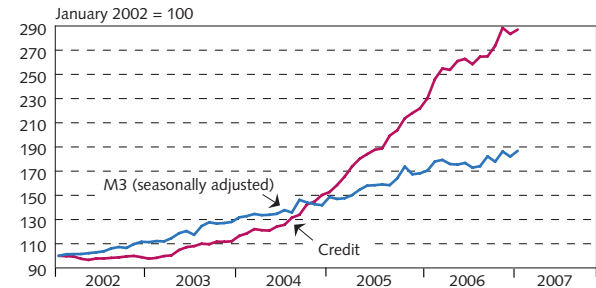
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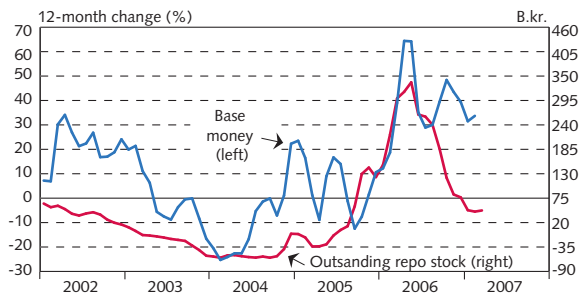
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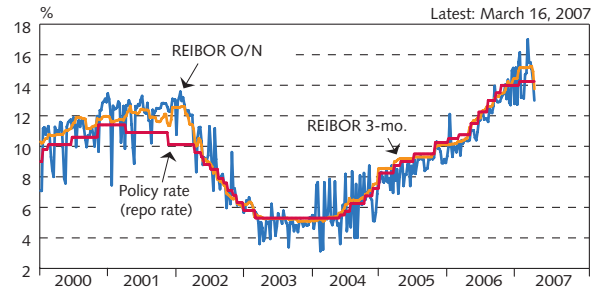
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Base money and repurchase agreements with the Central Bank
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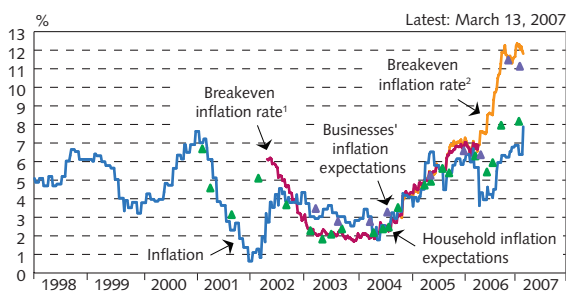
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The Central Bank repo rate and interbank interest rates
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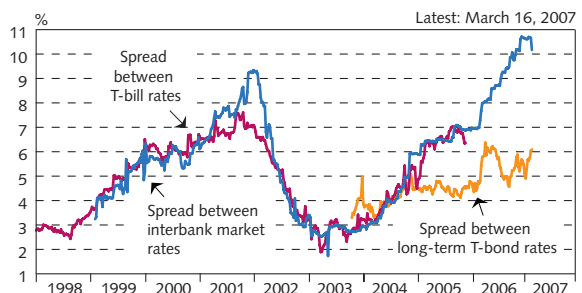
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Interest rate differential with abroad
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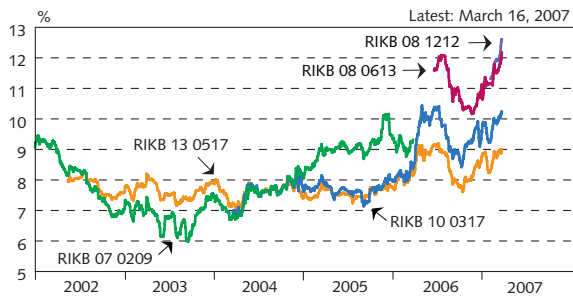


1. Spread between RIKB 13 0517 and RIKS 15 1001.
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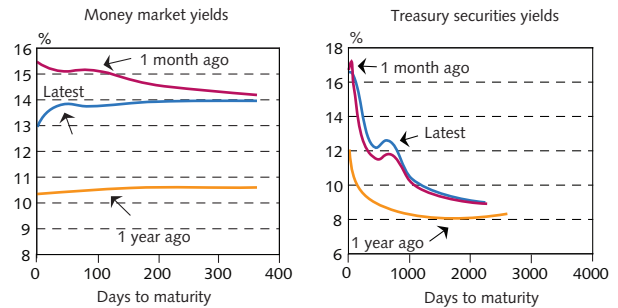
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Long-term nominal Treasury bond yields
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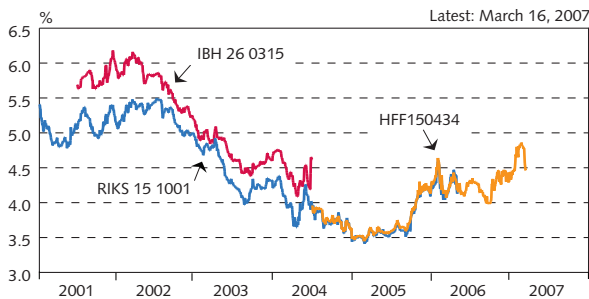
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Term structure of nominal interest rates Feb. 16, 2007



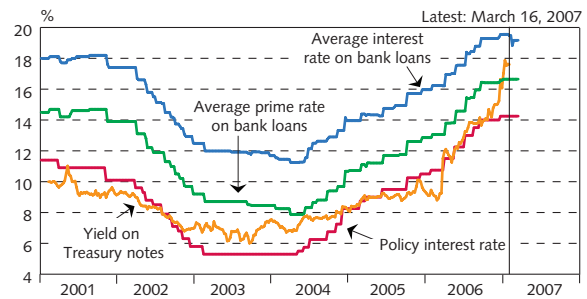
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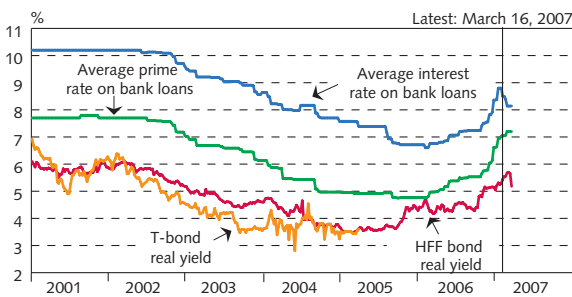
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Average nominal interest rates
Bank lending rates, T-note yields and policy interest rate



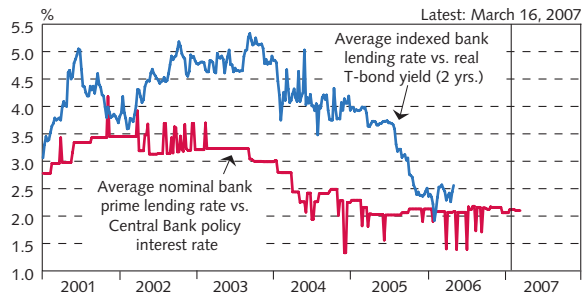
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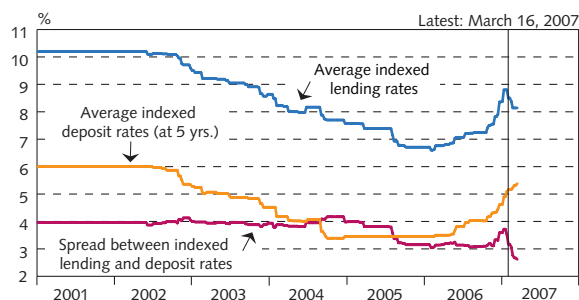
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Interest rate spreads
Between nominal bank prime rates and the policy rate;
between indexed bank lending rates and T-bond yield



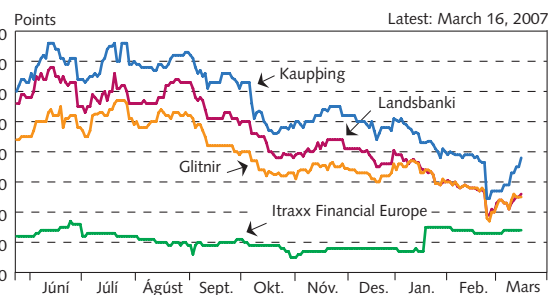
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Bank lending and deposit rates
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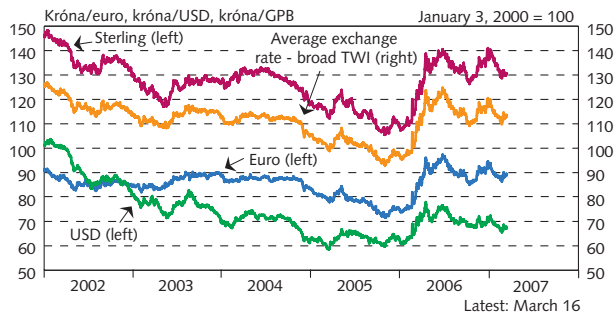
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