

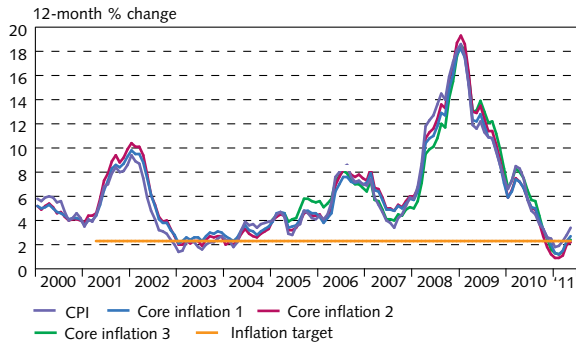
# Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland  
May 2011

# I Inflation and inflation expectations

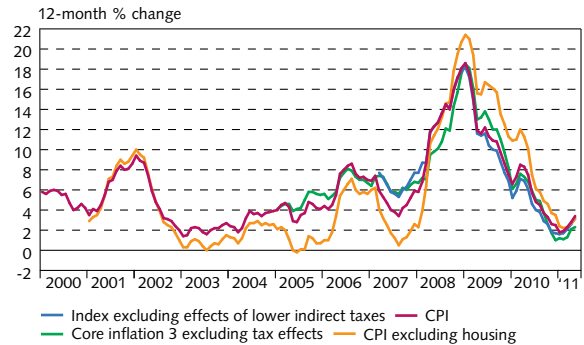
I-1 Consumer price inflation and core inflation



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.

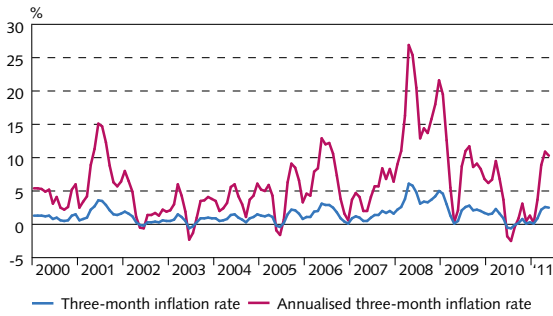
Monthly data.  
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

I-2 Inflation: various measurements



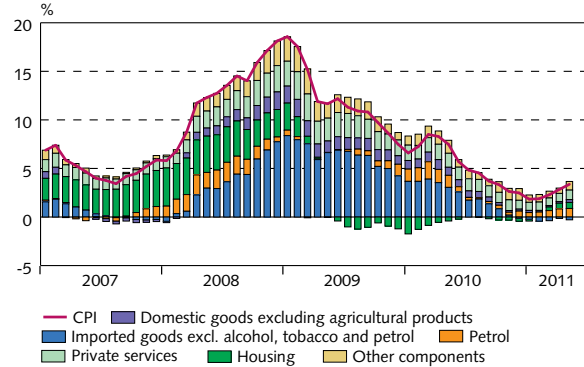
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I-3 Seasonally adjusted inflation



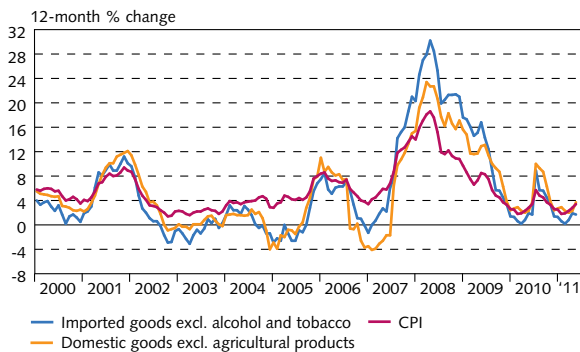
This inflation measurement is very volatile but indicates how inflation pressures are developing. Monthly data.  
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I-4 Components of CPI inflation



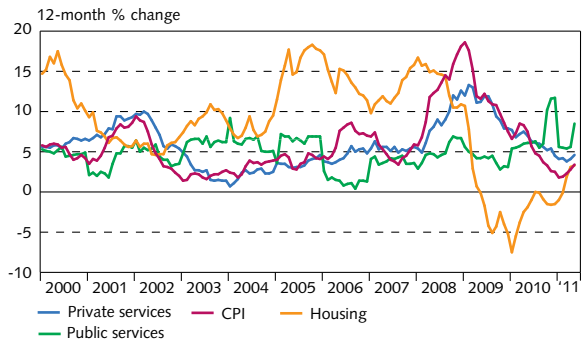
Contribution of individual items to 12-month inflation. Monthly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-5 Price developments: goods



Monthly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-6 Price developments: housing and services

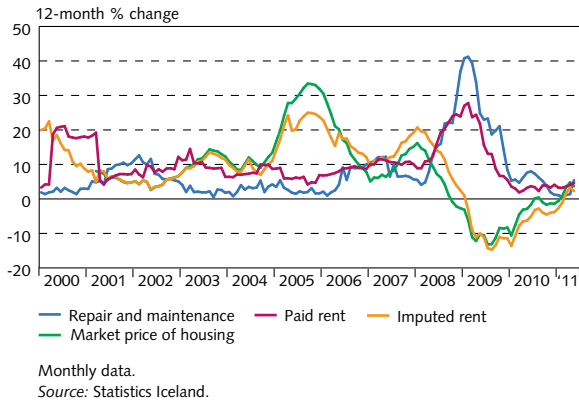


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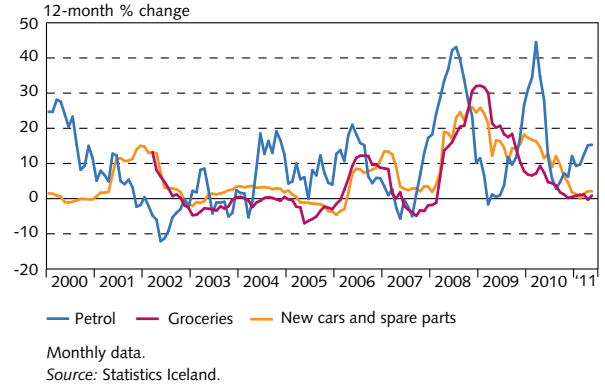
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Price developments: housing



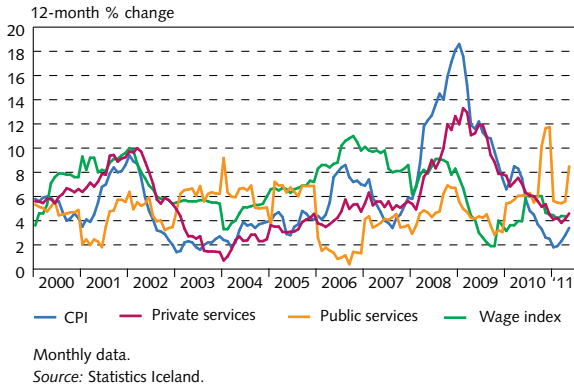
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Price developments: various components



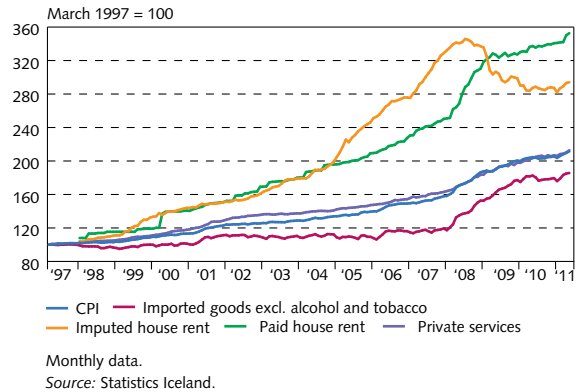
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Price and wage developments: wages, inflation and services



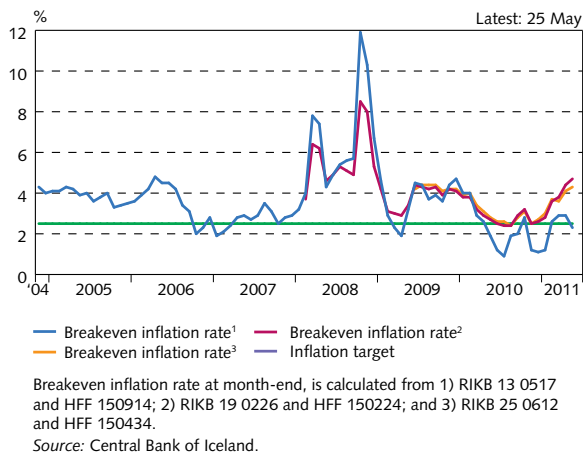
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Price developments: goods, housing and services



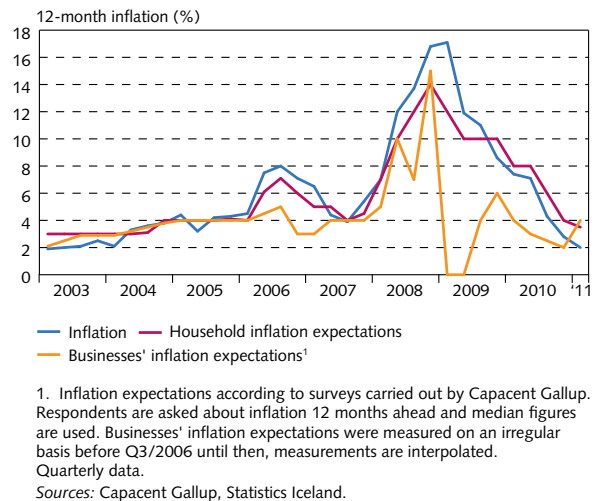
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Breakeven inflation rate



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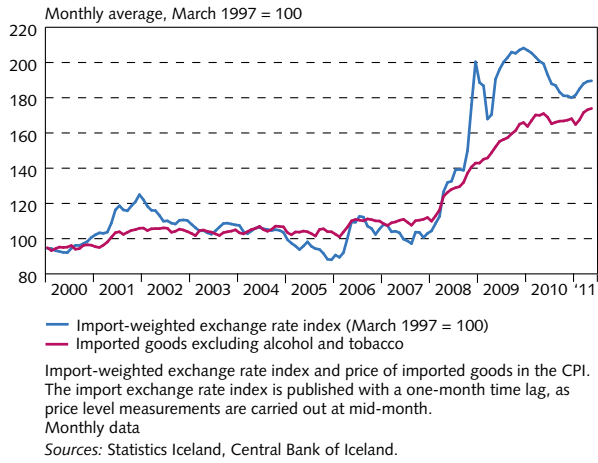
Inflation expectations of businesses and households one year ahead and current inflation



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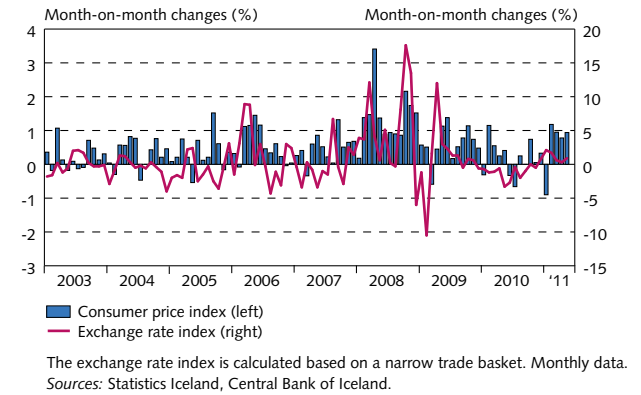
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Import price levels and exchange rate developments



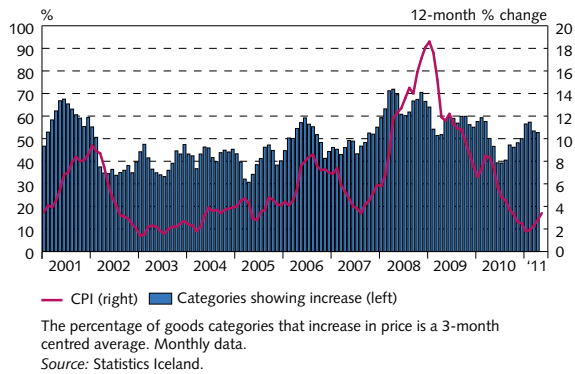
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Price level and exchange rate developments



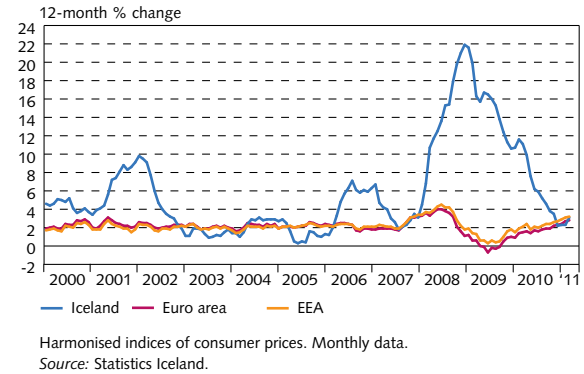
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Distribution of price increases in the CPI



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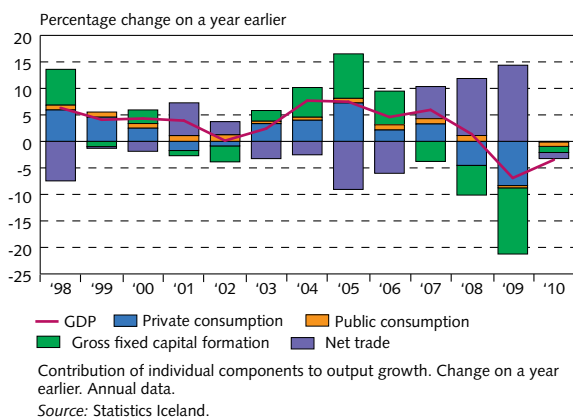
Inflation in Iceland and Europe



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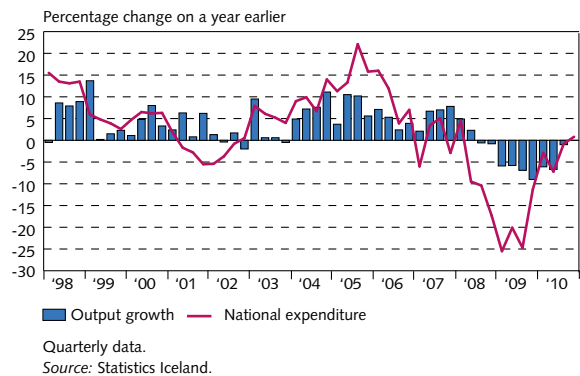
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Gross domestic product



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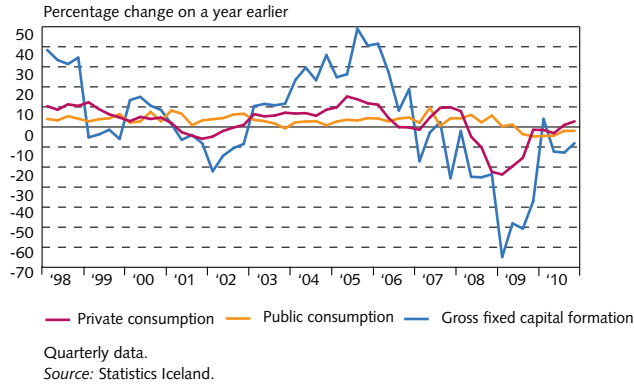
Output growth and national expenditure



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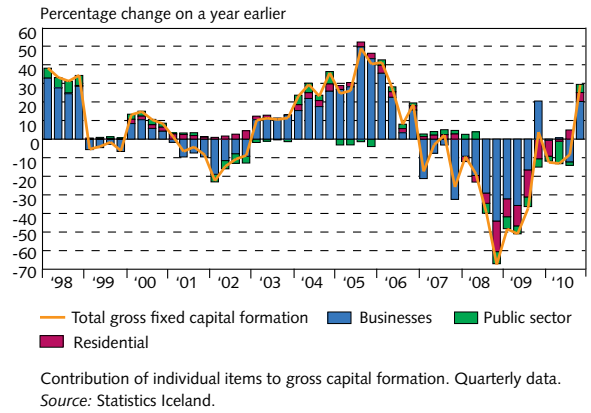
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### Private consumption, public consumption and gross fixed capital formation



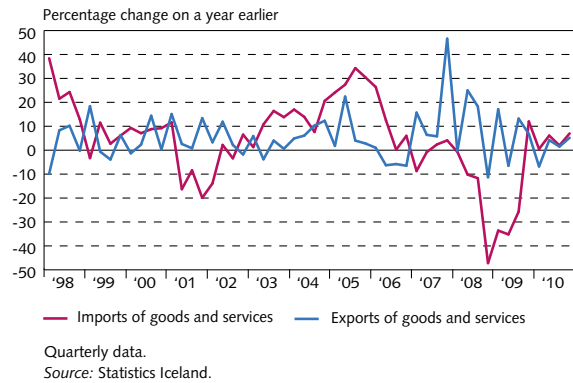
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### Gross fixed capital formation



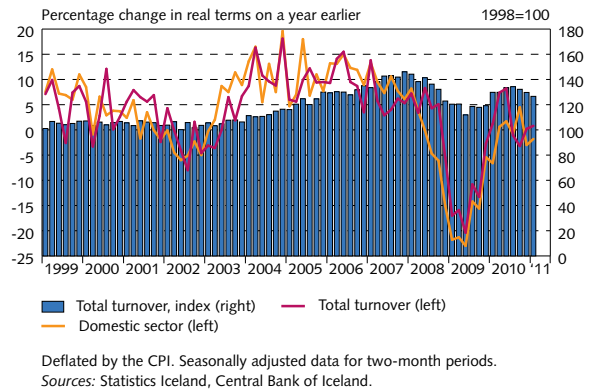
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### Foreign trade



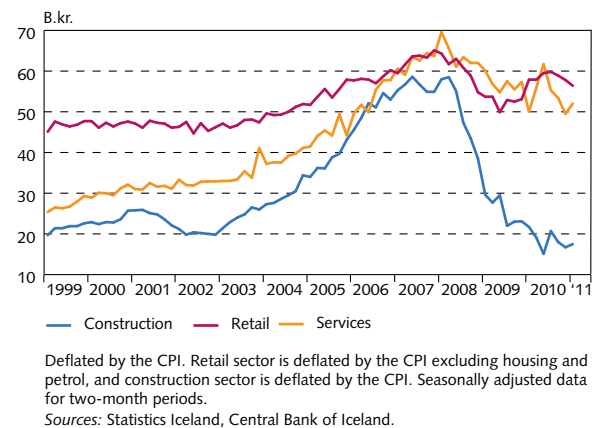
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### Turnover according to VAT returns



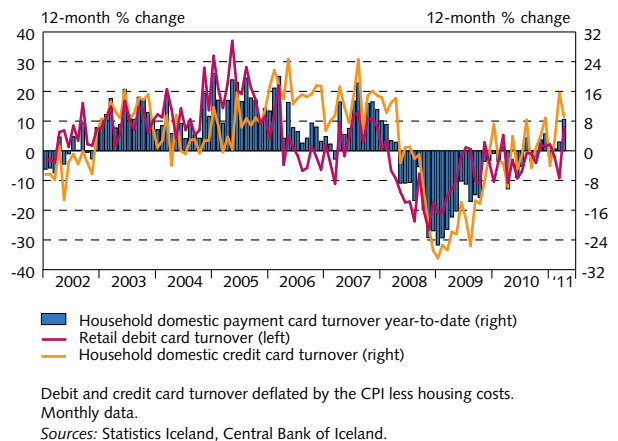
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### Turnover according to VAT returns: several components



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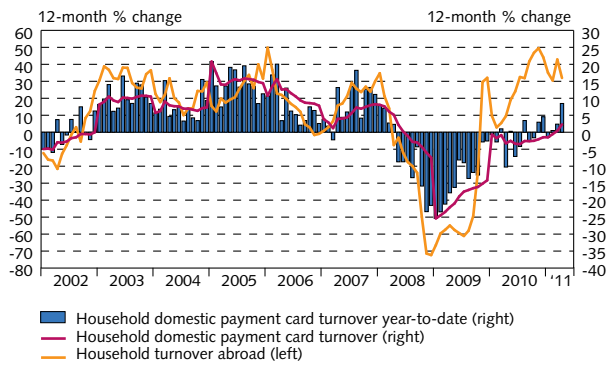
### Payment card turnover



## II Output and demand

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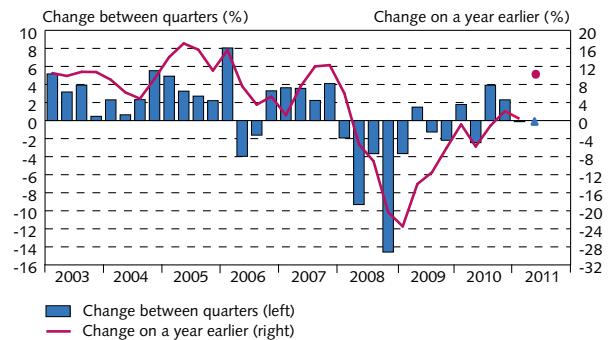
Payment card turnover



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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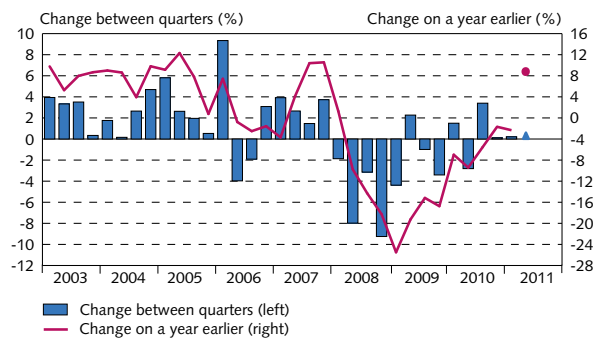
Total household payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q2 2011 are for April. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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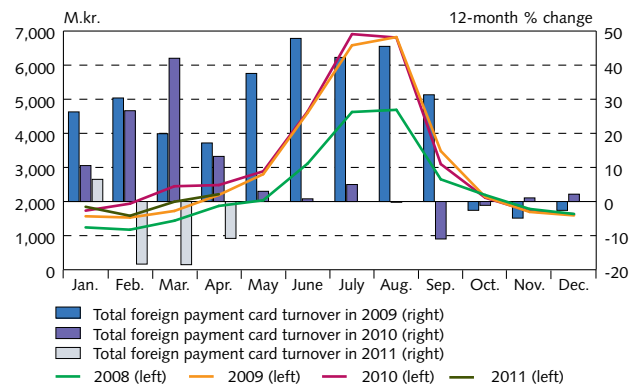
Household domestic payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted domestic debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q2 2011 are for April. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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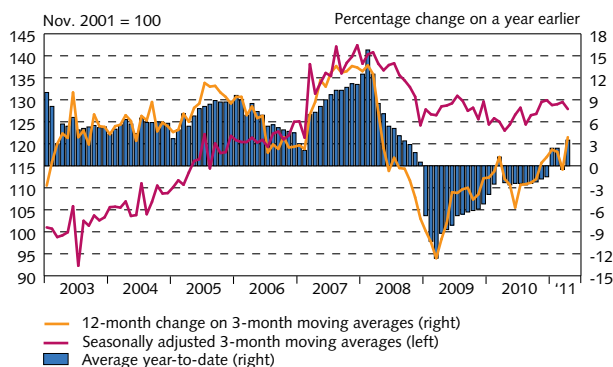
Foreign payment card turnover in Iceland



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

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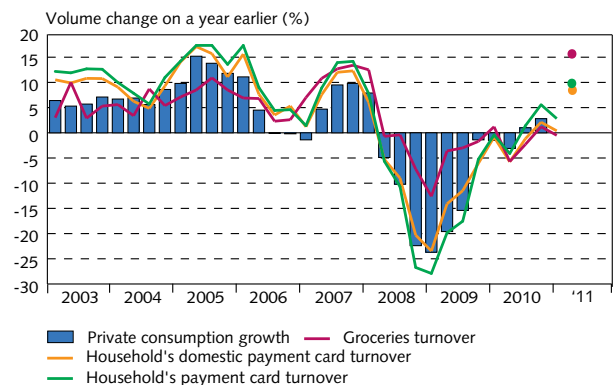
Groceries turnover



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

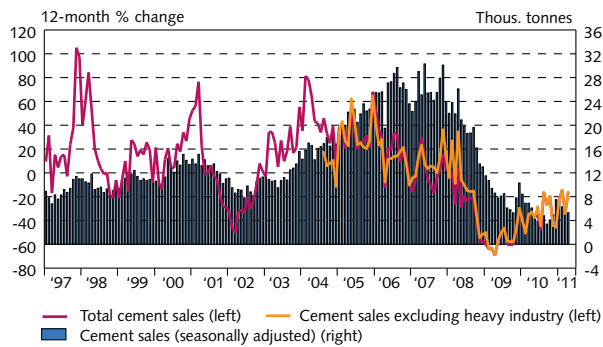


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Cement sales

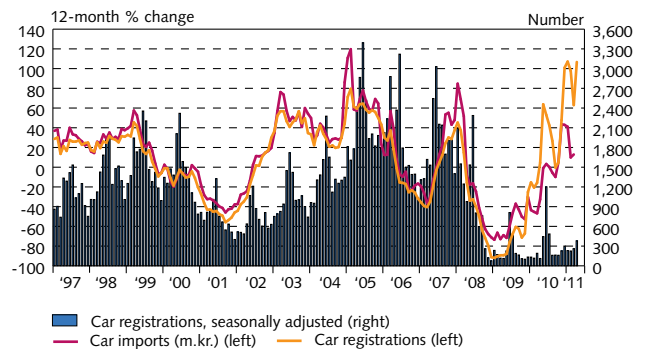


3-month moving average. Monthly data.

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Importation and new registration of motor vehicles

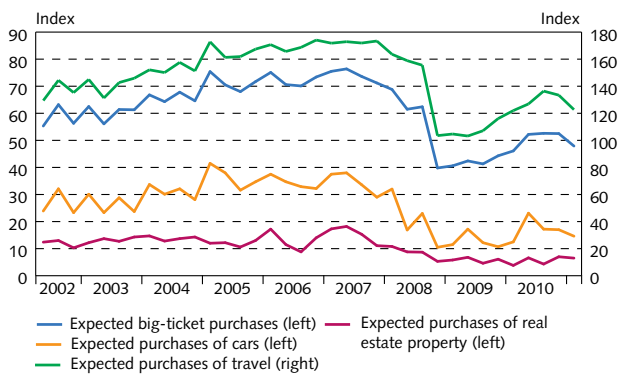


3-month moving average. New motor vehicle registrations include new and used vehicles in all categories (passenger cars, motor coaches, and delivery and transport vehicles). Monthly data.

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Indices of expected big-ticket purchases

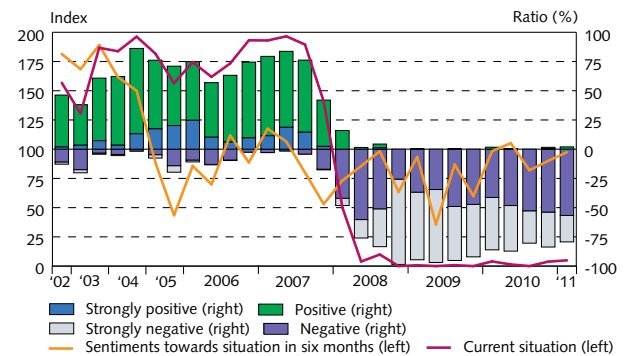


Indices of expected big-ticket purchases are based on Capacent Gallup consumer sentiment survey. The index for expected big-ticket purchases is an average of the other three indices. Quarterly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Capacent Gallup Business Sentiment Indices

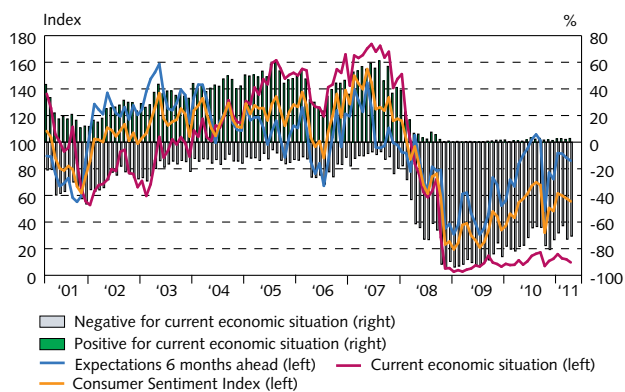


The Business sentiment indices are based upon Capacent Gallup's survey of the largest companies in Iceland. The columns show the sentiments towards the current situation in the economy.

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Consumer sentiment (Gallup)

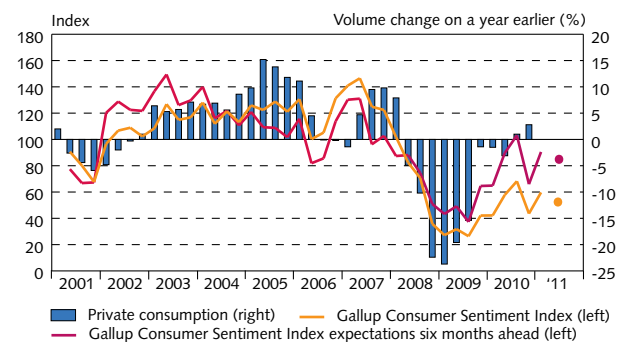


Monthly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Private consumption and Gallup Consumer Sentiment Index



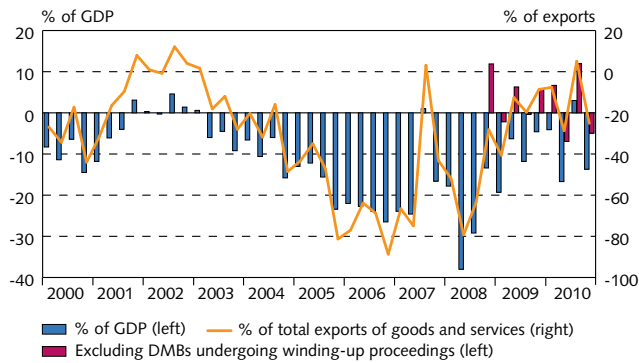
Points show value for April 2011. Quarterly data.

Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland.

### III Foreign trade and external economic conditions

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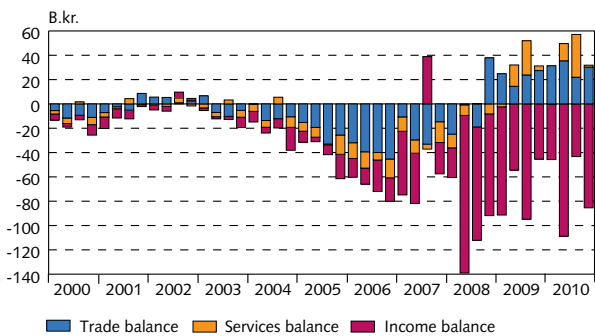
Current account balance



Quarterly data.  
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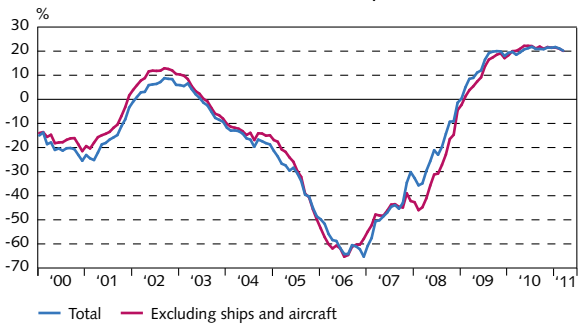
Components of current account



Net current transfers are included in factor income. Quarterly data.  
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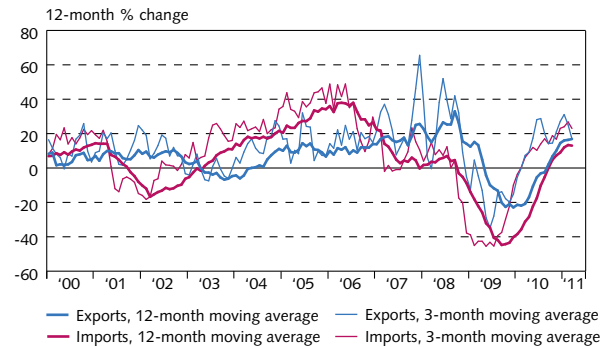
Merchandise trade balance as percentage of merchandise exports



12-month moving averages. Monthly data.  
 Source: Statistics Iceland.

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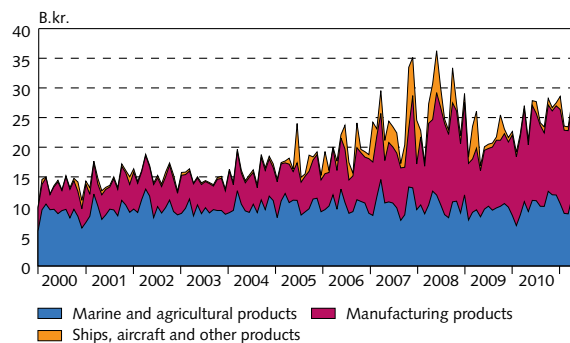
Merchandise imports and exports at constant exchange rates



Monthly data.  
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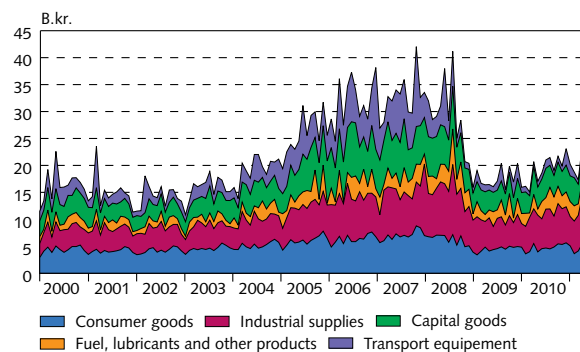
Components of merchandise exports



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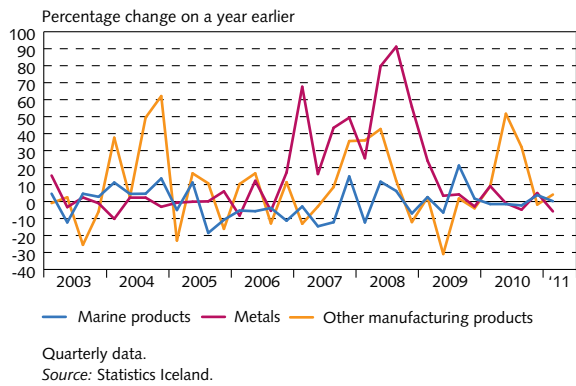
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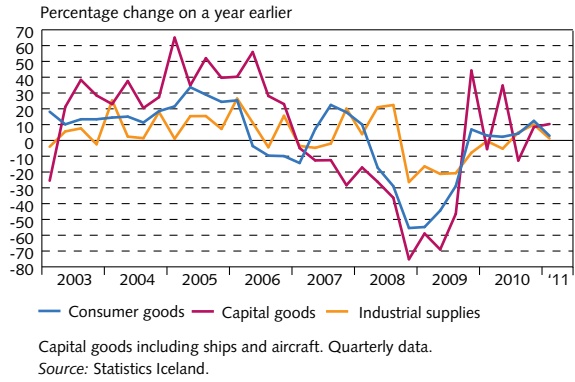
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Volume changes on main export products



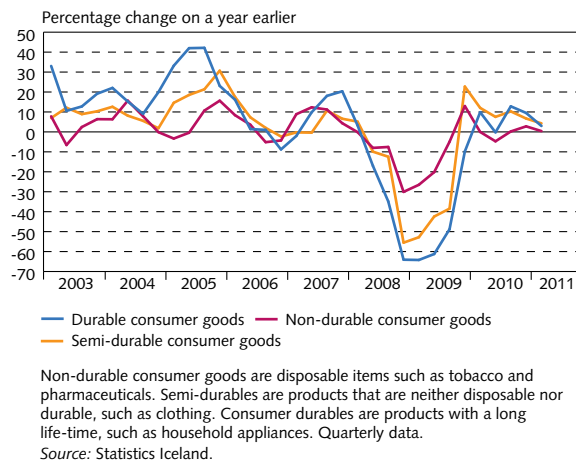
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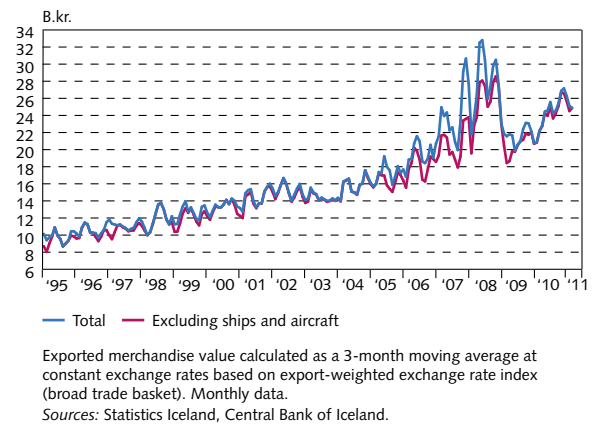
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Volume changes on import products



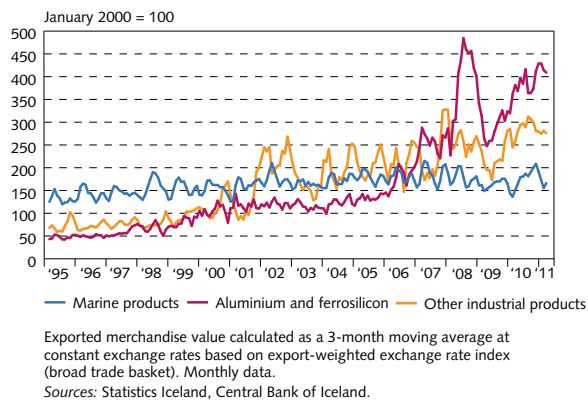
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Merchandise exports



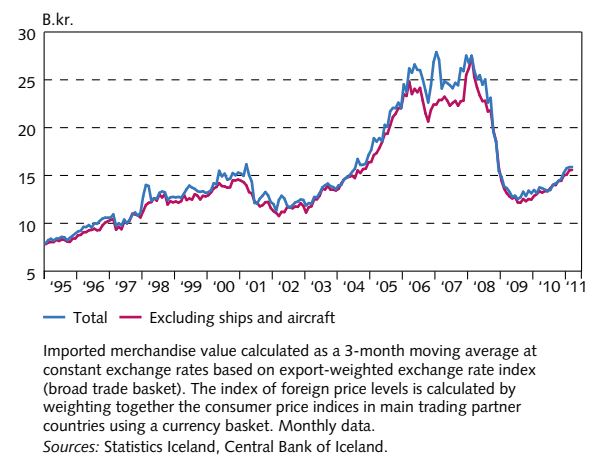
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Merchandise exports by category



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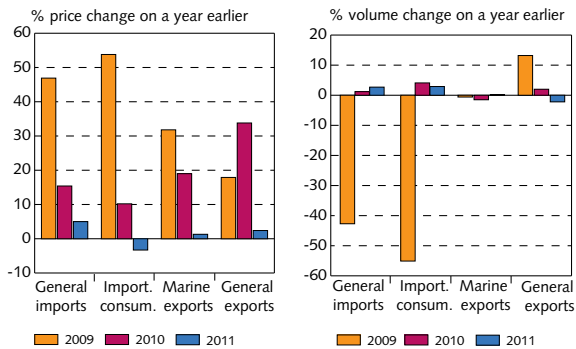
Seasonally adjusted merchandise imports



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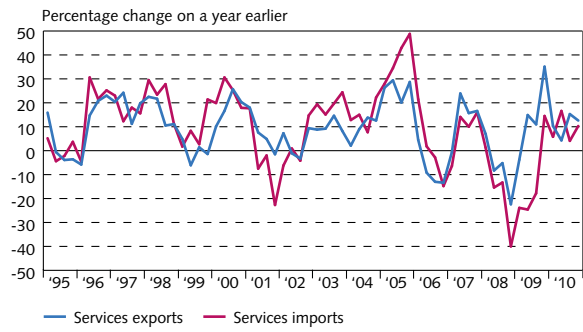
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Merchandise trade in  
January - March



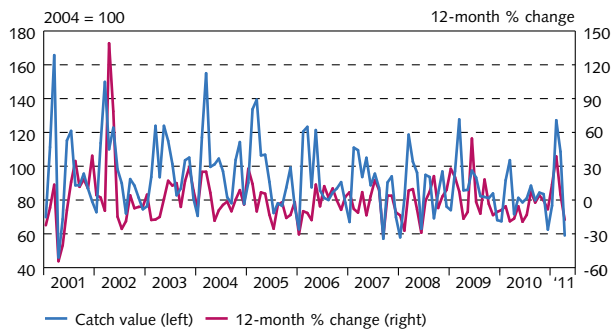
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Services balance



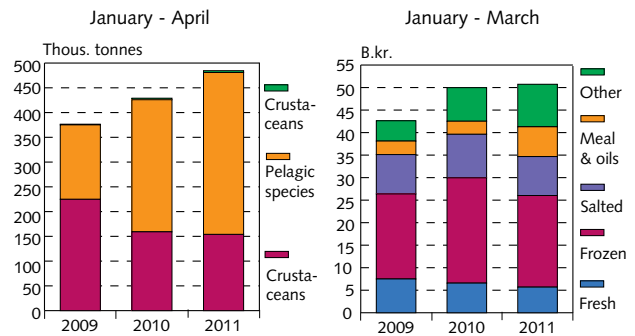
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Fish catch volume



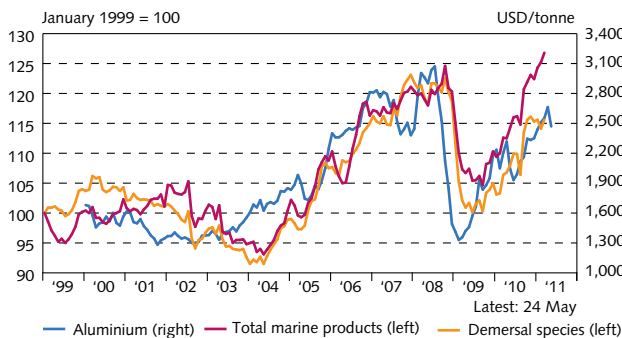
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Marine export value



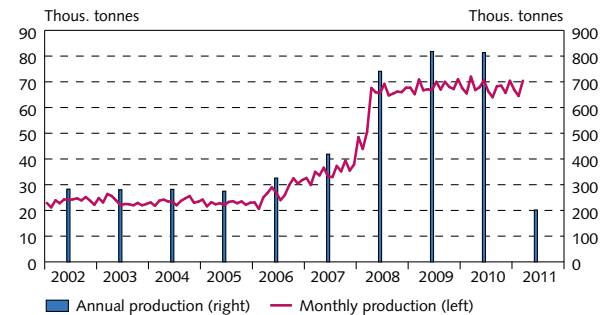
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Export prices



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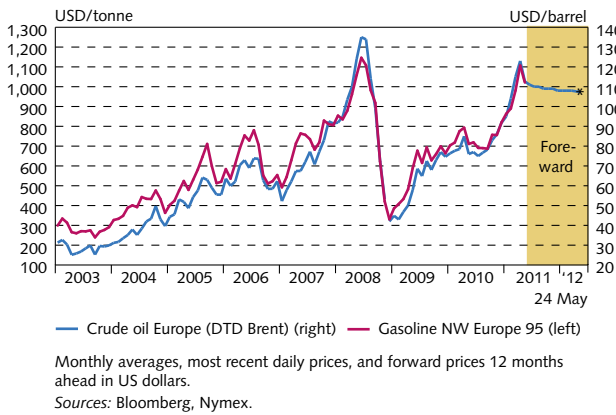
Aluminium production



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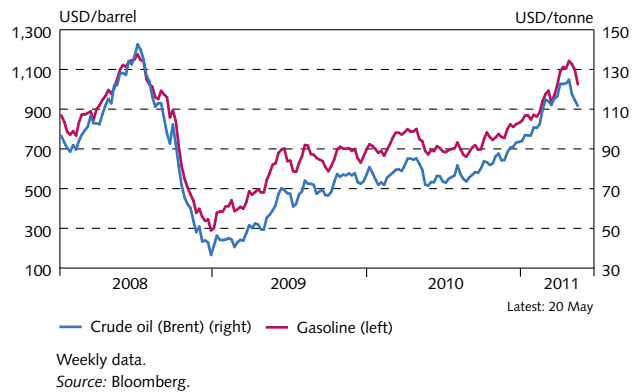
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Global crude oil and gasoline prices



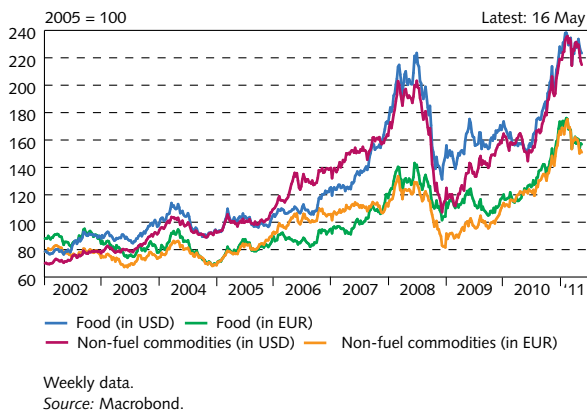
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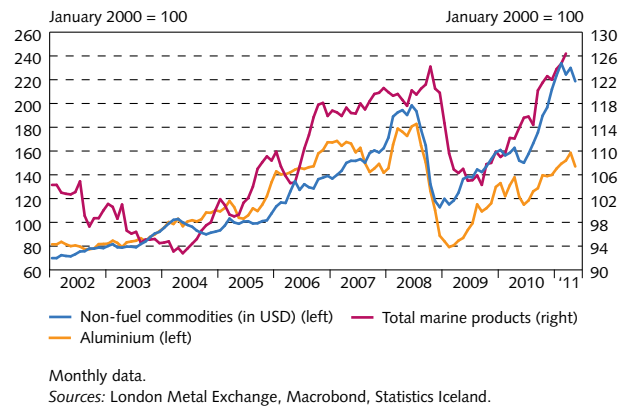
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Commodity prices in international markets



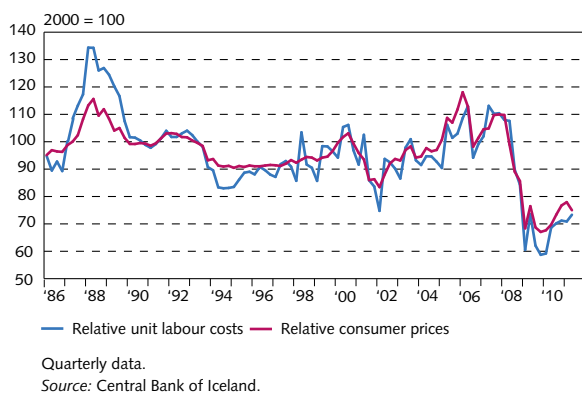
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Global commodity prices and Icelandic export prices



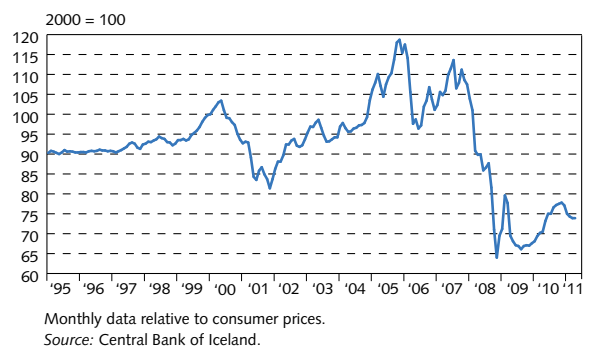
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Real exchange rate



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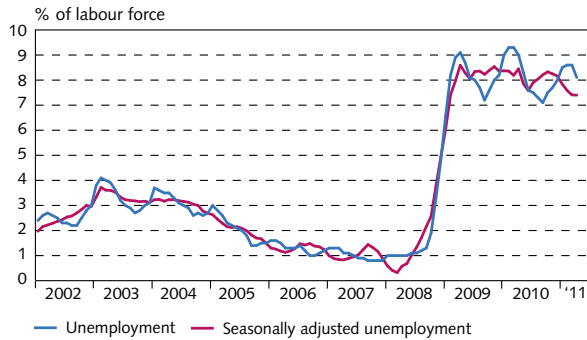
Real exchange rate



## IV Labour market and wages

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### Unemployment

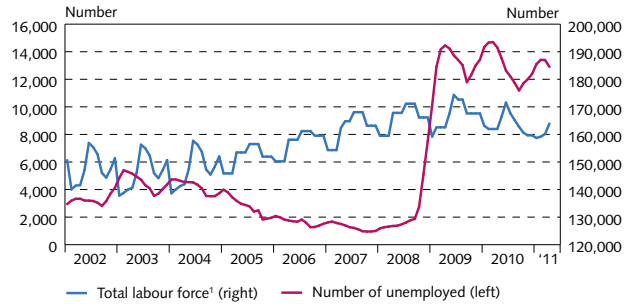


Registered unemployment is the average number of individuals registered with employment agencies nationwide as a percentage of the estimated number of persons in the labour market in each month. Monthly data.

Sources: Directorate of Labour, Central Bank of Iceland.

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### Number of unemployed and total labour force

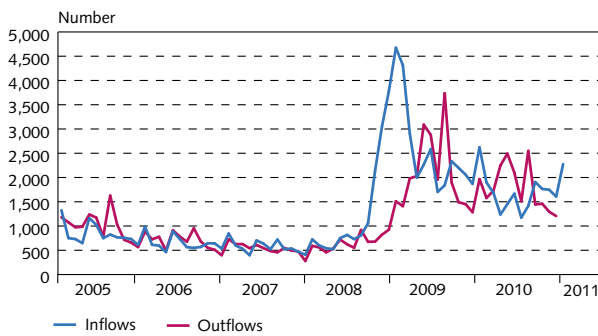


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### Unemployment register: Inflows and outflows

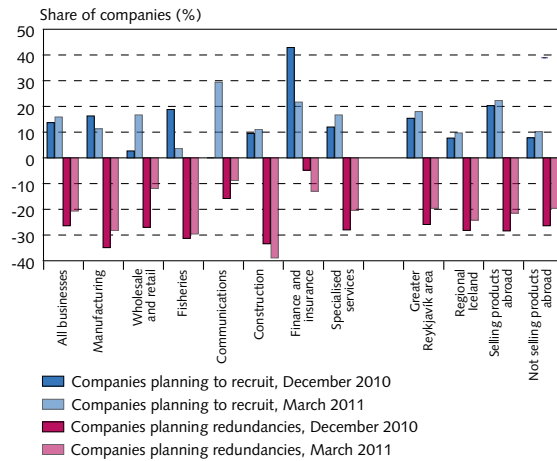


Monthly data.

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### Companies planning to change staffing levels during the next 6 months

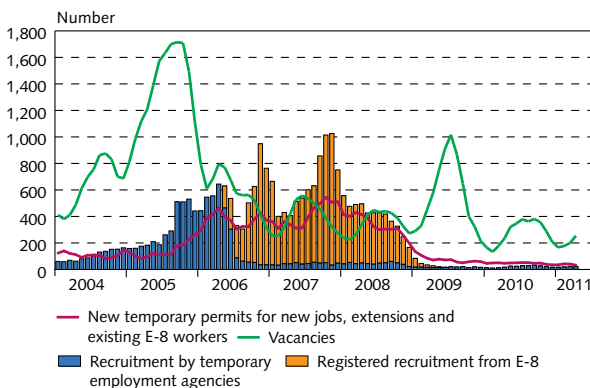


Data based on Capacent Gallup's survey of the largest companies in Iceland.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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### Foreign labour

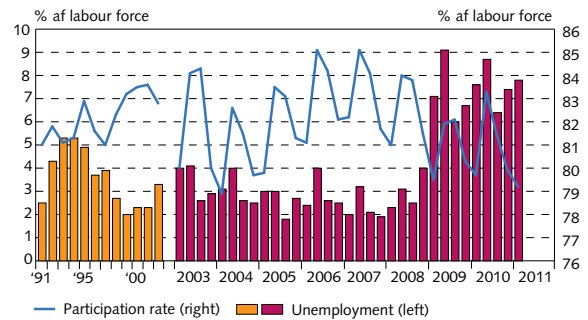


3-month moving average. The E-8 countries are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, and Hungary. Monthly data.

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### Unemployment rate and labour participation rate



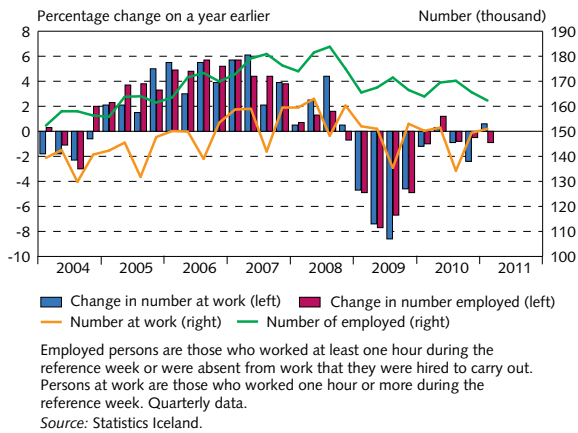
Until 2003, the Statistics Iceland labour market survey included only one week in April and one week in November; however, since January 2003, it has been continuous and the results published quarterly. As a result, figures from January 2003 and thereafter are not entirely comparable with earlier figures.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

Source: Statistics Iceland.

## IV Labour market and wages

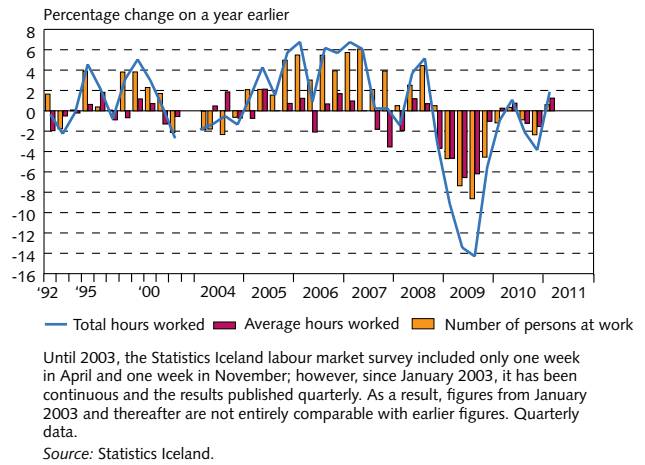
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Employed persons and number of persons at work



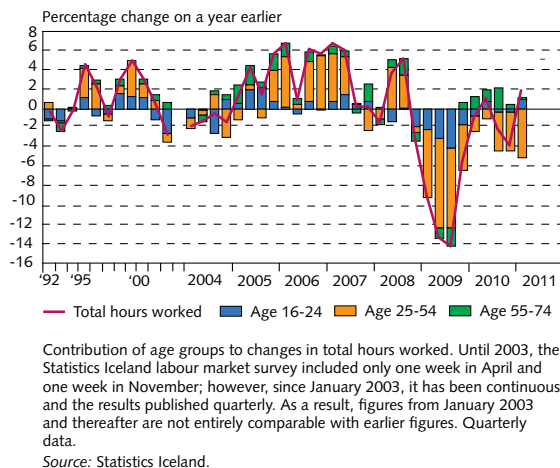
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Changes in labour force



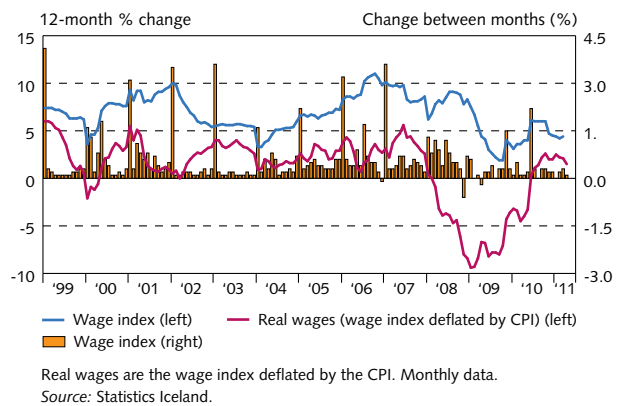
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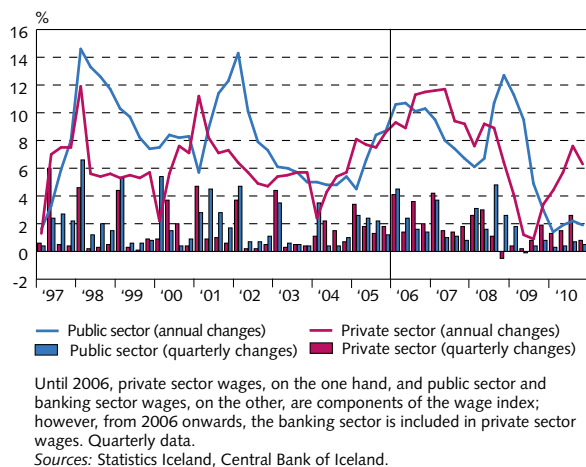
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Nominal and real wages



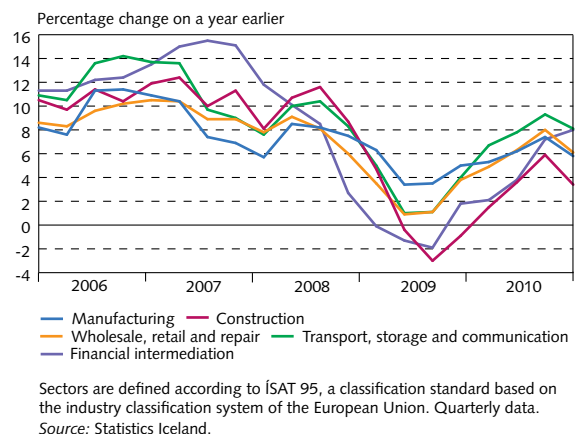
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Wage changes by sector



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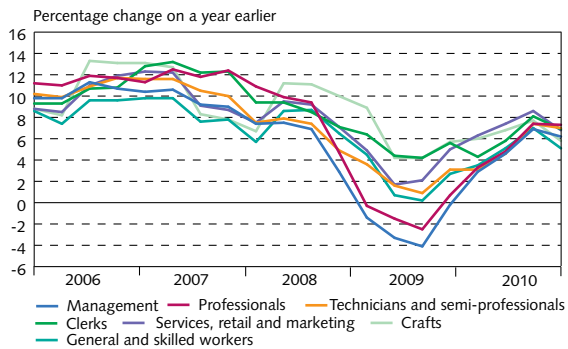
Private sector wage index by sector



## IV Labour market and wages

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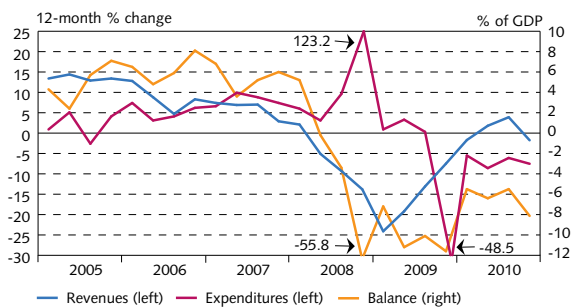
Private sector wage index by occupational group



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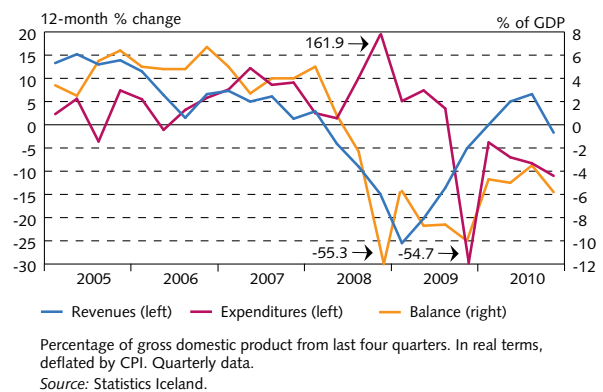
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Public sector revenues, expenditures and balance



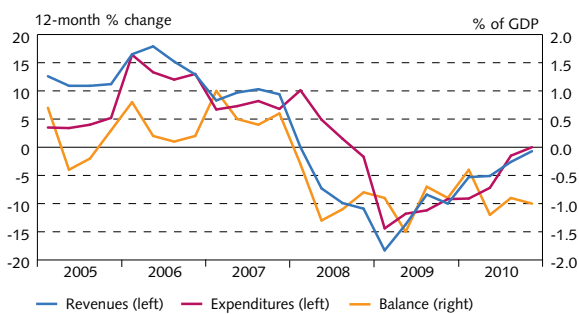
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Treasury revenues, expenditures and balance



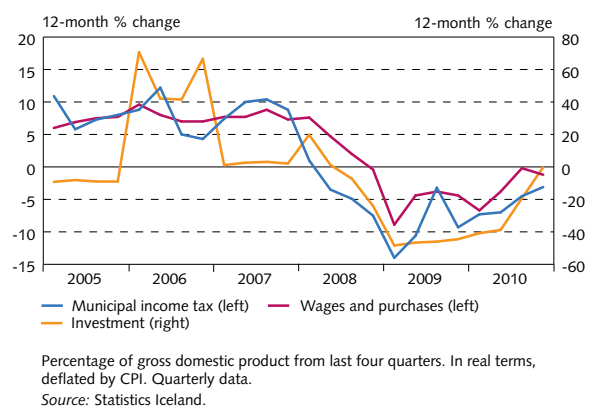
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Local government revenues, expenditures and balance



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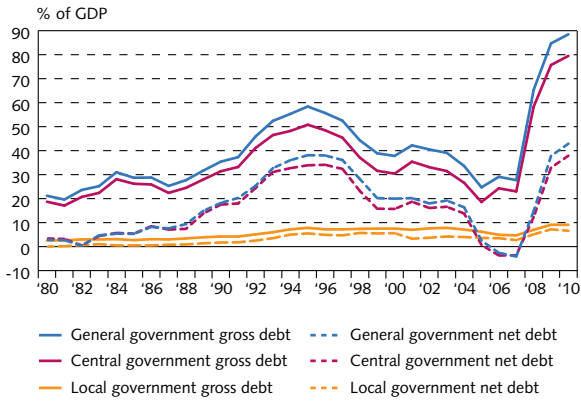
Local government revenues and expenditures



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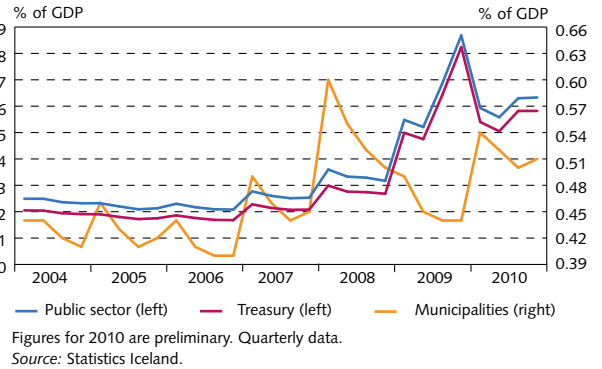
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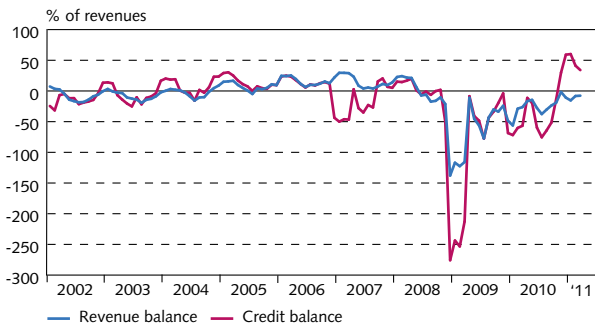
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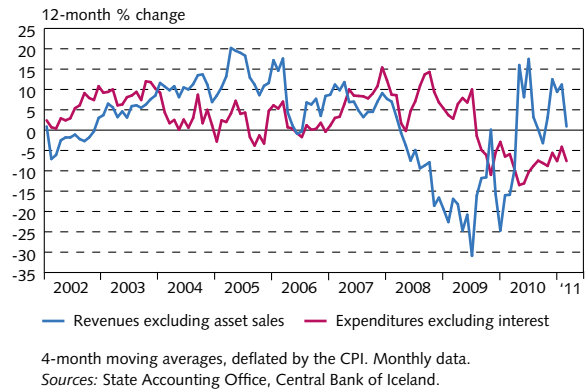
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Treasury balance and net credit balance



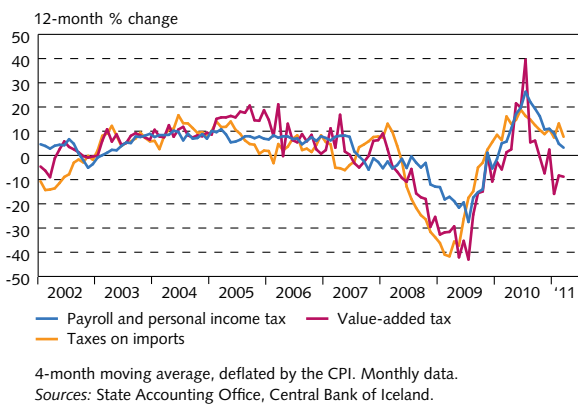
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Regular revenues excluding asset sales, regular expenditure excluding interest



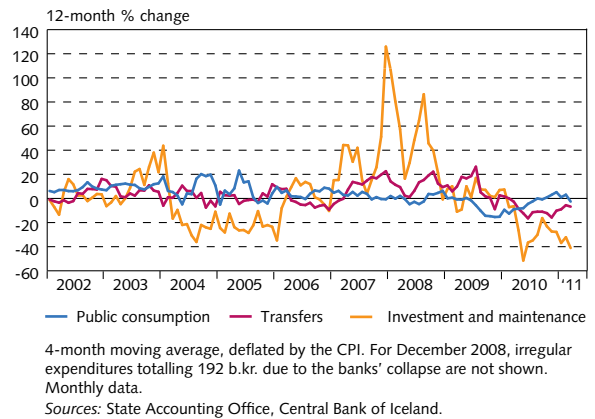
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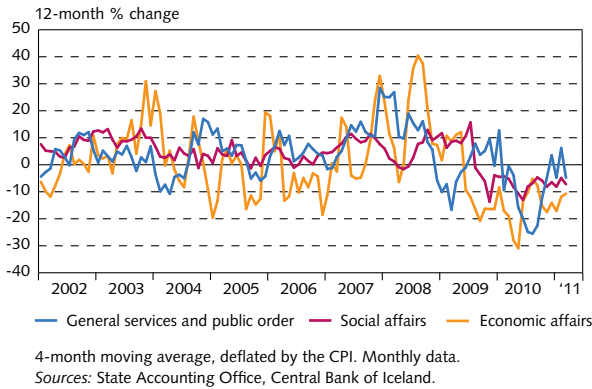
Treasury expenditures by type



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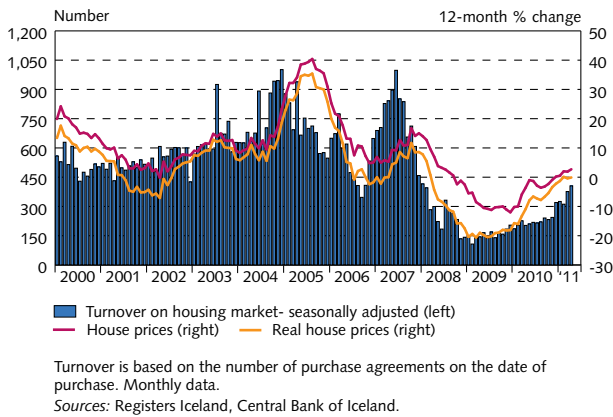
Treasury expenditures by function



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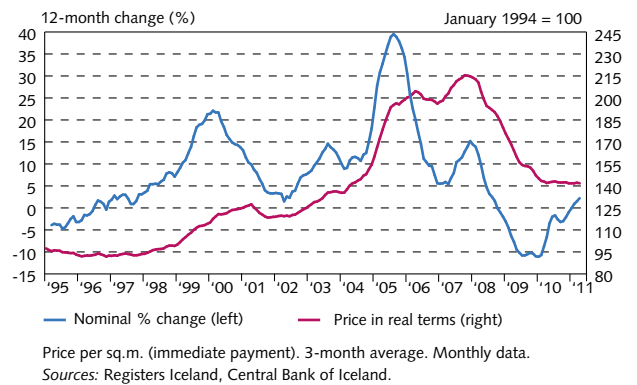
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Housing market prices and turnover in greater Reykjavik



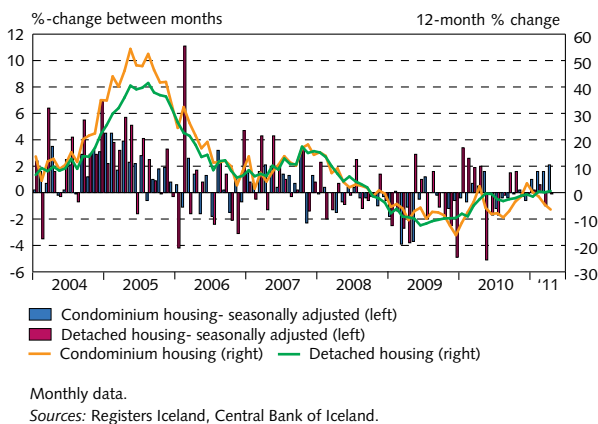
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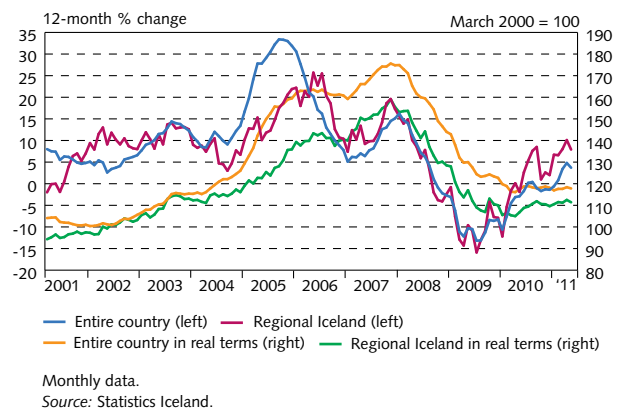
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Market price of residential housing

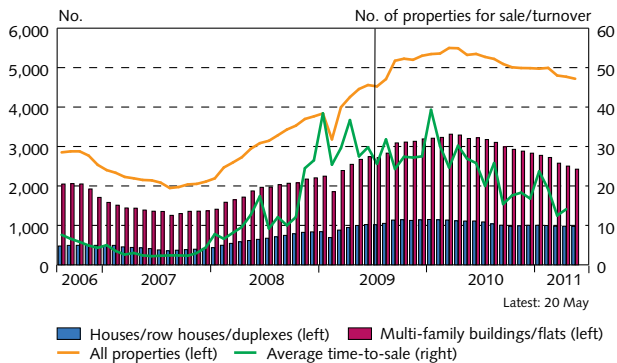




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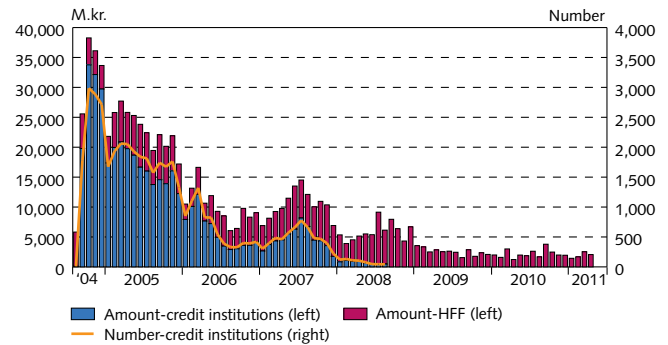
Advertised property and average time to sale



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

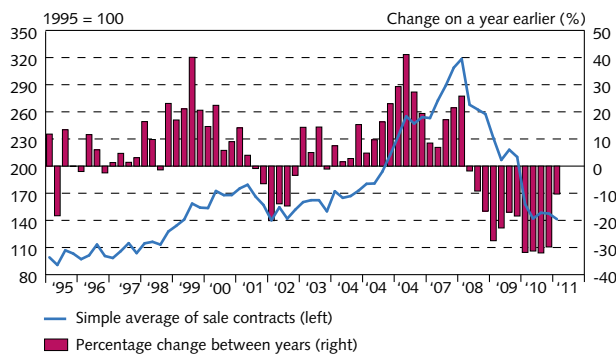


Information from credit institutions is unavailable from September 2008 onwards. Monthly data.

Sources: Housing Financing Fund, Central Bank of Iceland.

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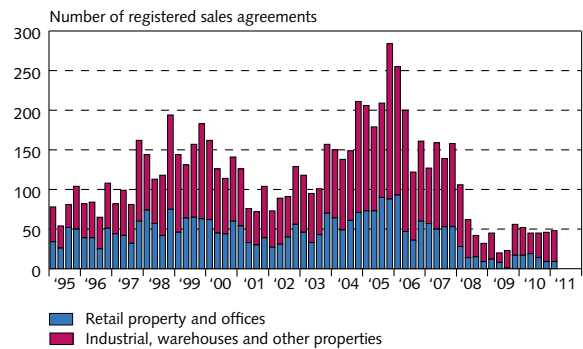
Commercial property prices in greater Reykjavik



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

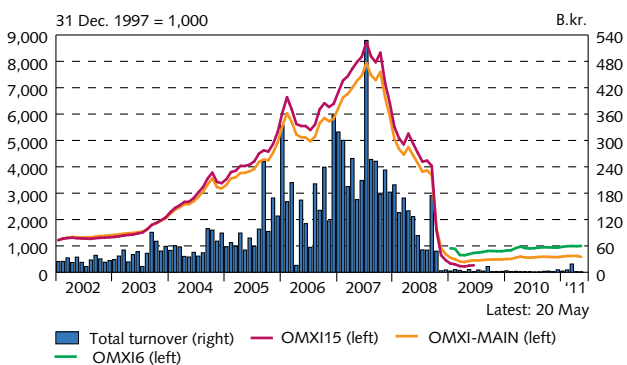


Before June 2006, turnover is based on purchase day, otherwise on day of registered sales agreement.

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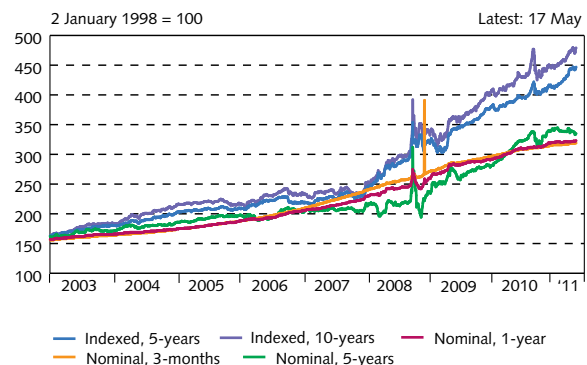
Equity market



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

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Bond indices



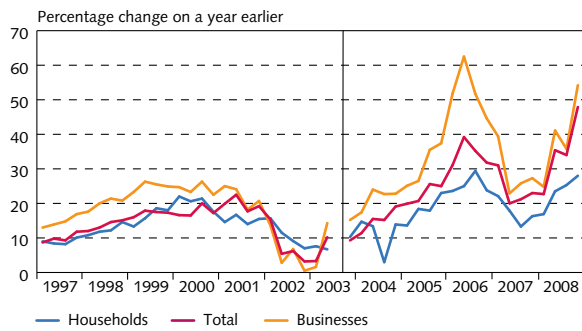
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Credit system lending growth

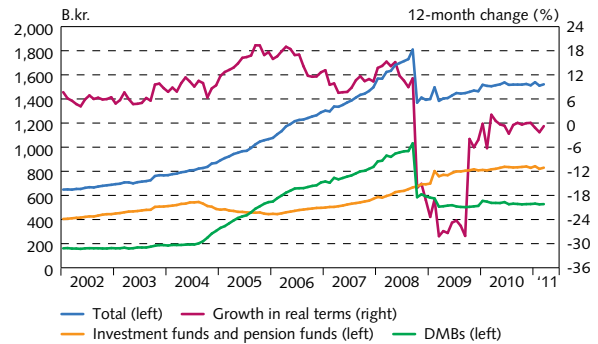


Due to reclassification of lending, data from Q3 2003 are not comparable to earlier data. Quarterly data. The series have not been updated since September 2008 due to lack of data.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Household debt with major credit institutions

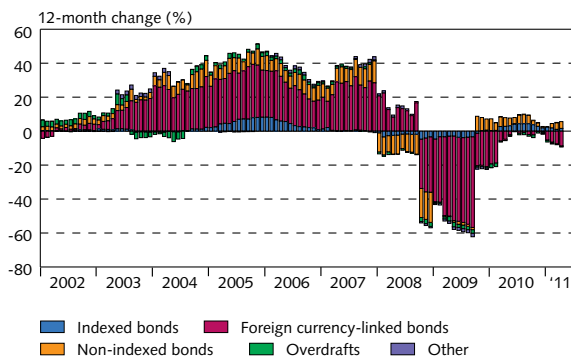


Monthly data. From September 2008, debt to DMBs are shown at discounts as taken over by the new banks. The total includes insurance companies and the student loan fund.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Credit institution lending to businesses

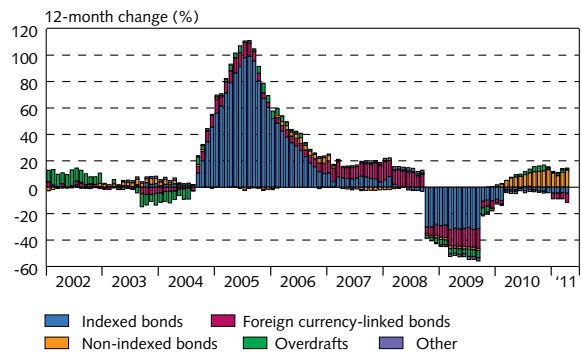


Contribution of individual components to lending growth. From September 2008, lending is shown at discounts as taken over by the new banks. The category labelled "other" includes bills of exchange, redeemed guarantees, and asset financing agreements. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.

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DMB lending to households

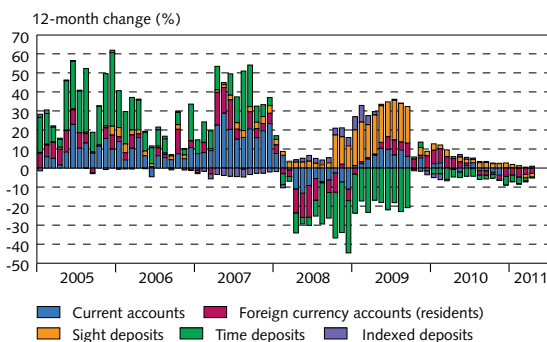


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Companies' deposits

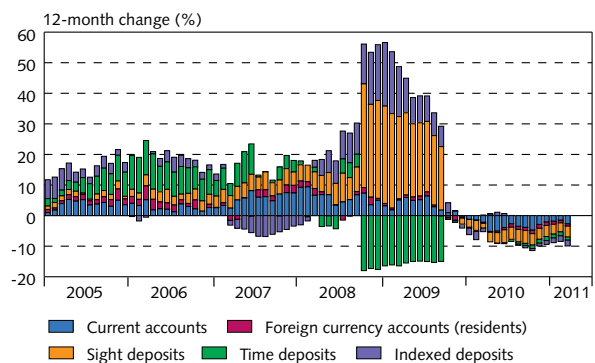


Contribution of individual components to deposit growth. Term deposits include money market accounts and other non-sight deposits. Indexed deposits include pension savings, indexed vacation allowance accounts, and other indexed savings. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.

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Household deposits



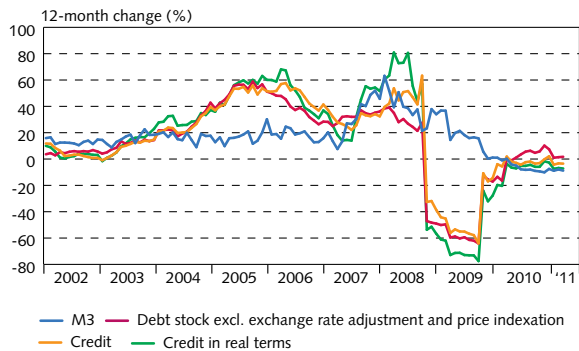
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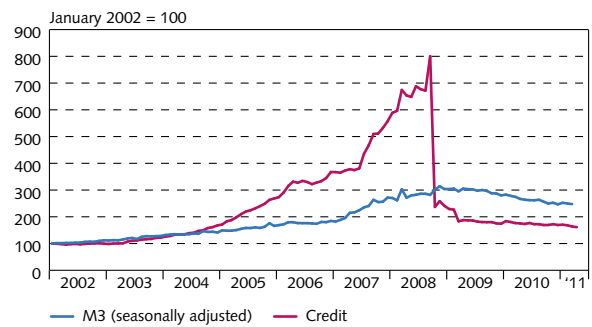
M3 and domestic bank credit



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.  
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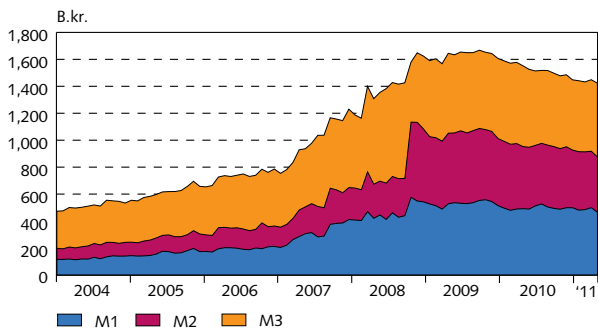
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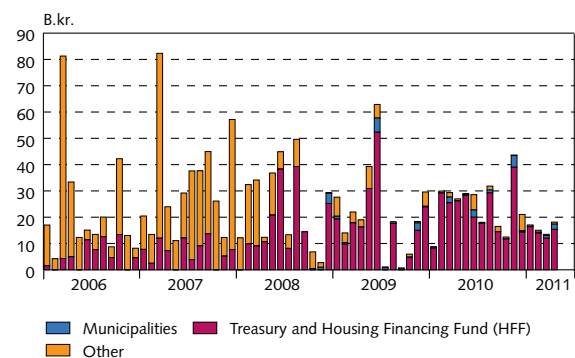
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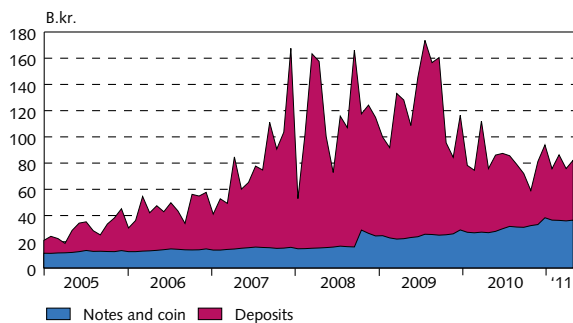
Bond auctions



Monthly data.  
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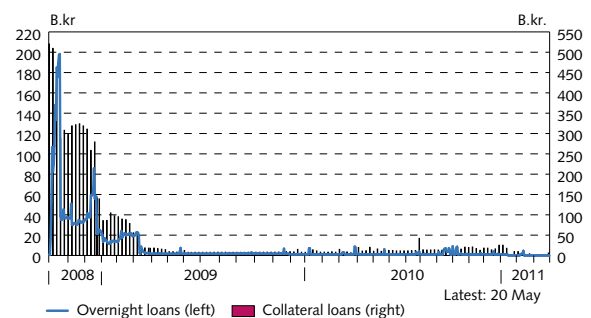
Base money



Categorisation of base money according to Central Bank of Iceland. Monthly data.  
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Central Bank collateral loans and overnight loans

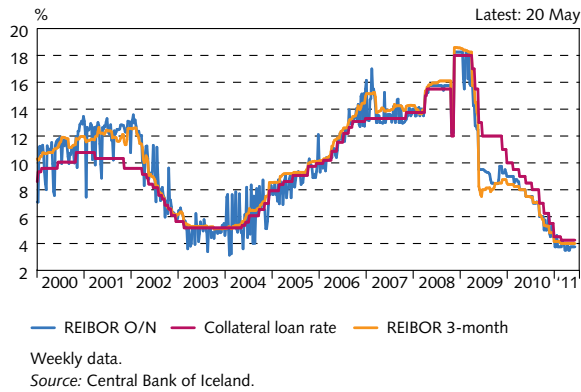


Weekly data for collateral loans; daily data for overnight loans.  
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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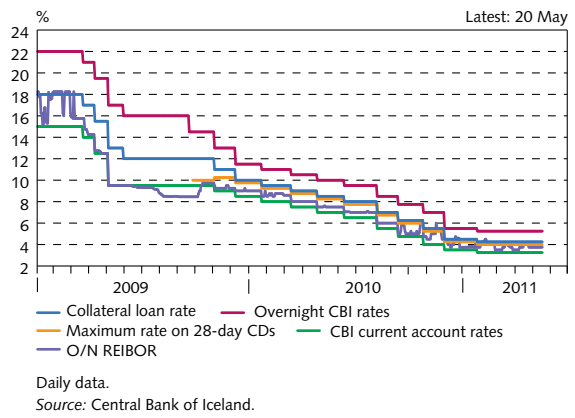
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Central Bank collateral loan rate and money market interest rates



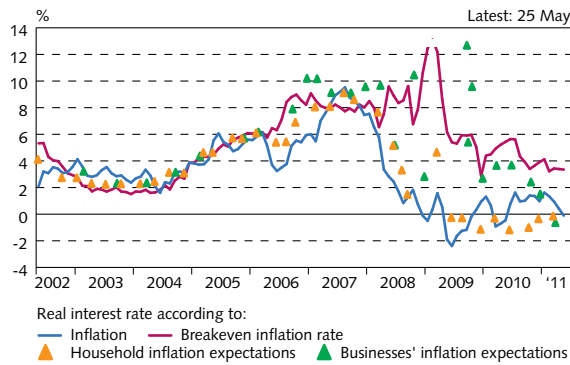
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Central Bank and short-term market interest rates



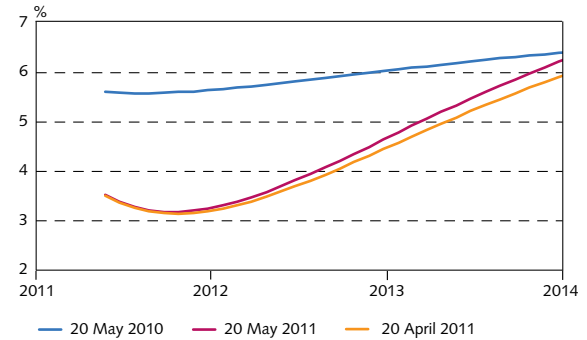
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Central Bank real interest rate



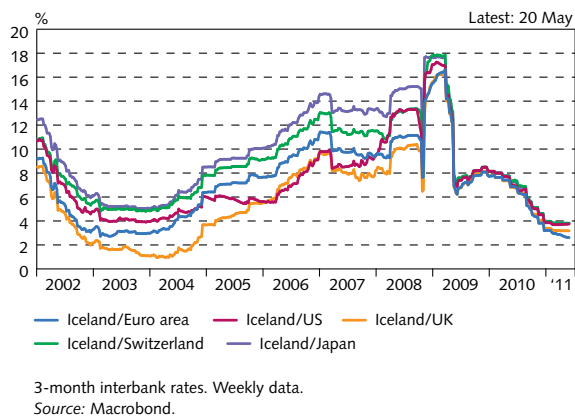
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Forward interest rates on Treasury bond market



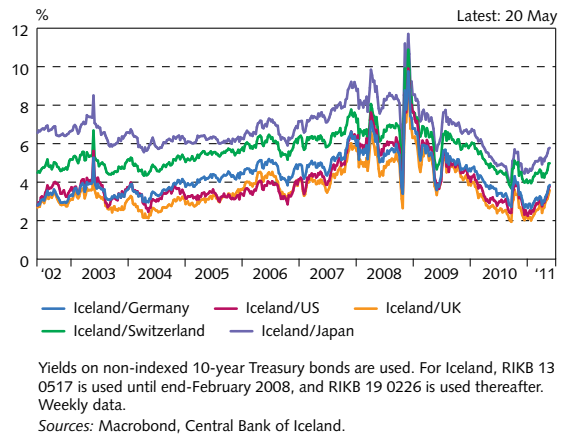
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Short-term interest rate differential



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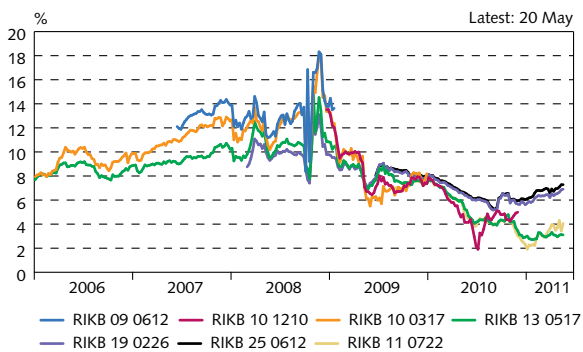
Long-term interest rate differential



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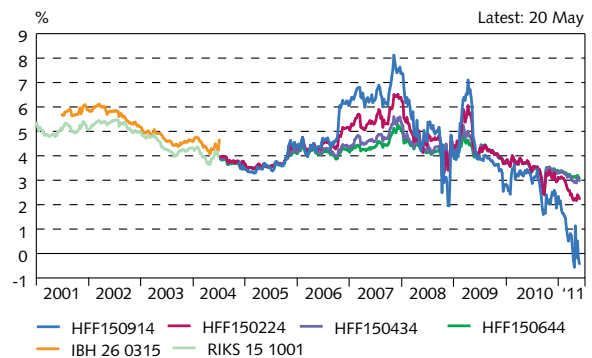
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Long-term nominal Treasury bond yields



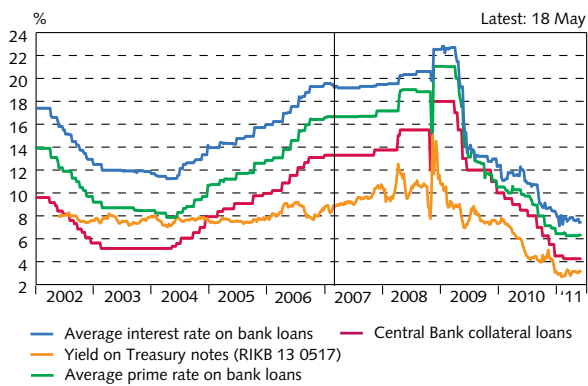
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Yields on indexed long-term bonds



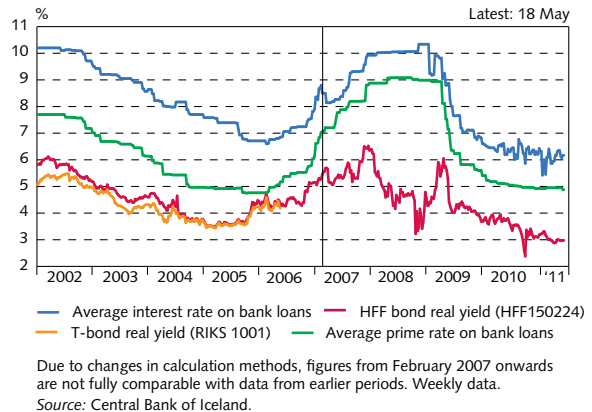
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Average nominal interest rates



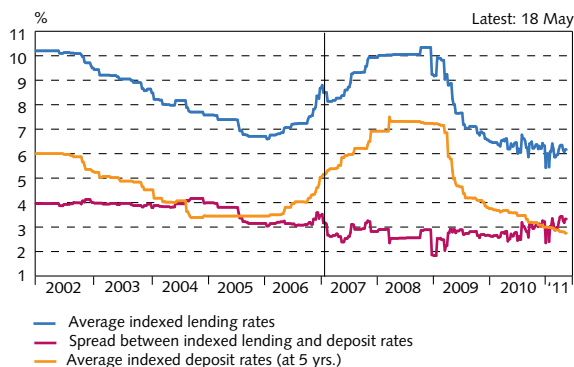
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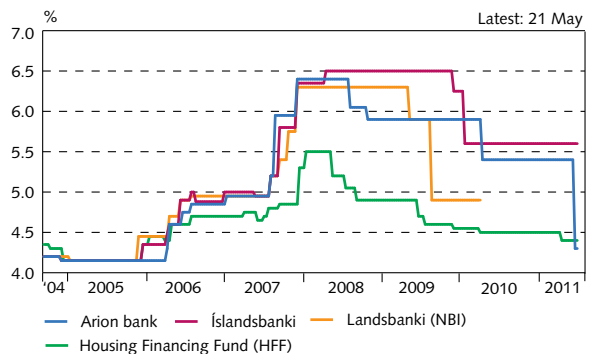
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Bank lending and deposit rates



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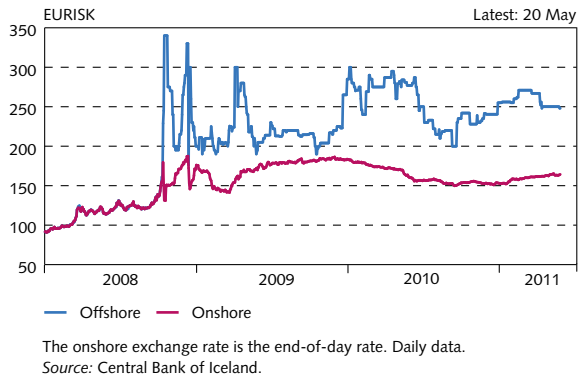
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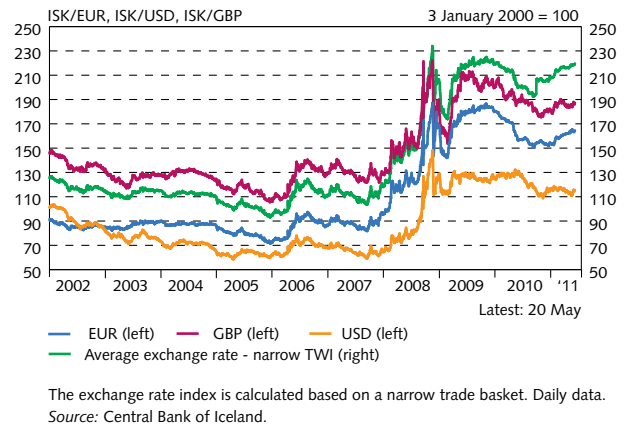
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The ISK exchange rate markets against the euro



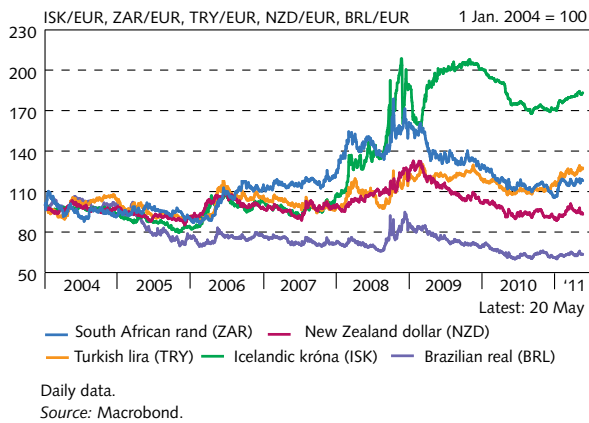
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Exchange rate of the króna against foreign currencies



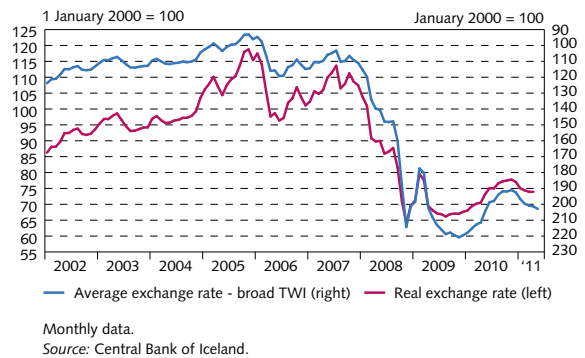
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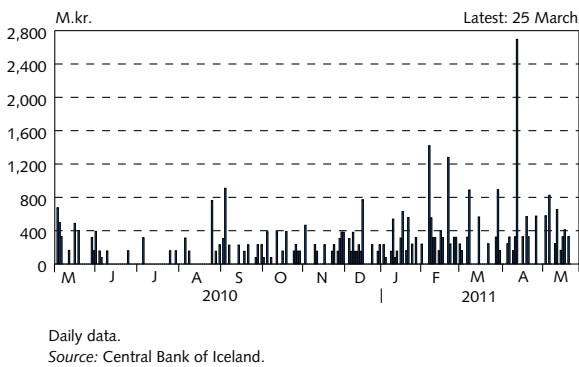
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Nominal and real effective exchange rate of the króna



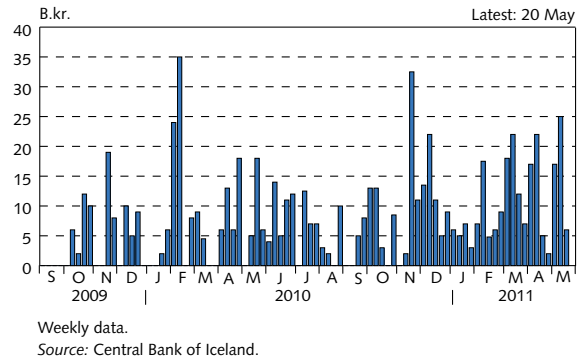
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FX-market turnover



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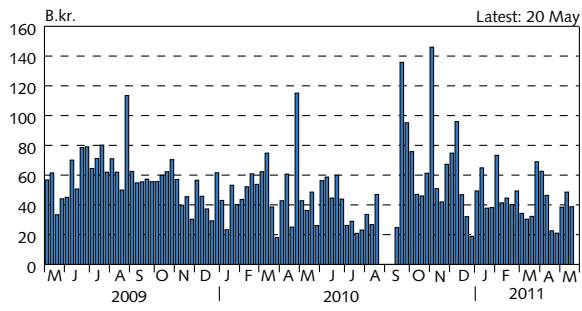
Turnover on the interbank market for krónur



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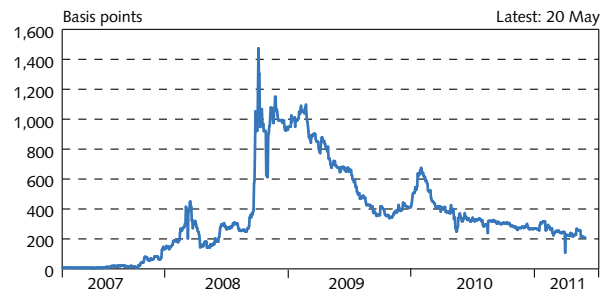
Bond market turnover



Weekly data.  
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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CDS spread for Iceland



5-year EUR credit spread on the Republic of Iceland. Daily data.  
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