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Main Indicators for the Finnish Economy

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT: FINLAND AND EU

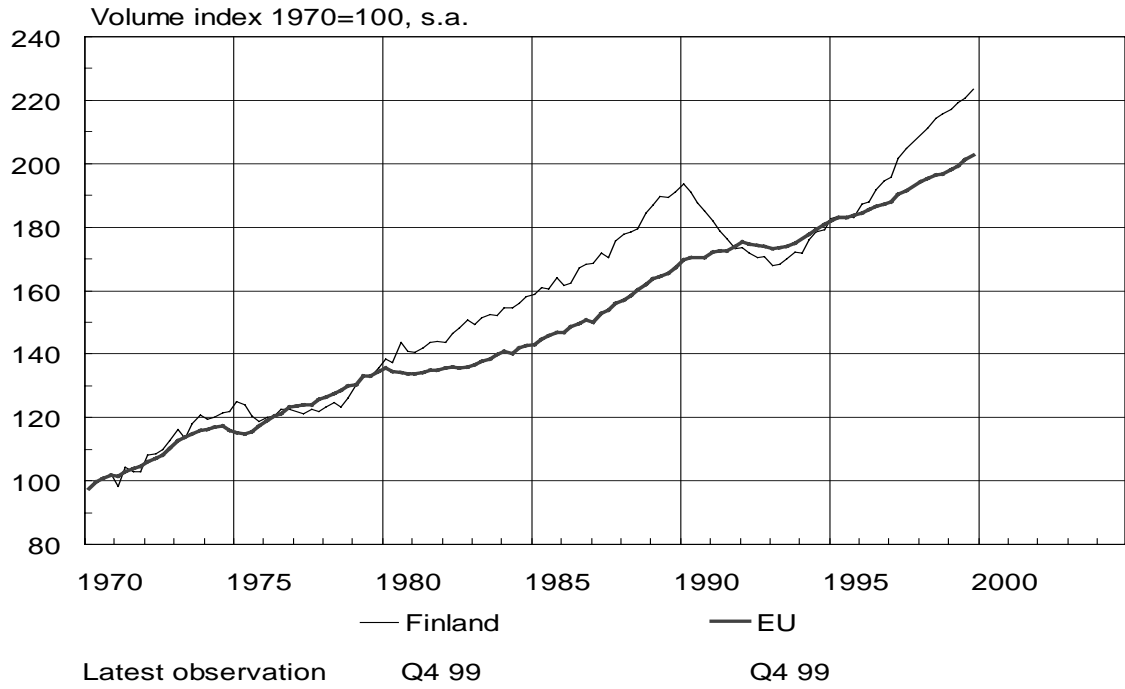


Chart 1.2

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

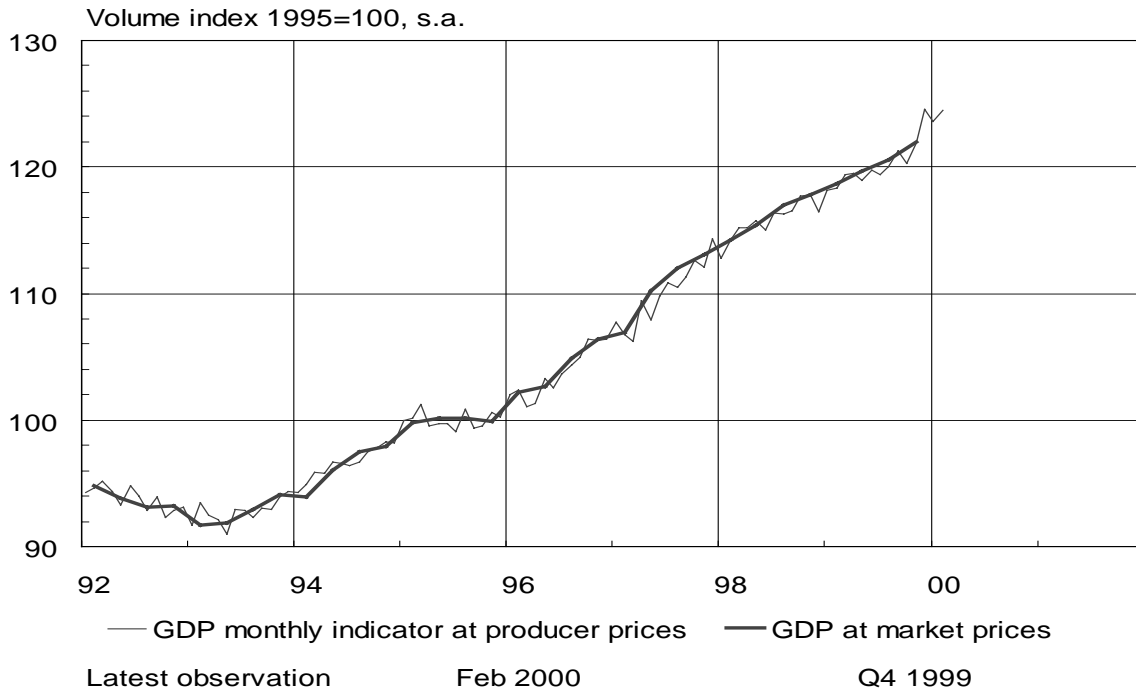
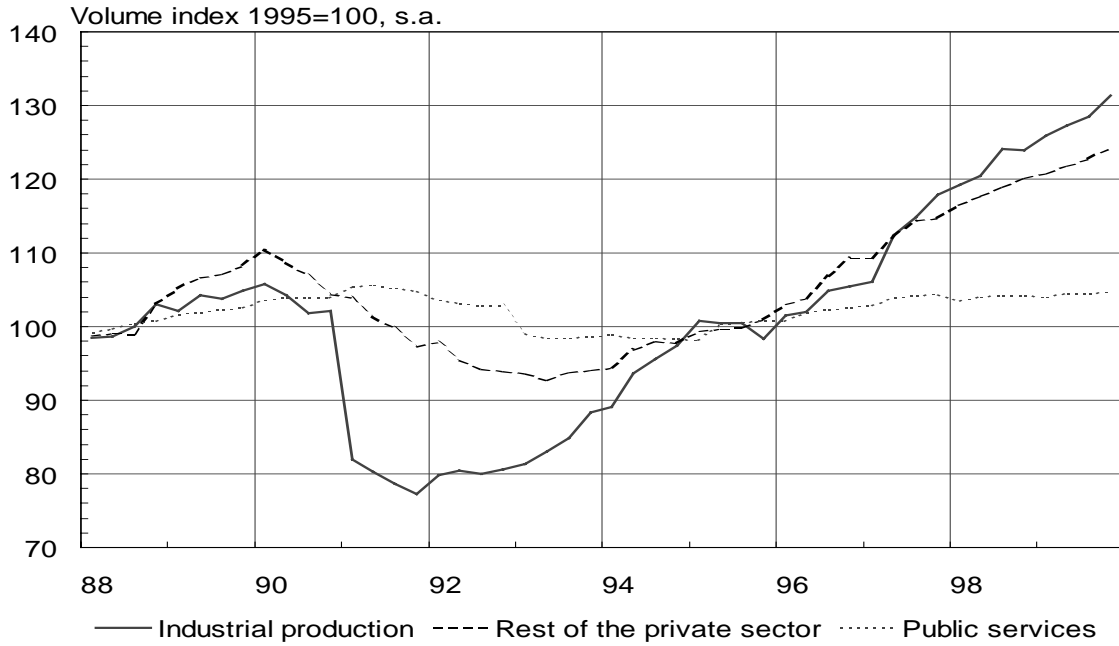


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GDP¹⁾ BY SECTORS OF ORIGIN

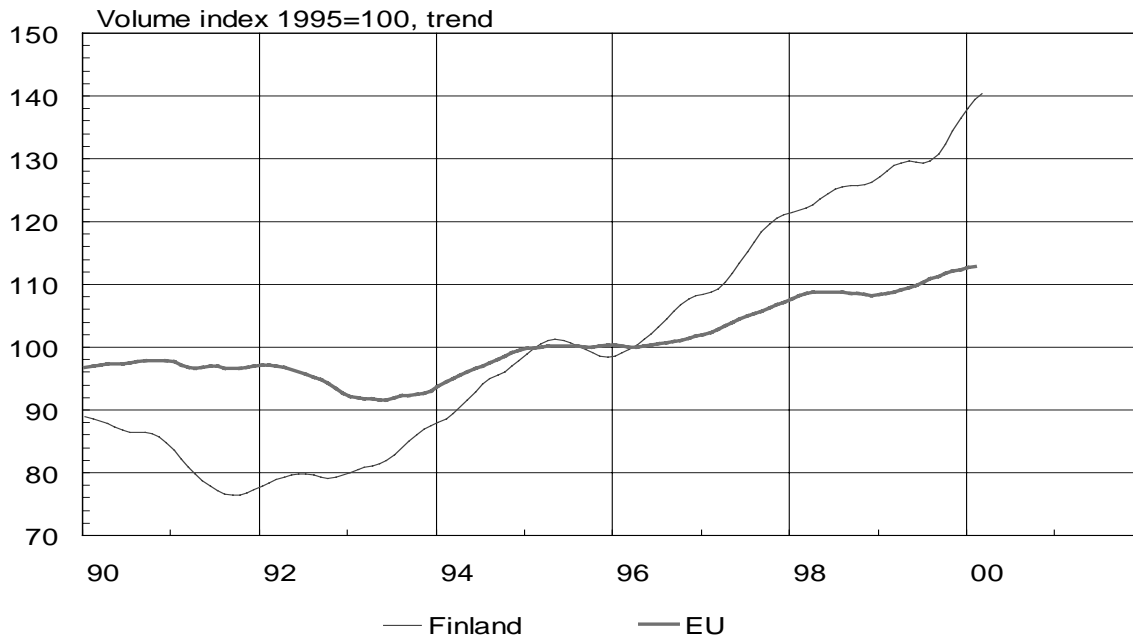


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1) GDP at producer prices

Chart 3.

MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION



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Chart 4.

MAIN DEMAND COMPONENTS

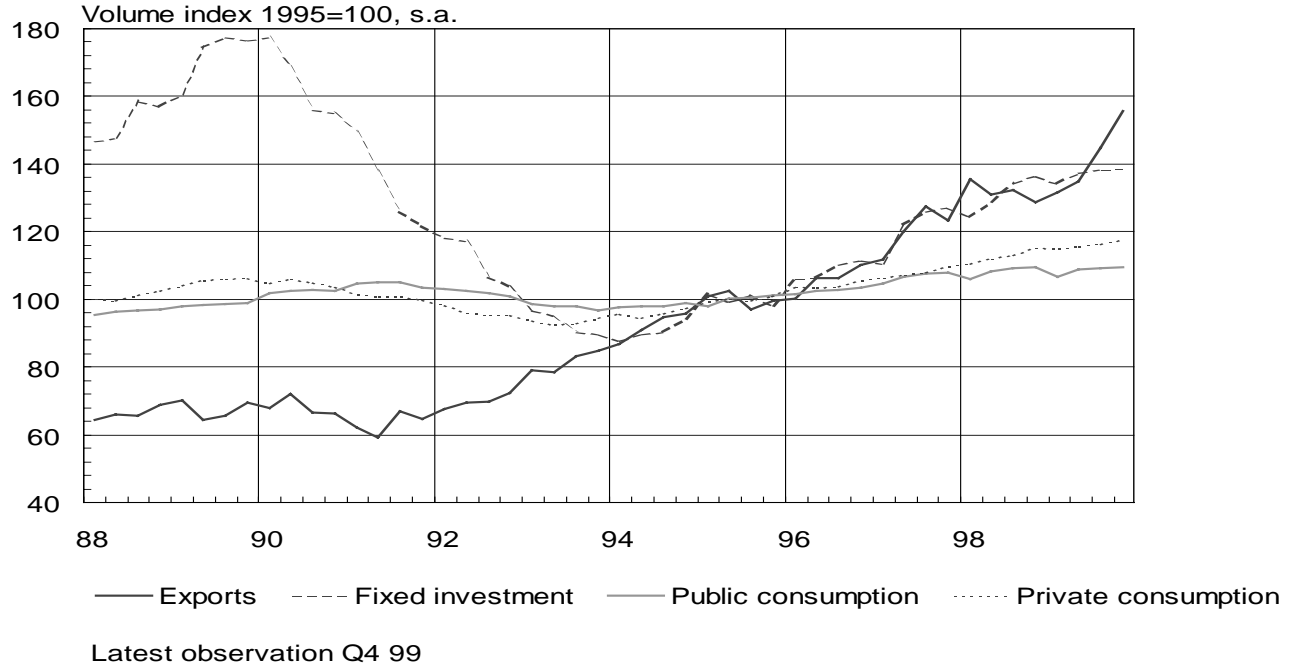


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HOUSEHOLD SECTOR'S SAVING RATIO

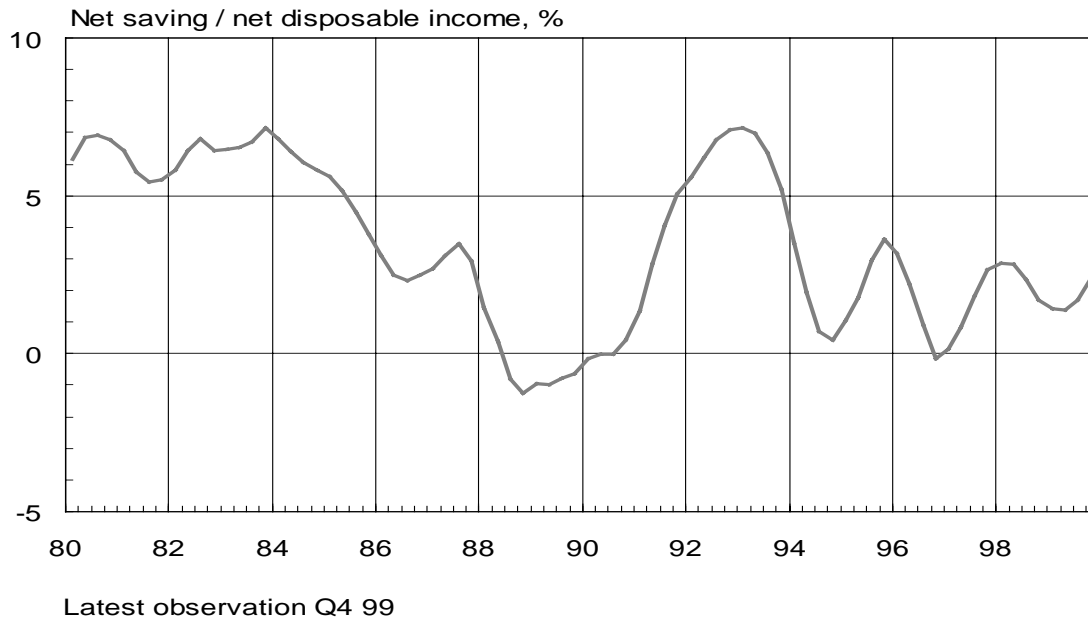
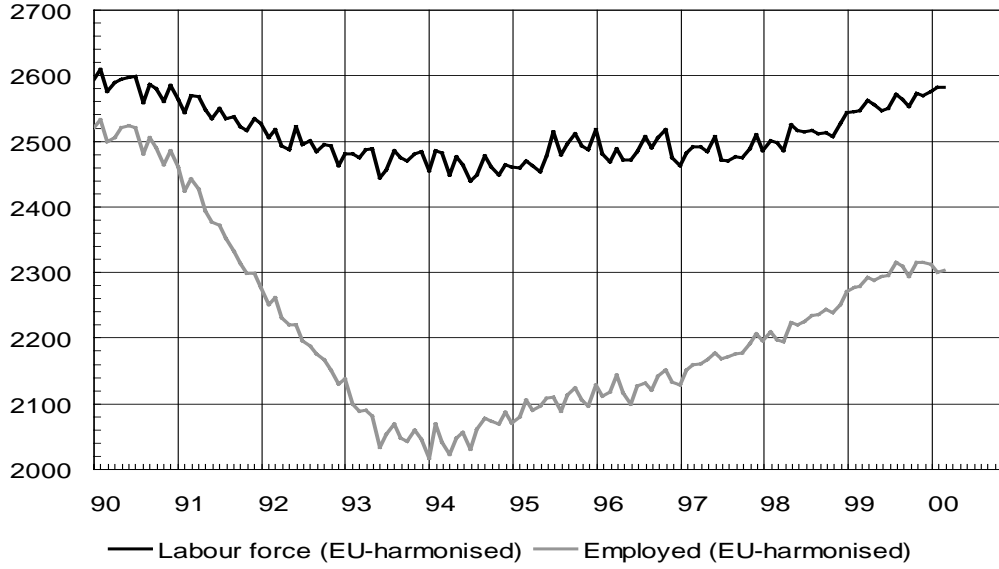


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LABOUR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

1000 persons, s.a.

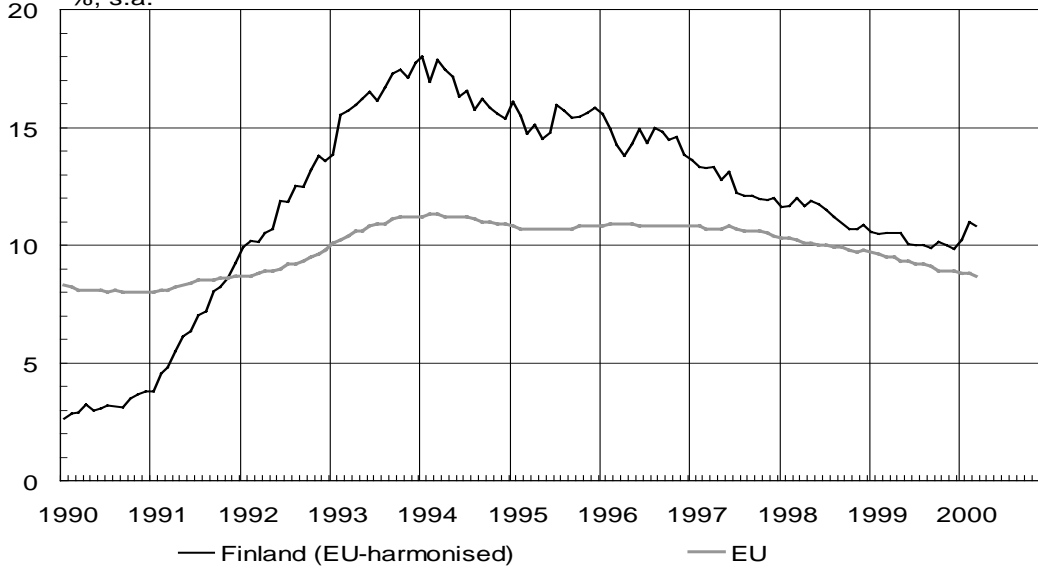


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Chart 8.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

%, s.a.



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TABLE 1

Supply, demand and labour market indicators

	1997	1998	1999	1999/2000	
	Volume change from previous year, per cent				
Gross domestic product 1) at market prices	6.3	5.0	3.5	3.5	Q4
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	6.0	5.3	3.8	5.3 5.0	M2 M01-M02
Manufacturing production	10.0	8.9	5.7	9.7 8.0	M03 M01-M03
Consumption expenditure 1) private	3.7	3.7	2.1	1.6	Q4
government	3.5	4.6	2.9	2.1	Q4
	4.1	1.5	0.3	0.3	Q4
Gross fixed capital formation 1) private	11.9	7.8	4.8	2.4	Q4
government	11.3	9.6	7.0	3.9	Q4
	15.0	-0.4	-6.3	-6.6	Q4
Domestic demand 1)	4.7	4.3	1.7	-3.1	Q4
Exports of goods and services 1)	14.1	9.3	7.4	21.0	Q4
Imports of goods and services 1)	11.3	8.5	3.4	7.7	Q4
	Percentage change from previous year				
Employed persons 2)	2.0	2.4	3.3	1.1 1.3	M3 M01-M03
	Per cent				
Unemployment rate 2)	12.6	11.4	10.2	10.8 10.7	s.a. M3 M01-M03

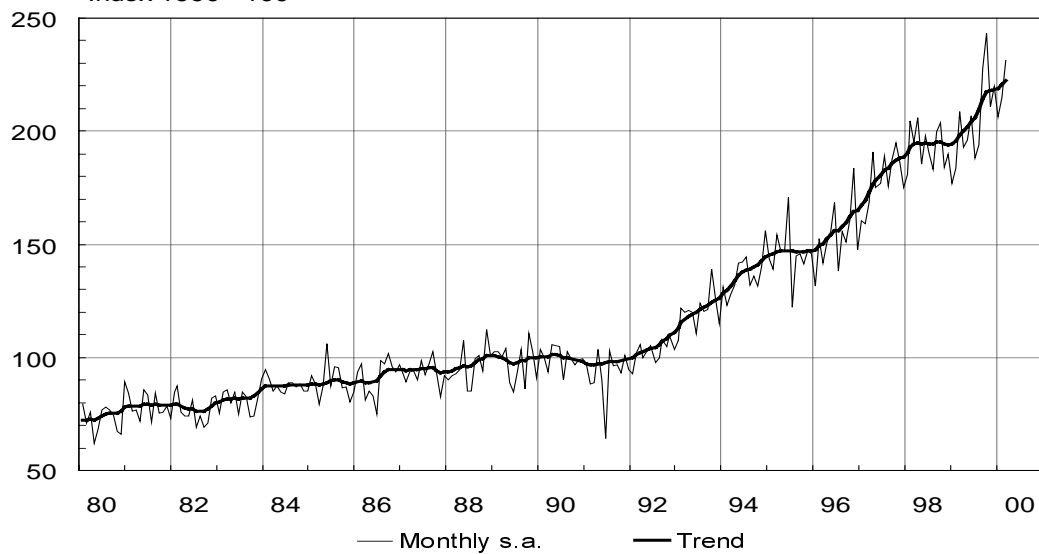
1) European System of Accounts 1995

2) EU harmonized figures

Chart 9.

EXPORTS OF GOODS, volume

Index 1990 =100

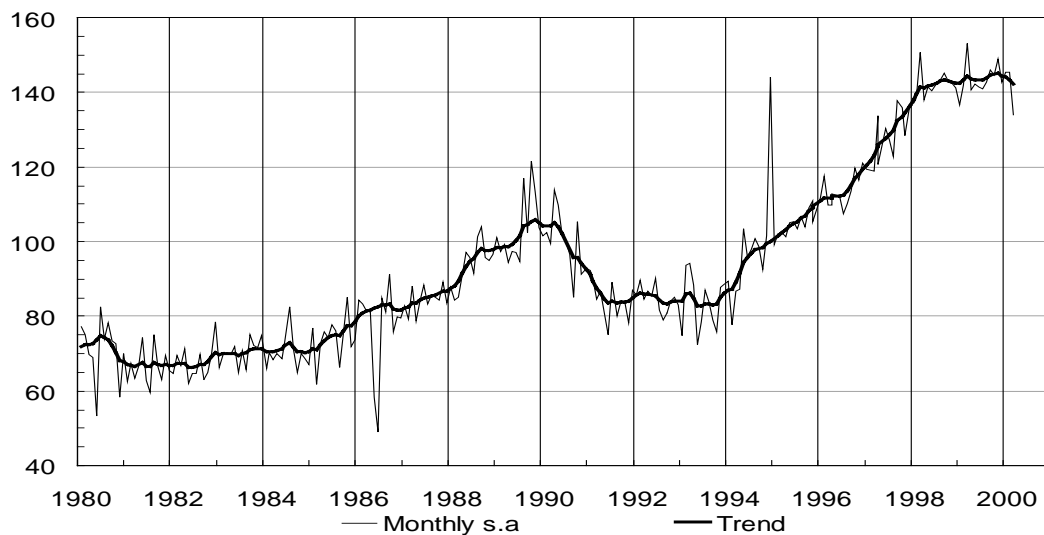


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IMPORTS OF GOODS, volume

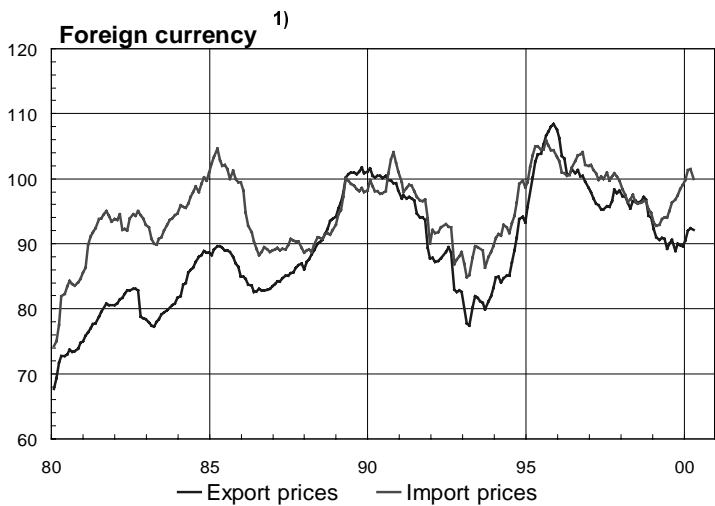
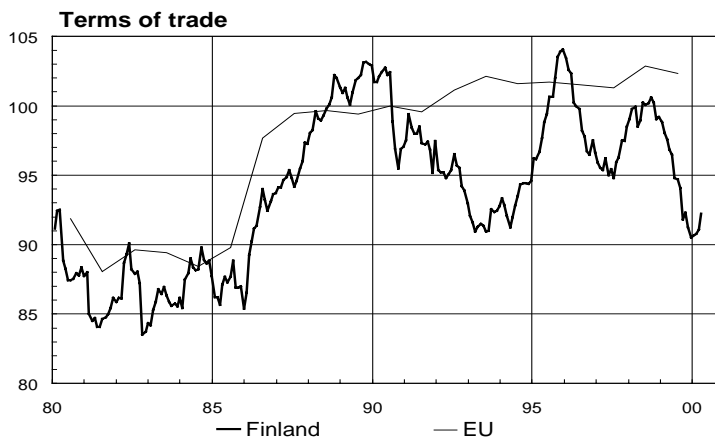
Index 1990 =100



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The change in statistical periods caused by Finland's entry into the EU has not been taken into account in the seasonally-adjusted figures or in the trend for December 1994

Chart 11.
FOREIGN TRADE PRICES
 Index 1990 = 100



1) FIM prices have been deflated using the payments-weighted currency index.

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Chart 12.

EXTERNAL BALANCE

12-month moving totals

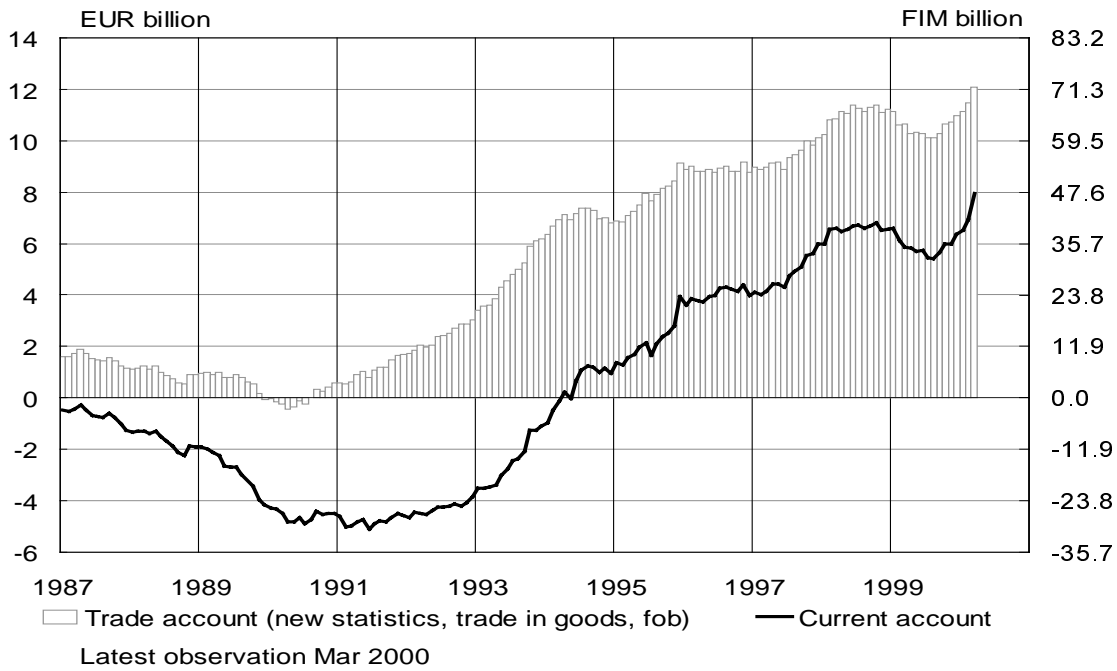


Chart 13.

SECTORAL DEBT RATIOS

Gross debt as a percentage of GDP

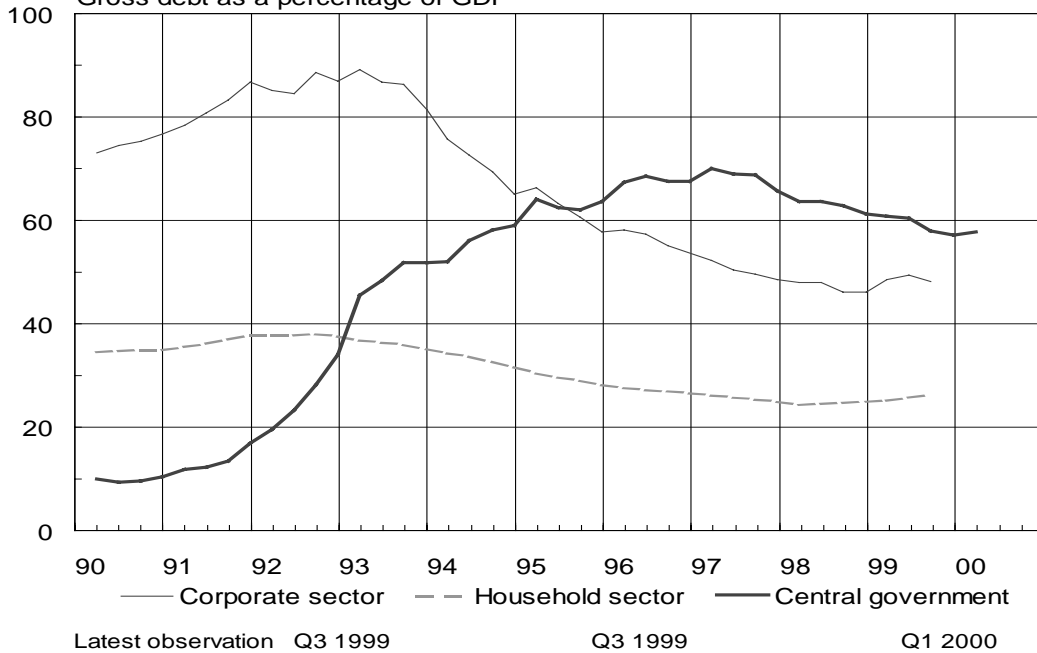


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CORPORATE SECTOR BORROWING

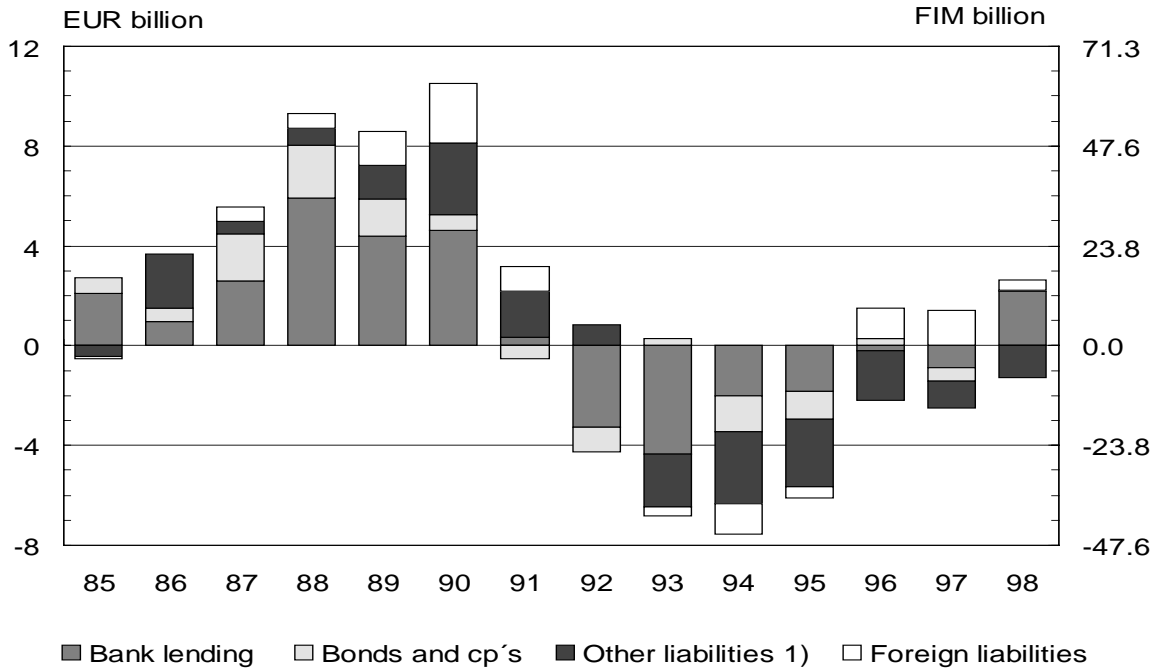
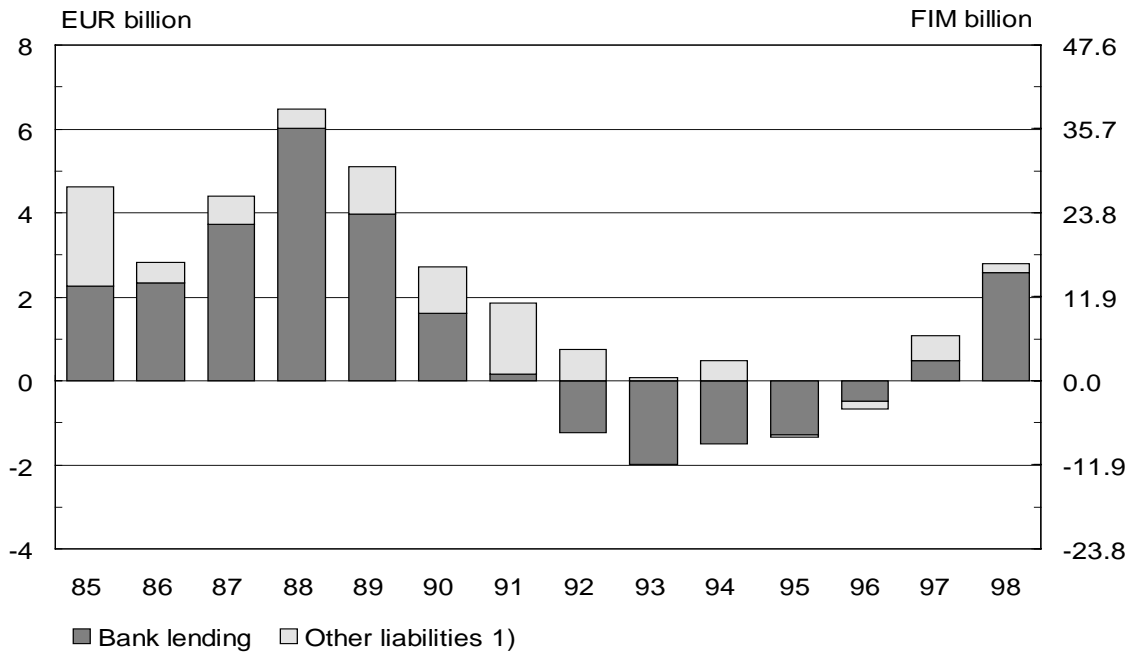


Chart 15.

HOUSEHOLDS' BORROWING

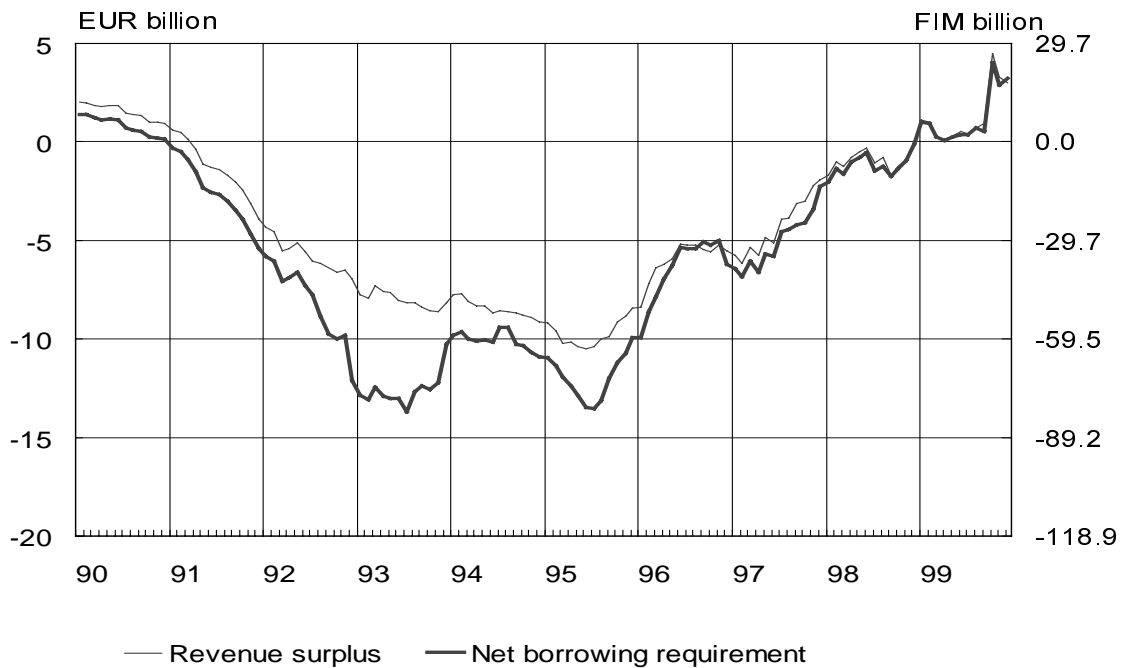
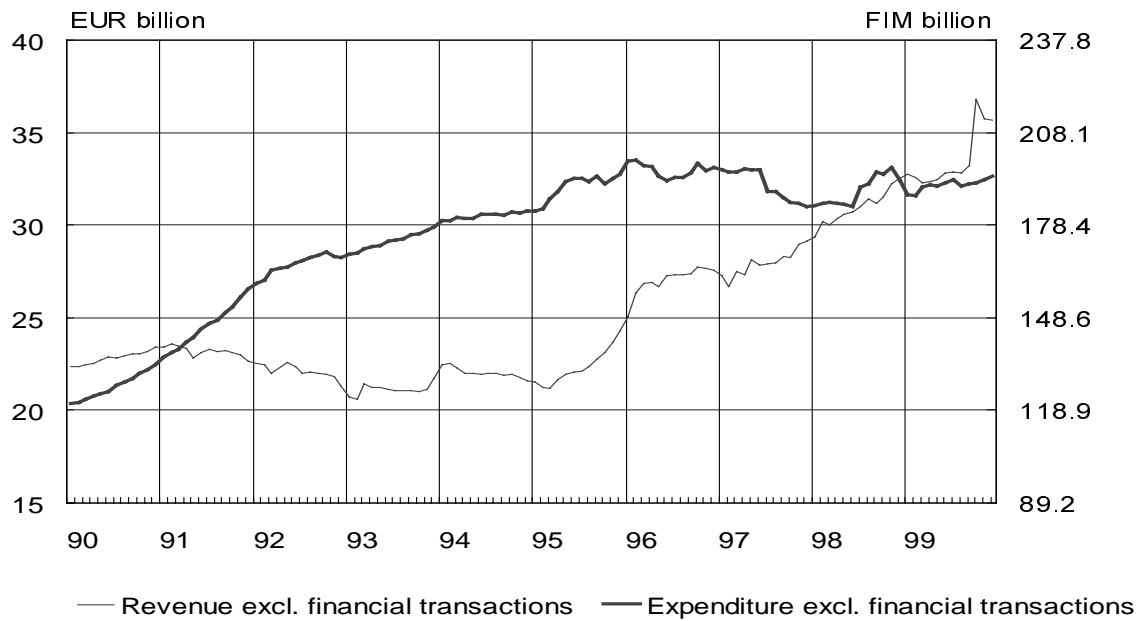


1) Due to a change (1996) in how the sectoral breakdown is made, there was a FIM 3.5 billion shift from households to the corporate sector.

Chart 16.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES

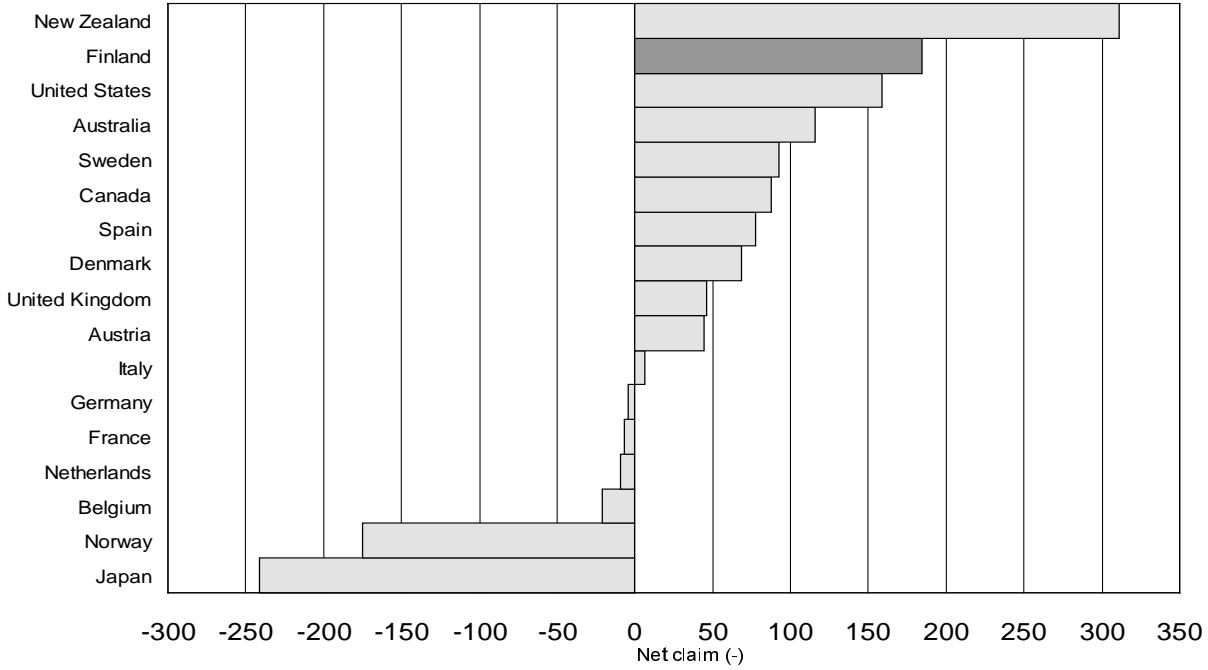
12-month moving totals



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NET INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION, international comparison

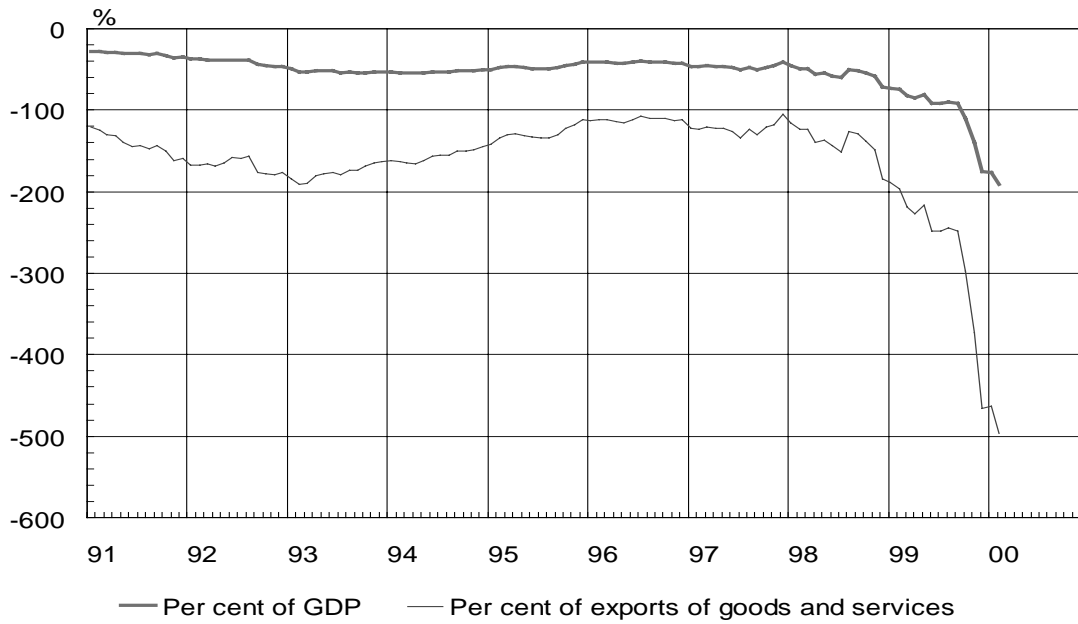
Per cent of exports of goods and services in 1998



For Netherlands the latest data available is for end 1997.

Chart 18.

FINLAND'S NET INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION



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TABLE 2

External balance and sectoral finance indicators

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Trade account					
EUR billion	8.8	10.1	11.2	11.0	3.4 M01-M03 1.4 M03
per cent of GDP	8.9	9.5	9.7	9.1	
Current account					
EUR billion	4.0	6.0	6.6	6.4	2.1 M01-M03 1.1 M03
per cent of GDP	4.0	5.6	5.7	5.3	
Capital account. EUR billion					
	-6.3	-4.2	-6.4	-6.3	-1.8 M01-M03 -1.0 M03
General government	1.1	-1.0	-4.0	-4.5	-0.4 M01-M03 -0.7 M03
Direct investment					
to Finland	0.9	1.8	10.9	2.8	5.8 M01-M03 0.4 M03
abroad	2.8	4.6	16.8	3.9	4.8 M01-M03 3.2 M03
Shares	0.9	2.0	5.0	5.4	0.3 M01-M03 1.8 M03
Other capital (incl. errors and omissions)	-6.5	-2.4	-1.5	-6.1	-2.7 M01-M03 0.7 M03
Foreign exchange reserve (increase -)	2.4	-1.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2 M01-M03 0.0 M03
Net lending					
(saving minus investment)					
Private sector					
EUR billion	7.1	7.6	5.1	3.6	
per cent of GDP	7.2	7.1	4.4	3.0	
General government					
EUR billion	-3.1	-1.6	1.5	2.7	
per cent of GDP	-3.2	-1.5	1.3	2.3	
Central government					
EUR billion	-7.1	-3.9	-1.7	-0.7	
per cent of GDP	-7.2	-3.7	-1.5	-0.6	
Local government					
EUR billion	0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-0.3	
per cent of GDP	0.8	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	
Social security funds					
EUR billion	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.8	
per cent of GDP	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.1	
Net foreign debt					
per cent of GDP	41.9	41.0	71.9	175.6	
per cent of exports of goods and services	111.6	105.0	184.3	465.4	
Sectoral debt ratios					
(gross debt per cent of GDP)					
Non-financial corporate sector	48.6	43.6	41.6		
Household sector	42.0	39.7	39.2		
General government (EMU)	57.1	54.1	49.0	47.1	
Central government	66.8	65.3	63.0		

Chart 19.

EARNINGS

Percentage change from previous year

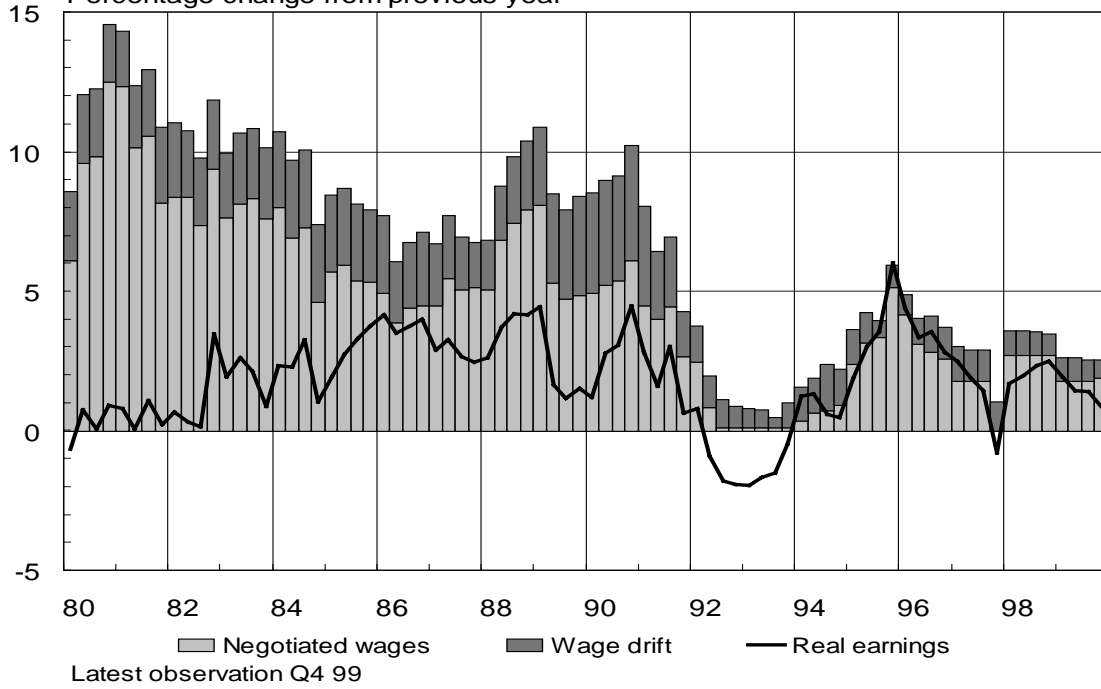
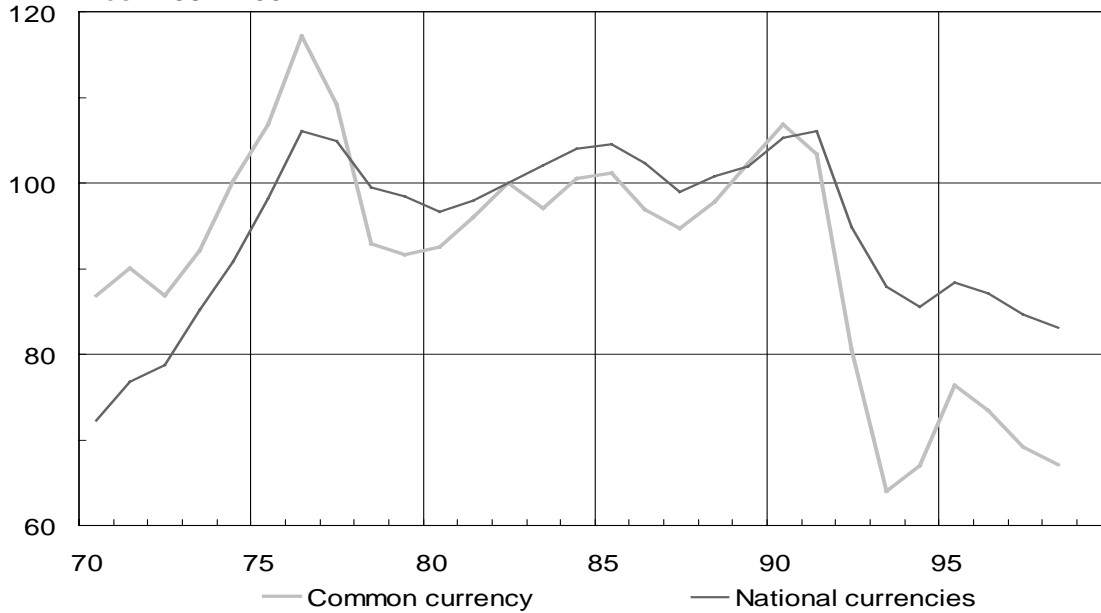


Chart 20.

RELATIVE UNIT LABOUR COSTS IN MANUFACTURING

Finland / competitor countries
 Index 1982=100



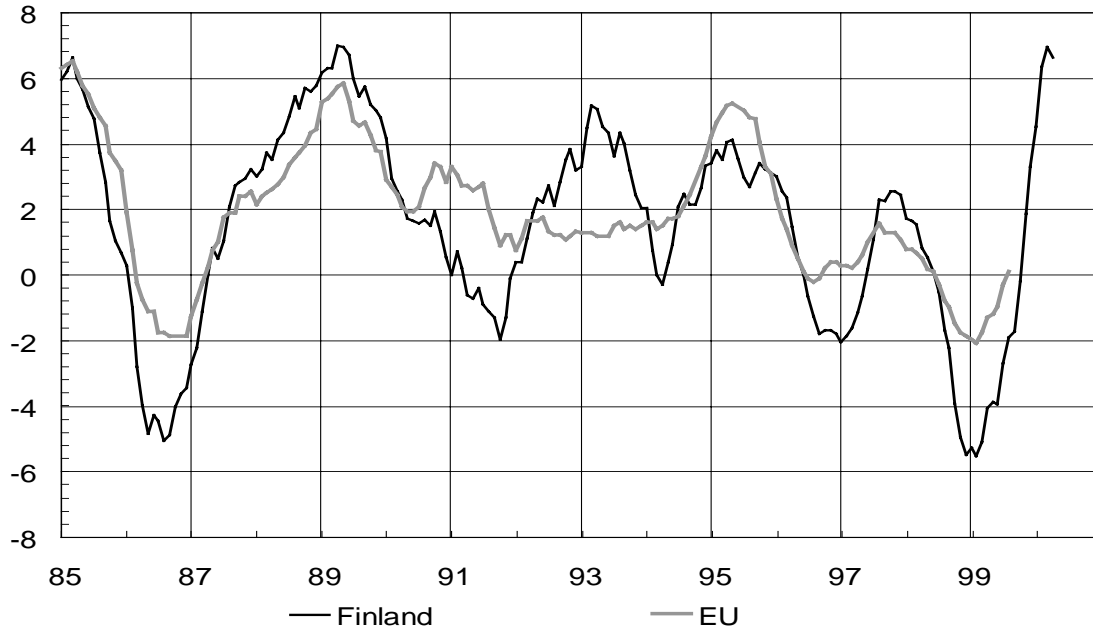
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A fall indicates improvement in competitive position

Chart 21.

PRODUCER PRICE INDICES

12-month percentage change



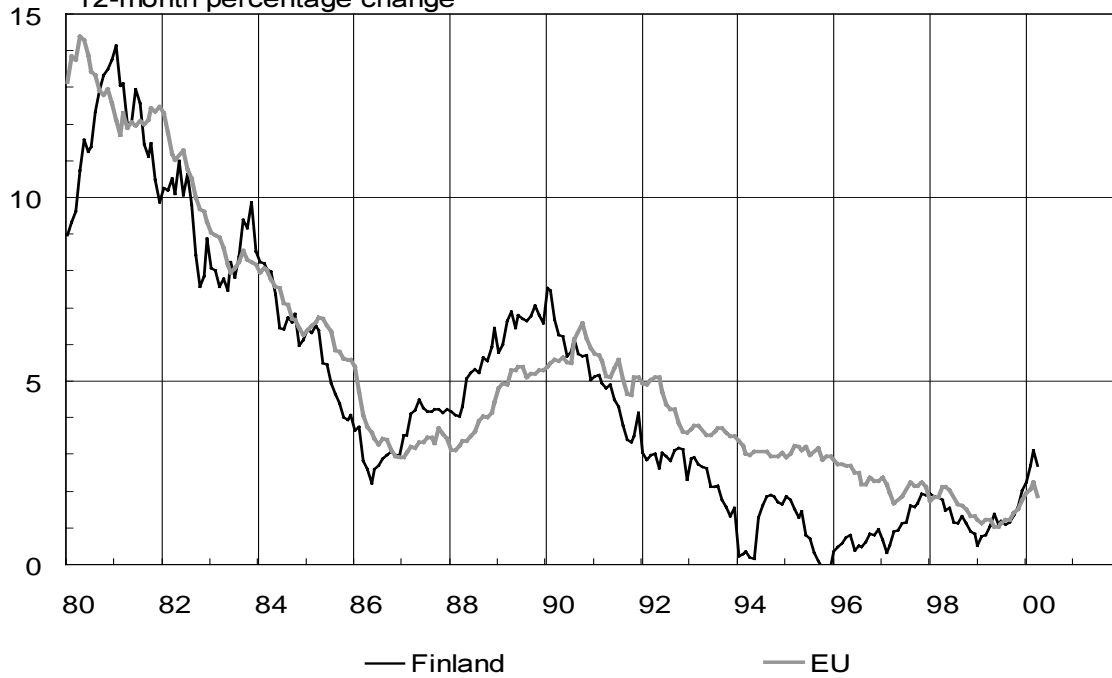
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Chart 22.

CONSUMER PRICES

12-month percentage change



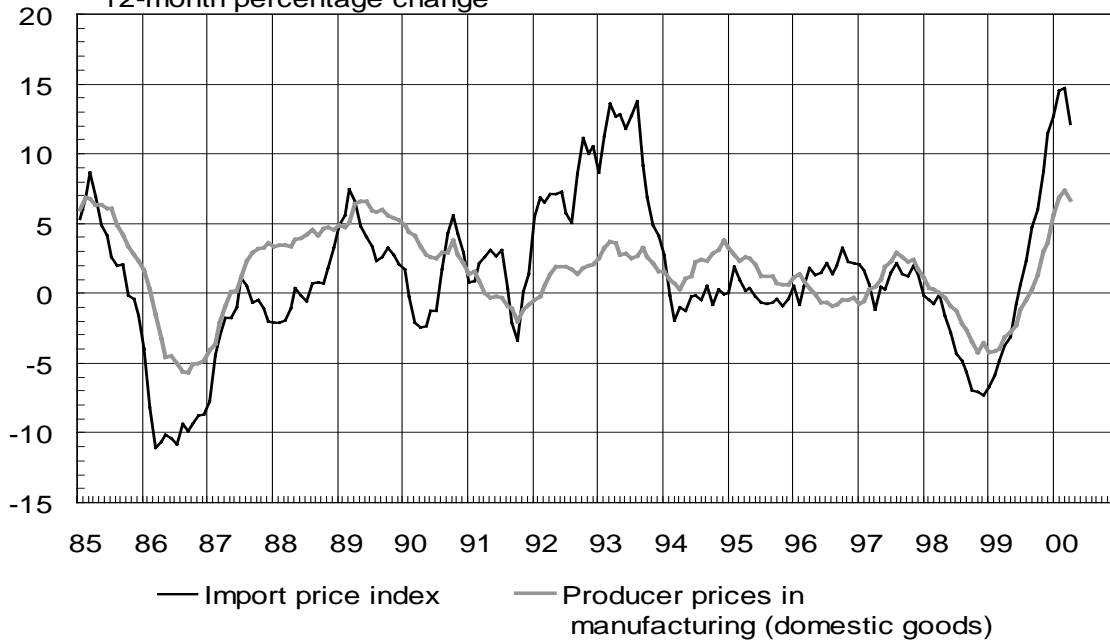
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Chart 23 .

IMPORT PRICES AND PRODUCER PRICES

12-month percentage change

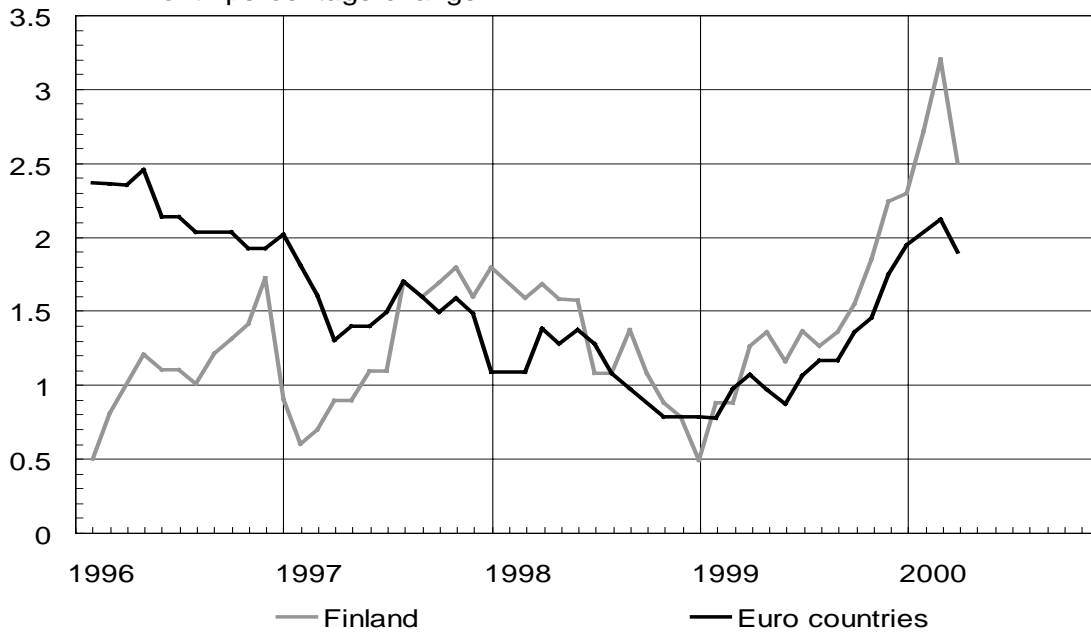


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Chart 24.

HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

12-month percentage change

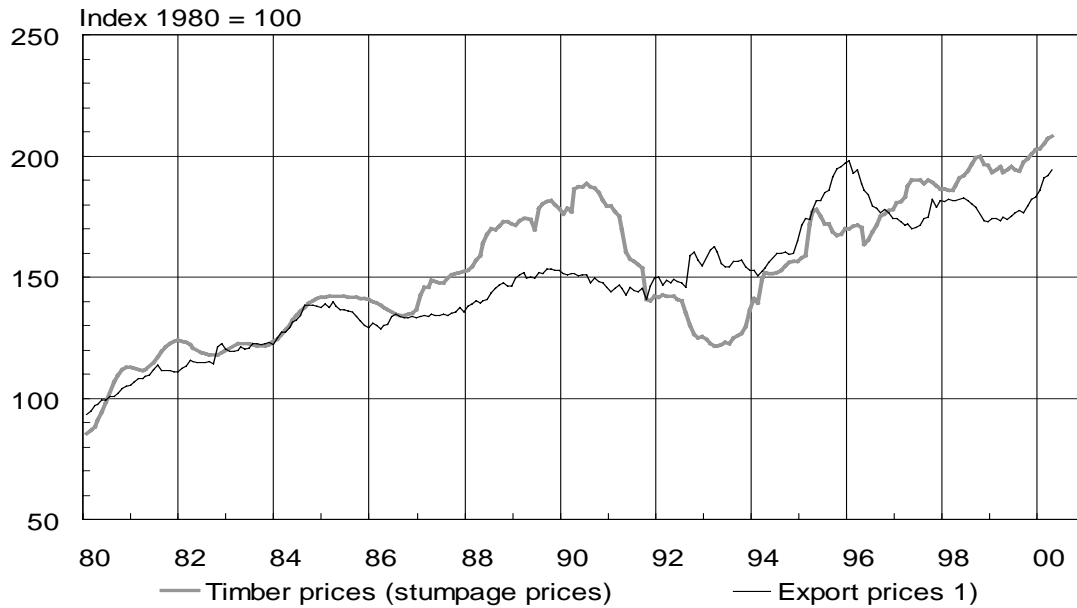


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Chart 25.

TIMBER PRICES AND EXPORT PRICES OF FOREST INDUSTRY PRODUCTS



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1) Export price index of Statistics Finland from beginning of 1995

Chart 26.

DWELLING PRICES

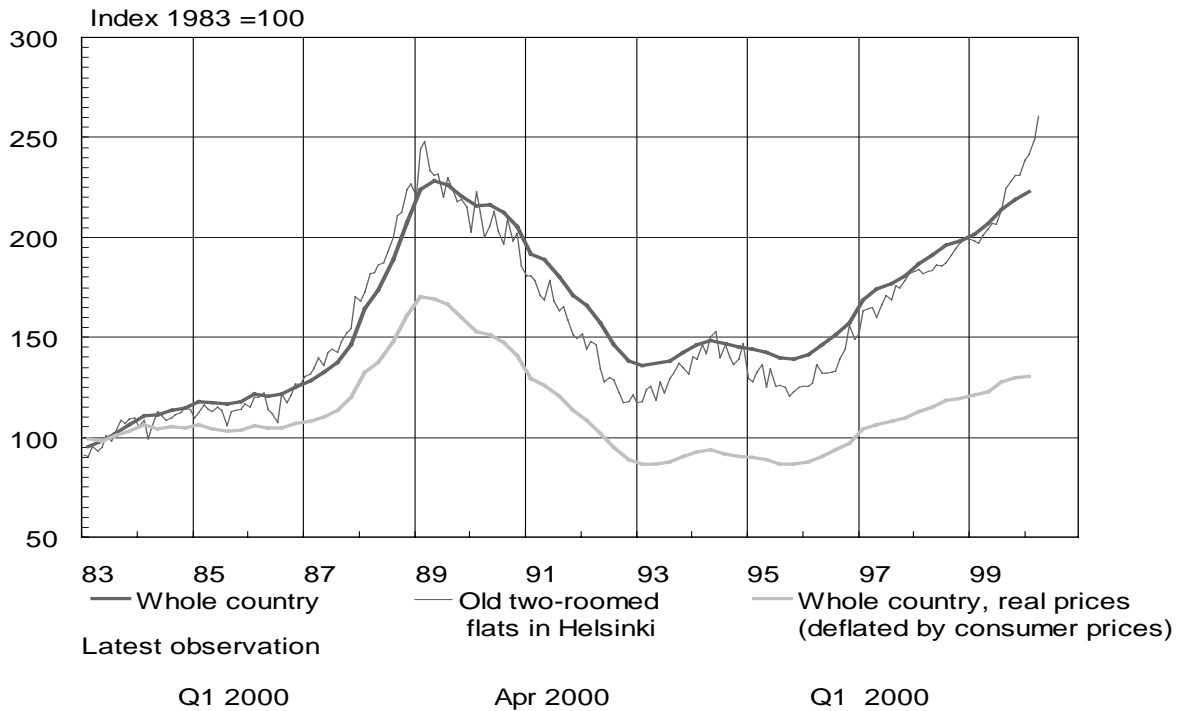


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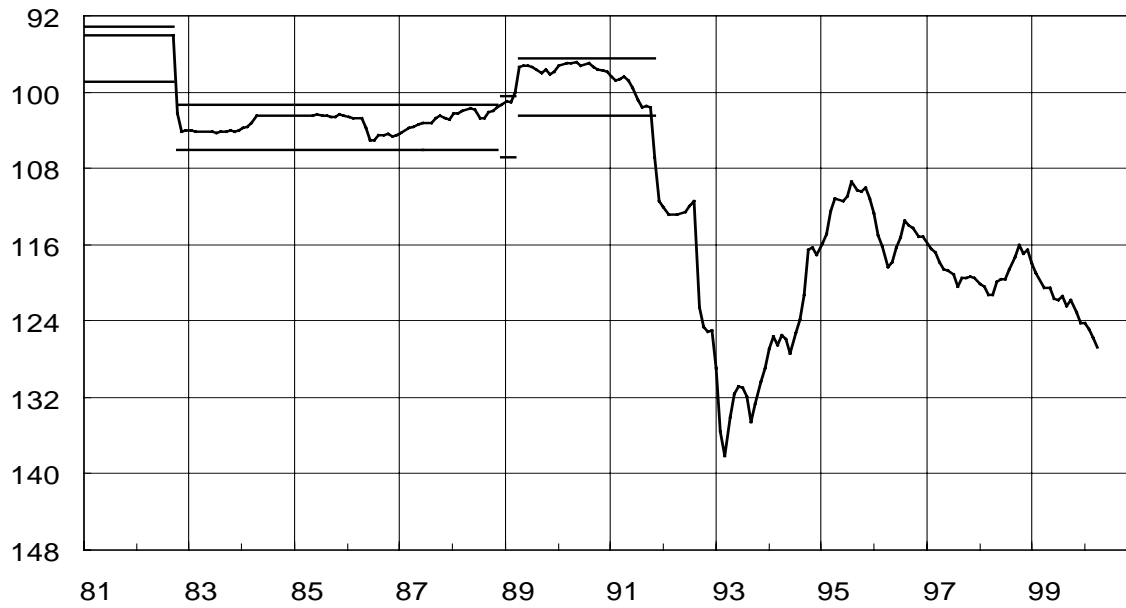
Cost and price indicators, percentage change

	1998	1999	2000
Labour costs			
Index of wages and salaries	3.5	2.6	2.5 99Q4
Unit labour costs			
Whole economy	1.9	2.2	..
Manufacturing	-1.0	0.6	..
Price indices			
Export prices	0.0	-4.4	6.9 M04 5.8 M01-M04
Import prices	-3.5	0.6	12.2 M04 13.5 M01-M04
Producer prices	-1.1	-2.5	6.7 M04 6.6 M01-M04
Wholesale prices	-1.5	-0.1	7.1 M04 7.4 M01-M04
Consumer prices	1.4	1.2	2.7 M04 2.7 M01-M04
Indicator of the underlying inflation	1.0	1.3	3.4 M03 3.0 M01-M03
Asset prices			
Stumpage prices	3.0	1.9	7.7 M04 6.1 M01-M04
Dwelling prices	10.2	8.9	9.1 99Q4
Share prices	41.6	72.1	131.0 M04 151.5 M01-M04

Chart 27.

TRADE-WEIGHTED COMPETITIVENESS INDICATOR (OLD BANK OF FINLAND CURRENCY INDEX)

Index 1982=100



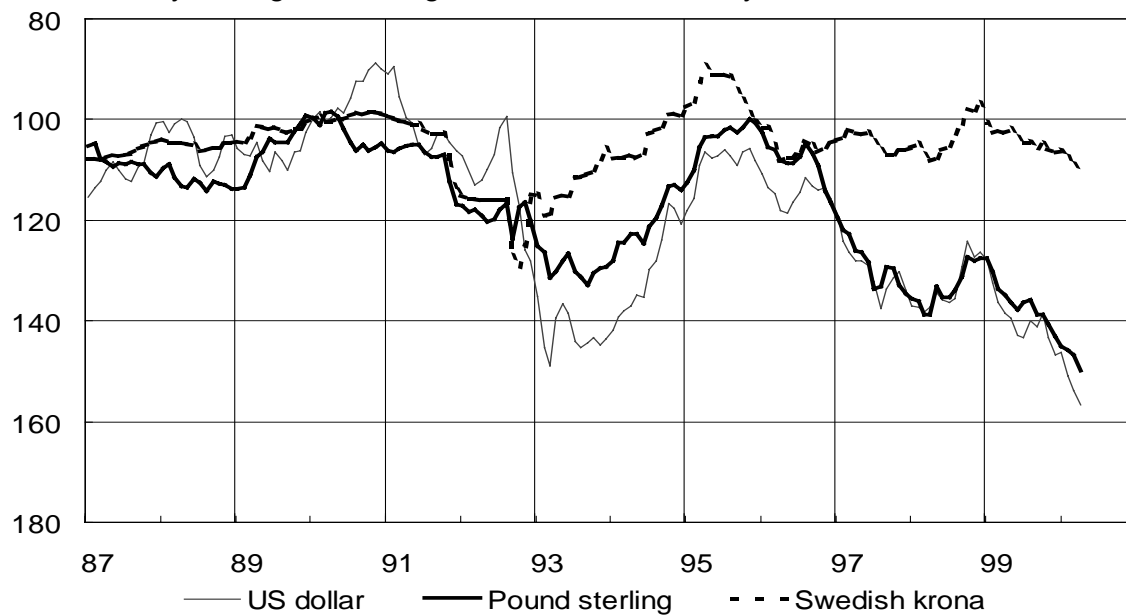
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Chart 28.

EXCHANGE RATES

Rising curve=EURO strengthens

Monthly averages of selling rates in EURO, January 1990=100



Exchange rates until 31 Dec 1998 are based on corresponding Finnish markka rates converted into euro rates at the fixed conversion rate 5.94573.

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Chart 29.

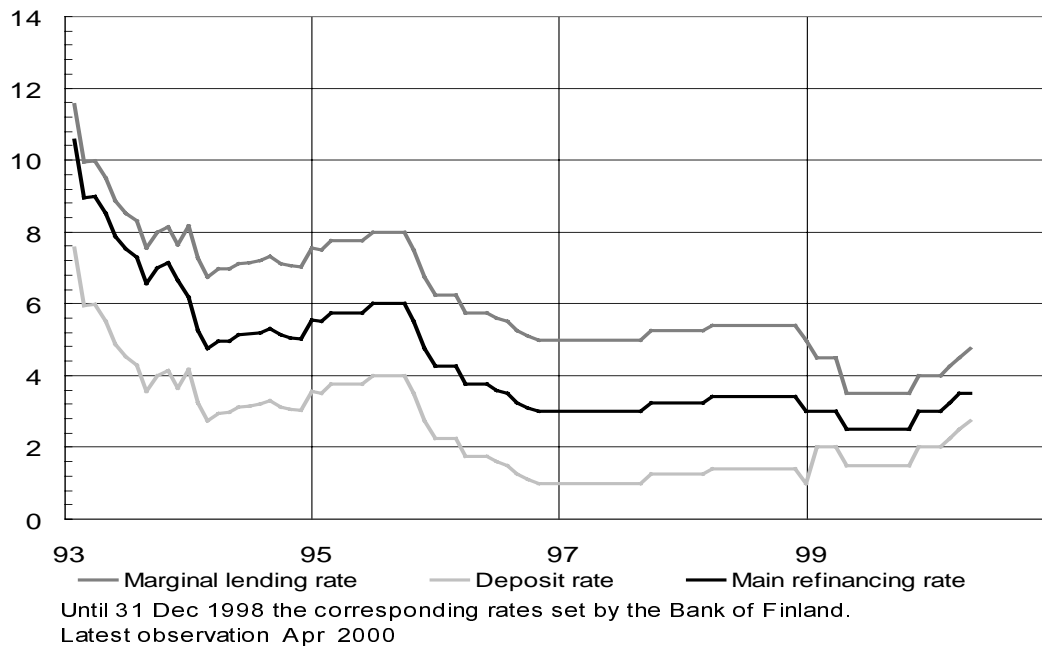
RATES OF INTEREST SET BY EUROSISTEM

Chart 30.

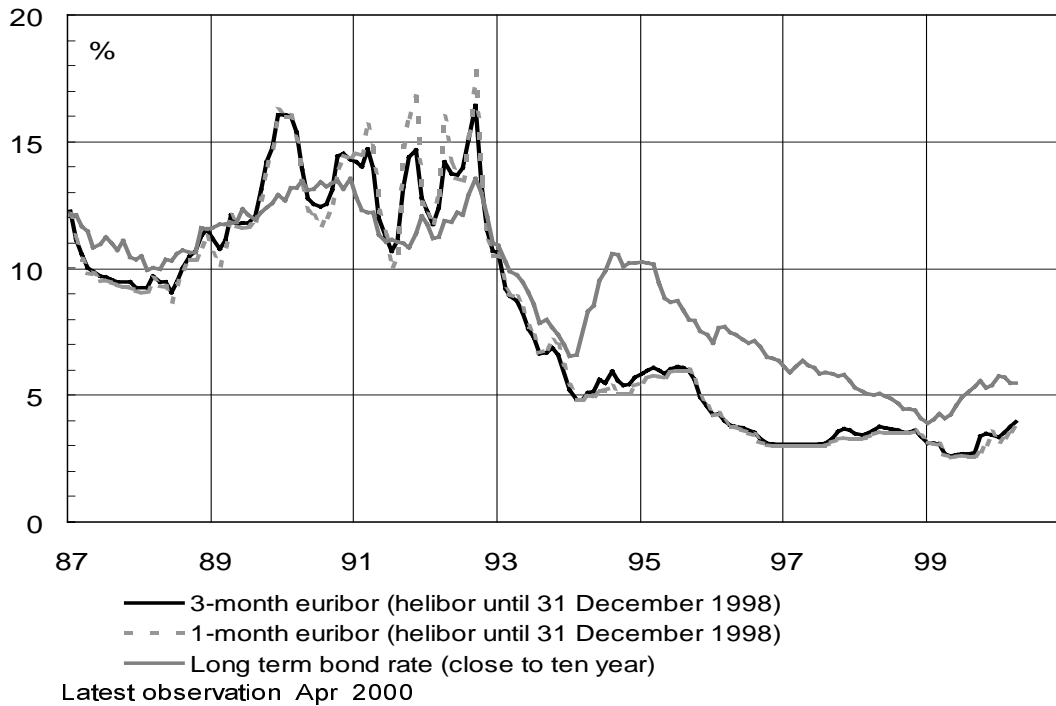
KEY INTEREST RATES

Chart 31.

SHORT-TERM DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INTEREST RATES

3-month interest rates, %

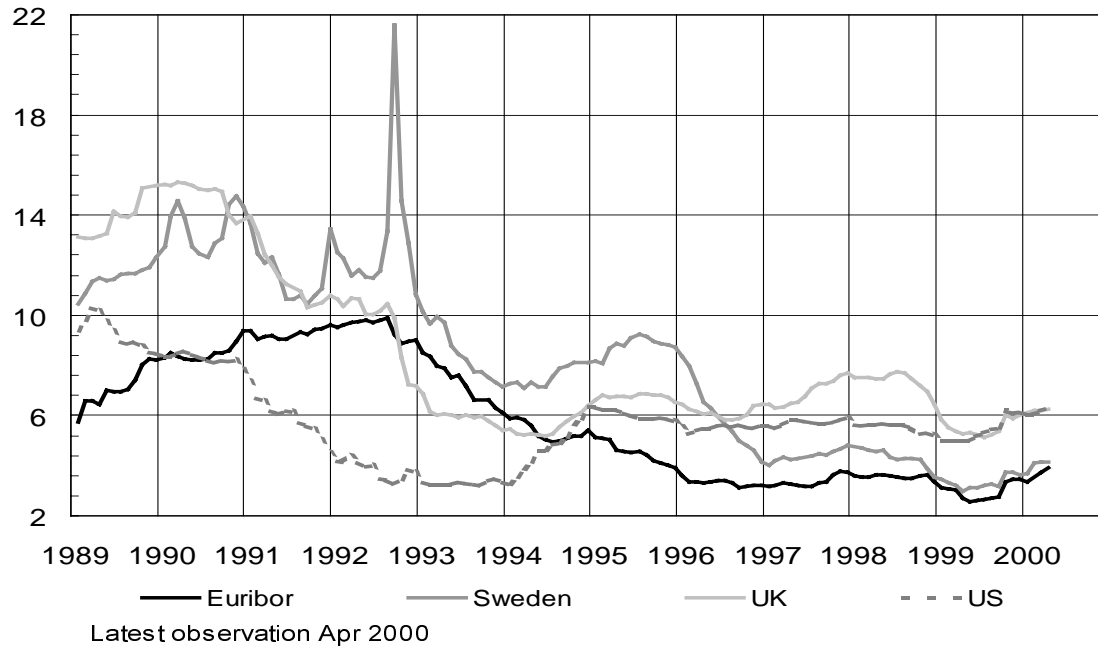


Chart 31.1.

LONG-TERM DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INTEREST RATES

Government bond yields, close to 10 year, %

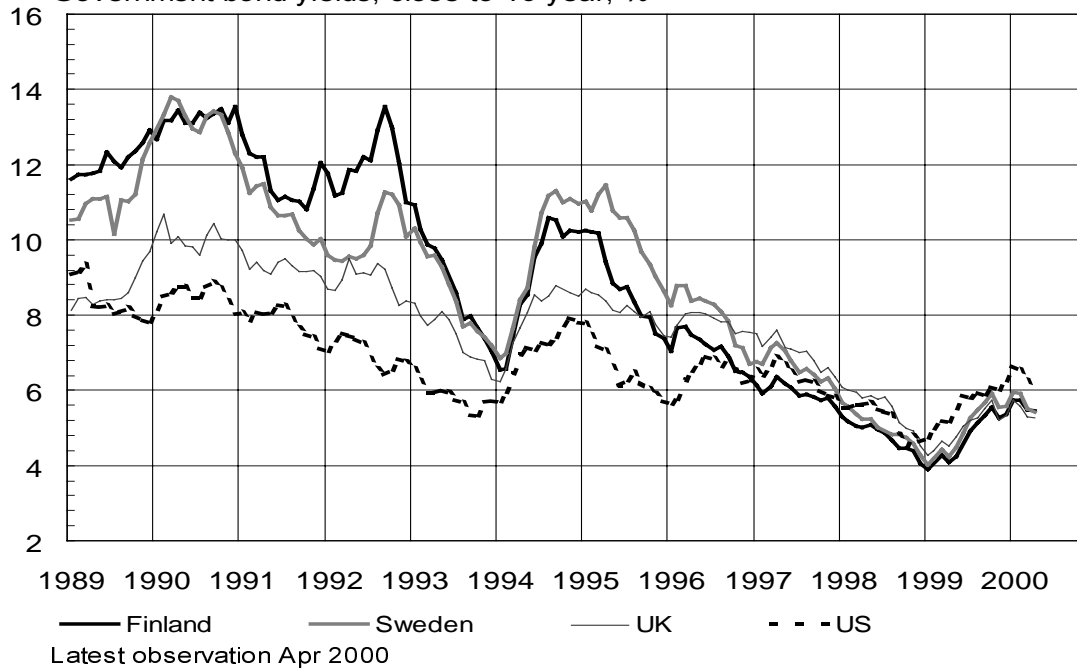
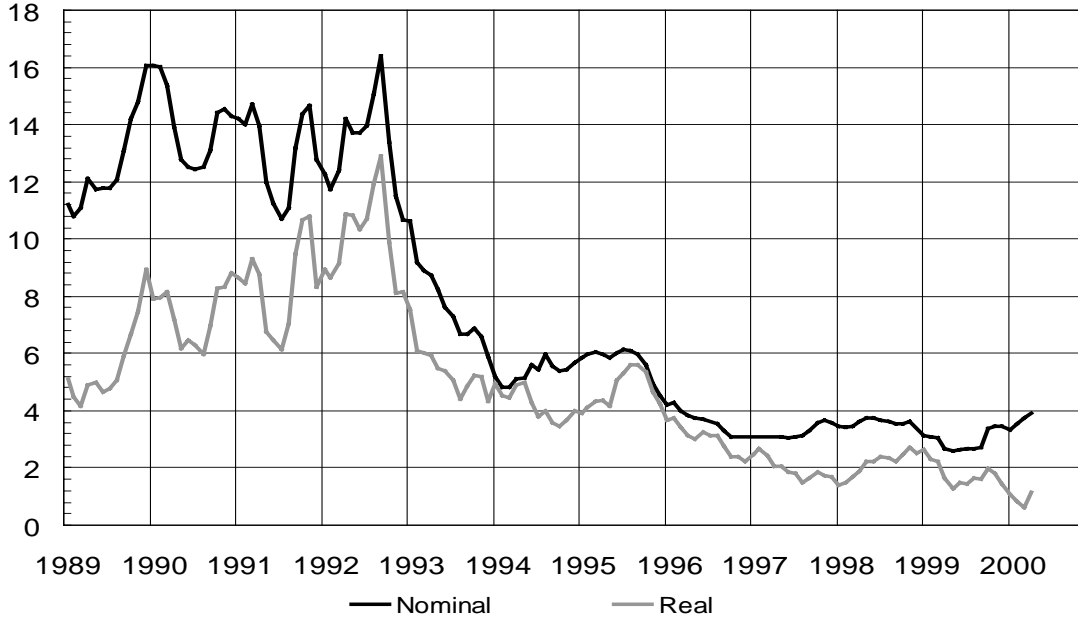


Chart 32.

REAL AND NOMINAL INTEREST RATES

3-month interest rates, %

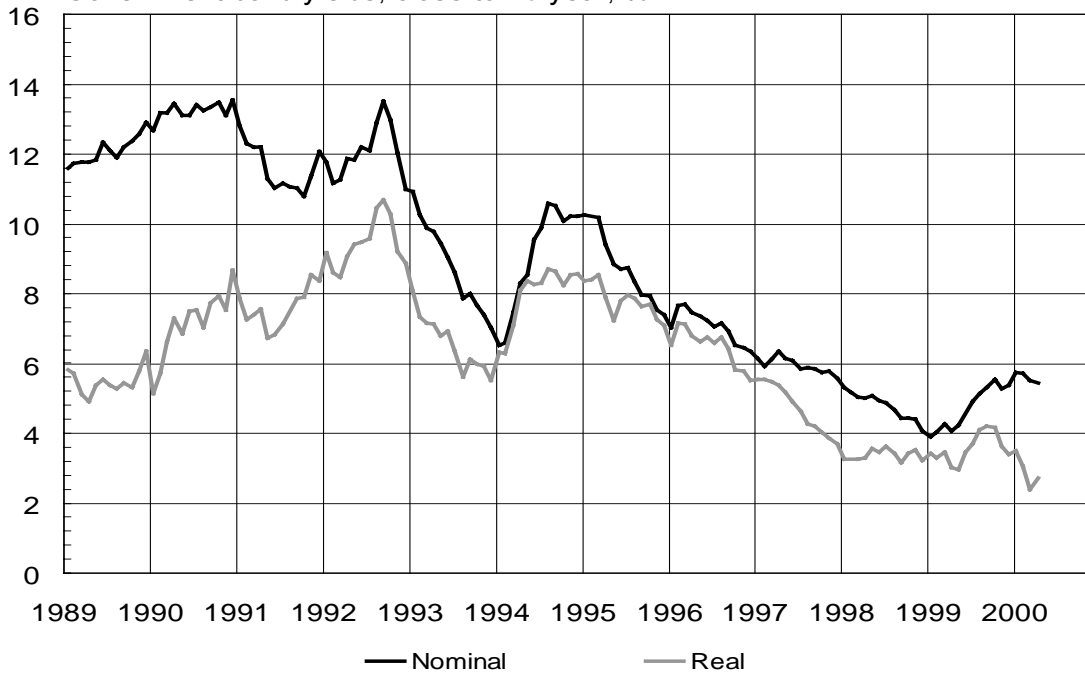


3-month euribor (from January 1999)
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Chart 32.1.

REAL AND NOMINAL INTEREST RATES

Government bond yields, close to 10 year, %



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Chart 33.

YIELD CURVE

Maturities over one year based on government benchmark bonds, %

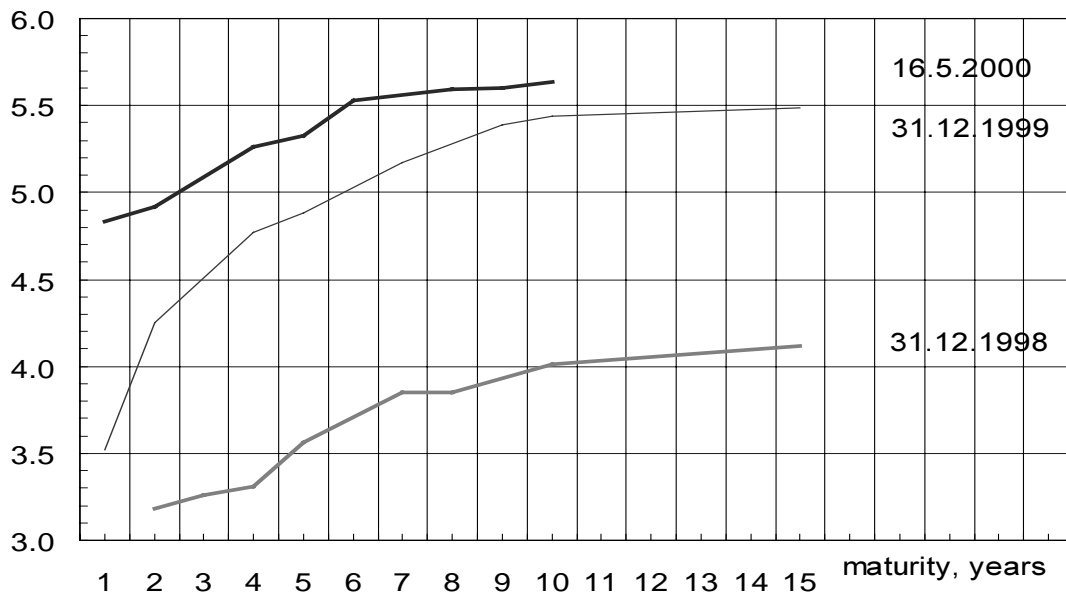


TABLE 4

Interest rates and exchange rates

Market rates , %, daily averages	1999	10/99	11/99	12/99	1/2000	2/2000	3/2000	4/2000
EURIBOR (Helibor until 31 December 1998)								
1 month	2.862	2.763	3.061	3.509	3.150	3.359	3.589	3.791
3 months	2.961	3.376	3.468	3.446	3.343	3.537	3.747	3.925
6 months	3.054	3.457	3.484	3.512	3.556	3.735	3.936	4.083
12 months	3.183	3.684	3.689	3.826	3.949	4.111	4.267	4.365
Yields on government bonds								
5 years	4.07	4.93	4.72	4.79	5.12	5.19	5.04	5.24
10 years	4.74	5.56	5.27	5.36	5.75	5.72	5.50	5.46

Exchange rates, daily averages

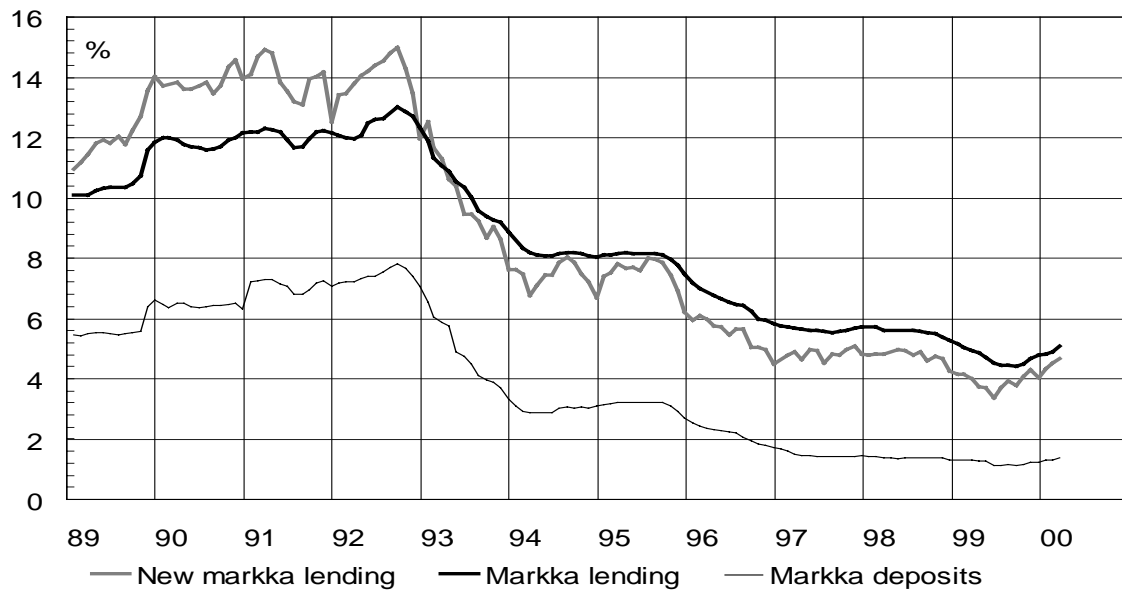
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EUR exchange rate against
US dollar, Pound sterling and Swedish krona

Daily average								
US dollar	1.066	1.071	1.034	1.011	1.014	0.983	0.964	0.947
Pound sterling	0.659	0.646	0.637	0.626	0.618	0.615	0.611	0.598
Swedish krona	8.807	8.727	8.633	8.586	8.597	8.511	8.388	8.267
Trade-weighted competitiveness indicator 1982=100								
	121.2	121.8	123.1	124.2	124.2	124.8	125.8	126.8

Chart 34.

BANKS' MARKKA LENDING RATES AND MARKKA FUNDING RATES

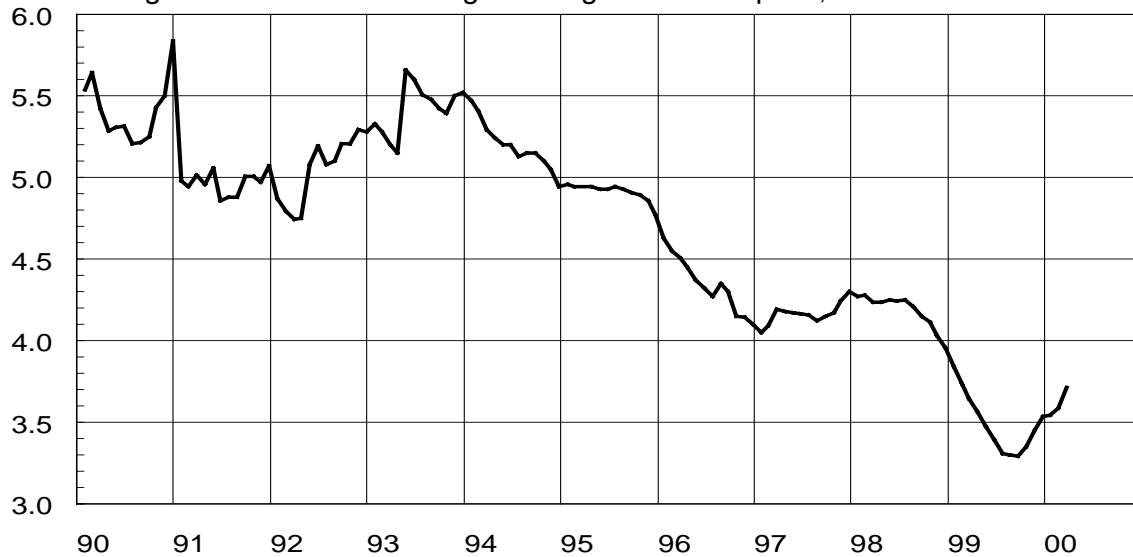


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Chart 35.

BANKS' INTEREST RATE MARGIN

Average rate on markka lending - Average markka deposit, %

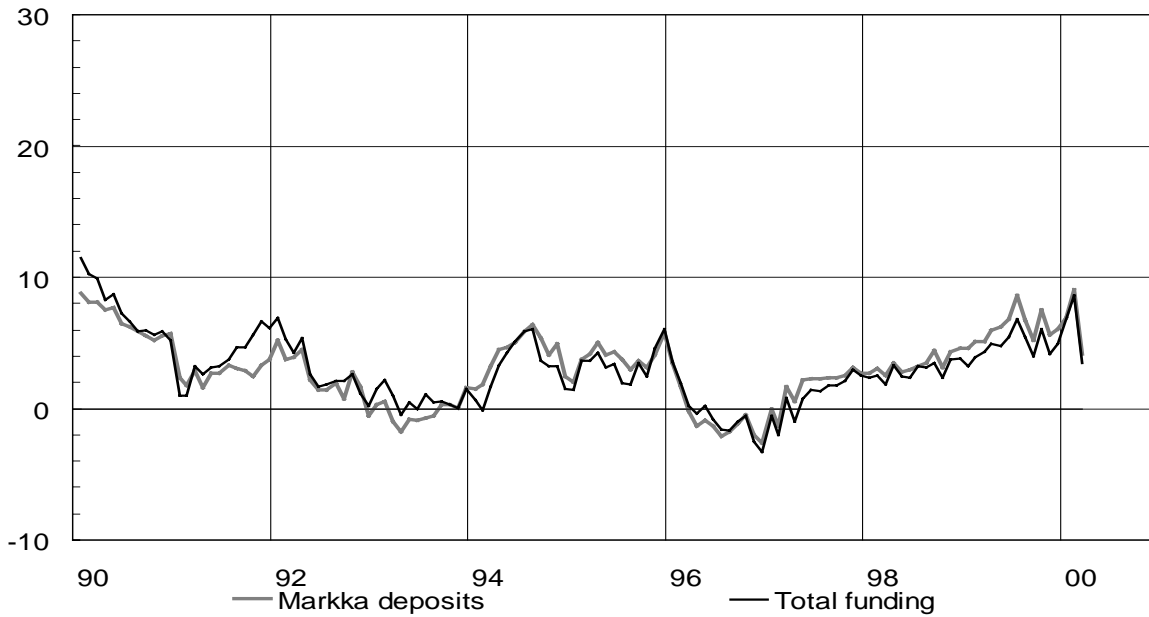


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Chart 36.

BANK FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC

12-month change, %

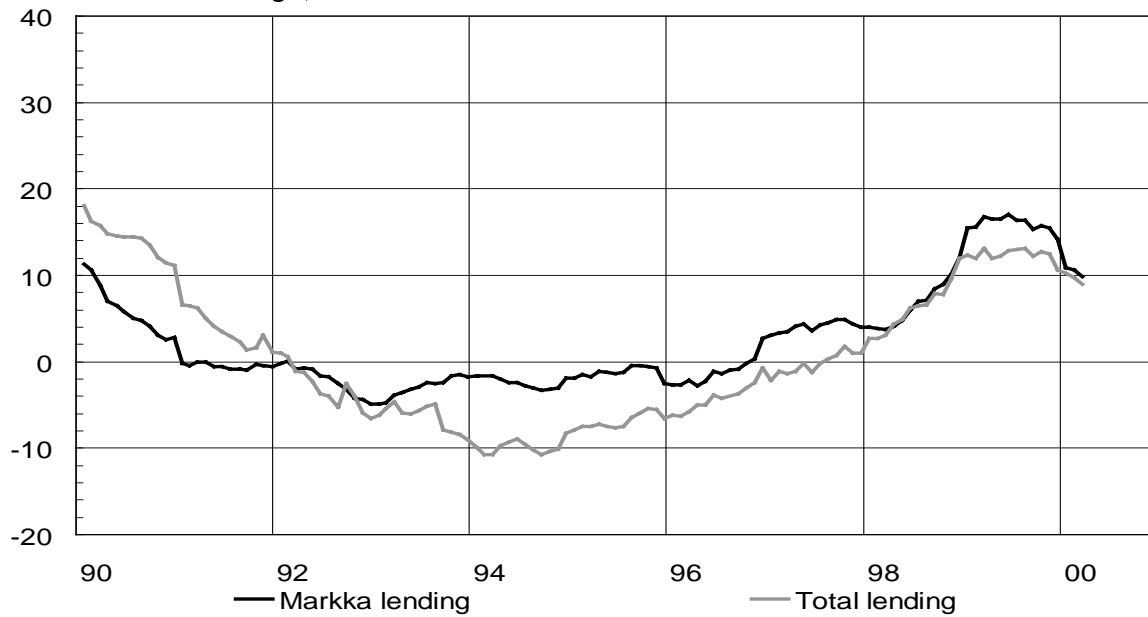


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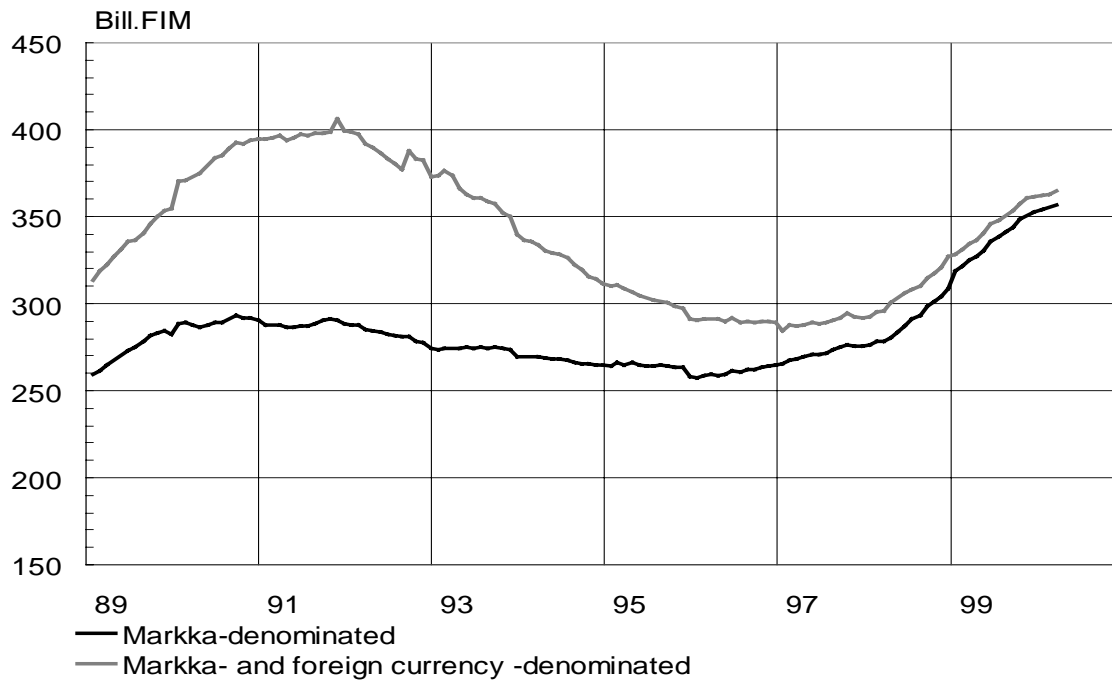
BANK LENDING TO THE PUBLIC

12-month change, %



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Chart 38.

OUTSTANDING BANK CREDIT

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Chart 39.

HEX, HELSINKI EXCHANGES
Share indices by sector

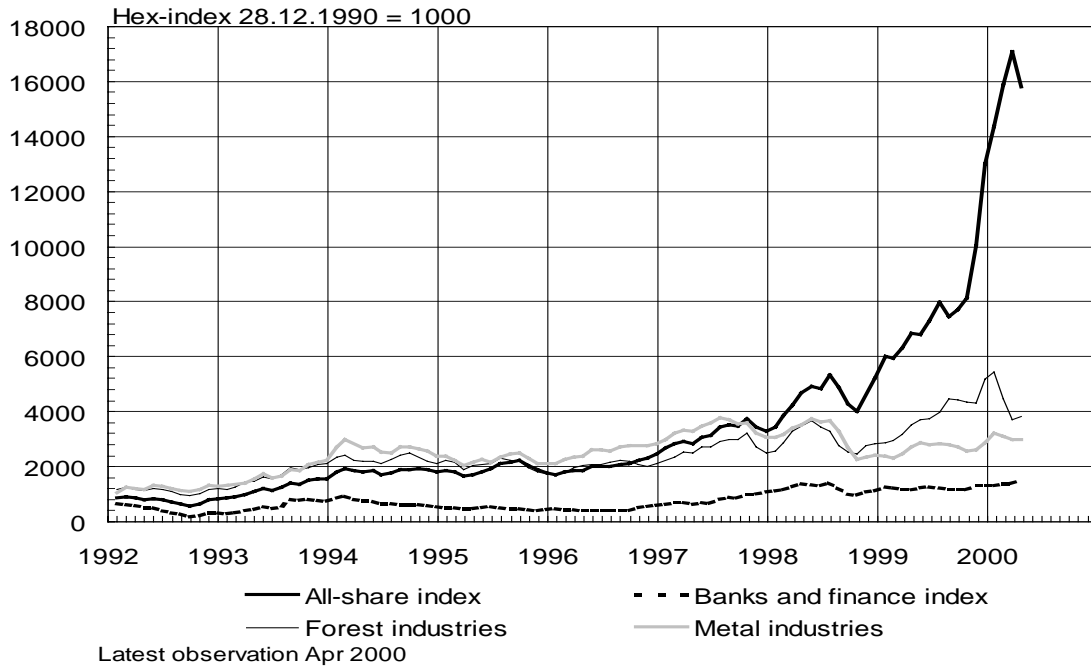


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HEX HELSINKI EXCHANGES
Share turnover

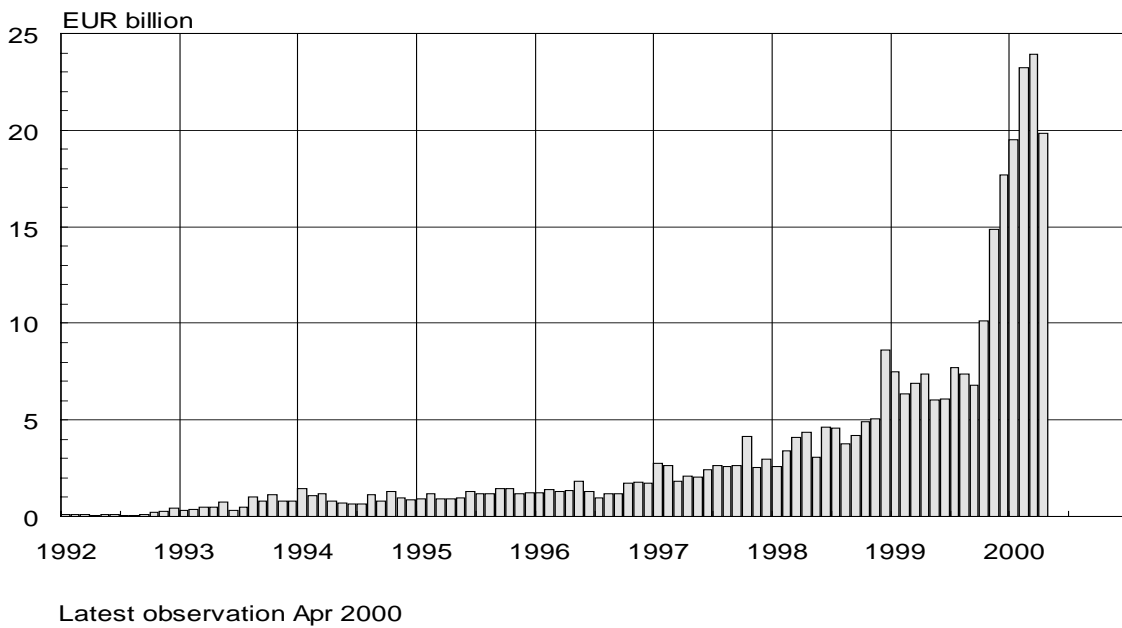


Chart 41.
HEX, HELSINKI EXCHANGES
Market Value

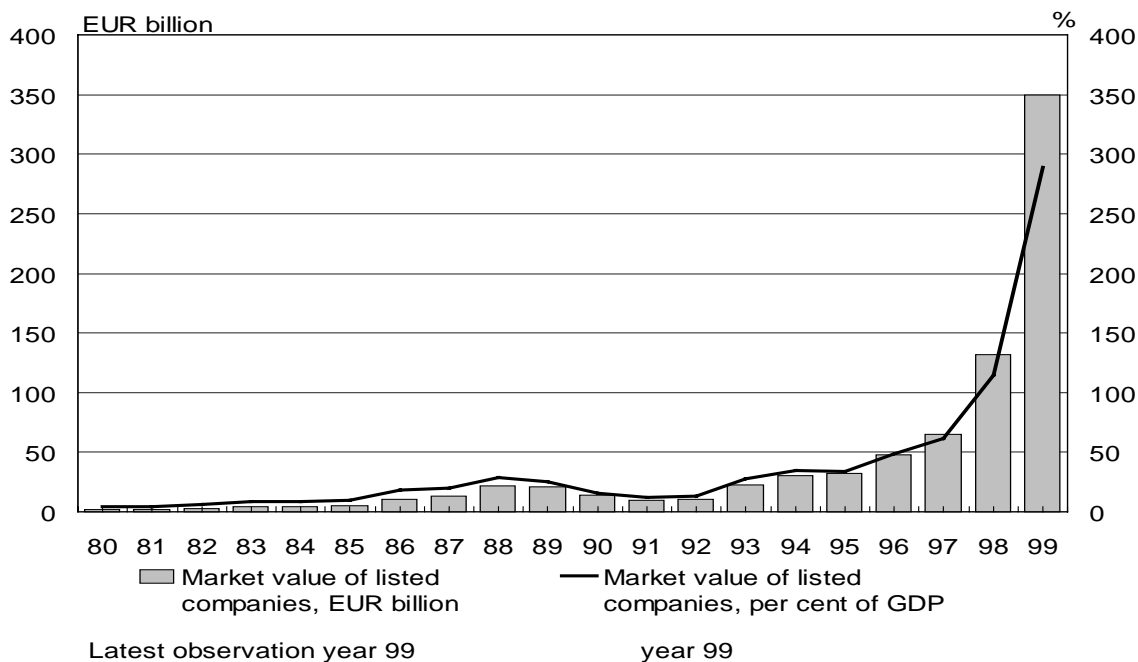


Chart 42.
GOVERNMENT BENCHMARK BONDS

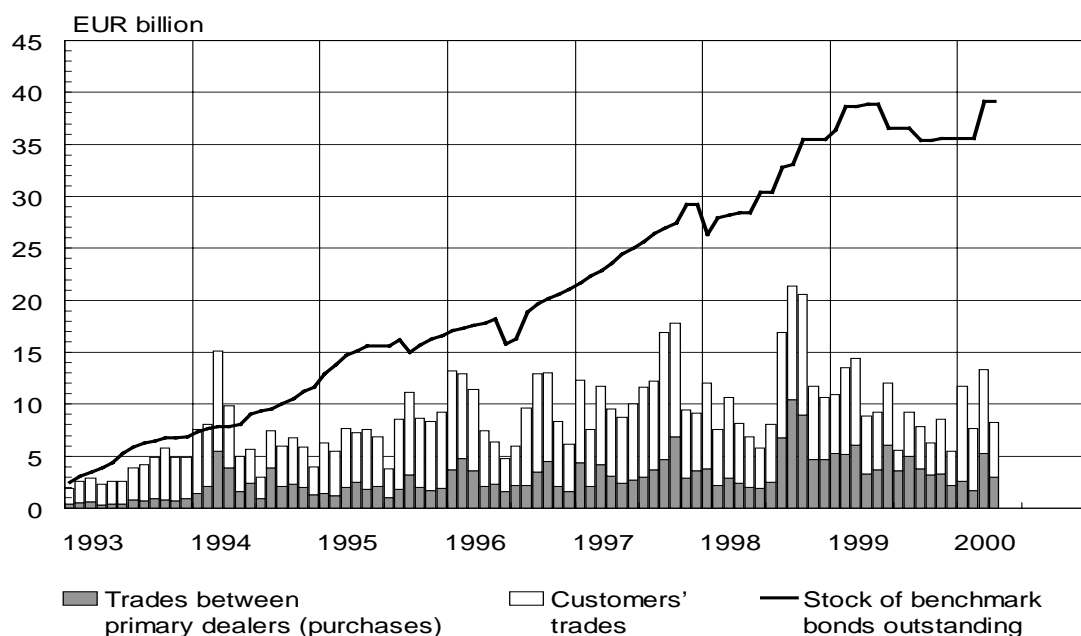


Chart 43.

STOCK OF BONDS OUTSTANDING IN FINLAND

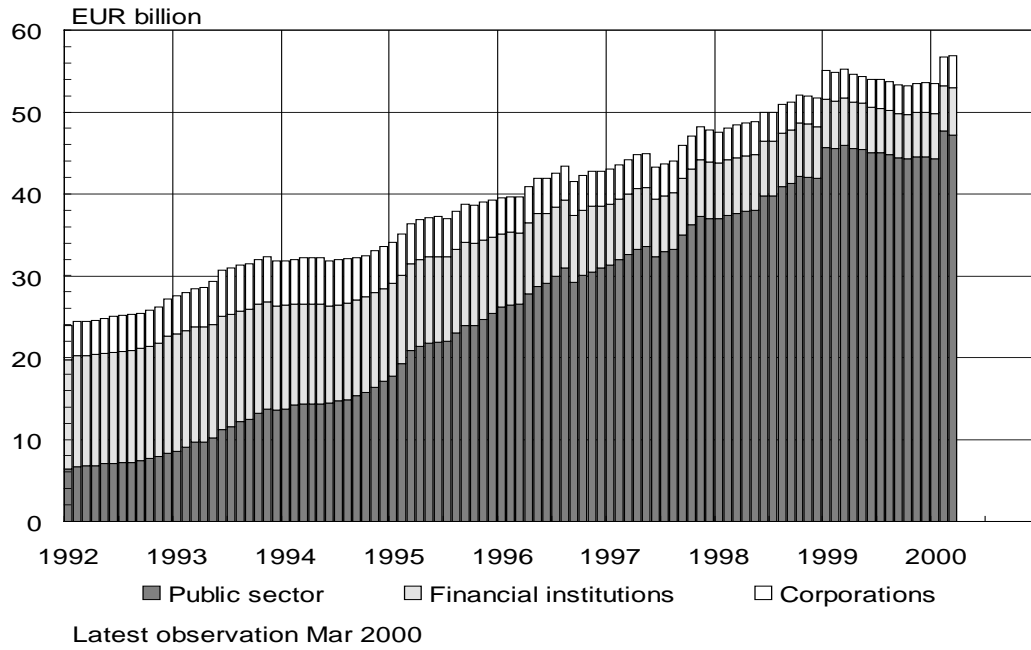


Chart 44.

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS IN FINLAND

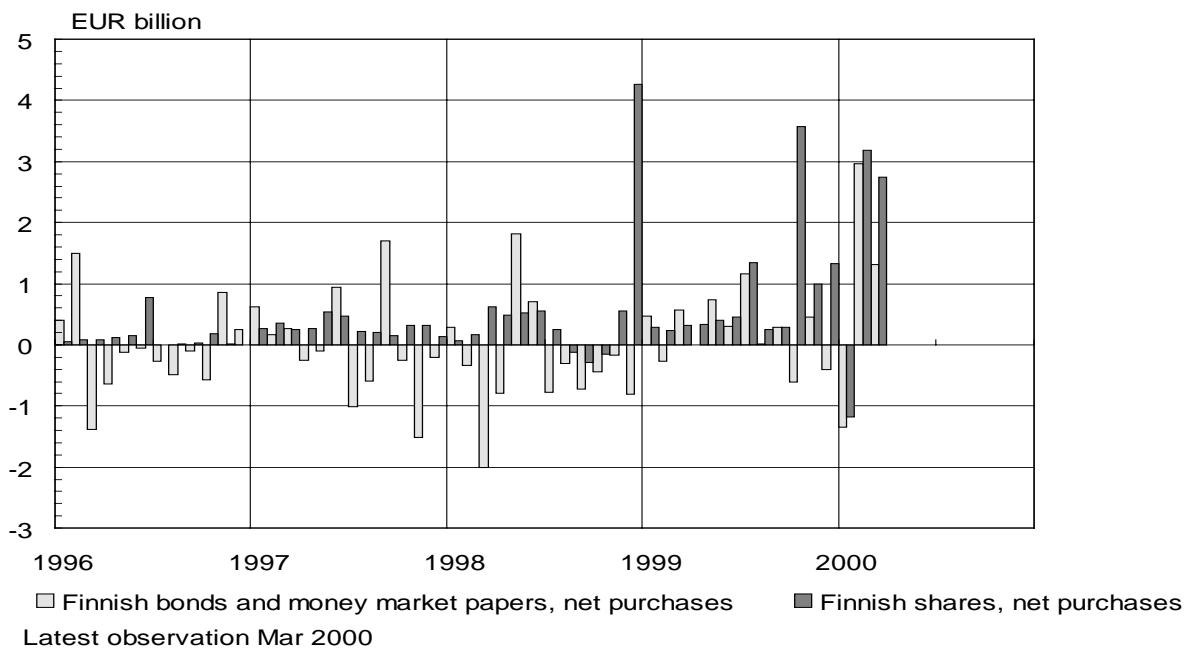


TABLE 5**Key figures for the Finnish deposit banks, billions of FIM***

All deposit banks	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996*	1997*	1998*	1999*	
Income from financial operations	10.7	13.0	13.7	12.4	11.0	11.7	13.5	13.5	
Other income	9.5	9.7	8.6	8.2	10.2	10.2	8.4	8.2	
Total income	20.2	22.7	22.3	20.6	21.2	21.9	21.9	21.7	
Expenses	14.9	15.3	16.4	15.5	12.8	12.0	11.4	11.5	
- pensionfund surplus refunded					1.2	1.5	0.6		
Depreciation	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.5	1.3	1.2	
Profit before credit and guarantee losses	3.4	5.5	4.4	3.4	7.5	8.9	9.2	9.0	
Credit and guarantee losses	14.0	14.7	11.2	6.2	3.7	2.4	1.8	0.5	
Profit before extraordinary items, appropriations and taxes	-10.6	-9.2	-6.8	-2.8	3.8	6.5	7.3	8.5	
Total assets	688.9	726.8	667.8	616.6	578.2	608.4	643.4	701.0	
Non-performing assets, net		35.9	25.4	19.6	12.3	8.3	5.5	4.8	
Capital adequacy, %	10.7	10.7	11.7	12.0	11.4	11.6	11.5	11.7	
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Mar 2000
Markka deposits of the public	264.6	268.8	275.4	291.4	283.7	291.1	304.7	323.2	320.3
- 12-month percentage change	-0.5	1.6	2.5	5.8	-2.7	2.6	4.6	6.1	4.2
Markka lending to the public	274.4	269.8	264.7	258.0	265.0	275.7	309.1	353.1	357.1
- 12-month percentage change	-4.9	-1.7	-1.9	-2.5	2.7	4.0	12.1	14.2	9.9
Lending to the public (total)	373.2	339.6	311.8	291.5	289.1	292.0	326.8	361.6	364.8
- 12-month percentage change	-6.5	-9.0	-8.2	-6.5	-0.7	1.0	11.9	10.6	9.0

* groups consolidated

* For 1996 and 1997, the figures for the new cooperative banks group are used, previously separate figures for the OKO group and cooperative banks

* For 1998, the figures of Merita Pankki Oyj are used, previously figures for the Merita Oyj