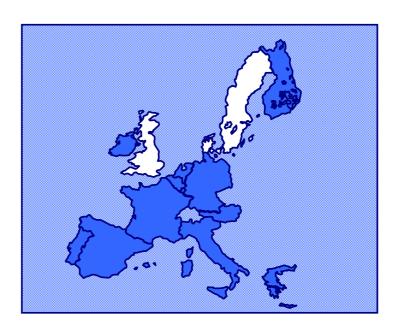


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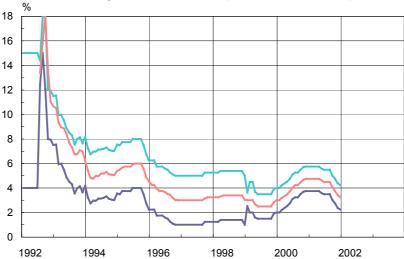
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Eurosystem interest rates

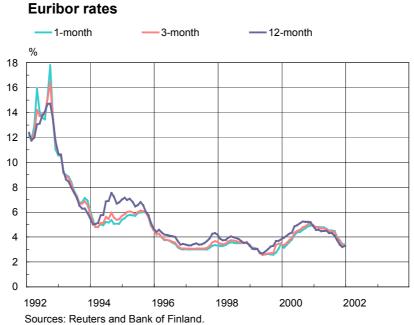
- Marginal lending rate (liquidity credit rate until end-1998)
- Deposit rate (excess reserve rate until end-1998)
 - —Main refinancing rate / minimum bid rate (tender rate until end-1998)



Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

Note: Bank of Finland interest rates until end-1998.

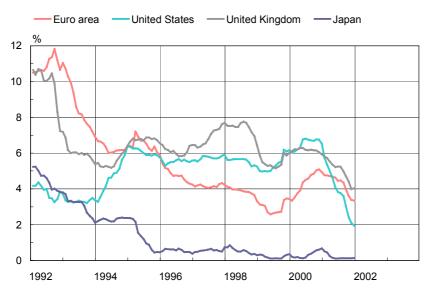
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Chart 3.

International three-month interest rates



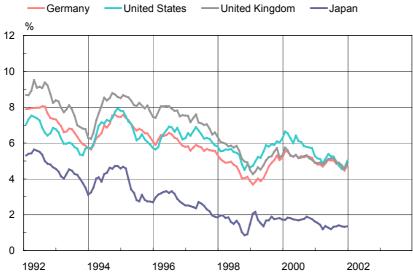
Sources: Reuters and European Central Bank.

Note: Until end-1998 the euro area rate is calculated as

the average of national rates weighted by GDP. Euribor from January 1999.

Chart 4.

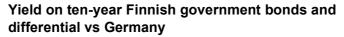
International long-term interest rates



Source: Reuters.

Note: Yield on ten-year government bonds.

Chart 5.



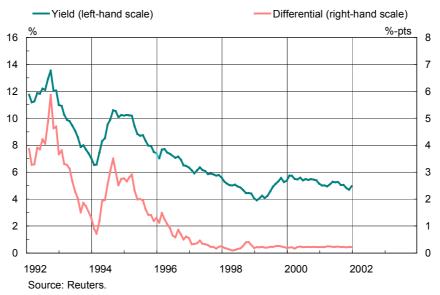


Chart 6.

Euro area (Finland's) yield curve



Source: Bank of Finland.

Note: BOF estimation using Nelson & Siegel (1987) yield curve model applied to Eonia and Euribor rates and Finnish benchmark government bond yields.

Banking in Finland

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Bank lending and deposit rates

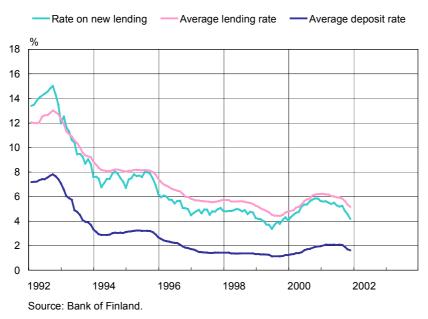


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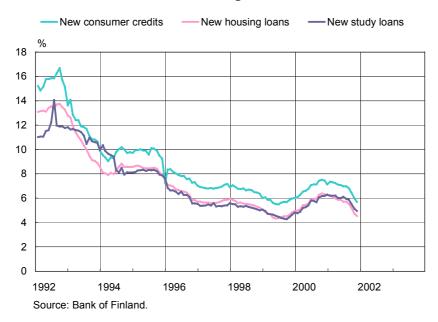


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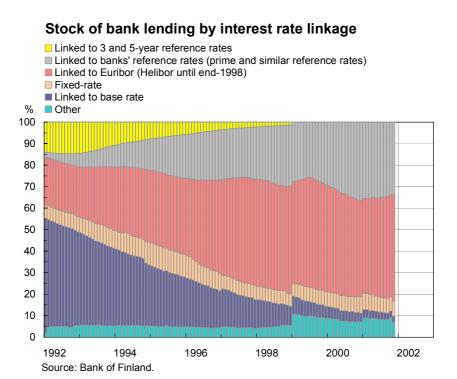


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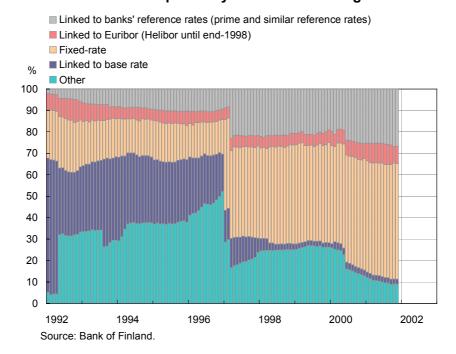
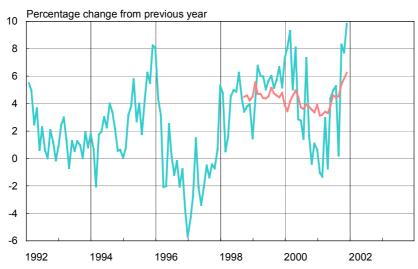


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- —Deposits of Finnish residents with Finnish MFIs
- —Deposits of euro area residents with euro area MFIs

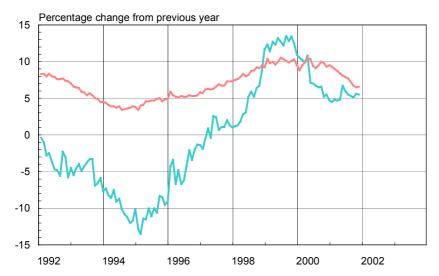


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

Chart 12.

Euro area and Finnish MFIs: growth of loans

Loans by Finnish MFIs to Finnish residentsLoans by euro area MFIs to euro area residents



Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

Chart 13.

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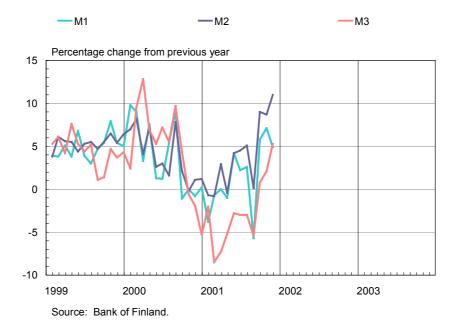
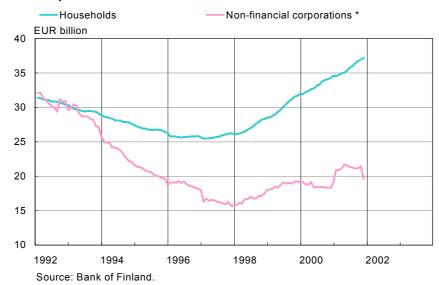


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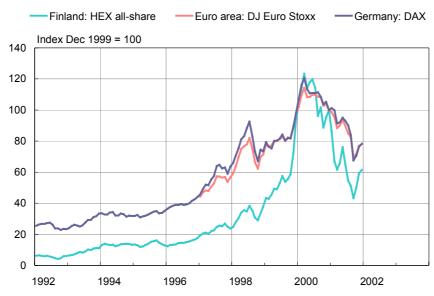


* Note: The series includes structural changes.

Securities market

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Selected stock price indices in the euro area



Sources: Bloomberg and HEX Helsinki Exchanges.

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HEX Helsinki Exchanges: share indices by sector

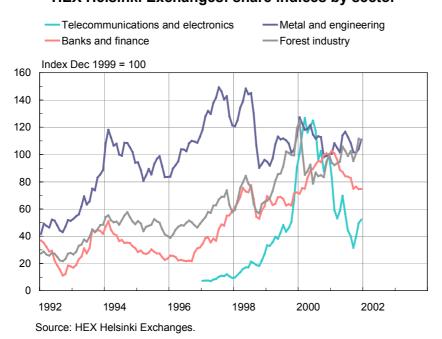


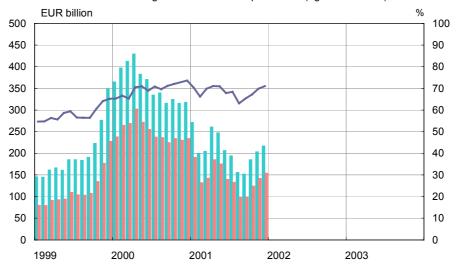
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Listed shares in Finland: total market capitalization and non-residents' holdings

Total market capitalization (left-hand scale)

Non-residents' holdings (left-hand scale)

— Non-residents' holdings as % of market capitalization (right-hand scale)



Sources: HEX Helsinki Exchanges and Finnish Central Securities Depository.

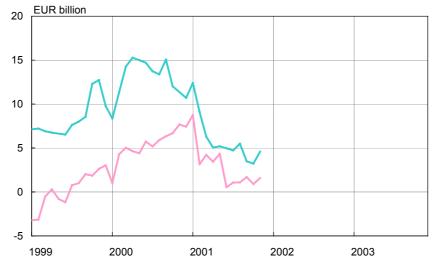
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12-month moving totals

Finnish shares, net purchases

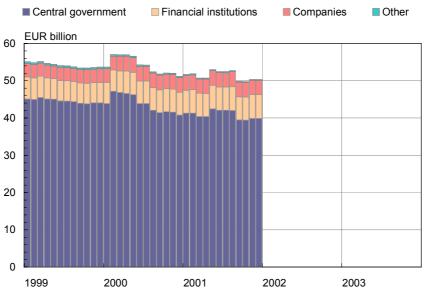
Finnish bonds and money market paper, net purchases



Source: Bank of Finland.

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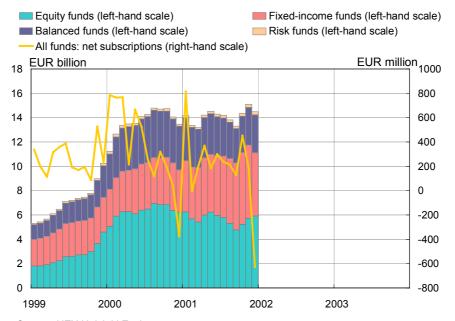
Bonds issued in Finland



Source: Statistics Finland. Note: End-month stock.

Chart 20.

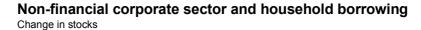
Mutual funds registered in Finland

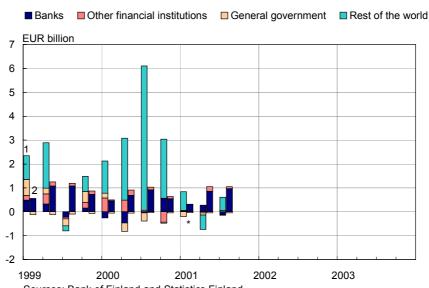


Source: HEX Helsinki Exchanges.

Borrowing by sector in Finland

Chart 21.





Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Note: 1 = corporate sector (excl. housing corporations), 2 = households.

*Note: Corrected for changes in sectoral classification.

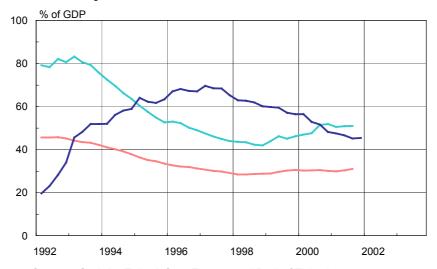
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Sectoral debt ratios in Finland

Non-financial corporate sector excl. housing corporations

-Household sector

--- Central government



Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

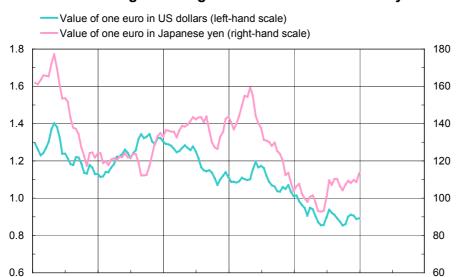
2000

2002

Exchange rates

Chart 23.

Euro exchange rates against the US dollar and the yen



1998

Sources: European Central Bank and Reuters. Note: ECU exchange rate until end-1998.

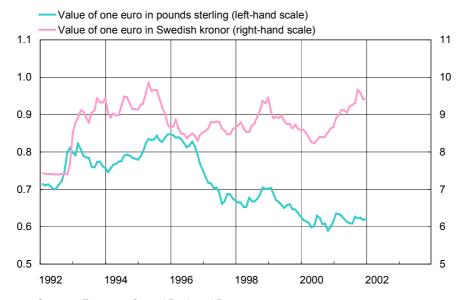
1996

1994

Chart 24.

1992

Euro exchange rates against the pound sterling and the Swedish krona

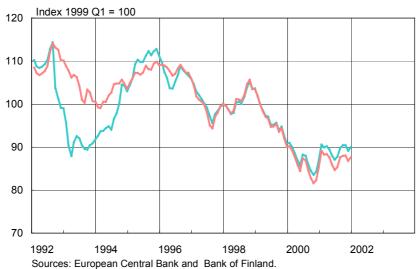


Sources: European Central Bank and Reuters. Note: ECU exchange rate until end-1998.

Chart 25.

Euro's external value and Finland's competitiveness indicator

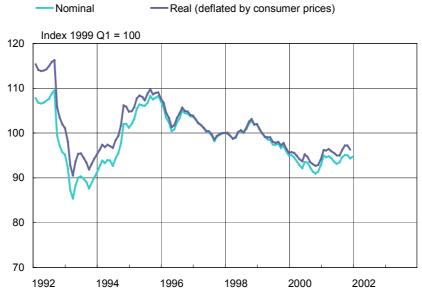
Finland's narrow competitiveness indicatorEuro's effective exchange rate



Note: An upward movement of the index represents an appreciation of the euro/ a weakening in Finnish competitiveness. The method of calculation is described in the Bank of Finland Bulletin 1/2000.

Chart 26.

Competitiveness indicators for Finland



Source: Bank of Finland.

Note: Narrow plus euro area competitiveness indicator. See also note in Chart 25.

Real economy

Chart 27.



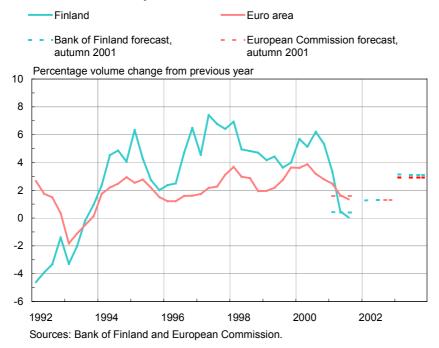


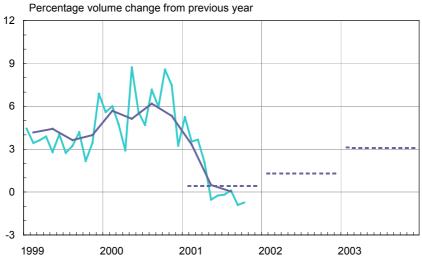
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Gross domestic product in Finland

GDP monthly indicator at producer prices

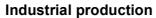
-----GDP at market prices

- Bank of Finland forecast, autumn 2001



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 29.



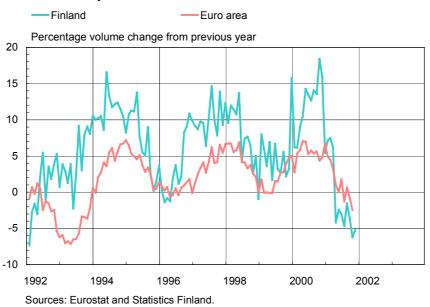


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Industrial confidence indicator

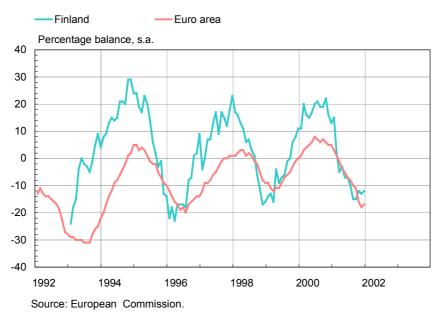


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Manufacturing production by sector in Finland

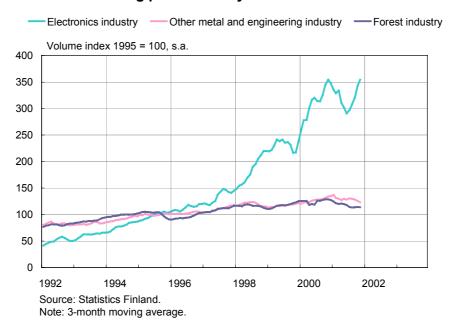
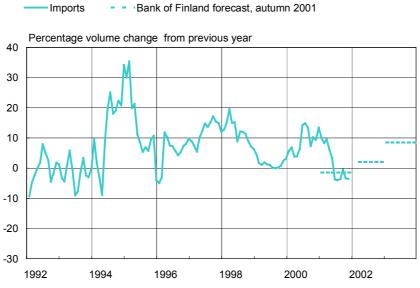


Chart 32.

Finland's imports of goods



Sources: Bank of Finland and National Board of Customs. Note: 3-month moving average.

Chart 33.

Consumption in Finland

- Private consumption (left-hand scale)
- - Bank of Finland forecast, autumn 2001
- -----Retail sales (right-hand scale)

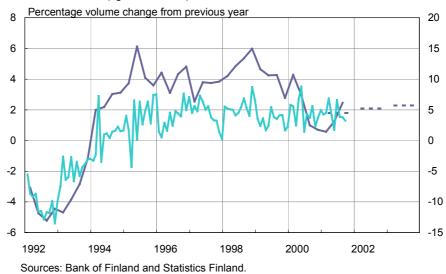


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Consumer confidence

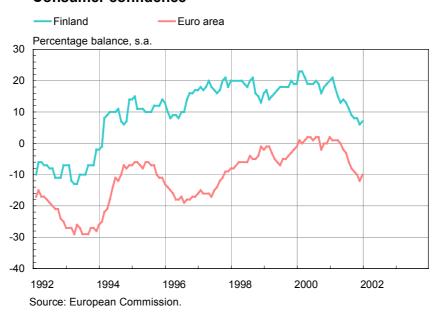


Chart 35.

Fixed investment in Finland

- Fixed investment (left-hand scale)
- Bank of Finland forecast, autumn 2001 (left-hand scale)
- Machinery and equipment (left-hand scale)
 - Spare capacity (right-hand scale)

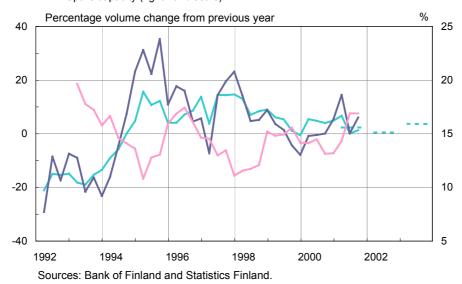
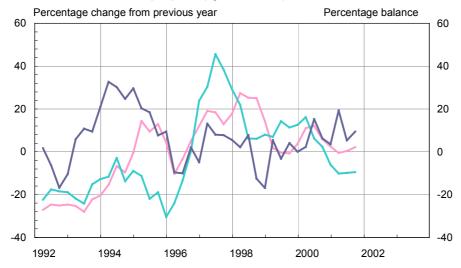


Chart 36.

Construction indicators

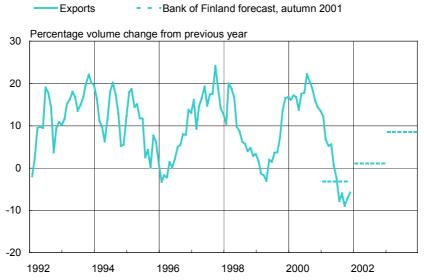
- —All building starts (four-quarter moving total)
- Residential buildings starts, (four-quarter moving total)
- --- Industrial investment prospects, (right-hand scale)



Sources: Federation of the Finnish Industries and Statistics Finland.

Chart 37.

Finland's exports of goods



Sources: Bank of Finland and National Board of Customs.

Note: 3-month moving average.

Source: National Board of Customs.

Chart 38.

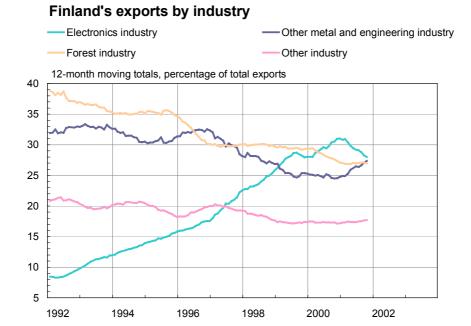


Table 1.

Supply, demand and labour market indicators

	1999	2000	2001 Actual	2001*	2002*	2003*
Supply and demand percentage volume change from previous year						
Gross domestic product at market prices	4.1	5.6	0.0 Q3	0.4	1.3	3.1
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	3.7	5.9	-0.7 M10 1.1 M01-M10			
Manufacturing production	5.7	12.5	-5.3 M11 -1.3 M01-M11			
Consumption expenditure	3.4	1.5	2.5 Q3	1.7	2.2	2.2
- private	4.0	2.2	2.6 Q3	1.8	2.1	2.3
- general government	1.9	-0.2	2.1 Q3	1.6	2.4	2.1
Gross fixed capital formation	3.0	4.8	1.8 Q3	2.4	0.5	3.7
- private	4.0	6.8	2.7 Q3	2.7	0.3	3.6
- general government	-2.4	-6.3	-5.0 Q3	0.2	1.8	4.4
Domestic demand	2.8	3.3	4.0 Q3	1.4	1.6	2.4
Exports of goods and services	6.8	18.2	-10.3 Q3	-3.0	1.0	7.7
Imports of goods and services	4.0	16.2	-4.3 Q3	-1.9	1.8	7.6
Labour market indicators						
Employed persons percentage change from previous year	3.3	1.7	0.5 M11 1.4 M01-M11	1.1	-0.7	0.6
Unemployment rate, s.a. **	10.2	9.8	9.3 M11 9.1 M01-M11	9.2	9.8	9.7

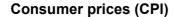
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Prices and costs

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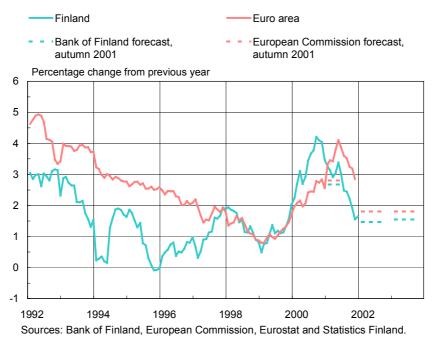


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Harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)

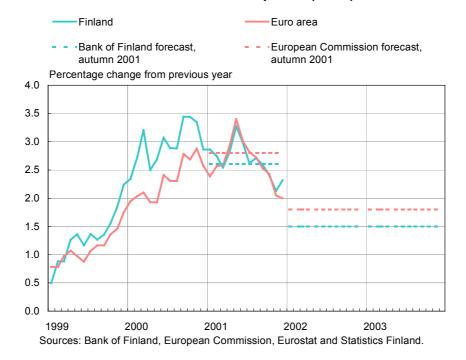


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Inflation rates in the euro area (HICP)

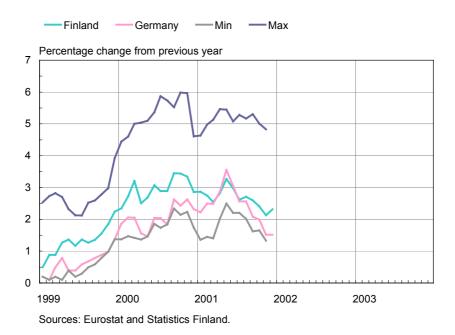


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Producer prices

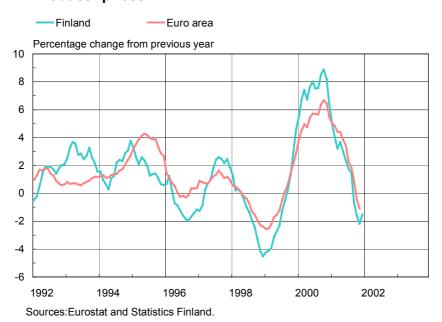
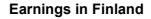
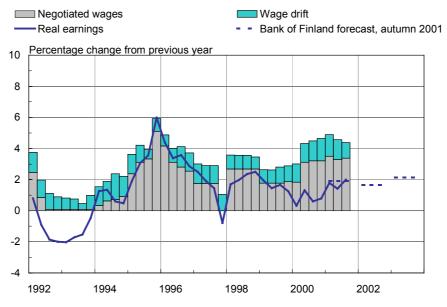


Chart 43.





Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 44.

Earnings in industry

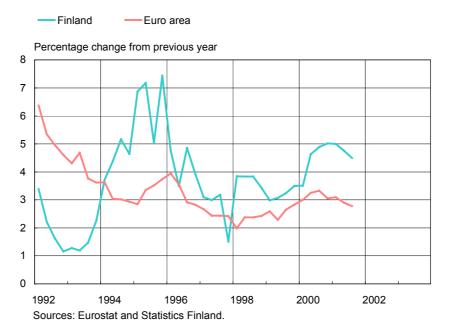


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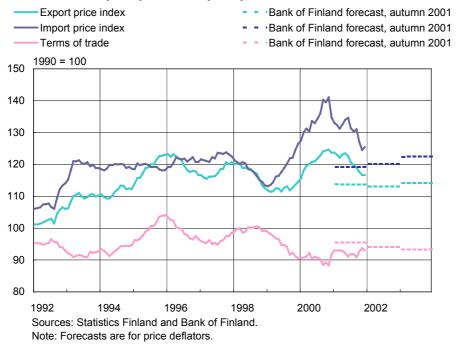


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Dwelling prices in Finland

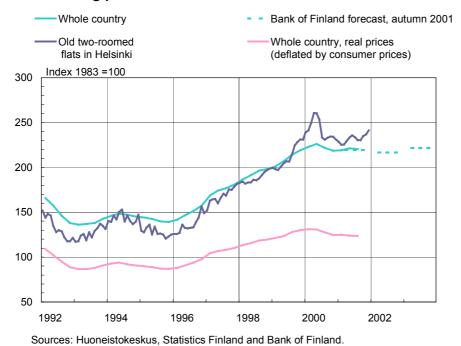


Table 2. Cost and price indicators

Percentage change from previous year 1999 2000 2001* 2002* 2003* 2001 Actual Labour costs Index of wages and salaries 2.7 4.1 4.4 Q3 4.6 3.1 3.6 4.6 Q1-Q3 Unit labour costs - whole economy 0.6 -0.2 5.6 Q3 6.2 1.9 1.5 5.2 Q1-Q3 - manufacturing -3.6 -5.7 8.3 Q3 5.8 Q1-Q3 **Price indices** Export prices (goods) 7.9 - export price index -4.4 -5.8 M12 -0.6 M01-M12 - export price deflator -5.6 4.4 -1.2 Q3 -1.1 -0.9 1.1 2.3 Q1-Q3 Import prices (goods) - import price index 13.1 0.6 -7.0 M12 -2.8 M01-M12 - import price deflator -1.7 6.4 -1.9 Q3 -2.4 0.6 2.1 -1.8 Q1-Q3 Producer prices -1.1 7.4 -1.5 M12 1.5 M01-M12 Wholesale prices -0.2 8.1 -2.7 M12 0.3 M01-M12 Consumer prices - consumer price index 1.2 3.4 1.6 M12 2.7 1.5 1.6 2.6 M01-M12 - harmonized index of consumer prices 1.3 3.0 2.3 M12 2.6 1.5 1.5

Sources: Finnish Forest Research Institute, HEX Helsinki Exchanges, National Board of Customs and Statistics Finland.

1.3

1.9

8.9

72.1

3.6

6.0

5.7

91.1

- indicator of underlying inflation

Dwelling prices, whole country

Asset prices Stumpage prices

Share prices

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2.7 M01-M12

3.1 M01-M11

3.2

-0.9

1.4

-1.2

1.1

2.4

2.3 M11

-6.7 M12 -2.1 M01-M12

-0.6 Q3

-1.5 Q1-Q3 -38.5 M12

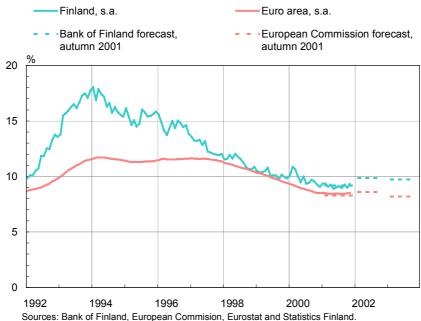
-42.5 M01-M12

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Labour market

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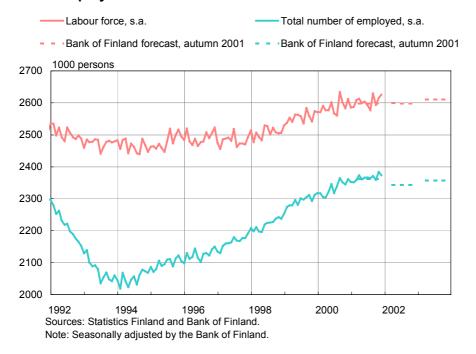




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Employment in Finland



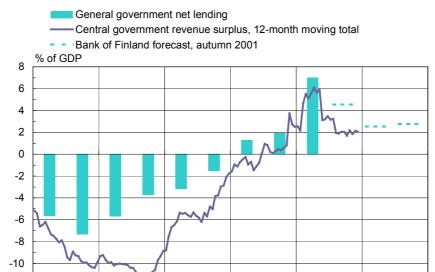
Public finances

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Chart 49.





1998

2000

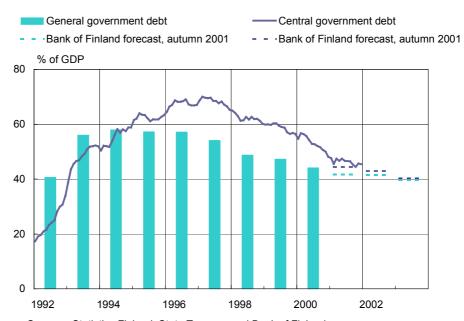
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1996 Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

Chart 50.

Public sector debt in Finland

1994



Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

External balance

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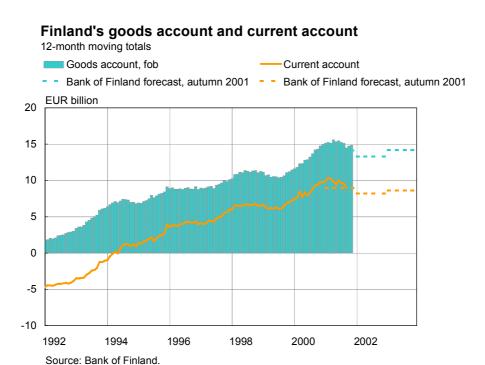


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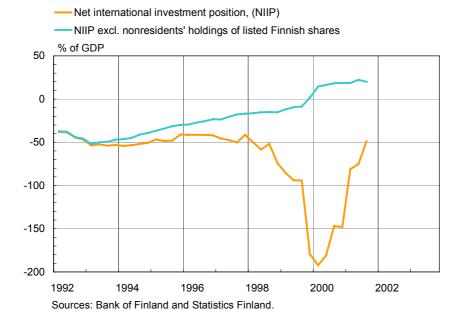


Table 3.

External balance and sectoral balances indicators

	1999	2000	2001 Actual	2001*	2002*	2003*
Goods account						
EUR billion	11.5	14.9	1.4 M11 13.6 M01-M11	14.1	13.3	14.2
per cent of GDP	9.5	11.4		10.5	9.7	9.9
Current account						
EUR billion	7.3	9.7	1.3 M11 8.5 M01-M11	9.0	8.2	8.6
per cent of GDP	6.0	7.4		6.6	6.0	6.0
Financial account						
EUR billion	-7.1	-9.3	-1.3 M11			
			-8.1 M01-M11			
General government	-5.4	-11.0	-0.2 M11 -10.5 M01-M11			
Direct investment						
in Finland	4.3	9.6	0.0 M11			
			1.9 M01-M11			
abroad	6.2	26.1	4.1 M11			
			7.4 M01-M11			
Shares	4.6	2.3	1.2 M11			
			-1.4 M01-M11			
Other capital (incl. errors and omissions)	-4.4	15.8	1.8 M11			
			9.3 M01-M11			
Foreign exchange reserves (increase -)	-0.2	-0.4	0.0 M11			
Net lending, saving minus investment			-0.3 M01-M11			
Private sector						
EUR billion	5.0	0.6		2.8	4.7	4.6
per cent of GDP	4.1	0.4		2.1	3.5	3.2
General government					0.0	0.1
EUR billion	2.3	9.2		6.1	3.5	4.0
per cent of GDP	1.9	7.0		4.5	2.6	2.8
Central government						
EUR billion	-0.9	4.5		2.6	0.4	0.9
per cent of GDP	-0.7	3.4		1.9	0.3	0.6
Local government						
EUR billion	-0.3	0.3		-0.4	-0.7	-0.9
per cent of GDP	-0.3	0.2		-0.3	-0.5	-0.6
Social security funds						
EUR billion	3.5	4.3		4.0	3.8	4.0
per cent of GDP	2.9	3.3		2.9	2.8	2.8
Net foreign debt						
per cent of GDP	179.7	148.7				
per cent of exports of goods and services	475.2	346.6				
Sectoral debt ratios, gross debt, per cent of GDP						
Non-financial corporate sector **	46.2	52.1				
Household sector	30.6	30.3				
General government (Maastricht definition)	47.3	44.0		41.8	41.5	39.8

Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

^{*} Bank of Finland forecast, autumn 2001.

^{**} Excl. housing corporations.