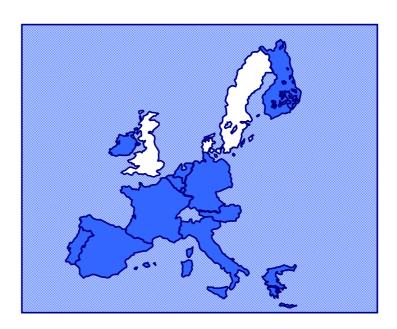


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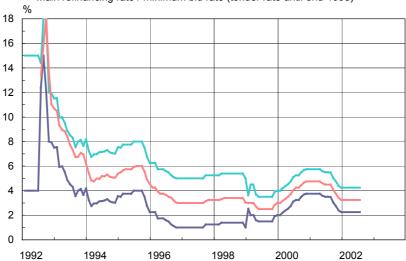
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Monetary policy and market interest rates

Chart 1.

Eurosystem interest rates

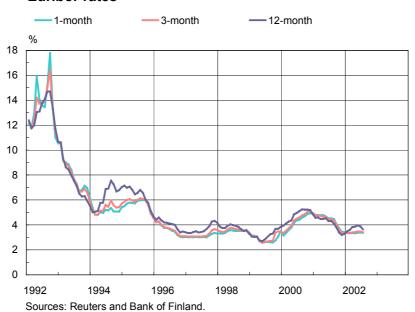
- —Marginal lending rate (liquidity credit rate until end-1998)
- Deposit rate (excess reserve rate until end-1998)
 - Main refinancing rate / minimum bid rate (tender rate until end-1998)



Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland. Note: Bank of Finland interest rates until end-1998.

Chart 2.

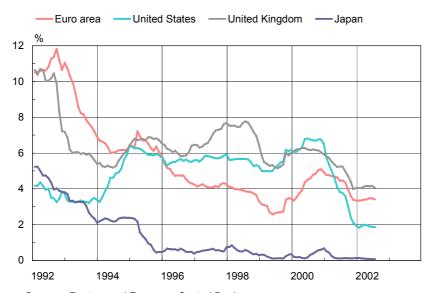
Euribor rates



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Chart 3.

International three-month interest rates



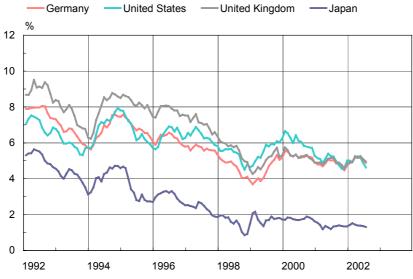
Sources: Reuters and European Central Bank.

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.

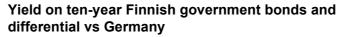
International long-term interest rates



Source: Reuters.

Note: Yield on ten-year government bonds.

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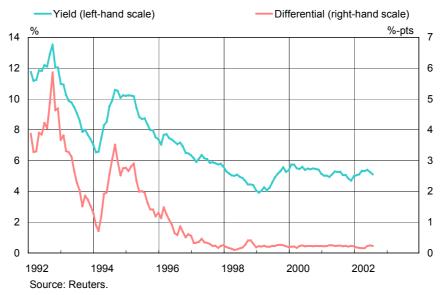


Chart 6.

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

Chart 7.

Bank lending and deposit rates

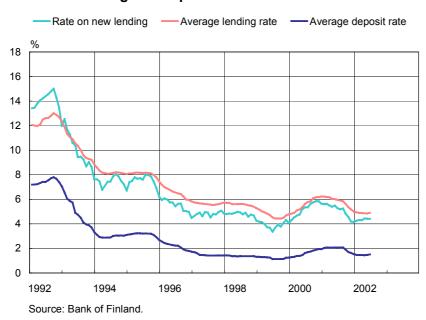


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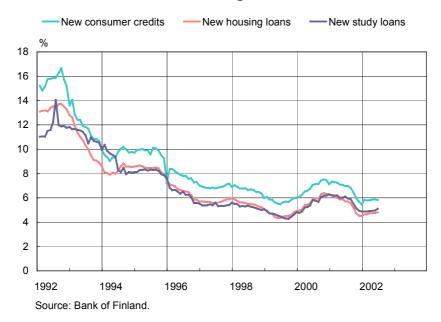


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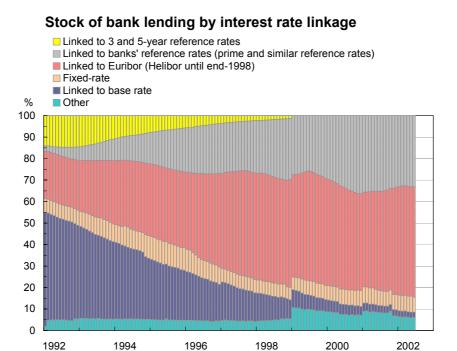


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Stock of bank deposits by interest rate linkage

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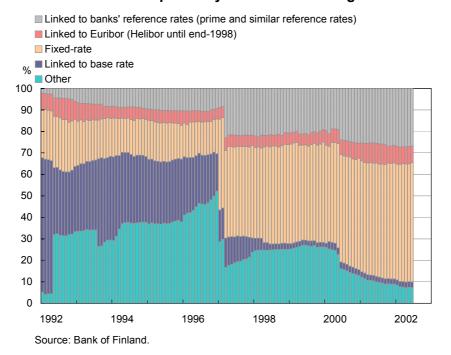
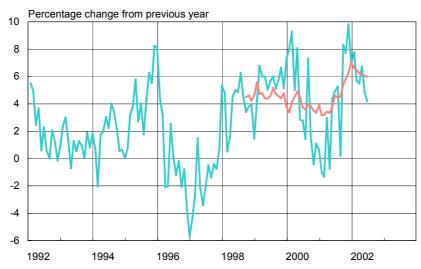


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Euro area and Finnish MFIs: growth of deposits

Deposits of Finnish residents with Finnish MFIsDeposits of euro area residents with euro area MFIs

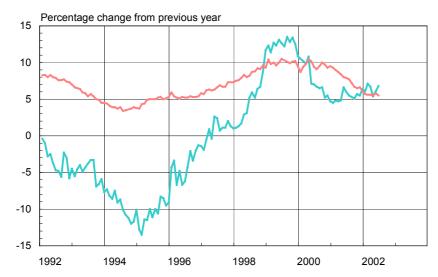


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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.

Liabilities of Finnish monetary financial institutions included in monetary aggregates for the euro area

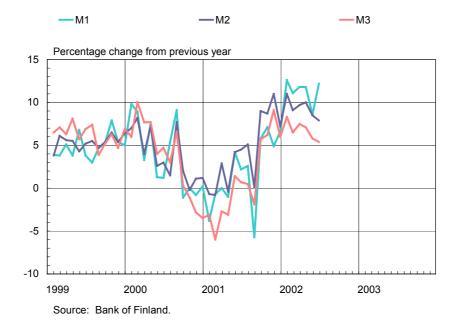
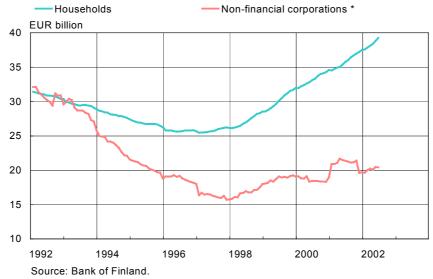


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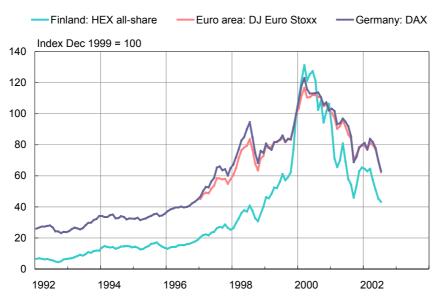


* Note: The series includes structural changes.

Securities market

Chart 15.

Selected stock price indices in the euro area



Sources: Bloomberg and HEX Helsinki Exchanges.

Chart 16.

HEX Helsinki Exchanges: share indices by sector

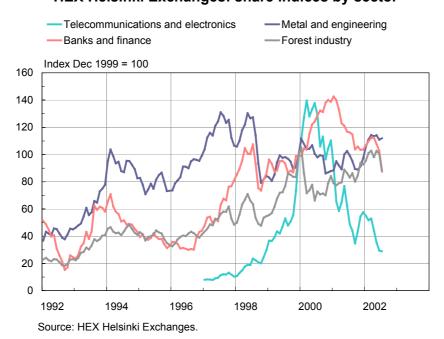


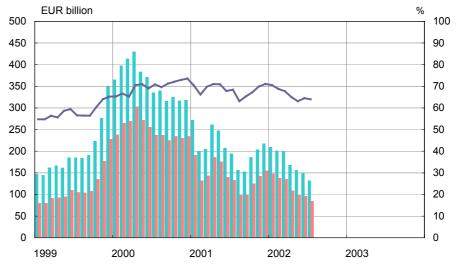
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Listed shares in Finland: total market capitalization and non-residents' holdings

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.

Chart 18.

Non-residents' portfolio investments in Finland

12-month moving totals

-Finnish shares, net purchases

— Finnish bonds and money market paper, net purchases

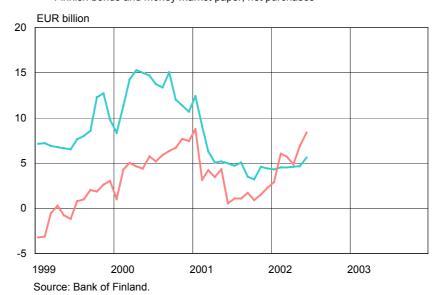


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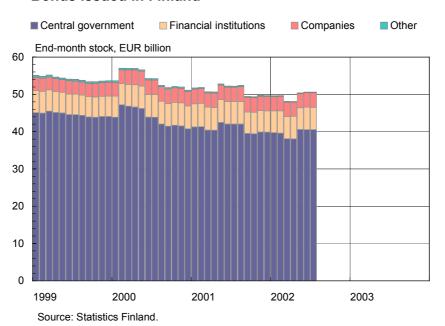
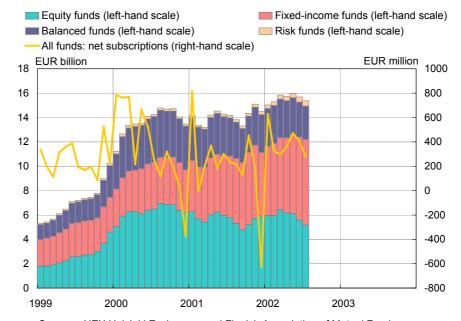


Chart 20.

Mutual funds registered in Finland



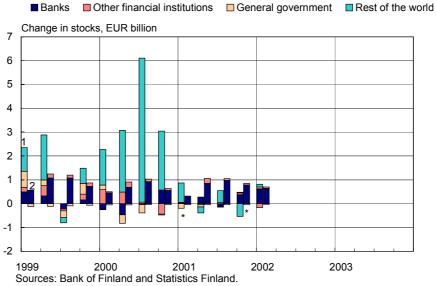
 $Sources: \ HEX \ Helsinki \ Exchanges \ and \ Finnish \ Association \ of \ Mutual \ Funds.$

Borrowing by sector in Finland

Chart 21.

Non-financial corporate sector and household borrowing





*Note: Corrected for changes in sectoral classification.

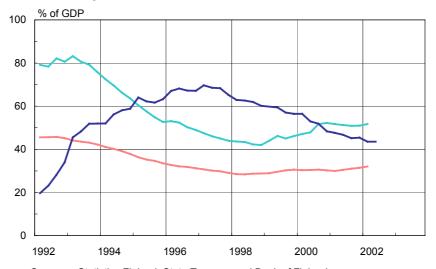
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Sectoral debt ratios in Finland

Non-financial corporate sector excl. housing corporations

-Household sector

— Central government

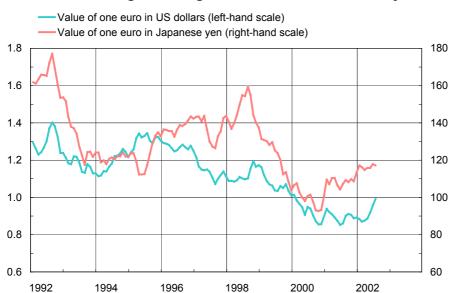


 $Sources: \ Statistics \ Finland, \ State \ Treasury \ and \ Bank \ of \ Finland.$

Exchange rates

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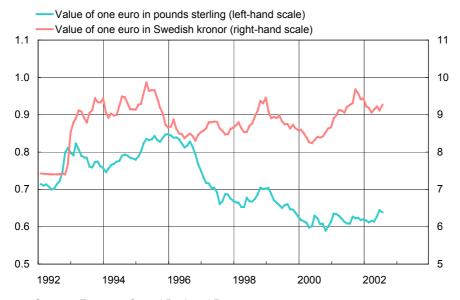




Sources: European Central Bank and Reuters. Note: ECU exchange rate until end-1998.

Chart 24.

Euro exchange rates against the pound sterling and the Swedish krona

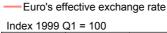


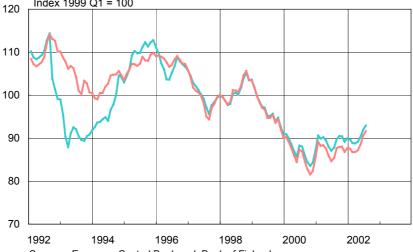
Sources: European Central Bank and Reuters. Note: ECU exchange rate until end-1998.

Chart 25.

Euro's external value and Finland's competitiveness indicator

Finland's narrow competitiveness indicator



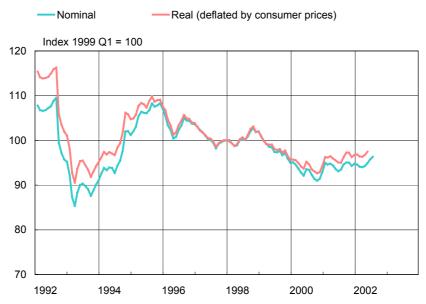


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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.



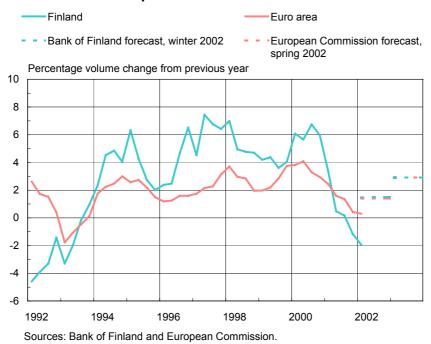
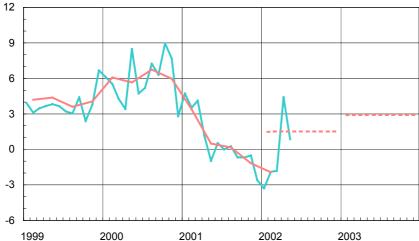


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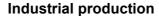
Gross domestic product in Finland

GDP monthly indicator at producer prices
GDP at market prices
Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002
Percentage volume change from previous year



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 29.



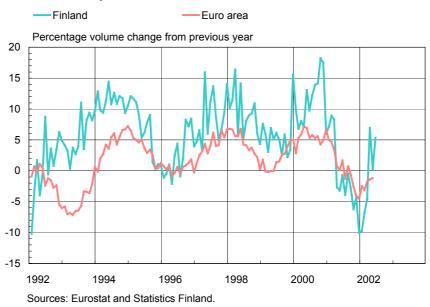


Chart 30.

Industrial confidence indicator

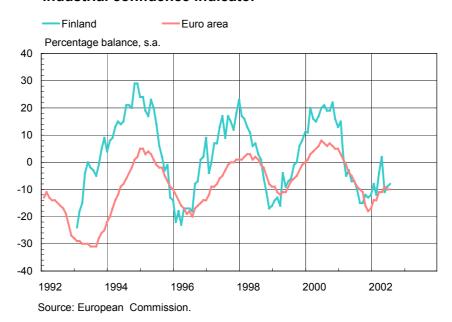


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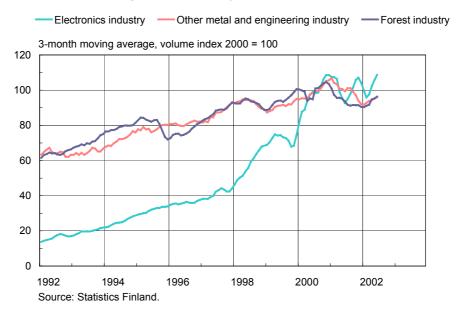


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Finland's imports of goods

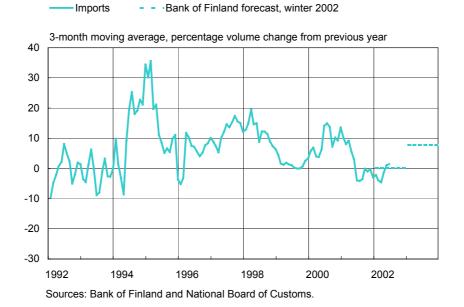
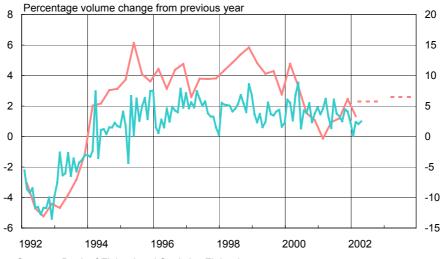


Chart 33.



Private consumption (left-hand scale)
- Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002
Retail sales (right-hand scale)



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 34.

Consumer confidence

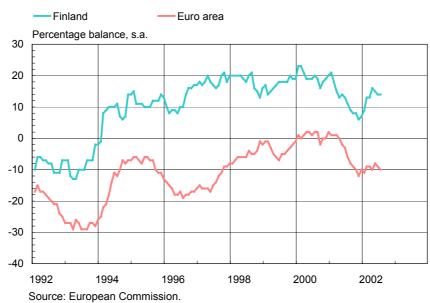


Chart 35.

Fixed investment in Finland

- Fixed investment (left-hand scale)
- - Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002 (left-hand scale)
- Machinery and equipment (left-hand scale)
 - —Spare capacity (right-hand scale)

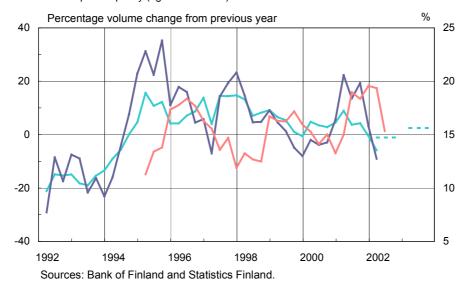
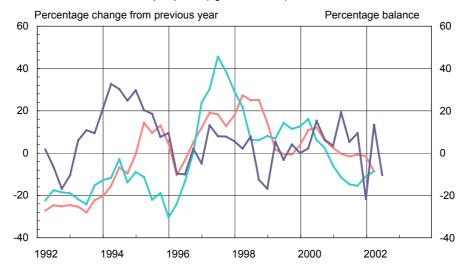


Chart 36.

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

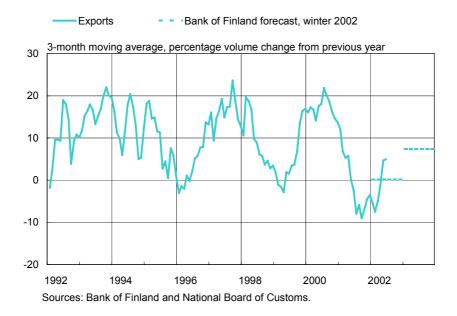


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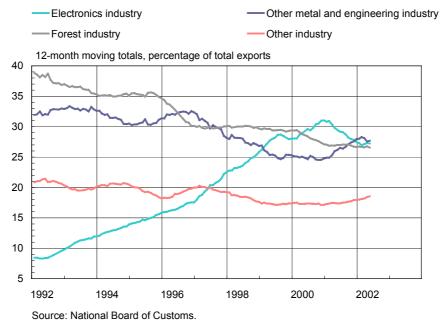


Table 1.

Supply, demand and labour market indicators

	2000	2001		002 ctual	2002*	2003*
Supply and demand percentage volume change from previous year						
Gross domestic product at market prices	6.1	0.7	-2.0	Q1	1.5	2.9
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	5.9	0.7	0.9 -0.3	M5 M1-M5		
Manufacturing production	12.7	-1.6	6.8 -1.3	M6 M1-M6		
Consumption expenditure	1.8	1.4	1.5	Q1	2.5	2.4
- private	2.6	1.1	1.2	Q1	2.3	2.6
- general government	-0.2	2.1	2.1	Q1	3.1	2.1
Gross fixed capital formation	3.9	4.0	-5.7	Q1	-1.1	2.5
- private	5.5	4.6	-6.4	Q1	-2.0	2.5
- general government	-5.4	0.8	-0.4	Q1	4.2	2.3
Domestic demand	2.9	2.0	-2.5	Q1	1.5	2.4
Exports of goods and services	20.1	-2.2	-4.2	Q1	0.3	6.8
Imports of goods and services	16.0	0.1	-6.1	Q1	0.1	6.9
Labour market indicators						
Employed persons percentage change from previous year	1.7	1.4	0.4 0.5	M7 M1-M7	0.2	0.7
Unemployment rate, s.a. **	9.8	9.1	9.3 9.1	M7 M1-M7	9.5	9.3

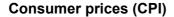
Source: Statistics Finland.

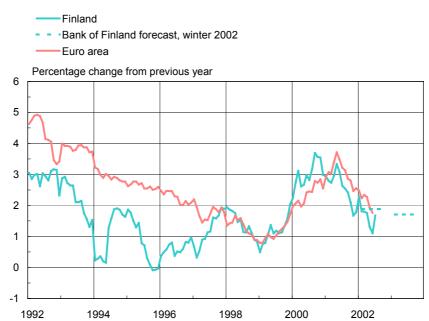
^{*} Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002.

^{**} Seasonally adjusted by the Bank of Finland.

Prices and costs

Chart 39.





Sources: Bank of Finland, European Commission, Eurostat and Statistics Finland.

Chart 40.

Harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)

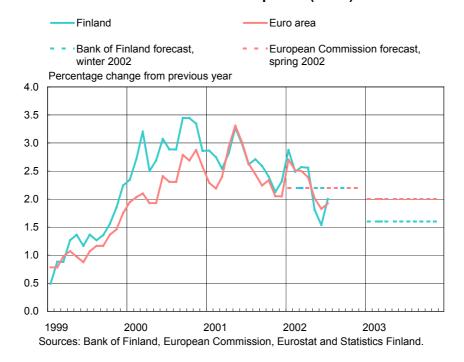


Chart 41.

Inflation rates in the euro area (HICP)

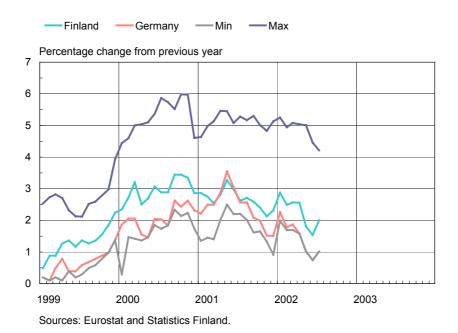


Chart 42.

Producer prices

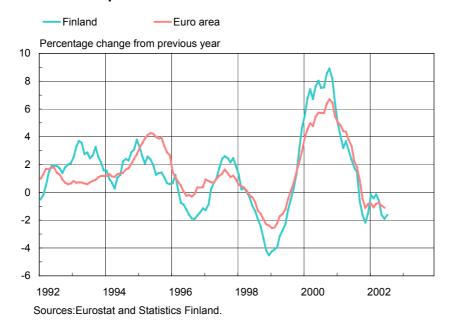
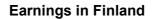
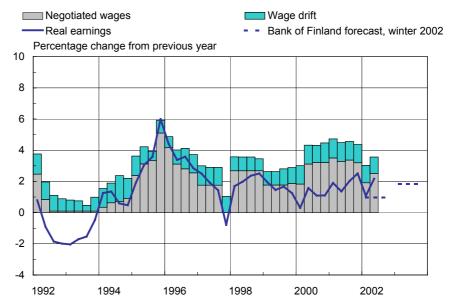


Chart 43.





Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 44.

Earnings in industry

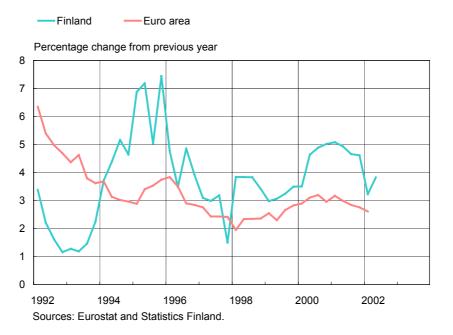


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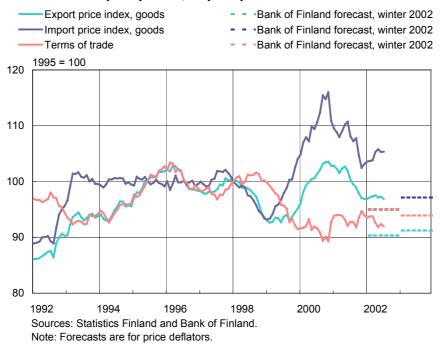
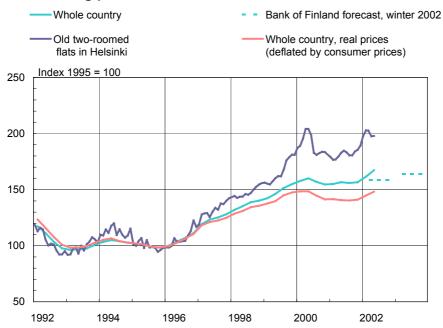


Chart 46.

Dwelling prices in Finland



Sources: Huoneistokeskus, Statistics Finland and Bank of Finland.

Table 2. Cost and price indicators

Percentage change from previous year 2000 2001 2002 2002* 2003* Actual Labour costs Index of wages and salaries 4.0 4.5 3.6 Q2 2.8 3.7 3.3 Q1-Q2 Unit labour costs - whole economy -0.6 5.2 4.8 Q1 1.7 1.8 - manufacturing -6.2 6.2 7.6 Q1 **Price indices** Export prices (goods) -0.6 - export price index 7.9 -3.4 M7 -4.7 M1-M7 - export price deflator 2.7 -1.6 -5.0 Q1 -1.4 1.0 Import prices (goods) - import price index 13.1 -2.8 -2.6 M7 -4.1 M1-M7 - import price deflator 6.4 -3.1 -2.3 Q1 -1.4 2.3 Producer prices 7.4 1.5 -1.6 M7 -0.9 M1-M7 Wholesale prices 8.1 0.3 -1.3 M7 -1.4 M1-M7 Consumer prices 2.6 - consumer price index 1.9 1.7 3.4 1.7 M7 1.7 M1-M7 - harmonized index of consumer prices 3.0 2.7 2.0 M7 2.2 1.6 2.3 M1-M7 Asset prices Stumpage prices -1.9 6.0 6.6 M7 -0.3 M1-M7 Dwelling prices, whole country 5.7 -0.8 6.9 Q2 1.6 3.5 5.6 Q1-Q2

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

91.1 -42.5

-25.4 M7 -23.3 M1-M7

Share prices

^{*} Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002.

Labour market

Chart 47.



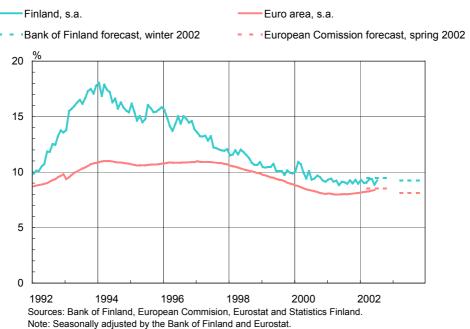
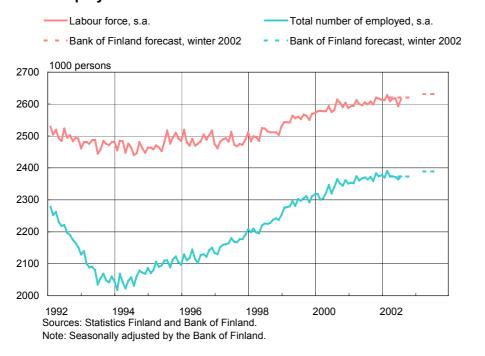


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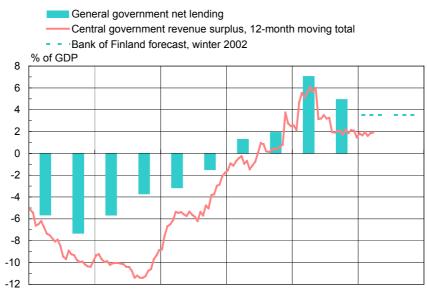
Employment in Finland



Public finances

Chart 49.





1998

2000

2002

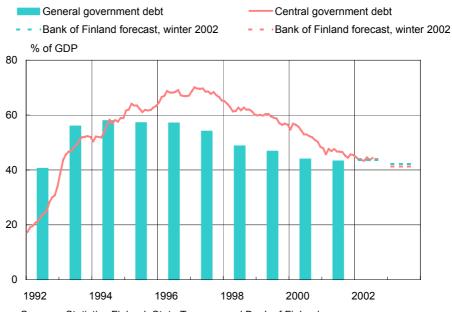
1996 Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

Chart 50.

1992

Public sector debt in Finland

1994



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

External balance

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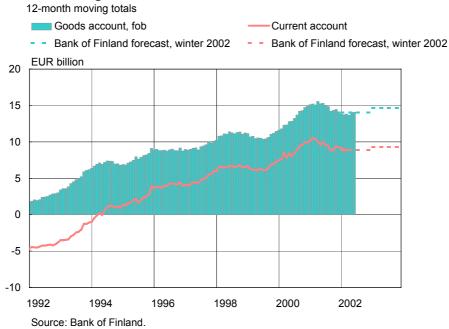


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Finland's net international investment position

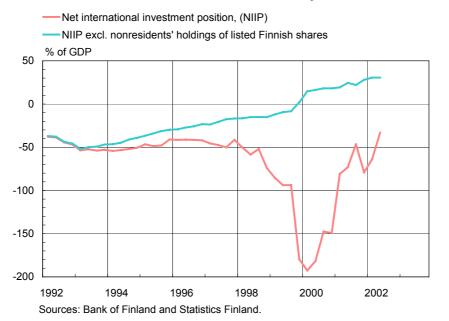


Table 3. External balance and sectoral balances indicators

	2000	2001	2002 Actual	2002*	2003*
Goods account					
EUR billion	14.9	14.1	1.2 M06 6.9 M01-M06	14.1	14.7
per cent of GDP Current account	11.4	10.4		10.2	10.1
EUR billion	9.9	9.3	0.8 M06 3.3 M01-M06	8.9	9.3
per cent of GDP	7.6	6.8	0.0 10101-10100	6.4	6.4
Financial account					
EUR billion	-9.5	-8.8	-1.3 M06 -3.7 M01-M06		
General government	-11.0	-10.0	-2.3 M06 -4.2 M01-M06		
Direct investment			1.2 1001 1000		
in Finland	9.6	3.8	0.4 M06		
	0.0	0.0	3.2 M01-M06		
abroad	26.1	9.3	1.6 M06		
			3.0 M01-M06		
Shares	3.2	-1.4	0.2 M06		
			-1.6 M01-M06		
Other capital (incl. errors and omissions)	14.8	8.0	2.0 M06		
,			1.9 M01-M06		
Foreign exchange reserves (increase -)	-0.4	-0.5	0.4 M06		
			0.3 M01-M06		
Net lending, saving minus investment					
Private sector					
EUR billion	0.7	2.6		4.0	4.2
per cent of GDP	0.5	1.9		2.9	2.9
General government					
EUR billion	9.2	6.7		4.9	5.1
per cent of GDP	7.0	4.9		3.5	3.5
Central government					
EUR billion	4.5	2.7		1.1	1.2
per cent of GDP	3.5	2.0		0.8	0.8
Local government					
EUR billion	0.3	-0.5		-0.3	-0.4
per cent of GDP	0.2	-0.4		-0.2	-0.3
Social security funds					
EUR billion	4.4 3.3	4.5		4.1	4.2
per cent of GDP		3.3		3.0	2.9
Net foreign debt	,,, ,				
per cent of GDP	149.2	79.1			
per cent of exports of goods and services	347.1	197.4			
Sectoral debt ratios, gross debt, per cent of GDP					
Non-financial corporate sector **	52.2	51.0			
Household sector	30.3	31.5		10.0	40.4
General government (Maastricht definition)	44.0	43.6		43.6	42.1

Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

* Bank of Finland forecast, winter 2002.

^{**} Excl. housing corporations.