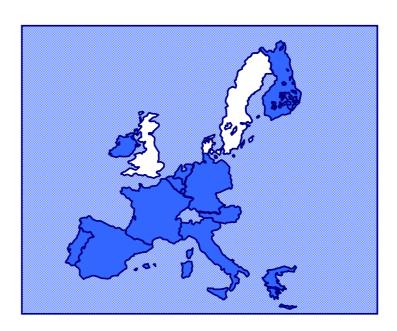


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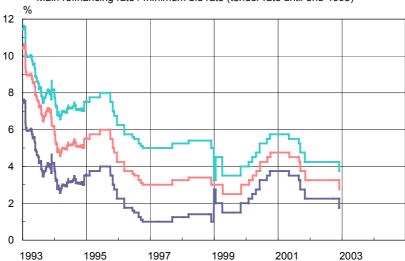
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Monetary policy and market interest rates

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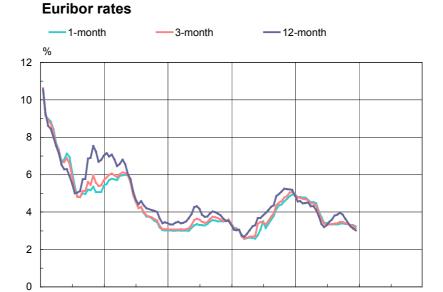
Eurosystem interest rates

- 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.

Chart 2.



Sources: Reuters and Bank of Finland. Note: Helibor rates until end-1998.

1997

1995

1993

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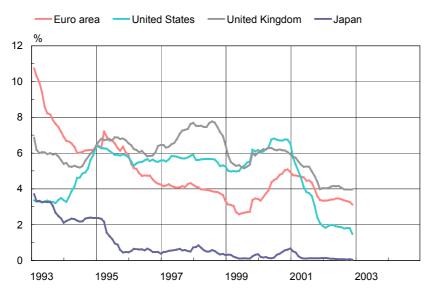
1999

2001

2003

Chart 3.

International three-month interest rates



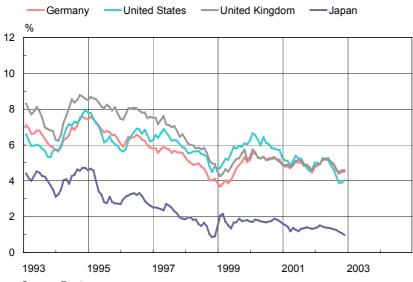
Sources: Reuters and European Central Bank.

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

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

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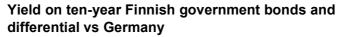
International long-term interest rates



Source: Reuters.

Note: Yield on ten-year government bonds.

Chart 5.



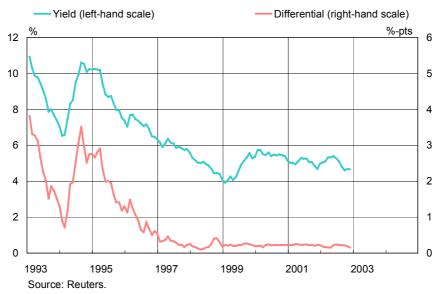
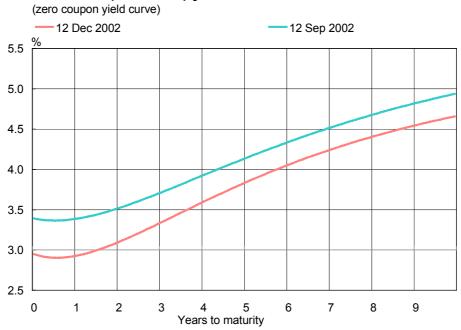


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Euro area (Finland's) yield curve



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

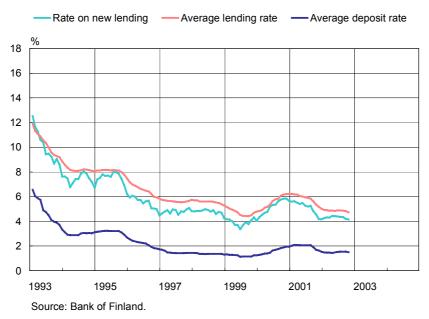


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Interest rates on new lending to households

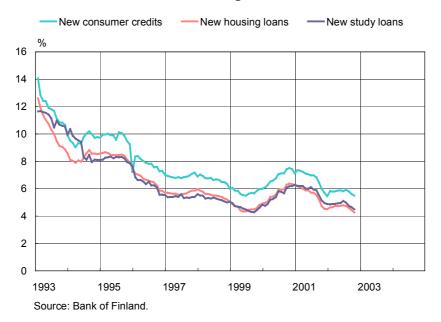
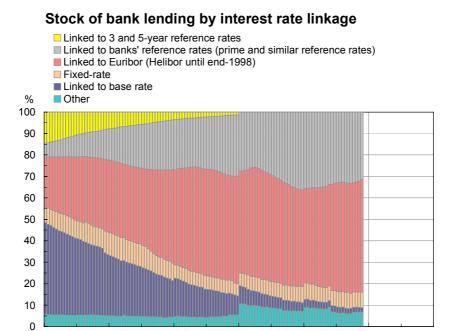


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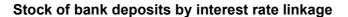
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Chart 10.

1993

1995

Source: Bank of Finland.



1997

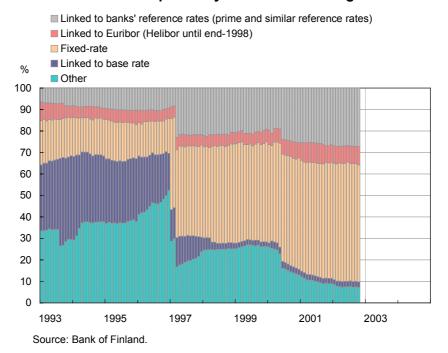
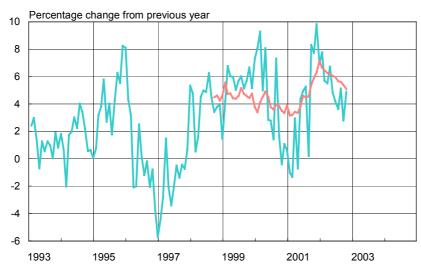


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Euro area and Finnish MFIs: growth of deposits

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

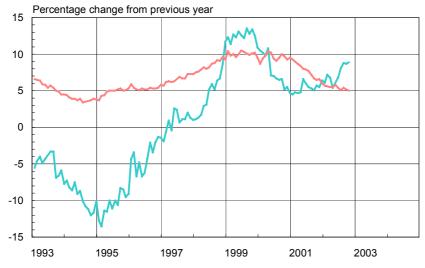


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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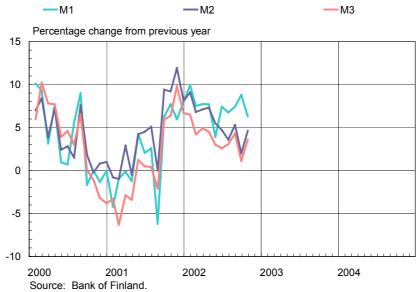
Loans by Finnish MFIs to Finnish residentsLoans by euro area MFIs to euro area residents



Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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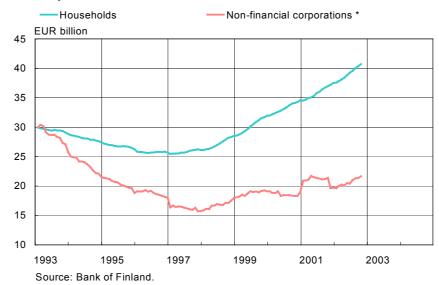
Liabilities of Finnish monetary financial institutions included in monetary aggregates for the euro area *



* Note: Excluding currency in circulation with the public.

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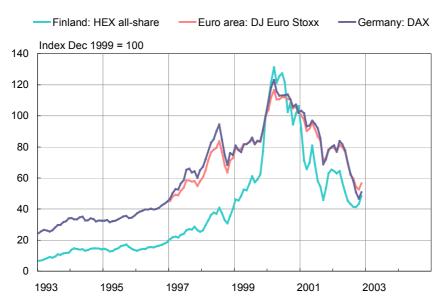


* Note: The series includes structural changes.

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

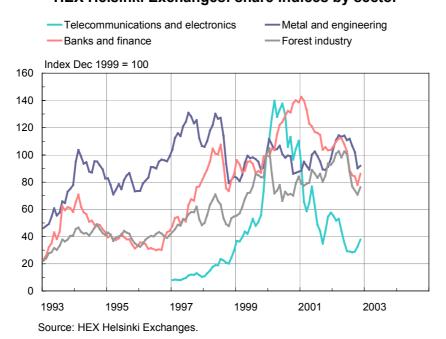


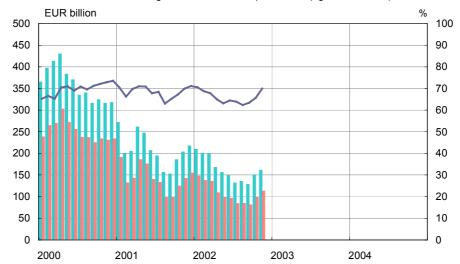
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Listed shares in Finland: total market capitalization and non-residents' holdings

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.

Chart 18.

Non-residents' portfolio investments in Finland

12-month moving totals

-Finnish shares, net purchases

Finnish bonds and money market paper, net purchases

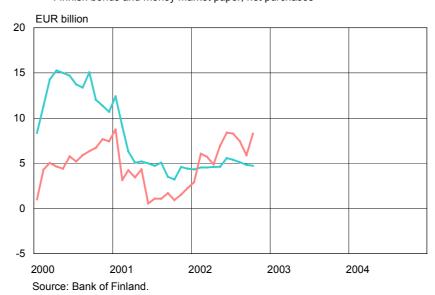
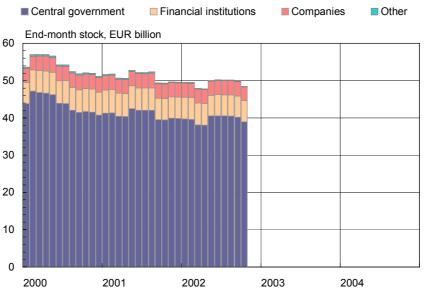


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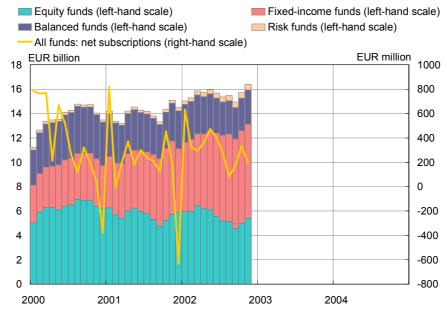
Bonds issued in Finland



Source: Statistics Finland.

Chart 20.

Mutual funds registered in Finland

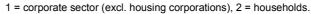


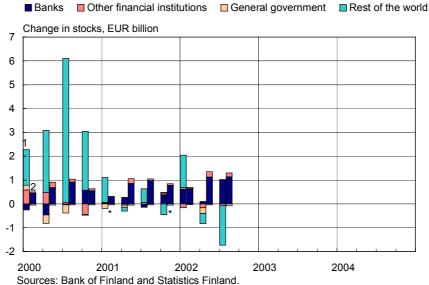
Sources: HEX Helsinki Exchanges and Finnish Association of Mutual Funds.

Borrowing by sector in Finland

Chart 21.







Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

*Note: Corrected for changes in sectoral classification.

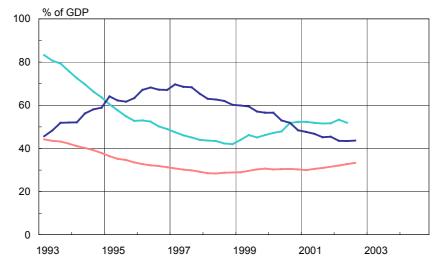
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Sectoral debt ratios in Finland

Non-financial corporate sector excl. housing corporations

-Household sector

--- Central government

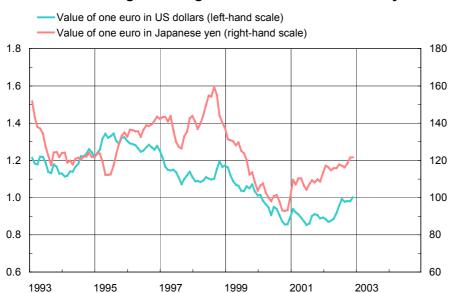


 $Sources: \ Statistics \ Finland, \ State \ Treasury \ and \ Bank \ of \ Finland.$

Exchange rates

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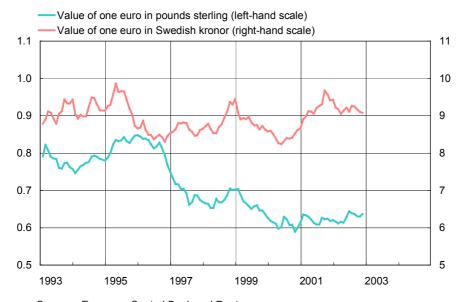




Sources: European Central Bank and Reuters. Note: ECU exchange rate until end-1998.

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Euro exchange rates against the pound sterling and the Swedish krona

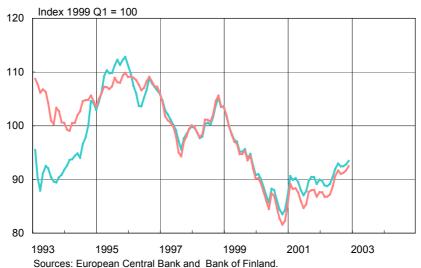


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Euro's external value and Finland's competitiveness indicator

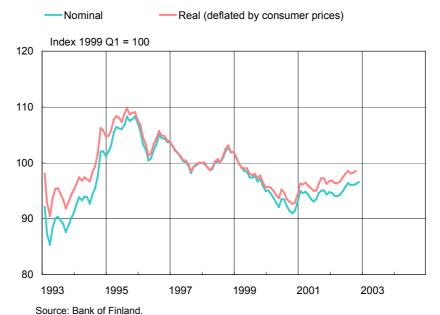
Finland's narrow competitiveness indicatorEuro's effective exchange rate



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



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

Real economy

Chart 27.



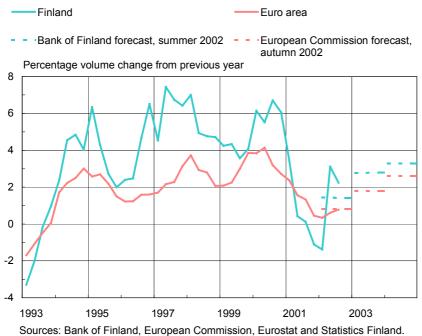


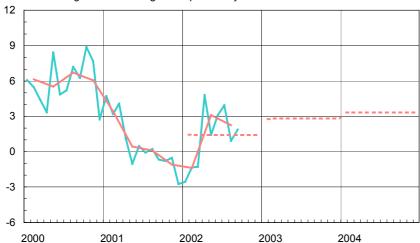
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Gross domestic product in Finland

GDP monthly indicator at producer pricesGDP at market prices

- Bank of Finland forecast, summer 2002

Percentage volume change from previous year



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

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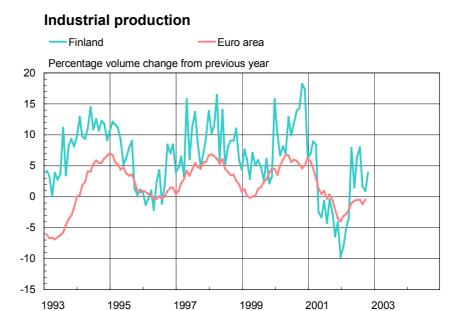


Chart 30.

Industrial confidence indicator

Sources: Eurostat and Statistics Finland.



Chart 31.

Manufacturing production by sector in Finland

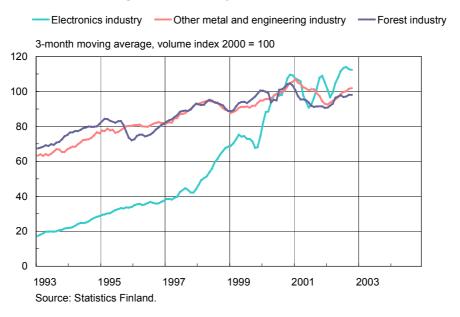


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Finland's imports of goods

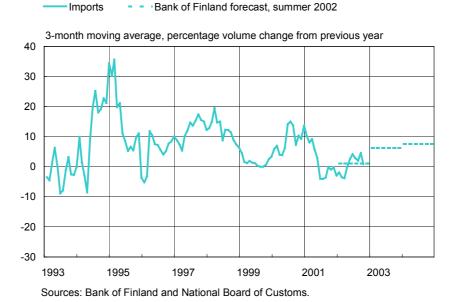


Chart 33.



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

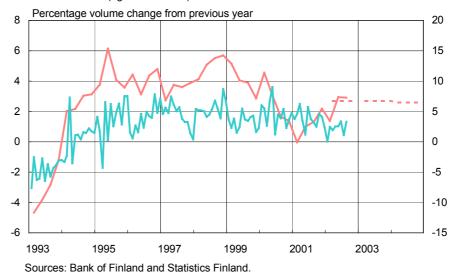


Chart 34.

Consumer confidence

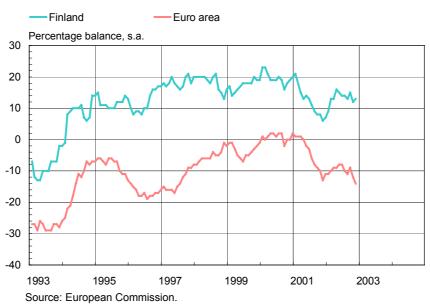


Chart 35.

Fixed investment in Finland

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

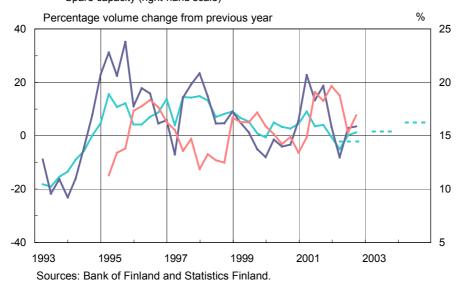
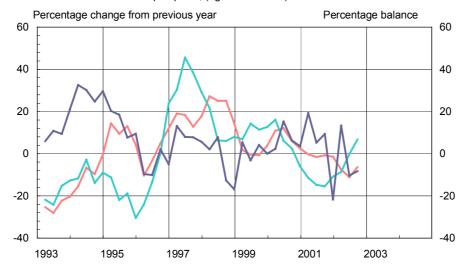


Chart 36.

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

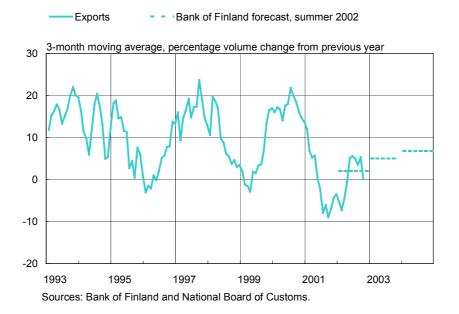


Chart 38.

Finland's exports by industry

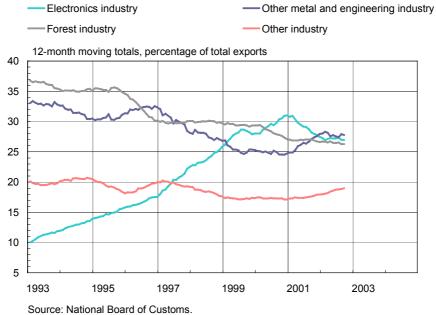


Table 1.

Supply, demand and labour market indicators

	2000	2001	2002 Actual	2002*	2003*	2004*
Supply and demand percentage volume change from previous year						
at market prices	6.1	0.7	2.3 Q3 1.3 Q1-Q3	1.4	2.8	3.3
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	5.9	0.6	1.9 M9 1.2 M1-M9			
Manufacturing production	12.7	-1.6	3.2 M10 1.4 M1-M10			
Consumption expenditure	1.8	1.4	2.7 Q3 2.3 Q1-Q3	2.6	2.5	2.7
- private	2.6	1.1	3.0 Q3 2.4 Q1-Q3	2.7	2.7	2.6
- general government	-0.2	2.1	2.0 Q3 2.0 Q1-Q3	2.1	2.0	2.8
Gross fixed capital formation	3.9	4.0	1.5 Q3 -1.0 Q1-Q3	-2.1	1.6	5.0
- private	5.5	4.6	1.5 Q3 -1.3 Q1-Q3	-2.8	2.5	5.6
- general government	-5.4	0.8	1.5 Q3 0.5 Q1-Q3	2.6	-3.7	1.1
Domestic demand	2.9	2.0	0.8 Q3 -0.2 Q1-Q3	0.9	2.7	2.8
Exports of goods and services	20.1	-2.2	6.6 Q3 3.2 Q1-Q3	1.9	4.9	6.8
Imports of goods and services	16.0	0.1	3.9 Q3 0.0 Q1-Q3	0.8	5.6	6.9
Labour market indicators						
Employed persons percentage change from previous year	1.7	1.4	-0.3 M10 0.3 M1-M10	0.1	0.0	1.1
Unemployment rate, s.a. **	9.8	9.1	9.1 M10 9.1 M1-M10	9.3	9.4	8.7

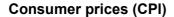
Source: Statistics Finland.

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

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

Prices and costs

Chart 39.



- Finland
- Bank of Finland forecast, summer 2002
- Euro area

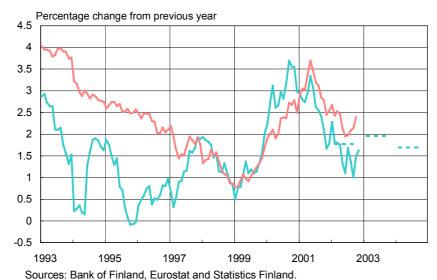


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Harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)

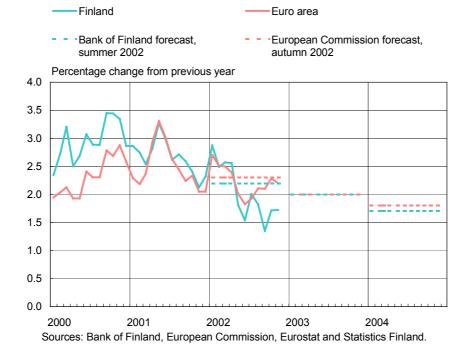


Chart 41.

Inflation rates in the euro area (HICP)

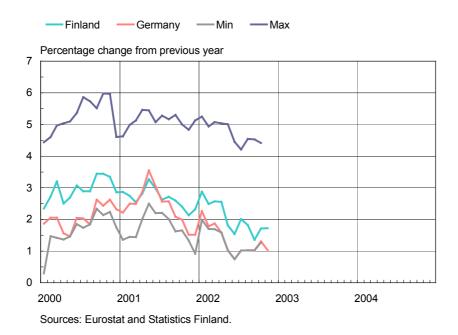


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Producer prices

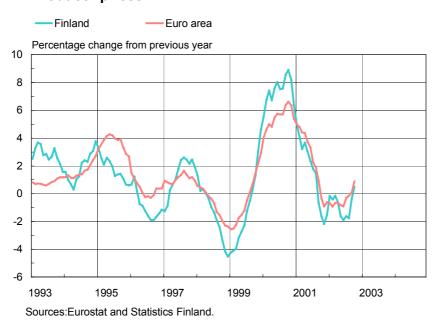
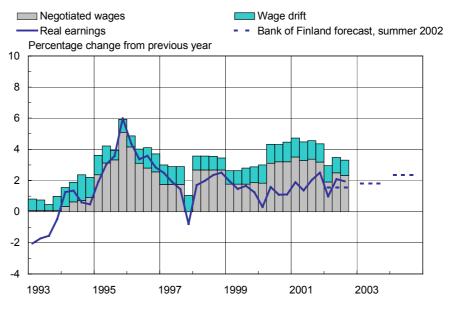


Chart 43.





Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 44.

Earnings in industry

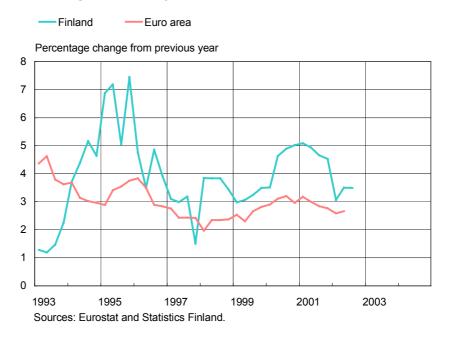


Chart 45.

Finland's export prices, import prices and terms of trade

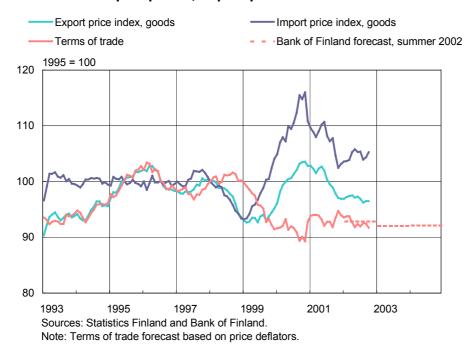


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Dwelling prices in Finland

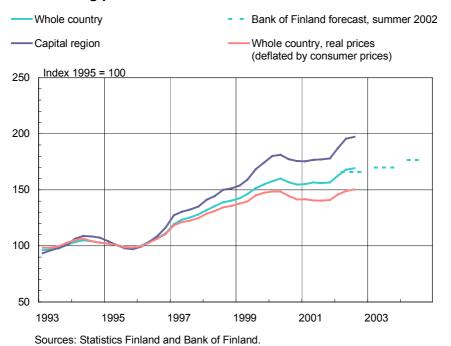


Table 2. Cost and price indicators

Percentage change from previous year

2000 2001 2002* 2003* 2004* 2002 Actual Labour costs Index of wages and salaries 4.0 4.5 3.3 Q3 3.4 4.0 4.1 3.2 Q1-Q3 Unit labour costs - whole economy -0.6 5.2 0.8 Q3 1.5 2.2 2.5 1.6 Q1-Q3 - manufacturing -6.2 6.2 -2.4 Q3 -0.9 Q1-Q3 **Price indices** Export prices (goods) -0.6 -1.4 M10 - export price index 7.9 -4.0 M1-M10 - export price deflator 2.7 -1.6 -4.5 Q3 -4.4 0.7 1.3 -5.6 Q1-Q3 Import prices (goods) - import price index 13.1 -2.8 0.6 M10 -3.5 M1-M10 - import price deflator 6.4 -3.1 -5.4 Q3 -2.0 1.6 1.2 -4.0 Q1-Q3 Producer prices 7.4 1.5 0.5 M10 -0.8 M1-M10 Wholesale prices 8.1 0.3 0.8 M₁₀ -1.1 M1-M10

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

3.4

3.0

6.0

5.7

91.1 -42.5

2.6

2.7

-1.9

-0.8

1.6 M11

1.7 M11

5.1 M11 2.1 M1-M11

8.5 Q3

-23.0 M11 -22.1 M1-M11

6.9 Q1-Q3

1.6 M1-M11

2.0 M1-M11

1.8

2.2

6.3

2.0

2.0

2.4

1.7

1.7

4.0

- harmonized index of consumer prices

Consumer prices
- consumer price index

Asset prices

Share prices

Stumpage prices

Dwelling prices, whole country

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

Labour market

Chart 47.



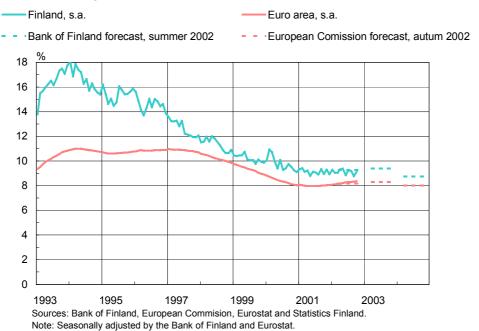
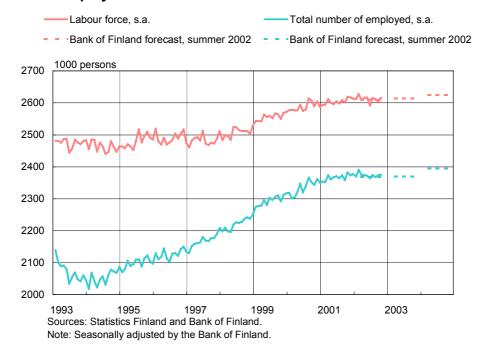


Chart 48.

Employment in Finland



Public finances

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1993

Chart 49.



General government net lending - - Bank of Finland forecast, summer 2002 Central government revenue surplus, 12-month moving total % of GDP 8 6 4 2 0 -2 -4 -6 -8 -10

1999

2001

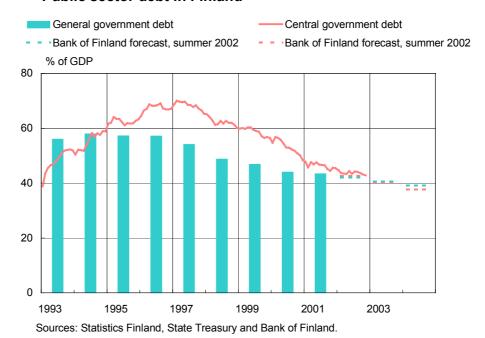
2003

1997 Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

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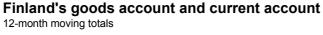
Public sector debt in Finland

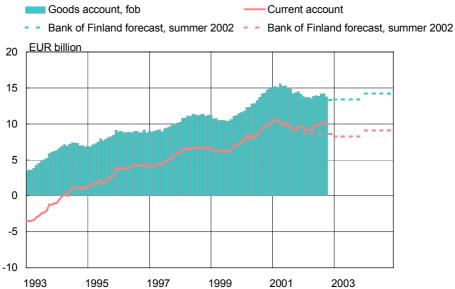
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External balance

Chart 51.





Source: Bank of Finland.

Chart 52.

Finland's net international investment position

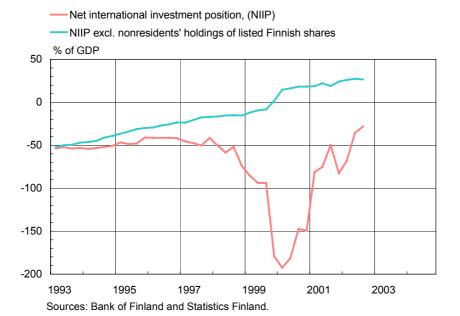


Table 3.

External balance and sectoral balances indicators

	2000	2001	2002 Actual	2002*	2003*	2004*
Goods account						
EUR billion	14.9	14.1	1.3 M10 11.4 M01-M10	13.3	13.4	14.3
per cent of GDP Current account	11.4	10.4		9.5	9.2	9.3
EUR billion	10.0	9.6	1.1 M10 7.3 M01-M10	8.6	8.3	9.1
per cent of GDP	7.6	7.1	7.3 MUT-MTU	6.2	5.7	5.9
Financial account EUR billion	-9.6	-9.1	-1.4 M10 -7.4 M01-M10			
General government	-11.0	-10.0	1.2 M10 -3.6 M01-M10			
Direct investment						
in Finland	9.6	4.2	0.2 M10 4.3 M01-M10			
abroad	26.1	9.4	0.8 M10 6.5 M01-M10			
Shares	3.2	-1.4	-0.1 M10 -2.0 M01-M10			
Other capital (incl. errors and omissions)	14.8	7.5	-2.0 M10 0.4 M01-M10			
Foreign exchange reserves (increase -)	-0.4	-0.5	0.3 M10 0.1 M01-M10			
Net lending, saving minus investment Private sector			0.1 1001 10110			
EUR billion	0.7	2.9		4.0	3.2	3.4
per cent of GDP	0.7	2.9		2.8	2.2	2.2
General government	0.5	2.1		2.0	2.2	2.2
EUR billion	9.2	6.7		4.6	5.1	5.7
per cent of GDP	7.0	4.9		3.3	3.5	3.7
Central government	7.0	1.0		0.0	0.0	0.7
EUR billion	4.5	2.7		1.2	1.3	1.4
per cent of GDP	3.5	2.0		0.8	0.9	0.9
Local government					0.0	
EUR billion	0.3	-0.5		-0.5	-0.5	-0.3
per cent of GDP	0.2	-0.4		-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Social security funds						
EUR billion	4.4	4.5		3.9	4.3	4.6
per cent of GDP	3.3	3.3		2.8	3.0	3.0
Net foreign debt						
per cent of GDP	149.2	82.6				
per cent of exports of goods and services	347.1	206.3				
Sectoral debt ratios, gross debt, per cent of GDP						
Non-financial corporate sector **	52.2	51.6				
Household sector	30.3	31.5				
General government (Maastricht definition)	44.0	43.4		42.0	40.6	39.0

Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

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

^{**} Excl. housing corporations.