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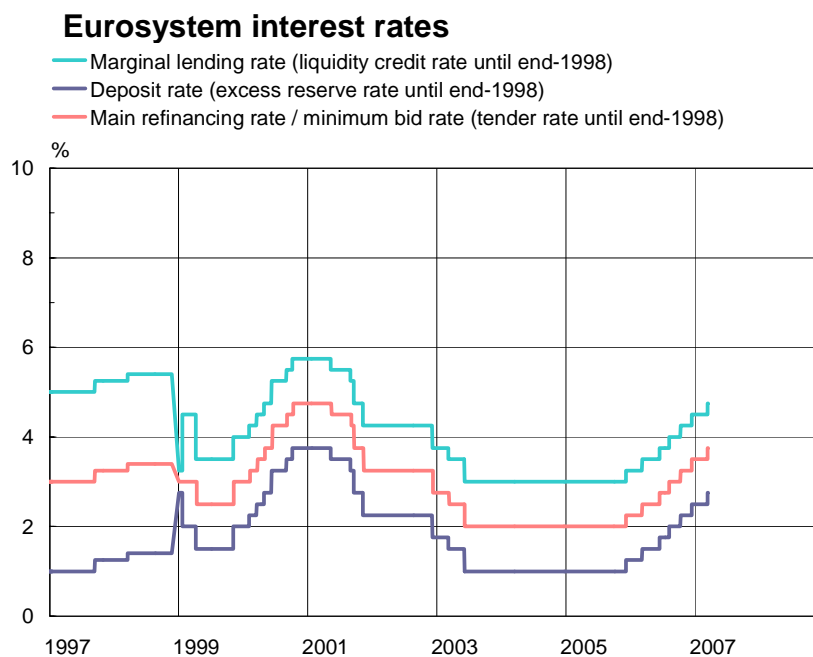
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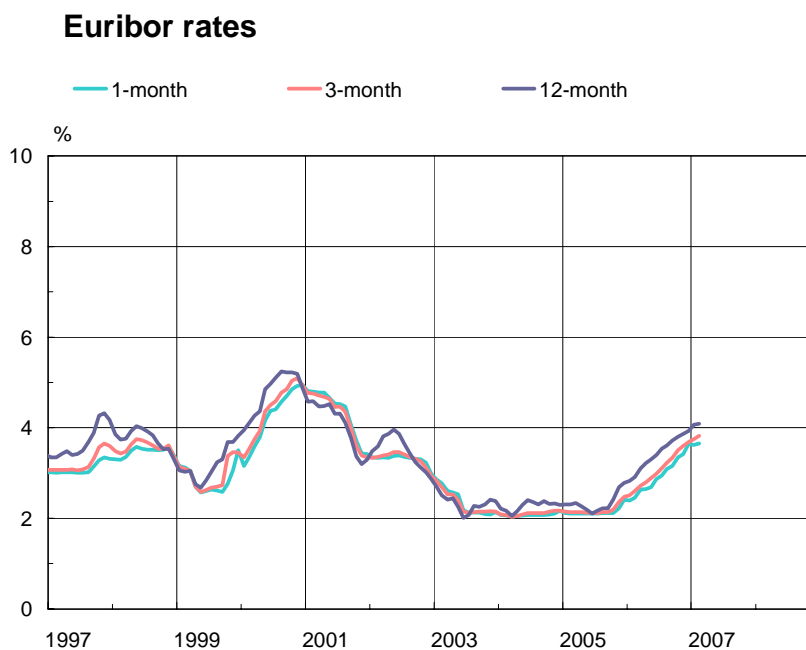
Monetary policy and market interest rates

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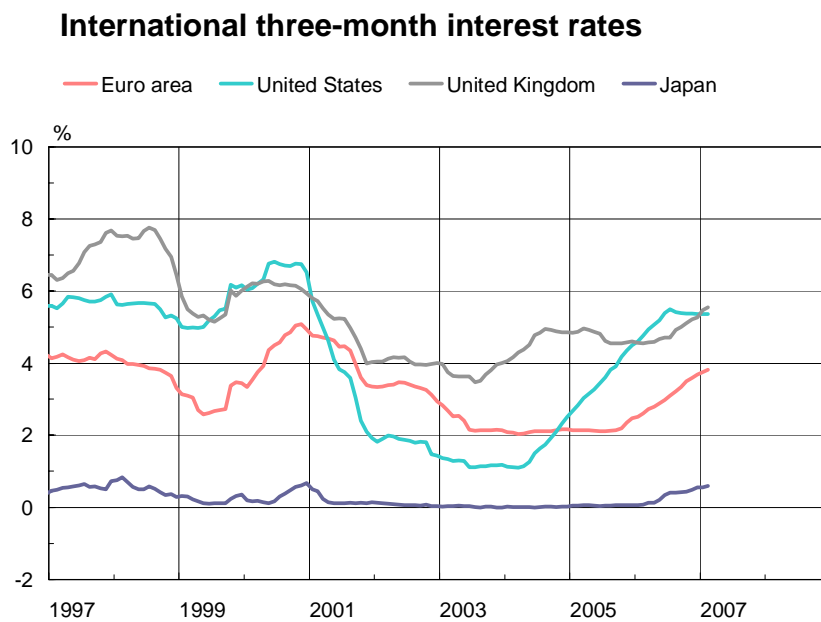
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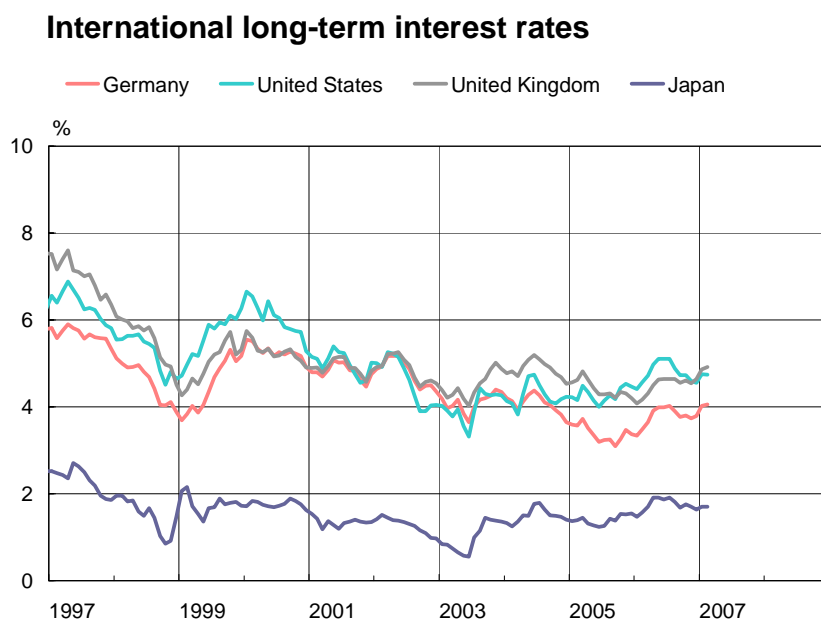
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Source: Reuters.
 Note: Yield on ten-year government bonds.

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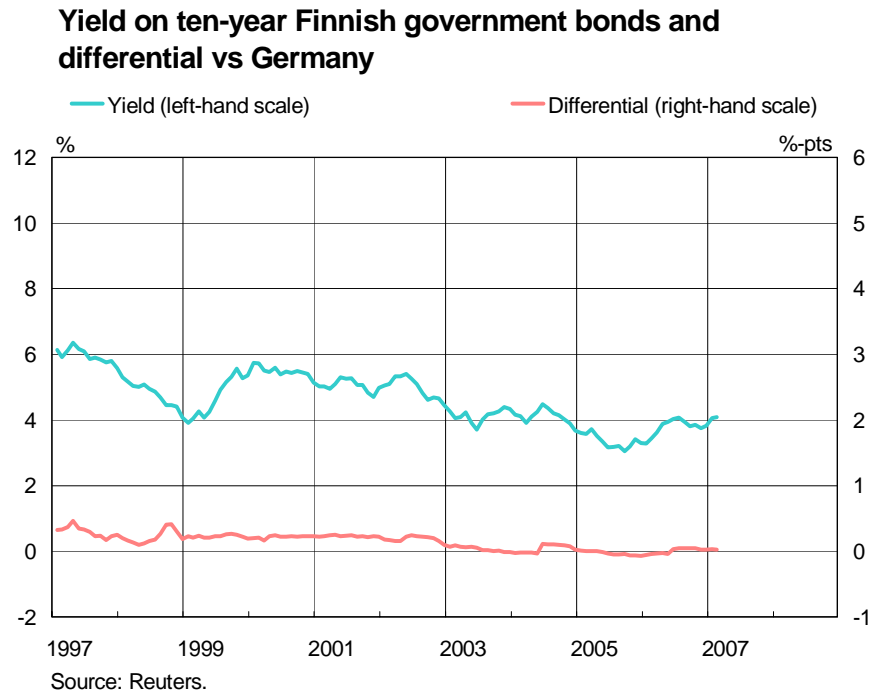
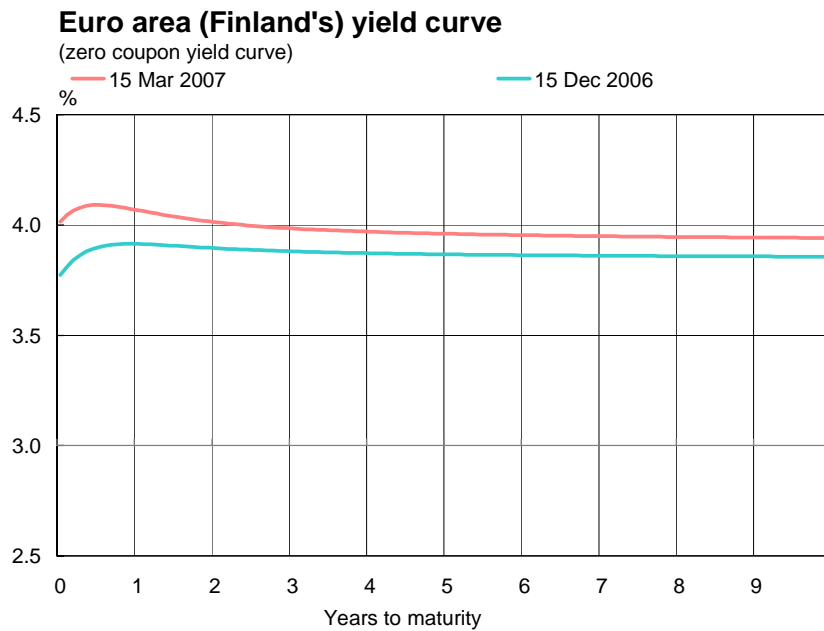


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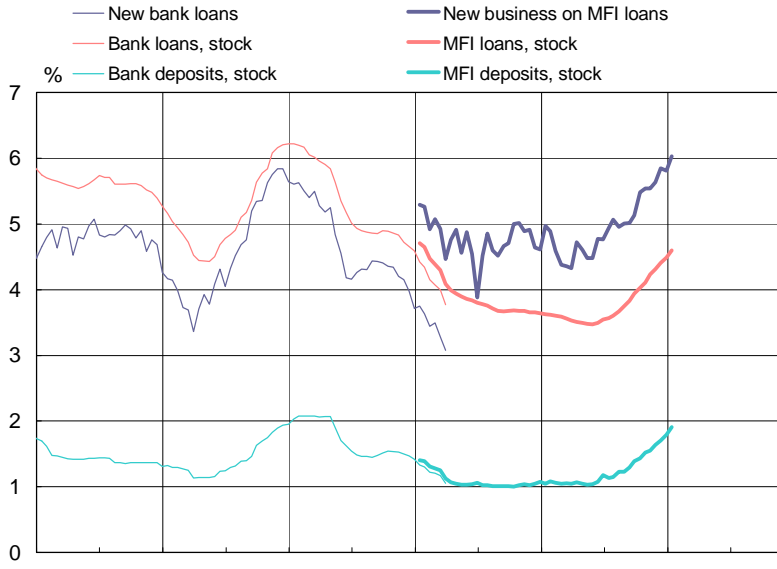


Source: Bank of Finland.
 Note: BOF estimation using Nelson & Siegel (1987) yield curve model applied to Eonia and Euribor rates and Finnish benchmark government bond yields.

Banking in Finland

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Interest rates on loans and deposits

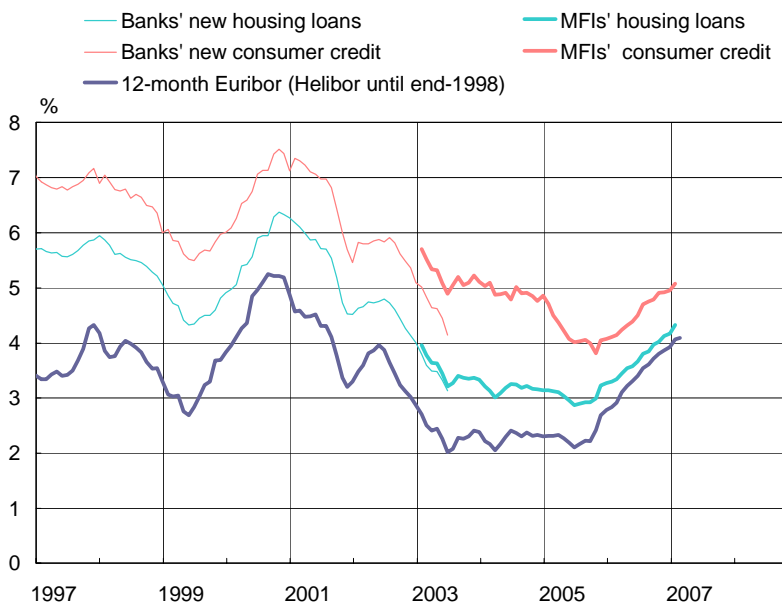


Source: Bank of Finland.

The data collection process changed from 1 January 2003, with the coming into force of the ECB Regulation concerning statistics on interest rates ECB/2001/18. Consecutively, the reporting population has been extended to cover credit institutions, in addition to deposit banks.

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Interest rates on new business to households



Source: Bank of Finland.
See note in Chart 7.

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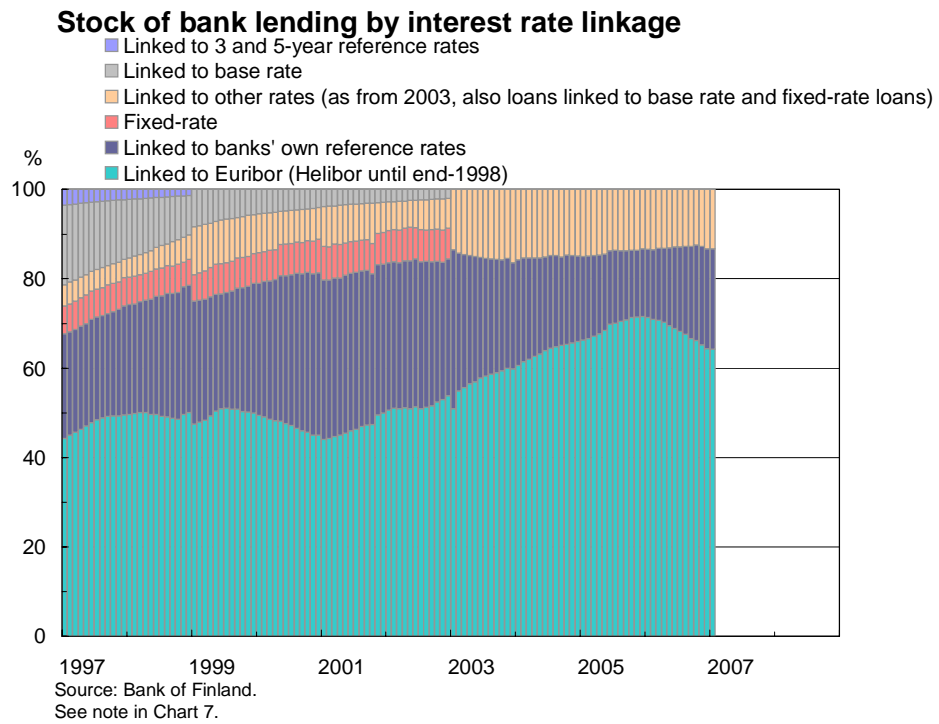


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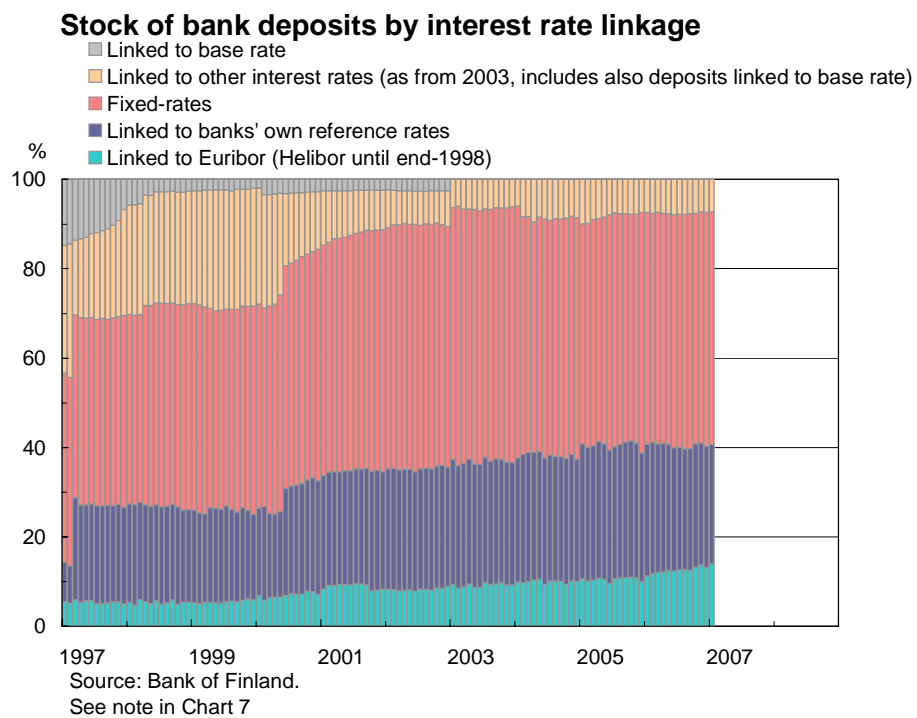


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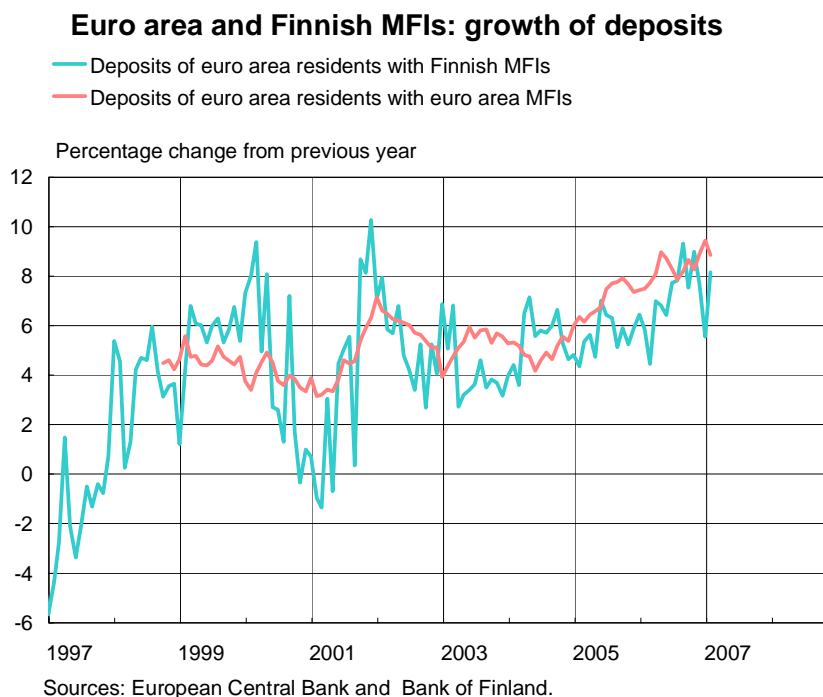


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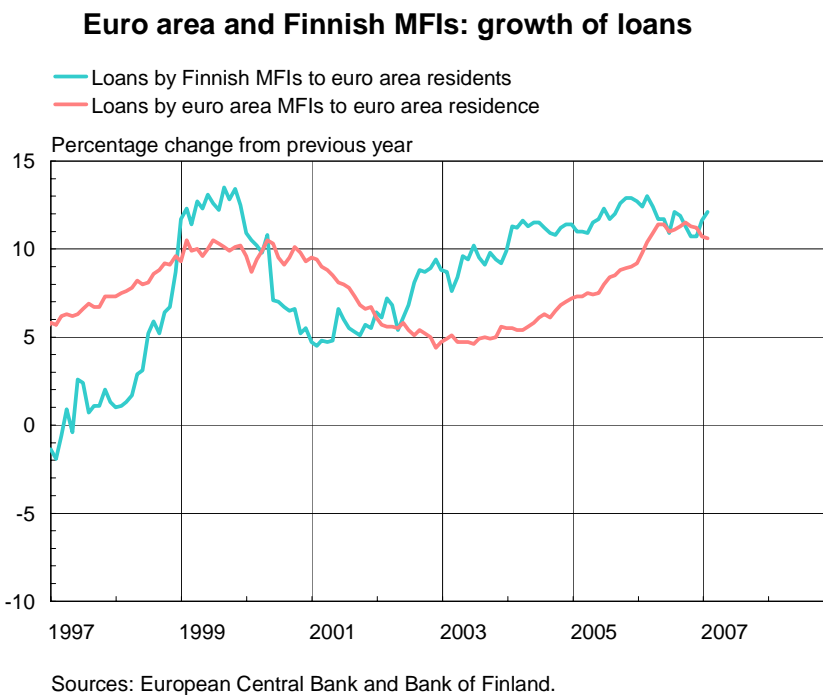


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Liabilities of Finnish monetary financial institutions included in monetary aggregates for the euro area *

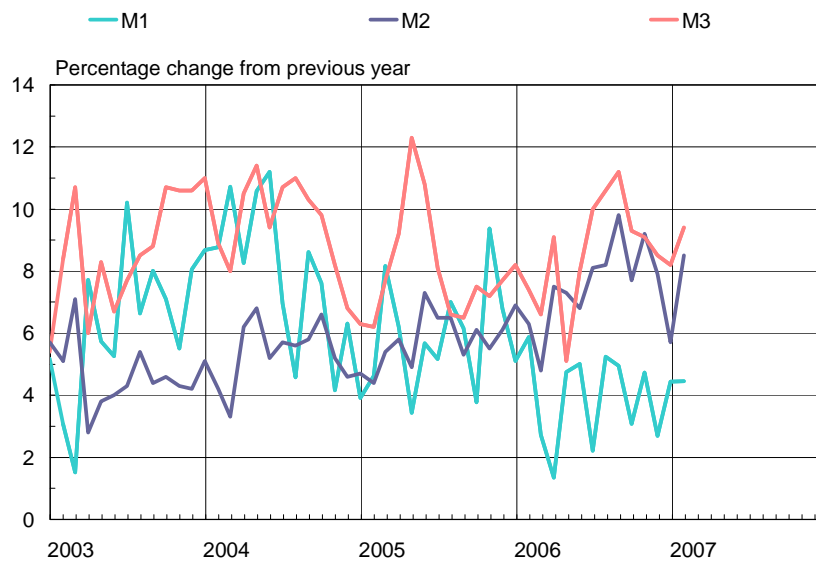
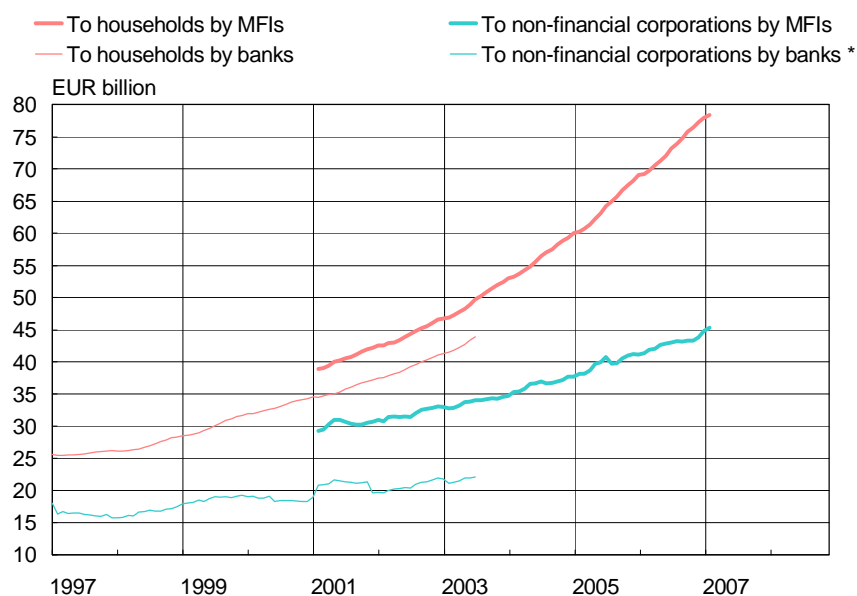


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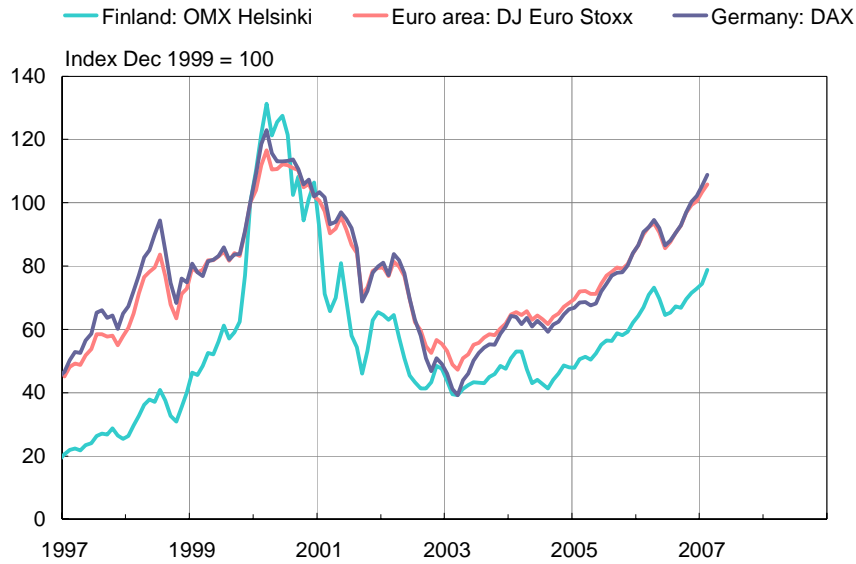
Outstanding loans to households and non-financial corporations



Securities market

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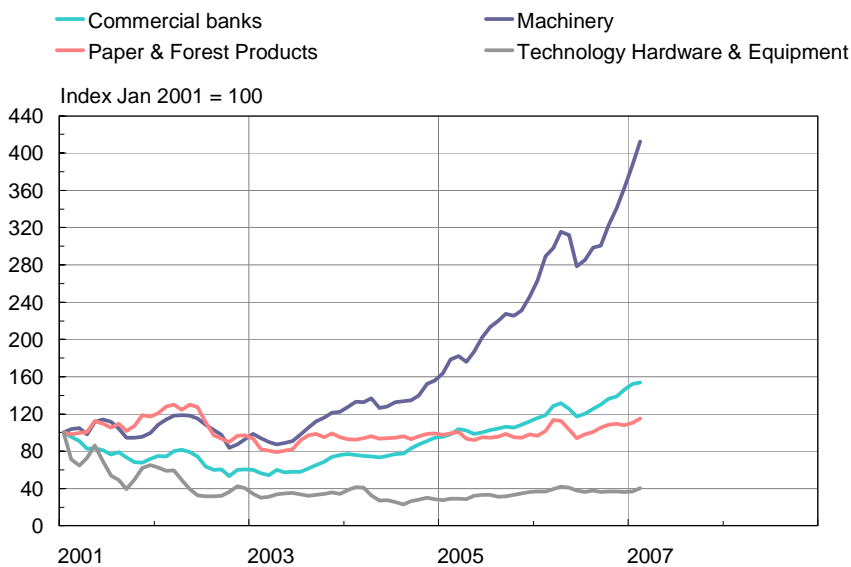
Selected stock price indices in the euro area



Sources: Bloomberg and Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Chart 16.

Helsinki Stock Exchange: share indices by sector



The Helsinki Stock Exchange introduced the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for listed companies as of 1 July 2005.

Source: Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Chart 17.



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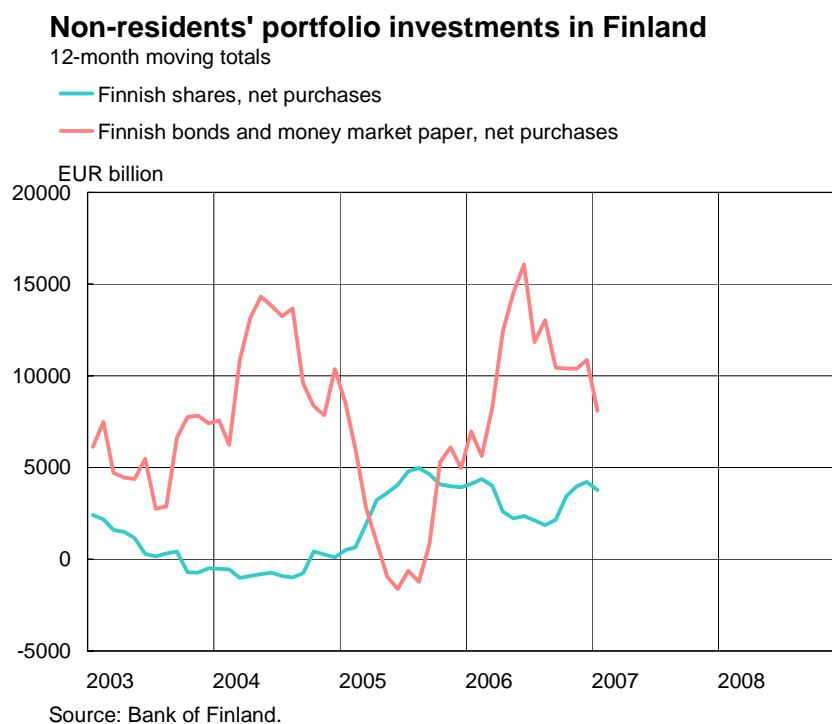


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Bonds issued in Finland

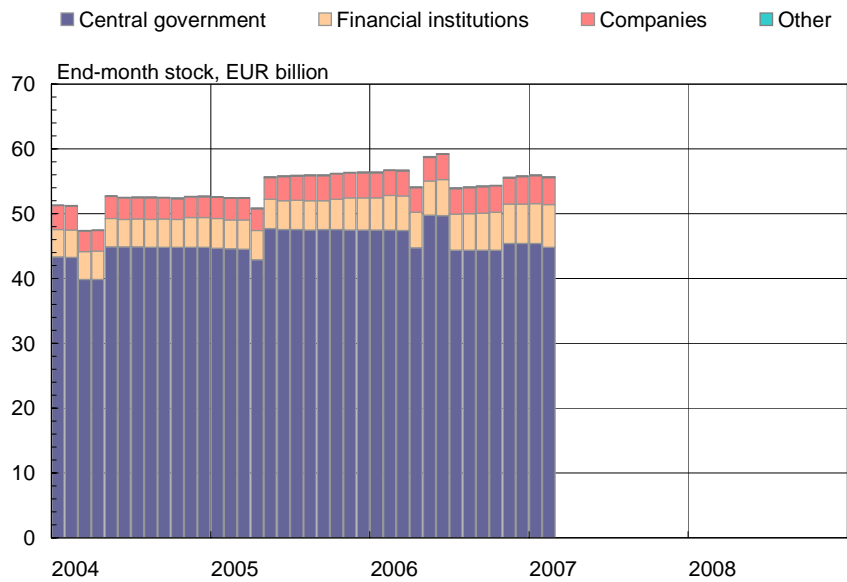
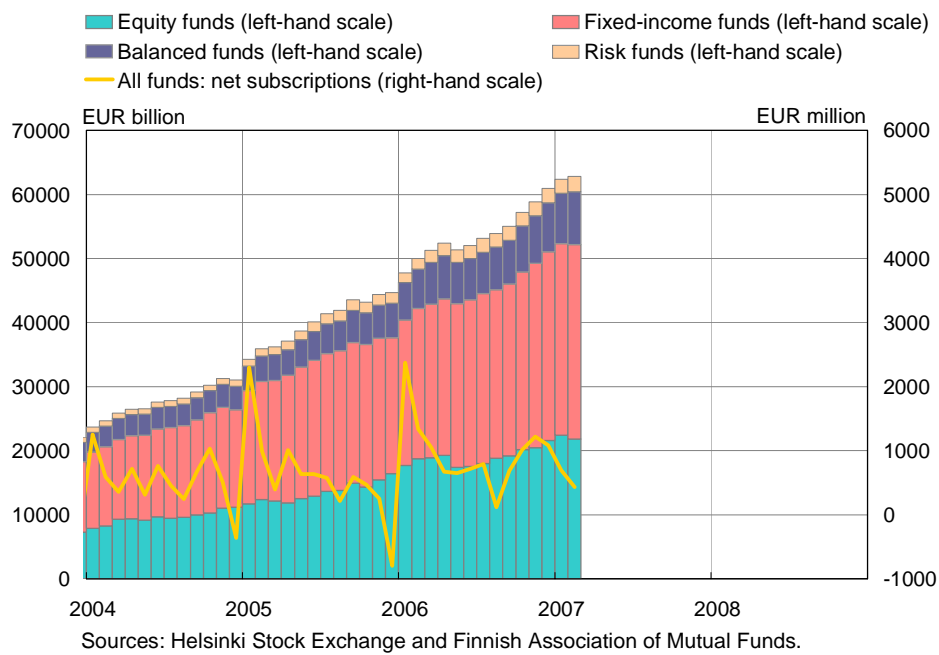


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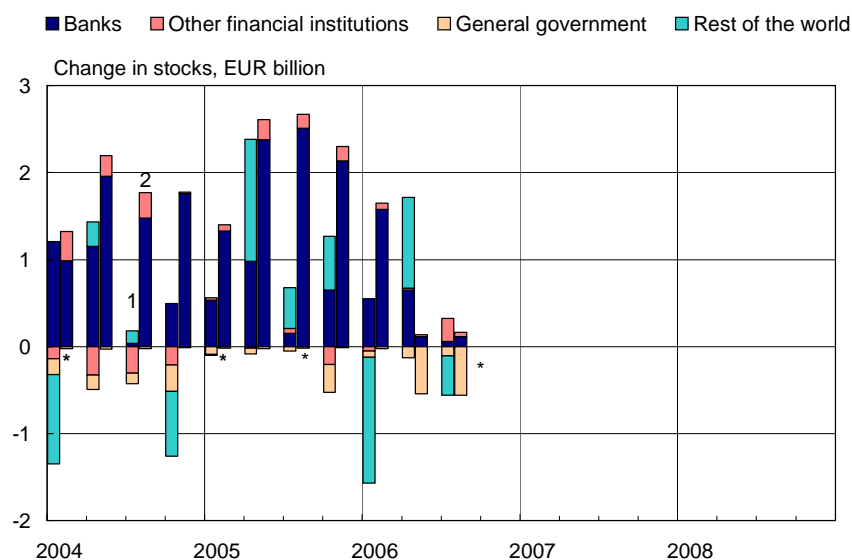


Borrowing by sector in Finland

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Non-financial corporate sector and household borrowing

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



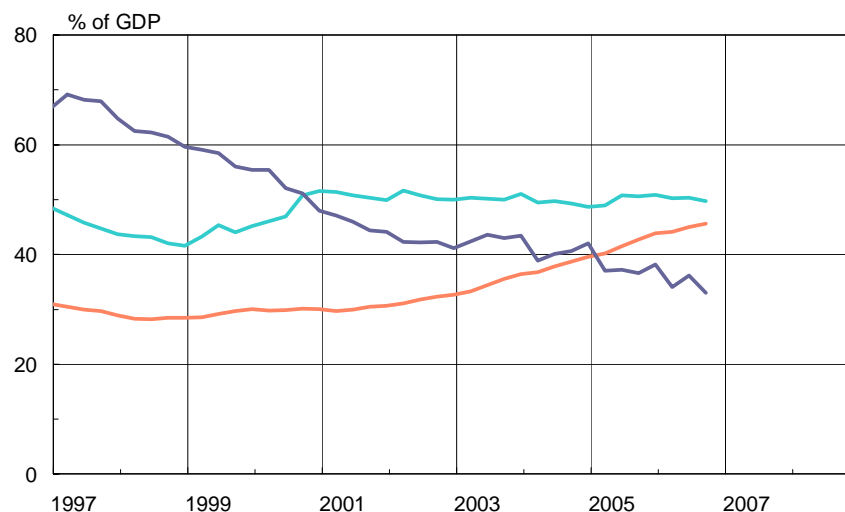
Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

*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

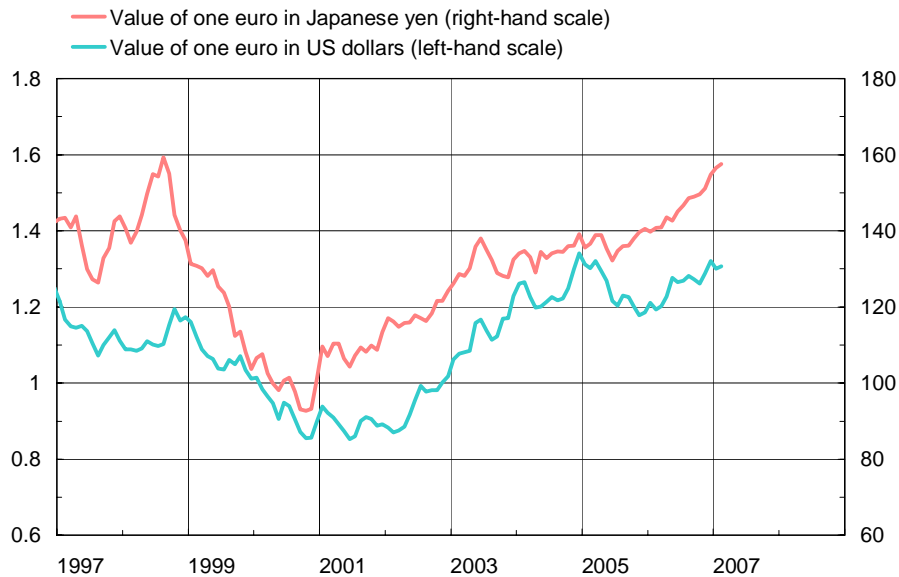


Sources: Statistics Finland, State Treasury and Bank of Finland.

Exchange rates

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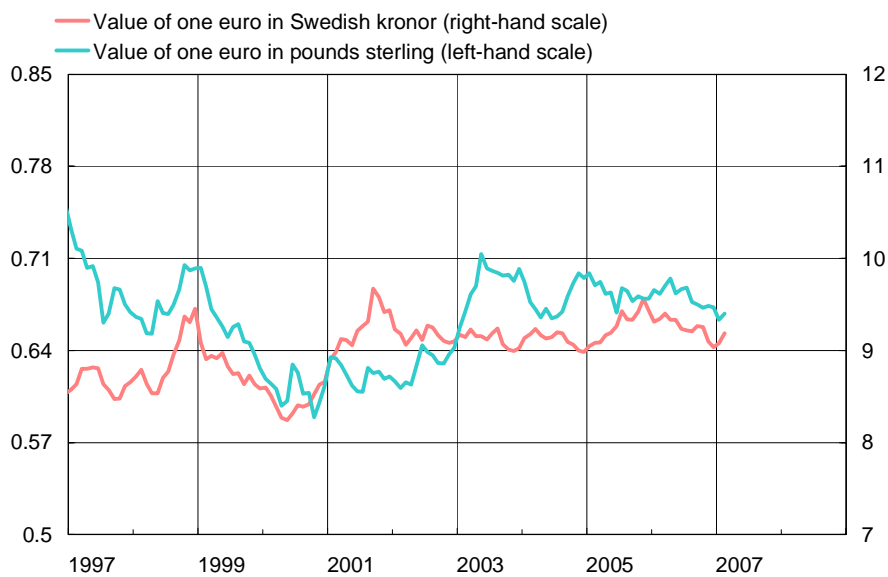
Euro exchange rates against the US dollar and the yen



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



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Chart 25.

Euro's external value and Finland's competitiveness indicator

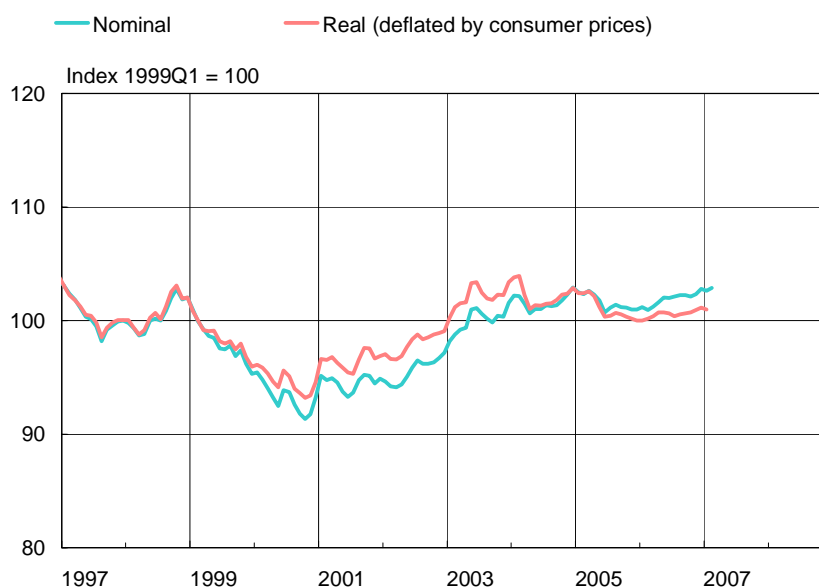


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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

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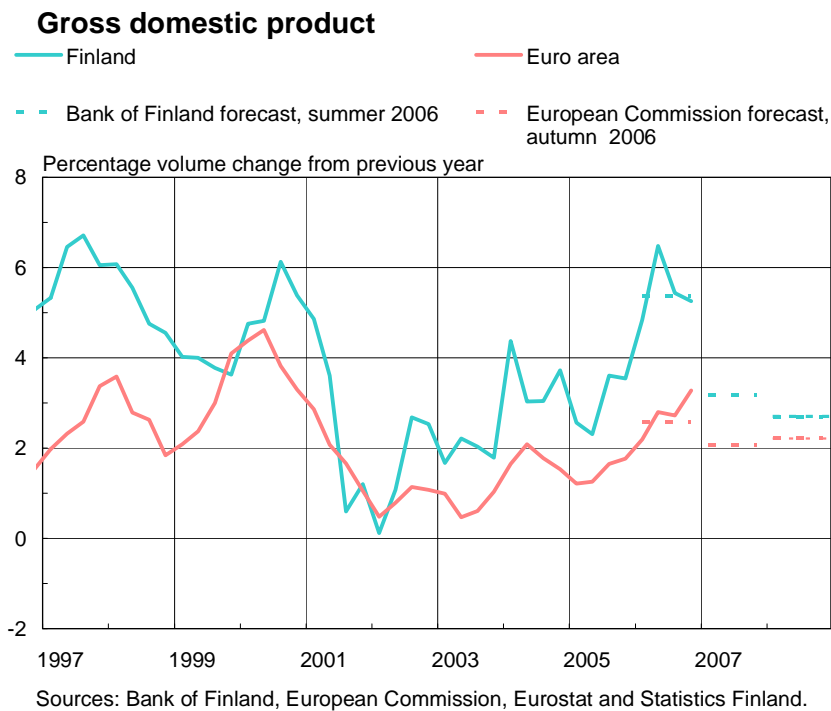


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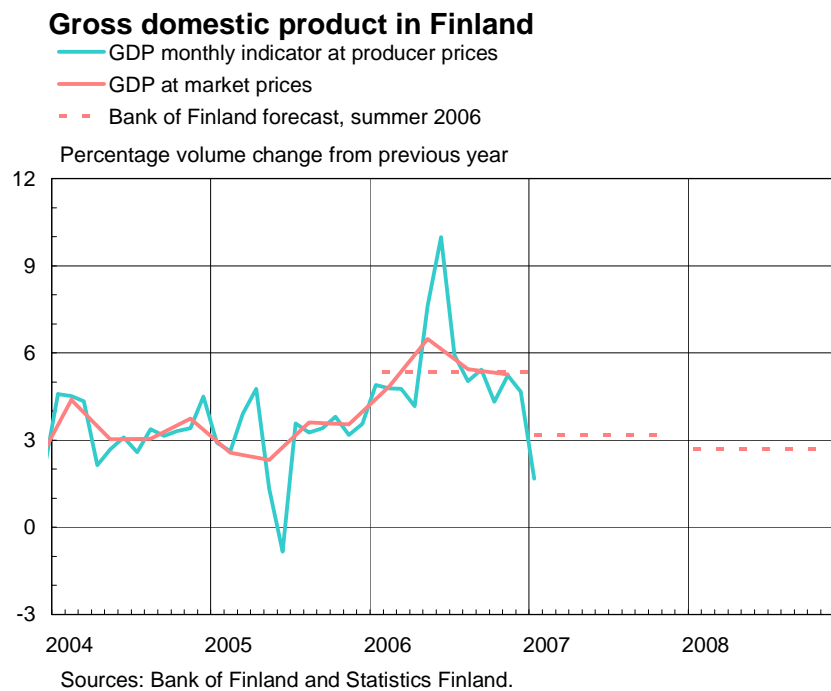


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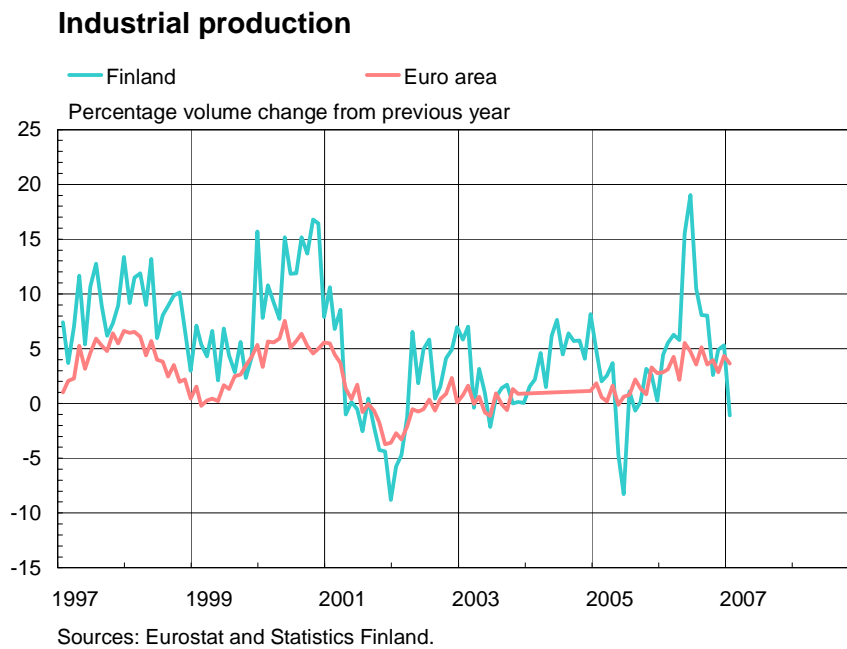


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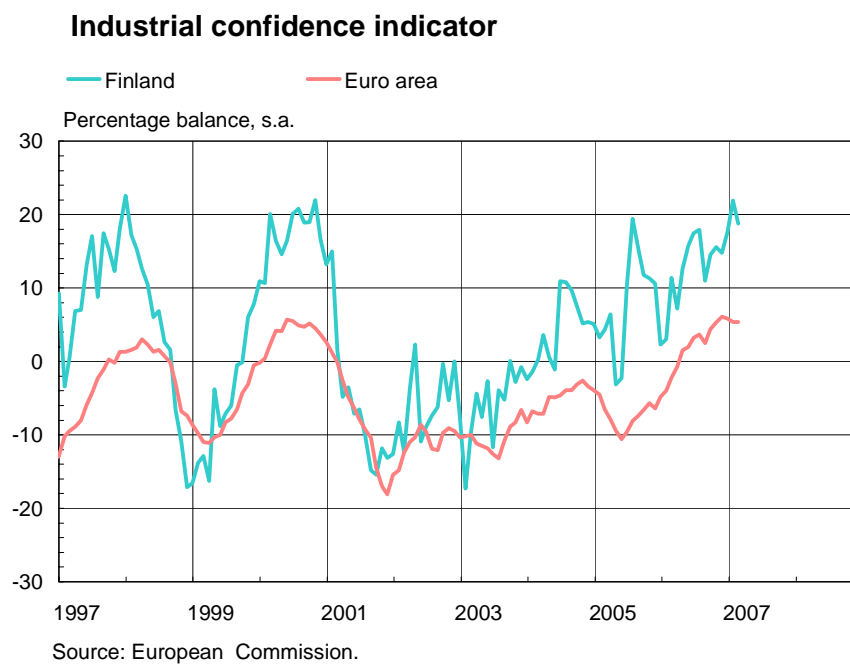


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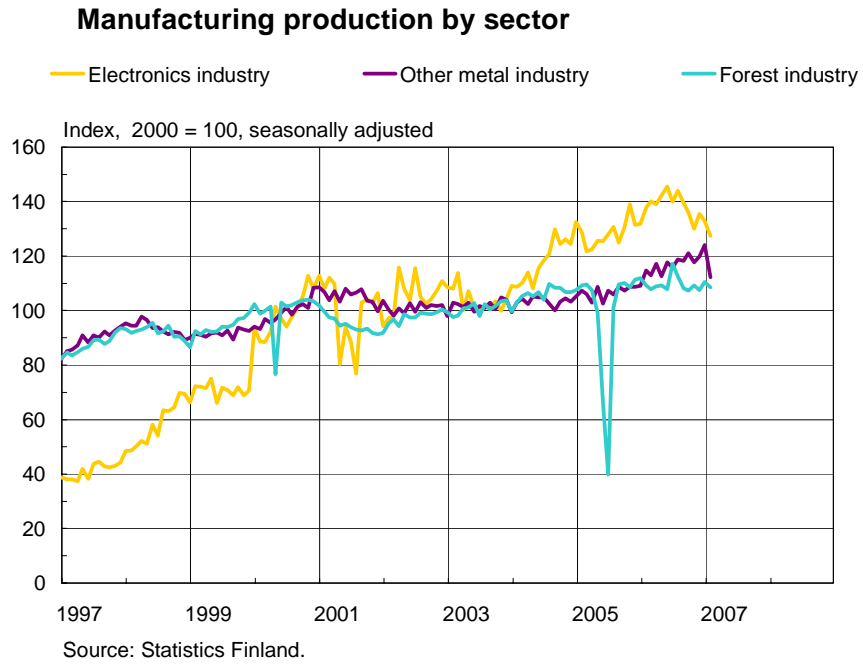
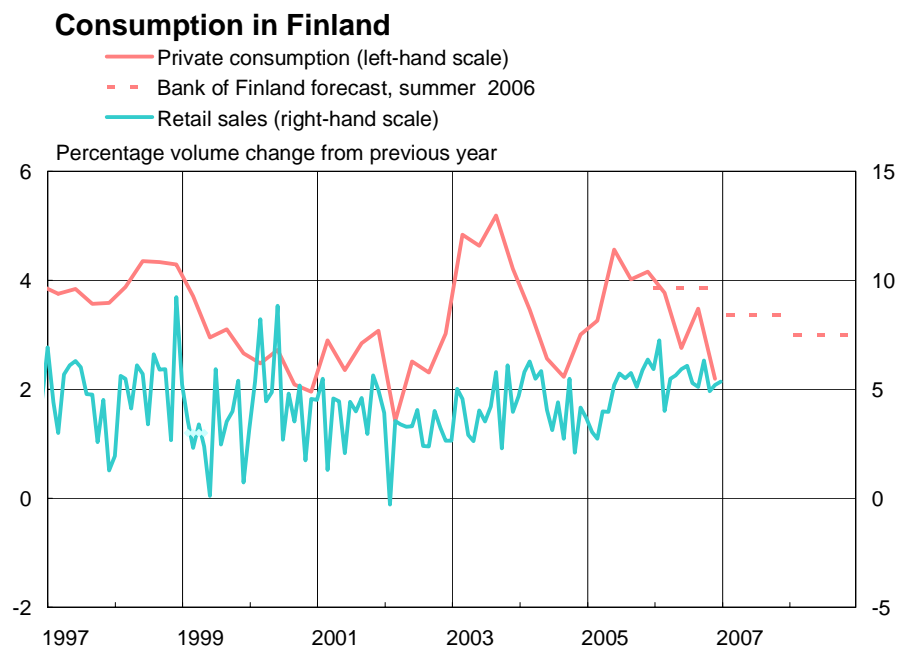


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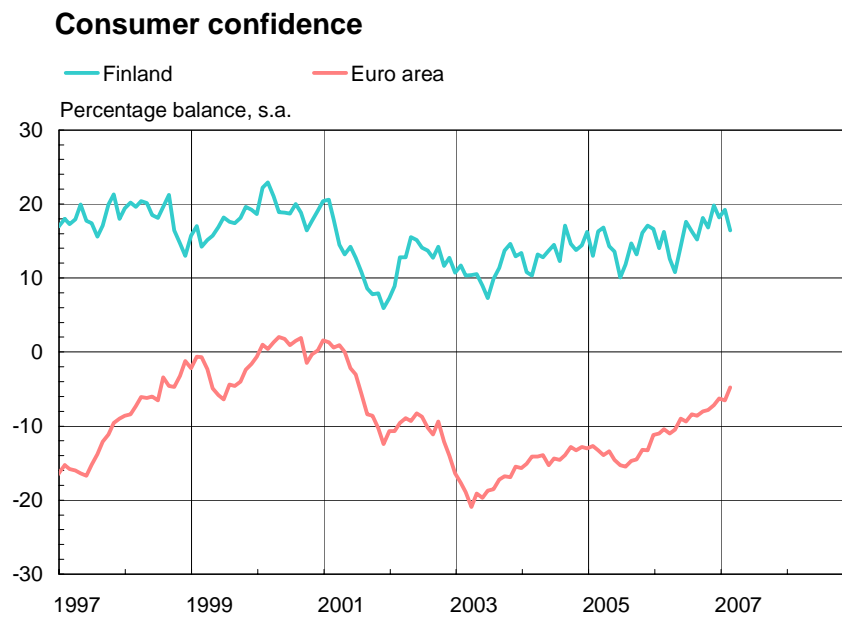


Chart 33.



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 34.



Source: European Commission.

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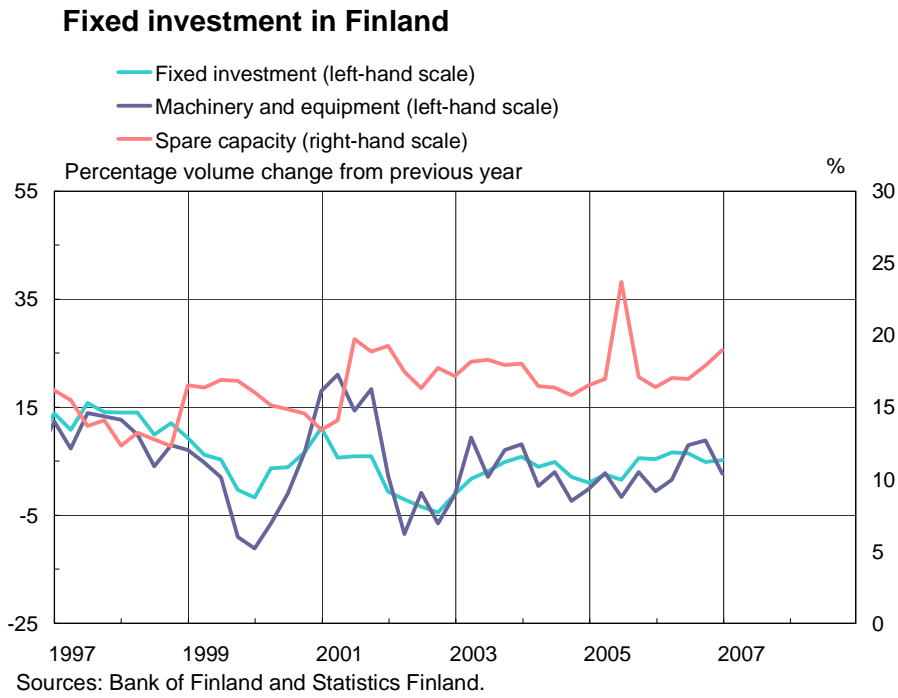


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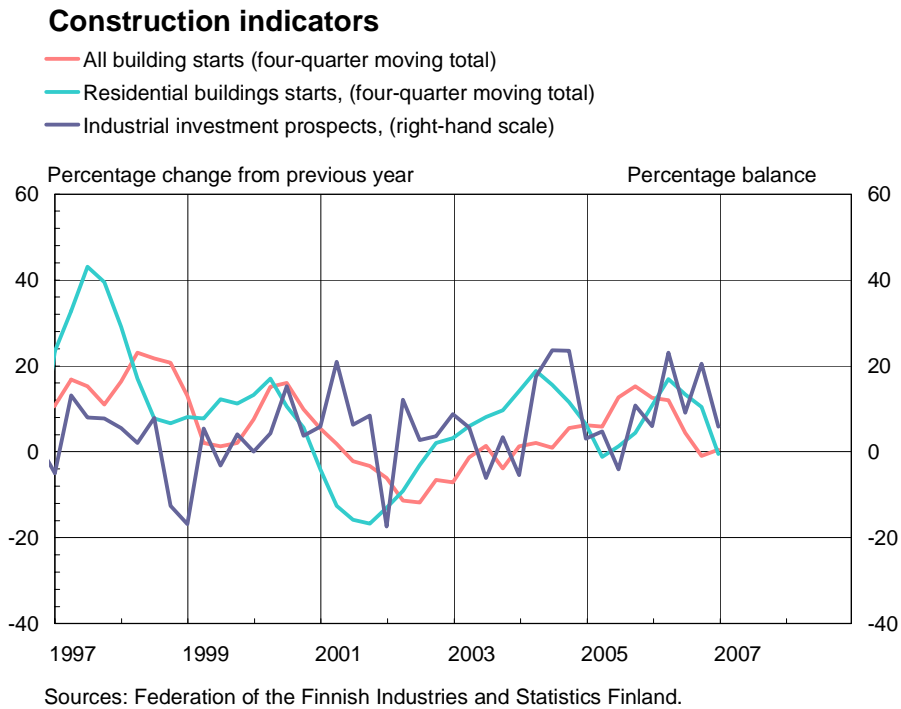


Chart 37.

Finland's exports of goods

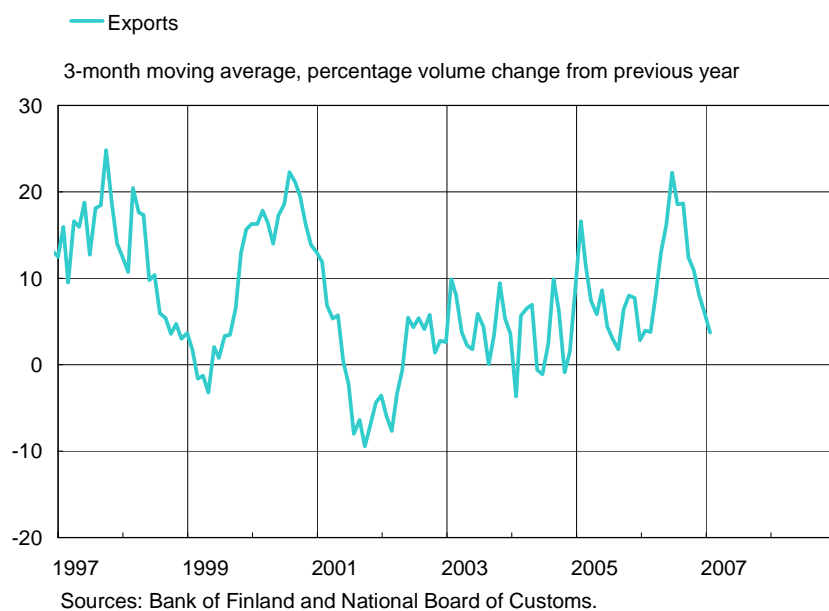


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Finland's exports by industry

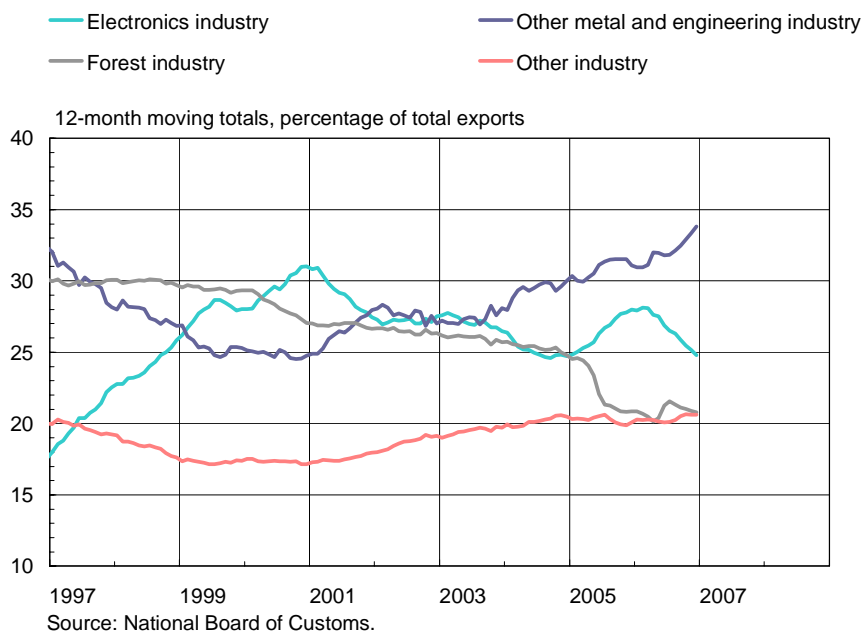


Table 1.

Supply, demand and labour market indicators

	2005	2006	2006/2007 Actual		2006*	2007*
Supply and demand <i>percentage volume change from previous year</i>						
Gross domestic product at market prices	2.9	5.5	4.5 Q4 5.5 Q1-Q4		5.4	3.2
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	2.9	5.5	2.1 M1 2.1 M1			
Manufacturing production	1.4	7.3	-3.8 M1 -3.8 M1			
Consumption expenditure	3.2	2.3	1.8 Q4 2.3 Q1-Q4			
- private	3.8	3.0	2.1 Q4 3.0 Q1-Q4	3.9	3.4	
- general government	1.7	0.9	1.3 Q4 0.9 Q1-Q4	0.6	0.8	
Gross fixed capital formation	3.7	5.1	1.3 Q4 5.1 Q1-Q4			
- private	6.4	5.6	1.2 Q4 5.6 Q1-Q4	6.1	3.9	
- general government	-10.7	1.8	1.6 Q4 1.9 Q1-Q4	2.9	2.8	
Domestic demand	4.9	2.9	1.6 Q4 3.1 Q1-Q4			
Exports of goods and services	7.1	10.7	8.5 Q4 10.7 Q1-Q4	12.0	7.3	
Imports of goods and services	12.2	5.4	1.9 Q4 5.4 Q1-Q4	9.2	7.7	
Labour market indicators						
Employed persons <i>percentage change from previous year</i>	1.5	1.8	1.1 M1 1.1 M1	1.5	0.6	
Unemployment rate, s.a. **	8.4	7.7	6.9 M1 8.3 M1	7.8	7.5	

Source: Statistics Finland.

* Bank of Finland forecast, summer 2006.

** Seasonally adjusted by the Bank of Finland.

Prices and costs

Chart 39.

Consumer prices

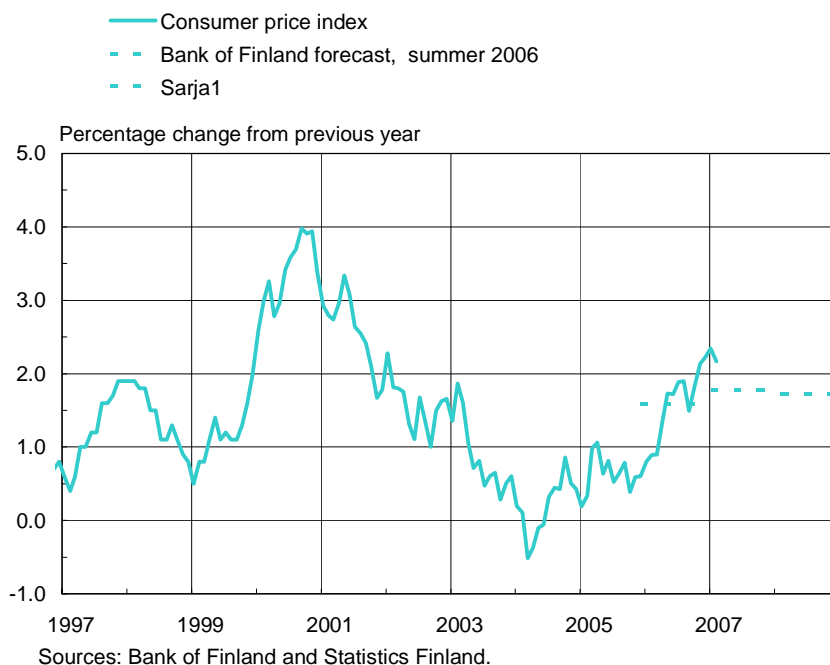


Chart 40.

Harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)

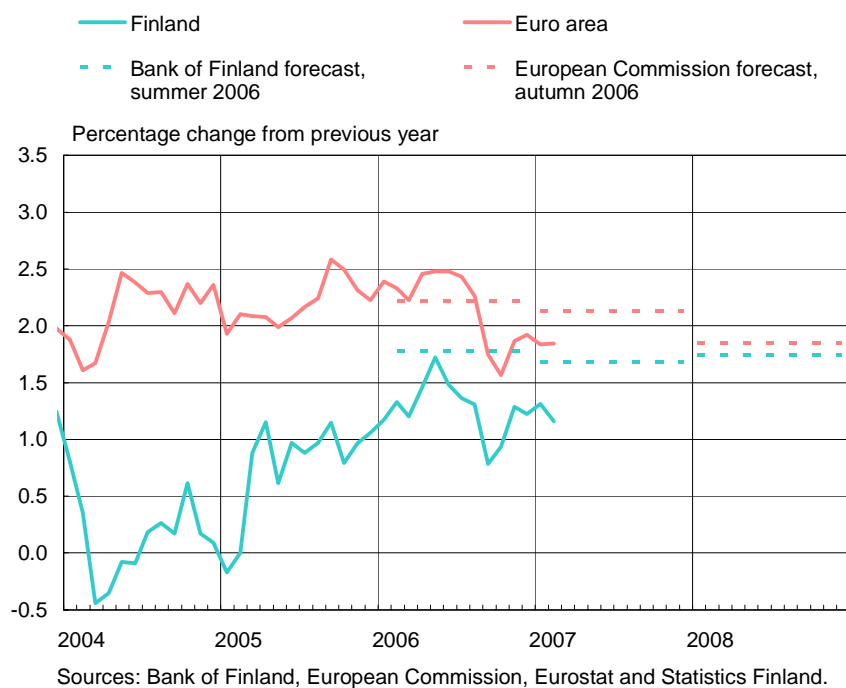
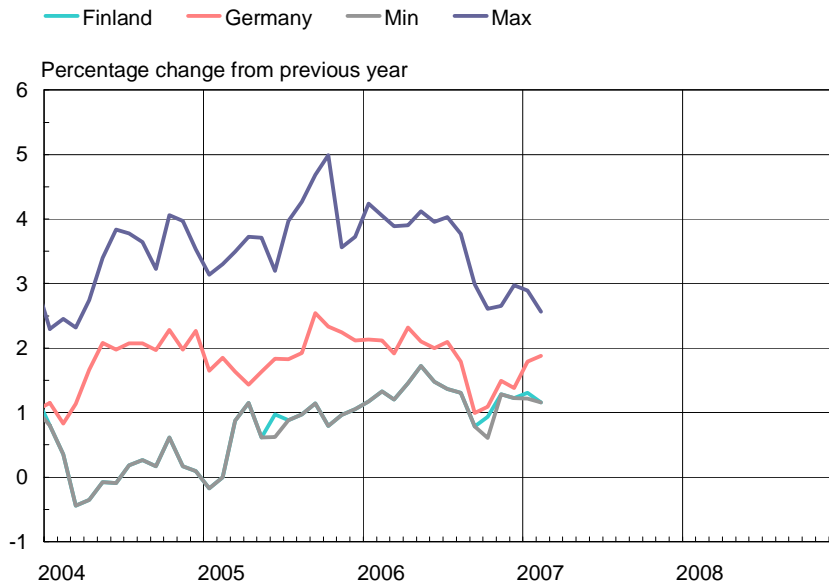


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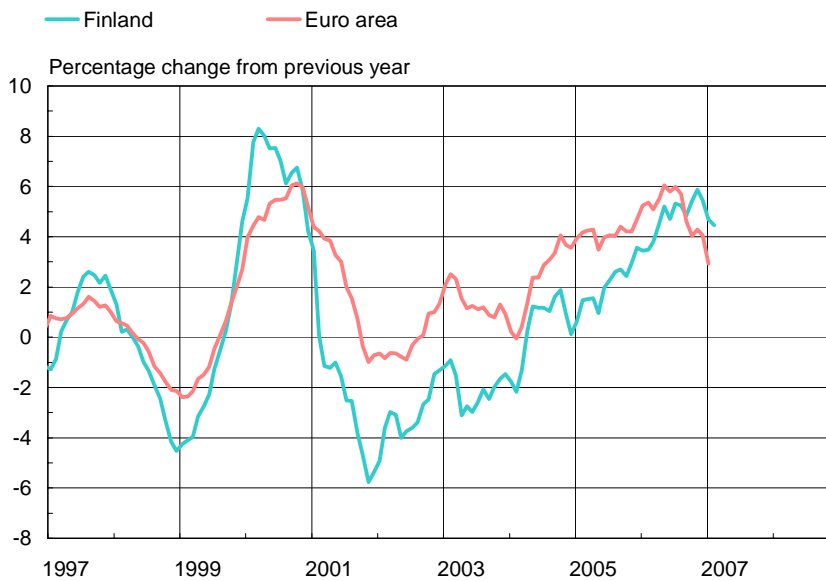
Inflation rates in the euro area (HICP)



Sources: Eurostat and Statistics Finland.

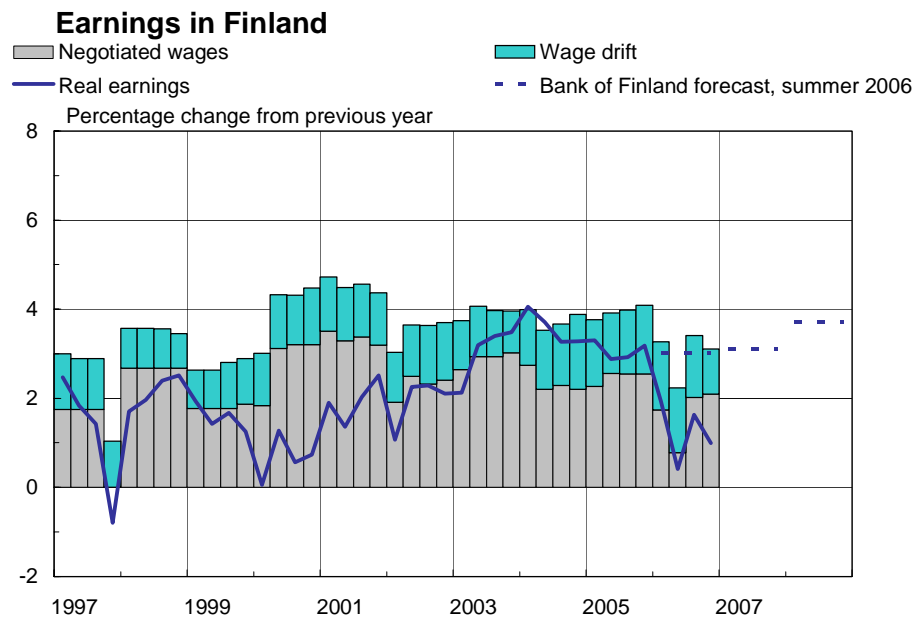
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Producer prices



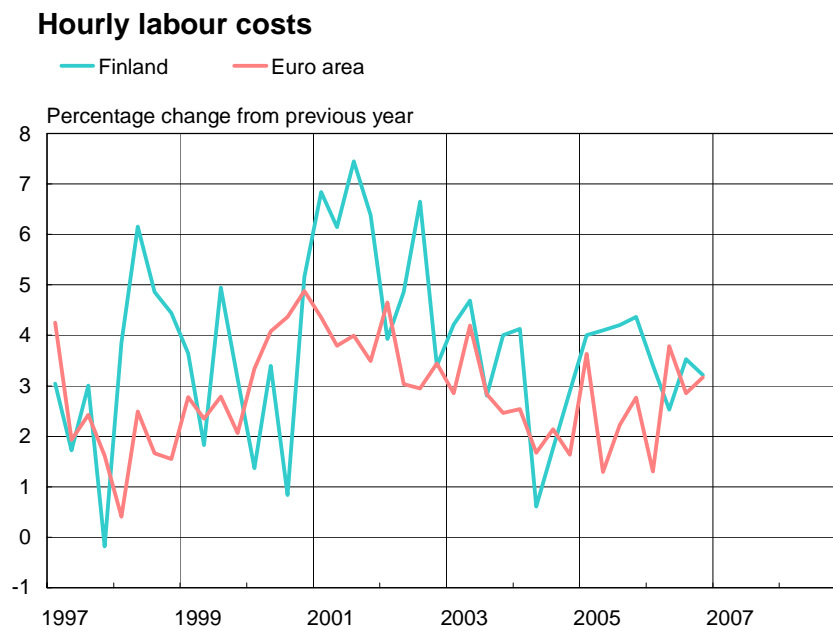
Sources: Eurostat and Statistics Finland.

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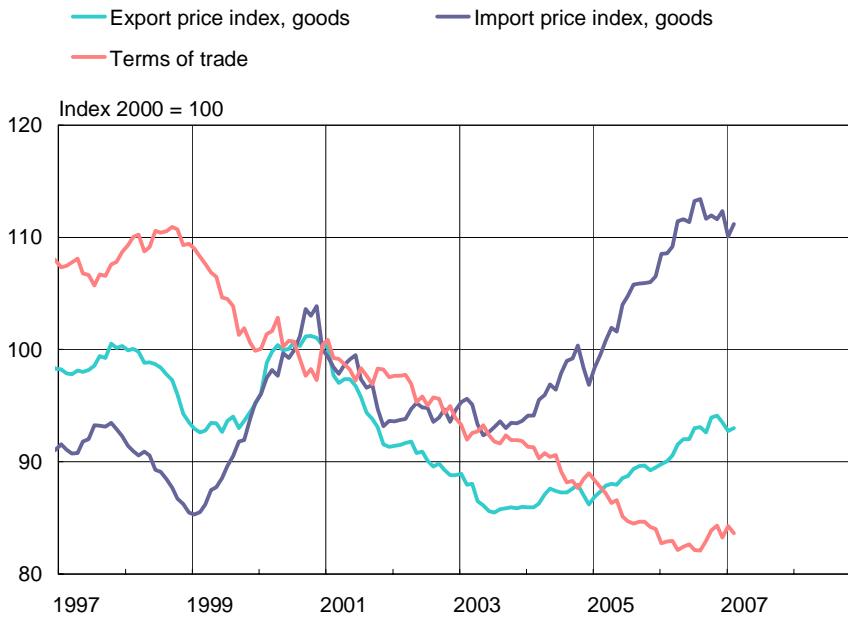


Sources: Eurostat.

Note: Whole economy excl. agriculture, public administration, education, health and services not elsewhere classified.

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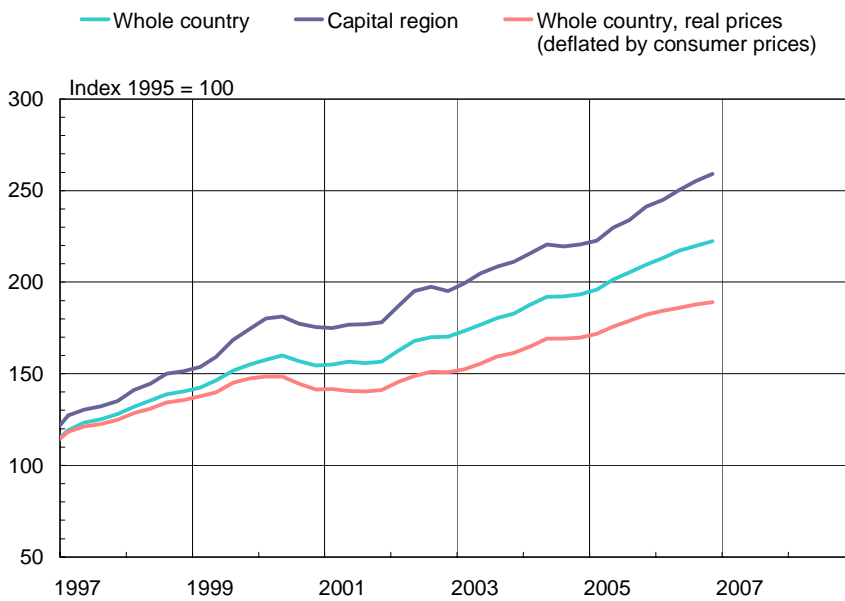
Finland's export prices, import prices and terms of trade



Sources: Statistics Finland and Bank of Finland.

Chart 46.

Dwelling prices in Finland



Sources: Statistics Finland and Bank of Finland.

Table 2.

Cost and price indicators*Percentage change from previous year*

	2005	2006	2006 / 2007 Actual	2006*	2007*
Labour costs					
Index of wages and salaries	3.9	3.0	3.1 Q4 3.0 Q1-Q4	3.0	3.1
Unit labour costs					
- whole economy	2.4	-0.8	-0.3 Q4 -0.8 Q1-Q4	-0.6	0.6
Price indices					
Export prices (goods)					
- export price index	1.8	4.1	3.3 M2 3.3 M1 - M2		
- export price deflator	1.0	3.8	5.2 Q4 3.8 Q1-Q4		
Import prices (goods)					
- import price index	6.6	7.6	2.4 M2 1.9 M1 - M2		
- import price deflator	5.3	8.5	9.2 Q4 8.5 Q1-Q4		
Producer prices	2.1	4.8	4.5 M2 4.6 M1 - M2		
Wholesale prices	3.3	5.9	4.4 M2 4.3 M1 - M2		
Consumer prices					
- consumer price index	0.6	1.6	2.2 M2 2.3 M1 - M2	1.6	1.8
- harmonized index of consumer prices	0.8	1.3	1.2 M2 1.2 M1 - M2	1.5	1.8
Asset prices					
Stumpage prices	-2.1	0.0	14.0 M1 14.0 M1		
Dwelling prices, whole country	6.1	7.4	6.1 Q4 7.4 Q1-Q4		
Share prices	17.6	24.5	17.7 M2 16.8 M1 - M2		

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

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Labour market

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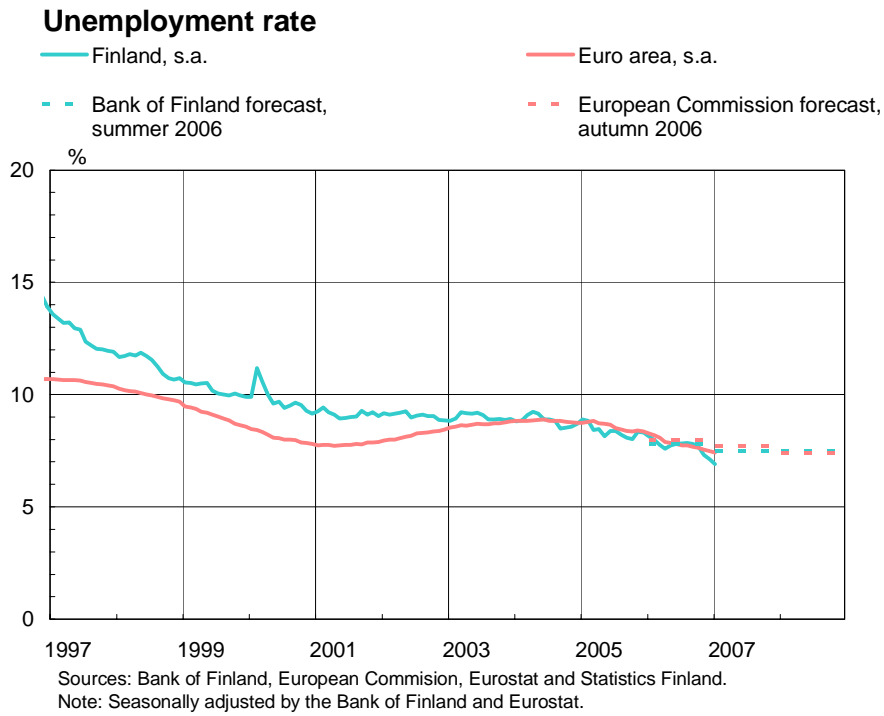
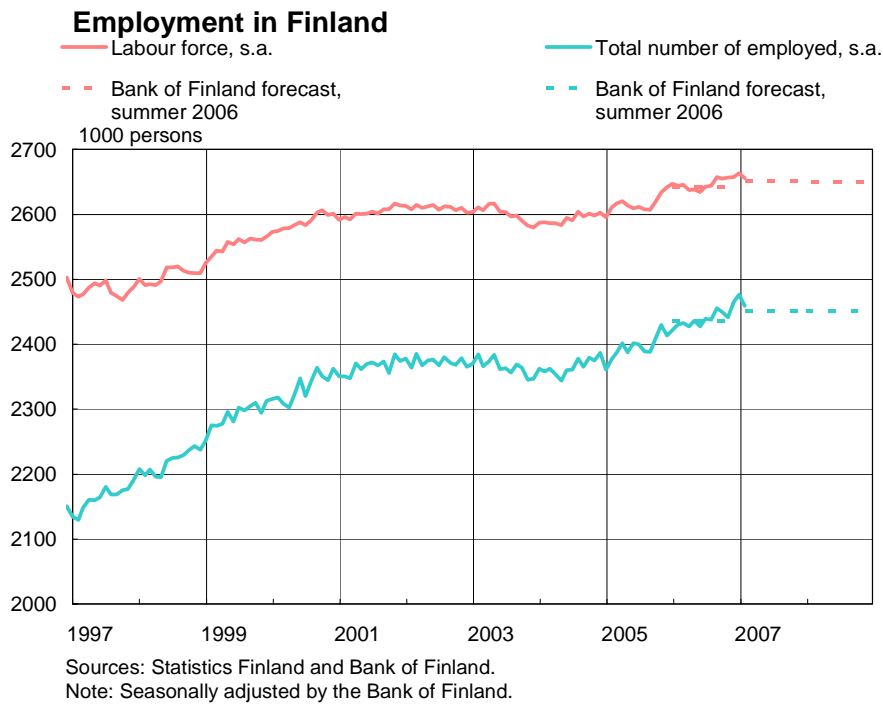


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Public finances

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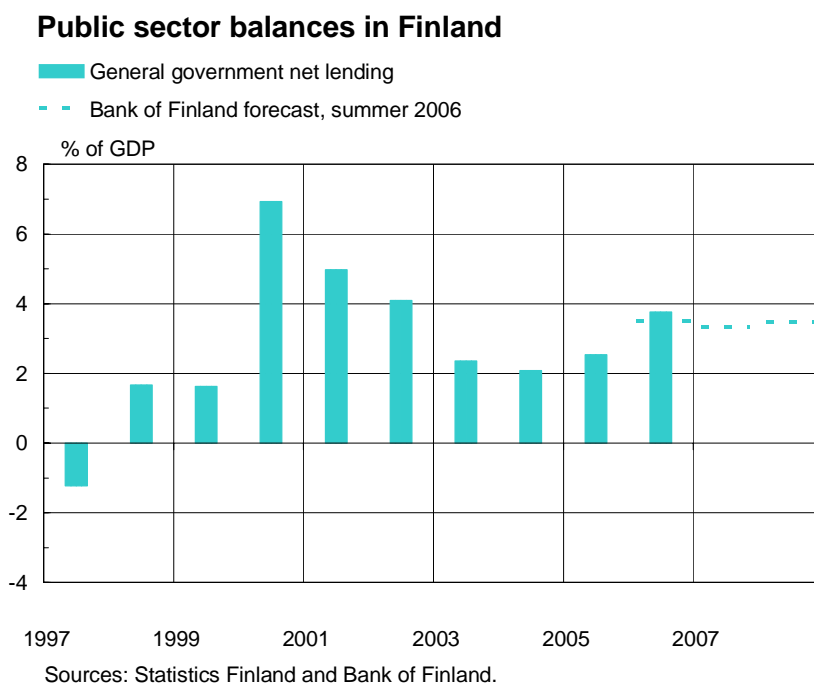
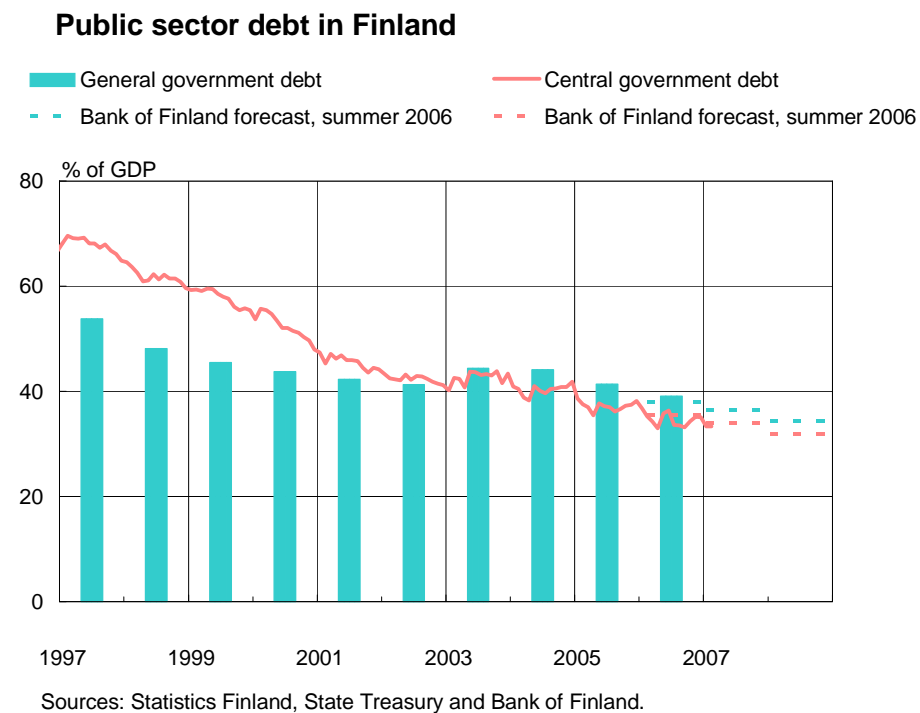


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External balance

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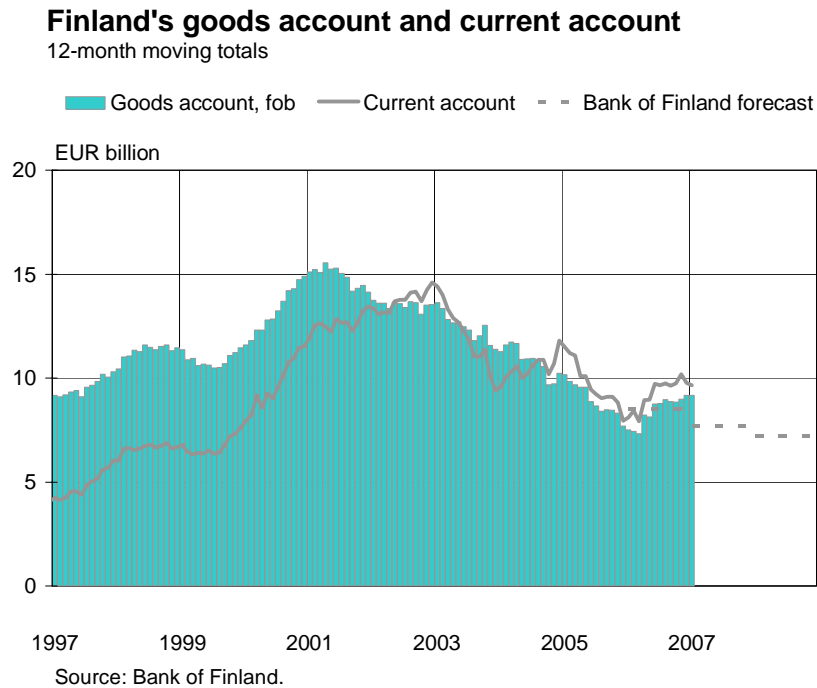


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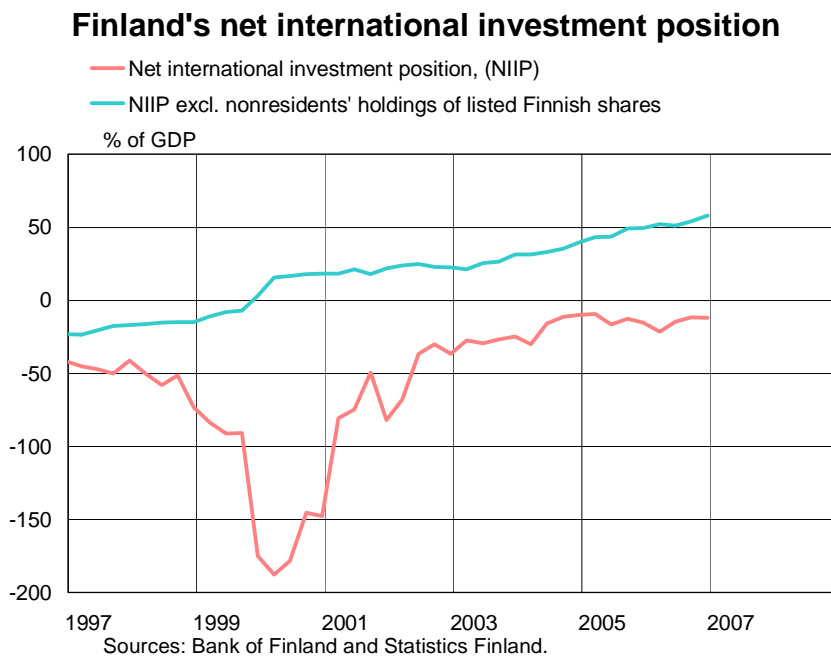


Table 3.

External balance and sectoral balances indicators

	2005	2006	Actual	2006*	2007*
Goods account					
EUR billion	7.7	9.6	0.5 M01		
per cent of GDP	4.9	5.7			
Current account					
EUR billion	7.8	10.1	0.7 M01	8.5	7.7
per cent of GDP	4.9	6.0		5.1	4.4
Financial account					
EUR billion	-7.8	-14.1	-0.7 M01		
General government	-6.2	-8.2	-1.1 M01		
Direct investment in Finland	3.2	2.1	0.7 M01		
abroad	3.5	0.2	0.9 M01		
Shares	-3.6	-7.1	-1.6 M01		
Other capital (incl. errors and omissions)	2.3	-0.6	2.3 M01		
Foreign exchange reserves (increase -)	0.1	4.0	0.0 M01		
Net lending, saving minus investment					
Private sector					
EUR billion	3.9	3.8		2.7	1.9
per cent of GDP	2.5	2.3		1.6	1.1
General government					
EUR billion	3.9	6.3		5.8	5.8
per cent of GDP	2.5	3.8		3.5	3.3
Central government					
EUR billion	0.6	1.6		1.7	1.4
per cent of GDP	0.4	0.9		1.0	0.8
Local government					
EUR billion	-1.0	-0.5		-0.3	-0.1
per cent of GDP	-0.7	-0.3		-0.2	-0.1
Social security funds					
EUR billion	4.3	5.2		4.4	4.5
per cent of GDP	2.7	3.1		2.7	2.6
Net foreign debt					
per cent of GDP	13.4	10.0			
per cent of exports of goods and services	32.1	22.6			
Sectoral debt ratios, gross debt, per cent of GDP					
Non-financial corporate sector **	50.9				
Household sector	43.9				
General government	40.5	39.1		38.0	36.5

Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

* Bank of Finland forecast, summer 2006.

** Excl. housing corporations.

