

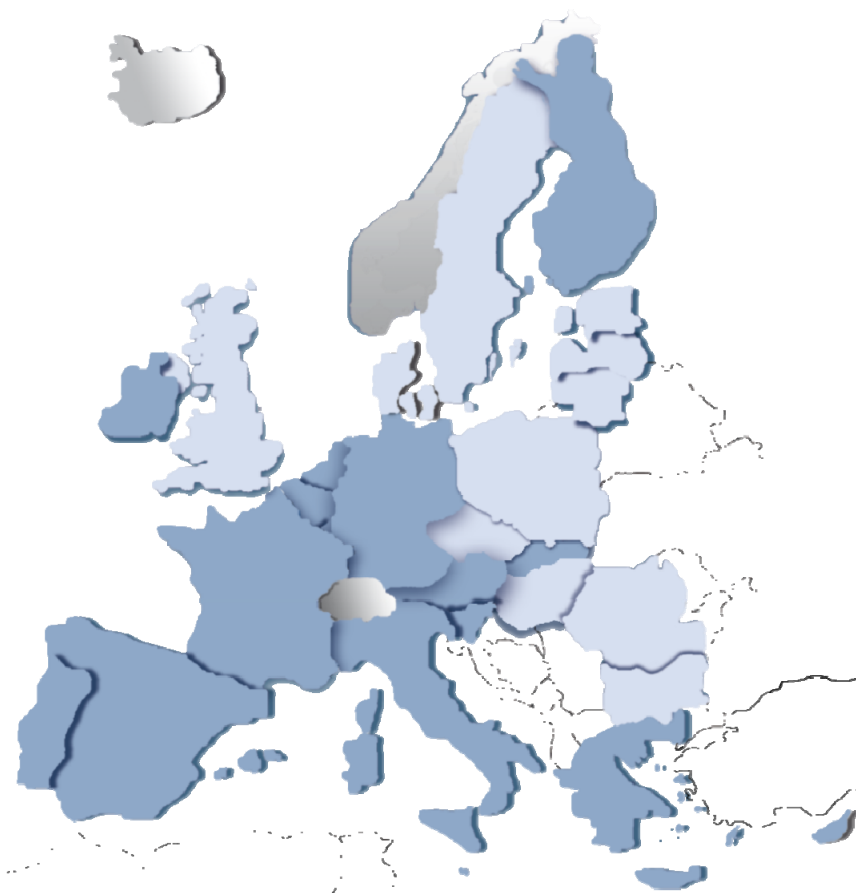


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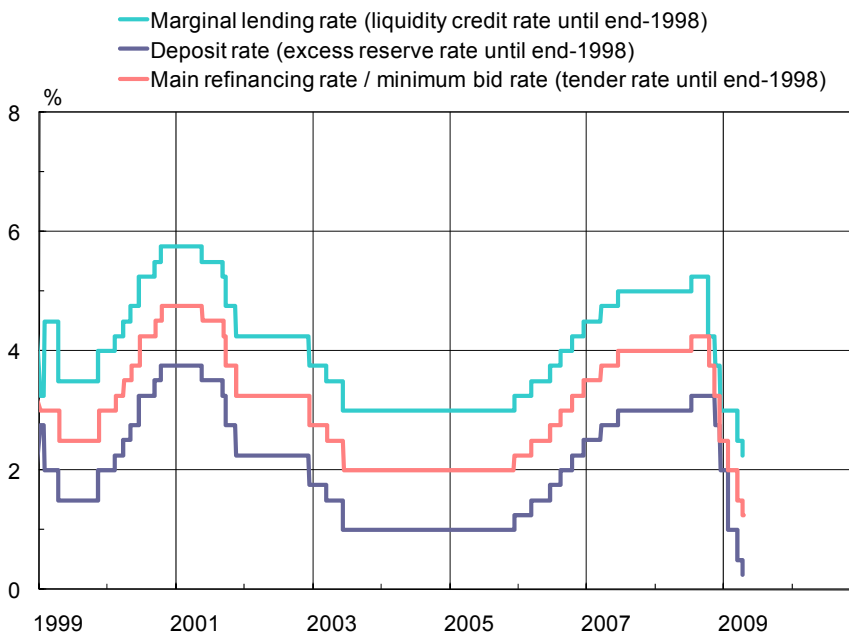
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## Monetary policy and market interest rates

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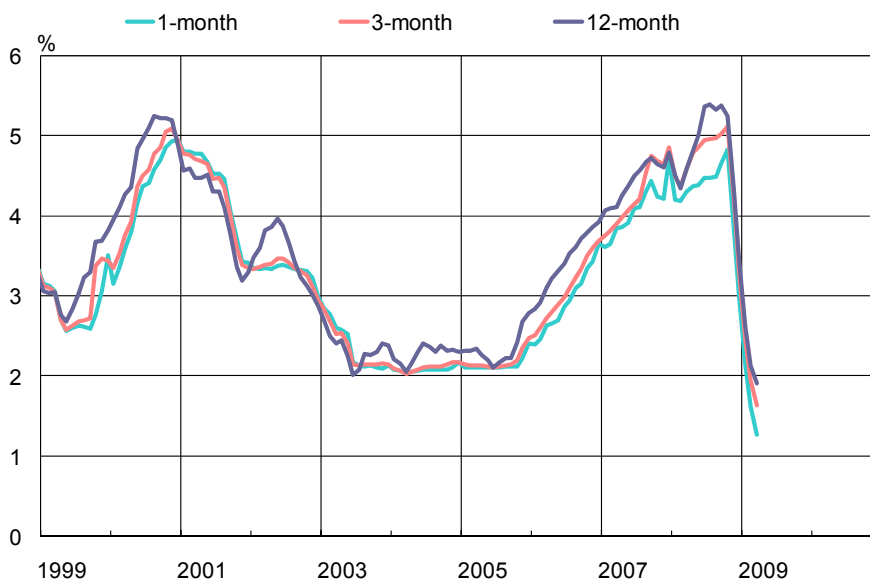
### Eurosystem interest rates



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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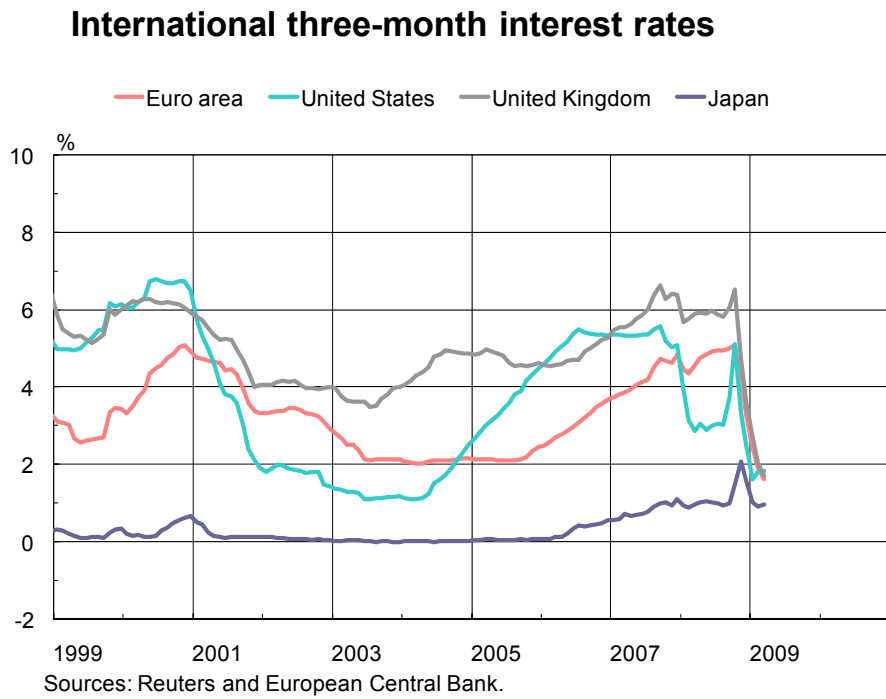


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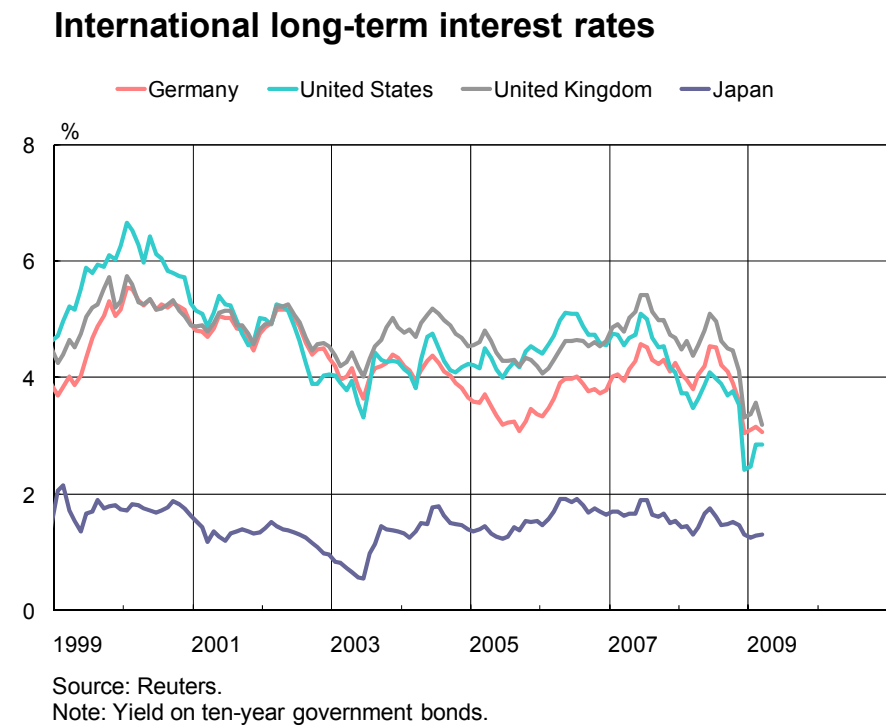
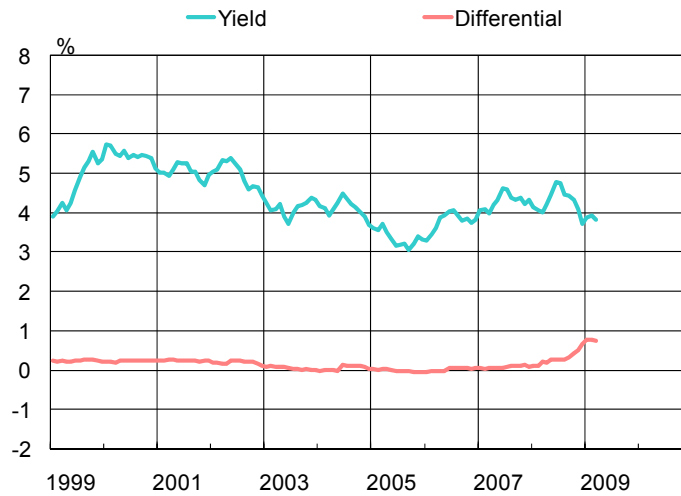


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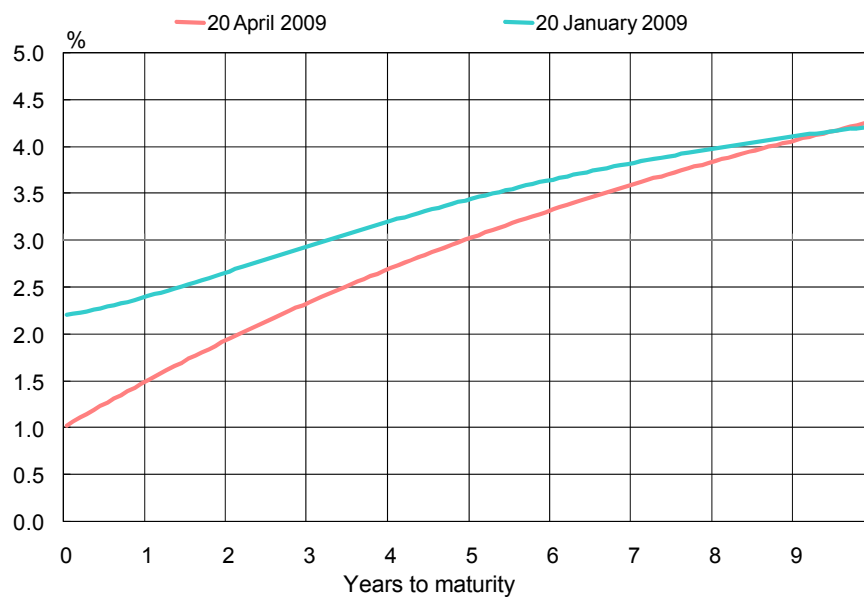


Source: Reuters.

Chart 6.

### Euro area (Finland's) yield curve

(zero coupon yield curve)



Source: Bank of Finland.

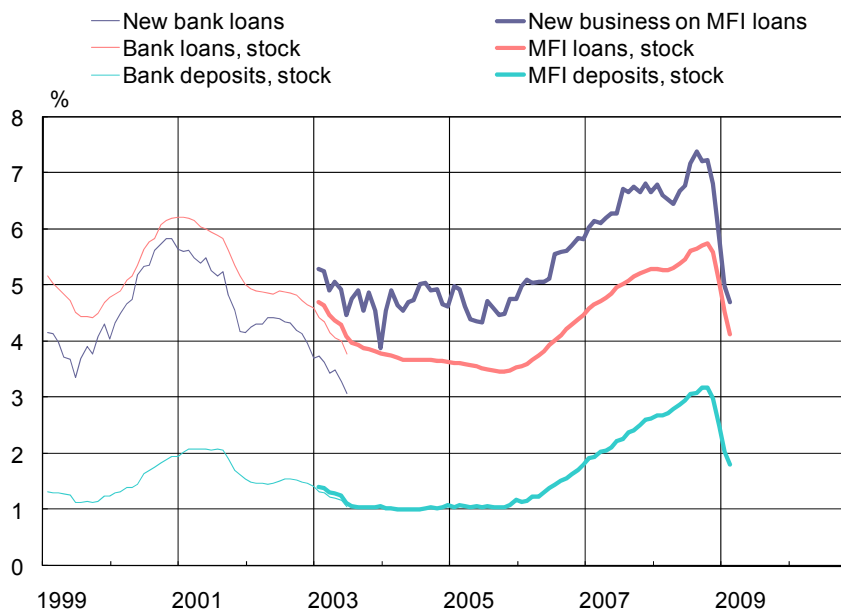
Note: BOF estimation using Nelson & Siegel (1987) yield curve model applied to Eonia and Euribor rates and Finnish benchmark government bond yields.

Note 2: Due to recent turmoil in financial markets, the estimate of the yield curve is biased and, therefore, cannot be interpreted in a mechanical way.

## Banking in Finland

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### Interest rates on loans and deposits

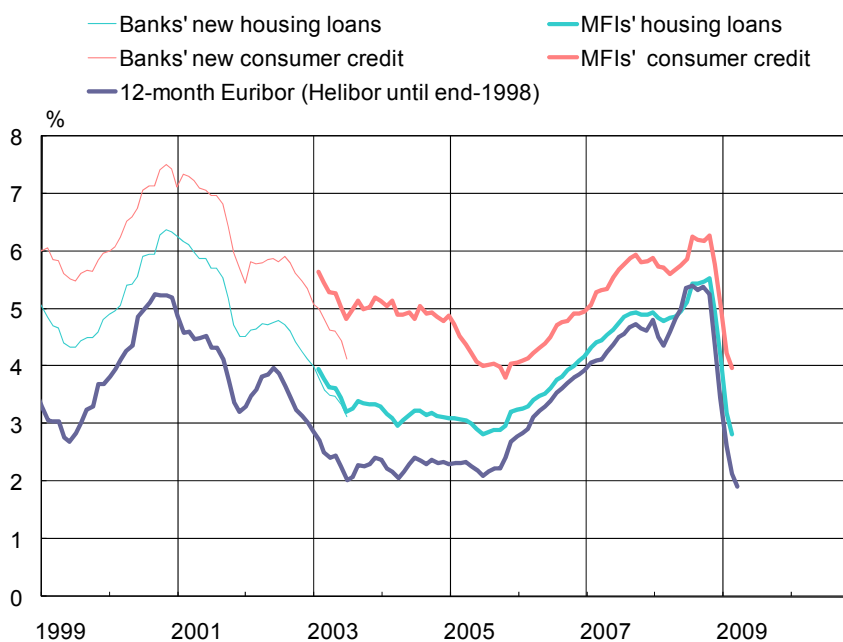


Source: Bank of Finland.

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 loans to households



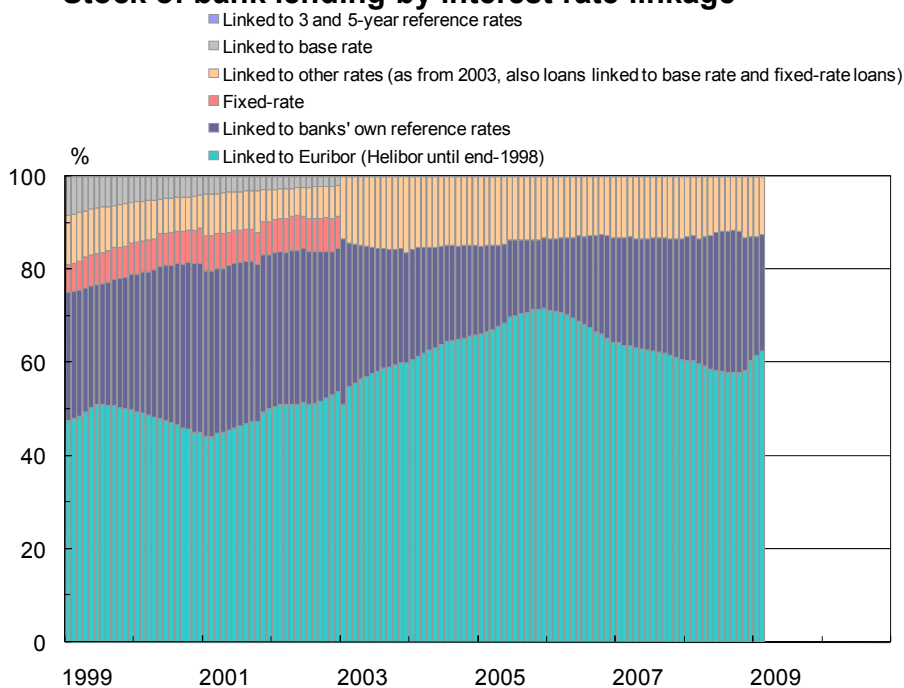
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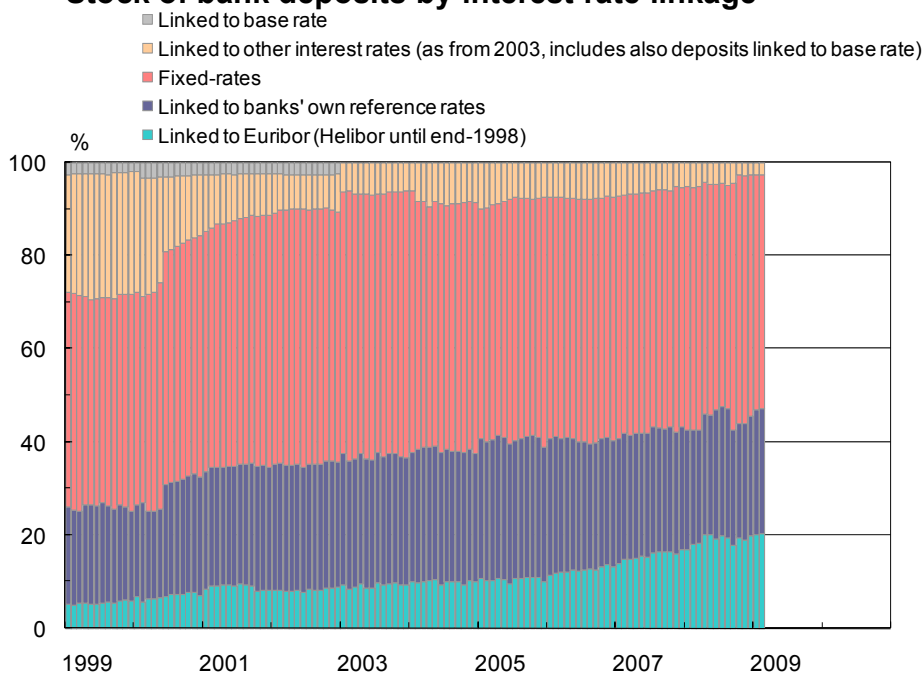
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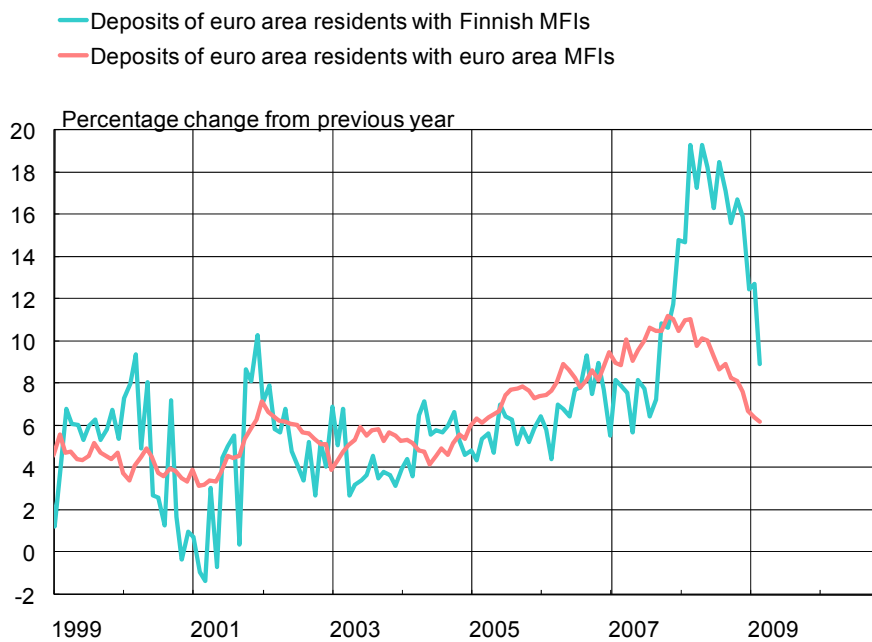
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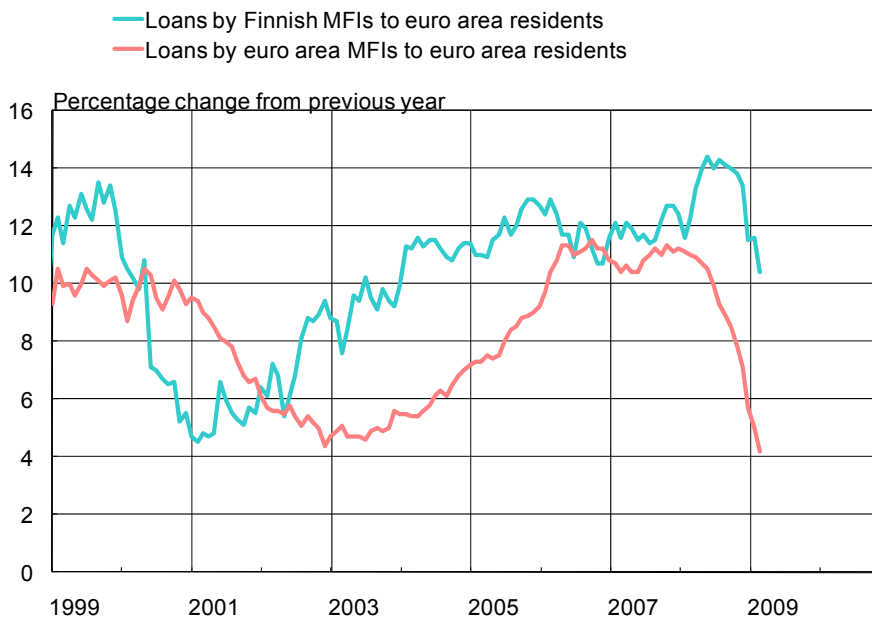
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Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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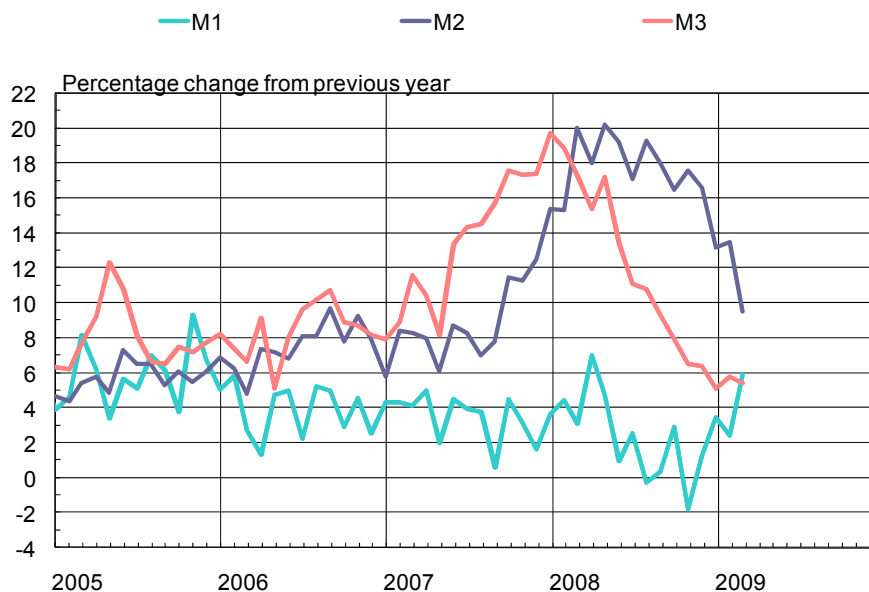
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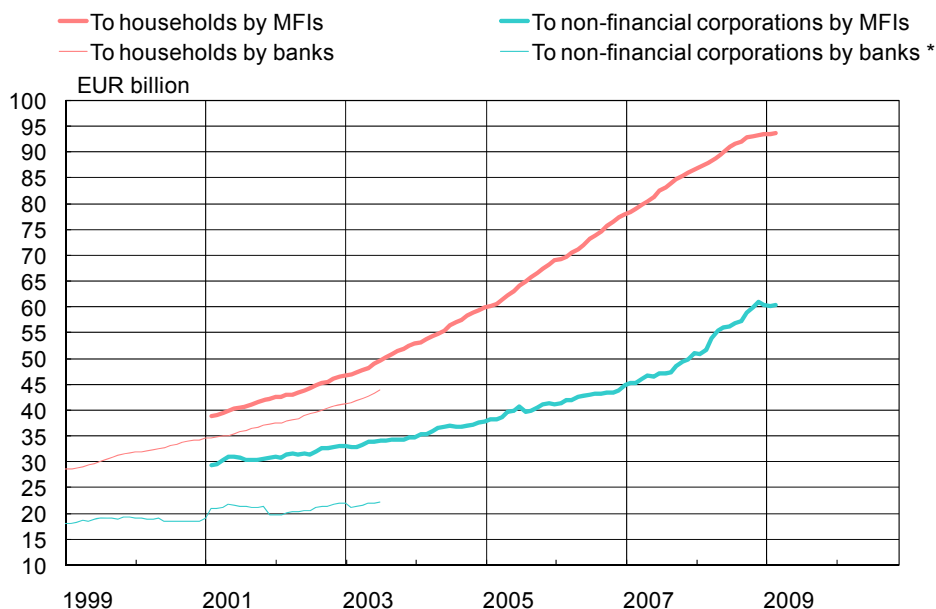


Source: Bank of Finland.

\* Note: Excluding currency in circulation with the public.

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**Outstanding loans to households and non-financial corporations**



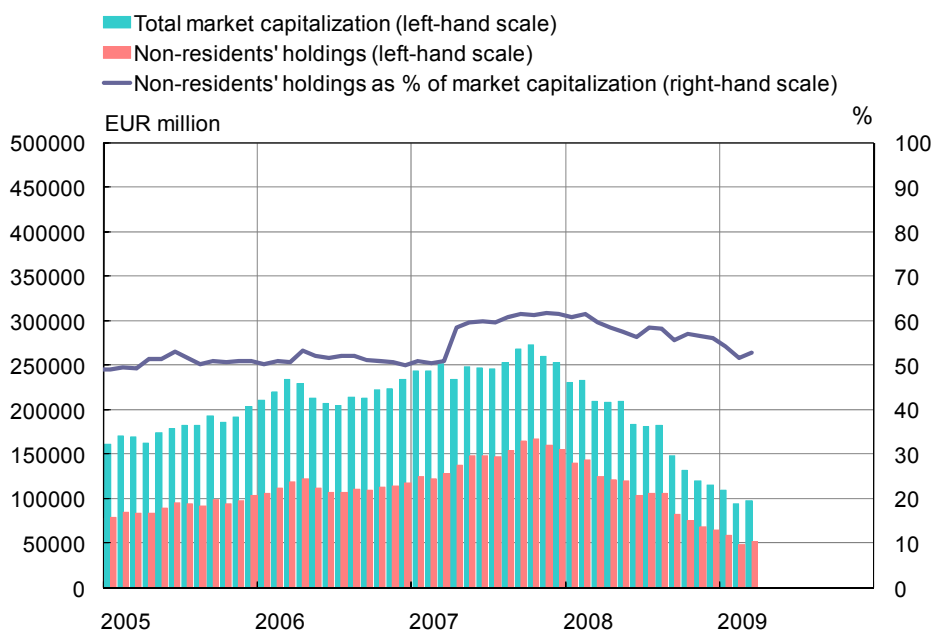
Source: Bank of Finland.

\* Note: The series includes structural changes.



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

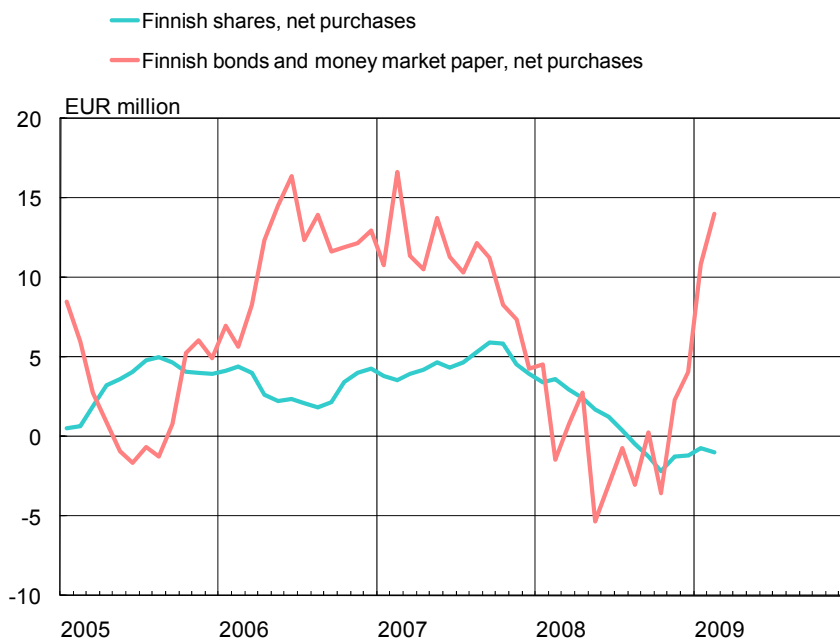


Sources: OMX Nordic Exchange Helsinki Oy and Finnish Central Securities Depository.

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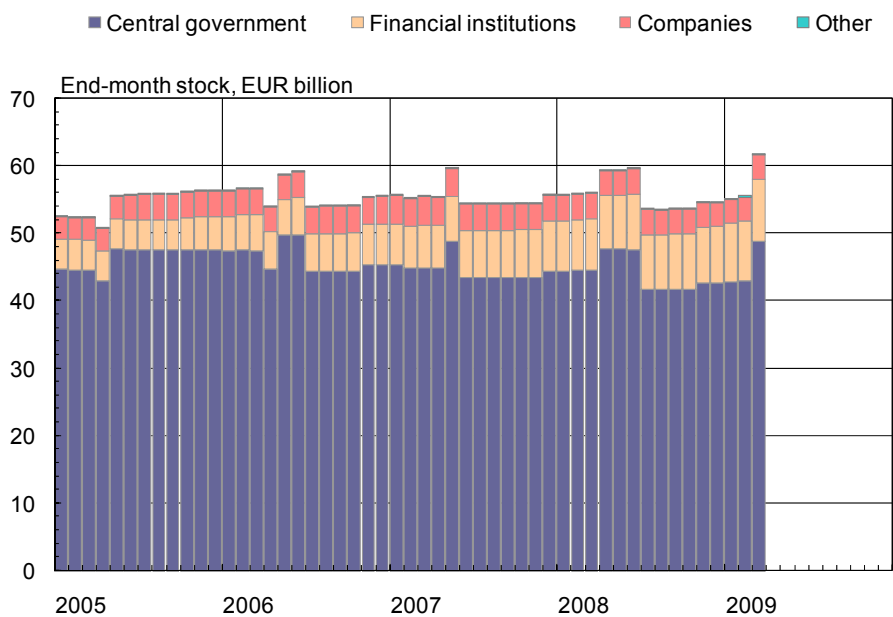
12-month moving totals



Source: Bank of Finland.

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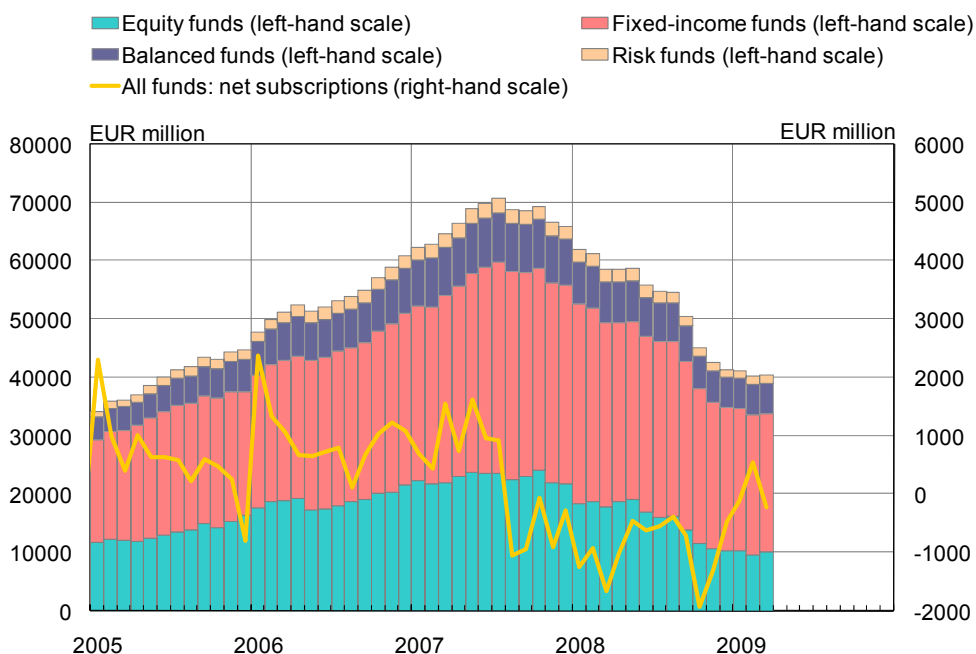
### Bonds issued in Finland



Source: Statistics Finland.

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### Mutual funds registered in Finland



Sources: OMX Nordic Exchange Helsinki Oy and Finnish Association of Mutual Funds.

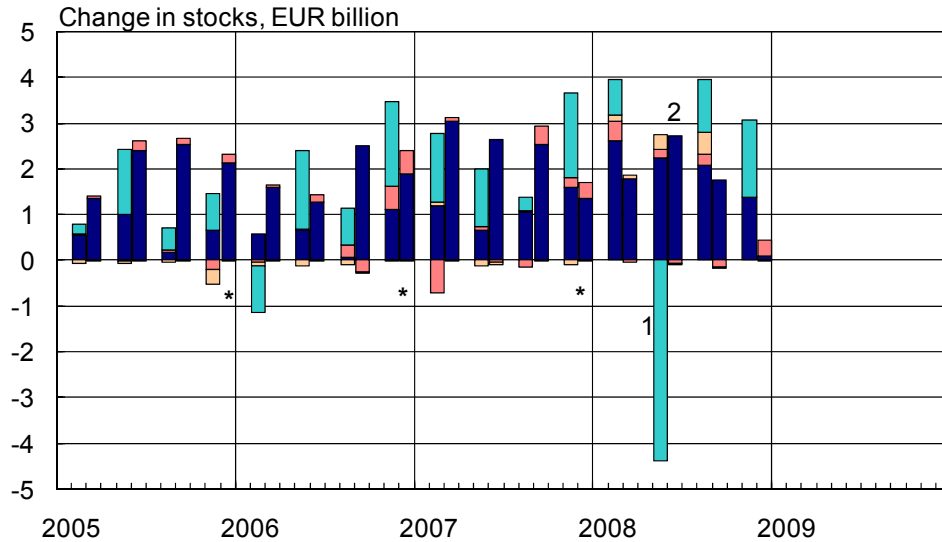
## Borrowing by sector in Finland

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### Non-financial corporate sector and household borrowing

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

■ Banks ■ Other financial institutions ■ General government ■ Rest of the world



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

\*Note: Corrected for changes in sectoral classification.

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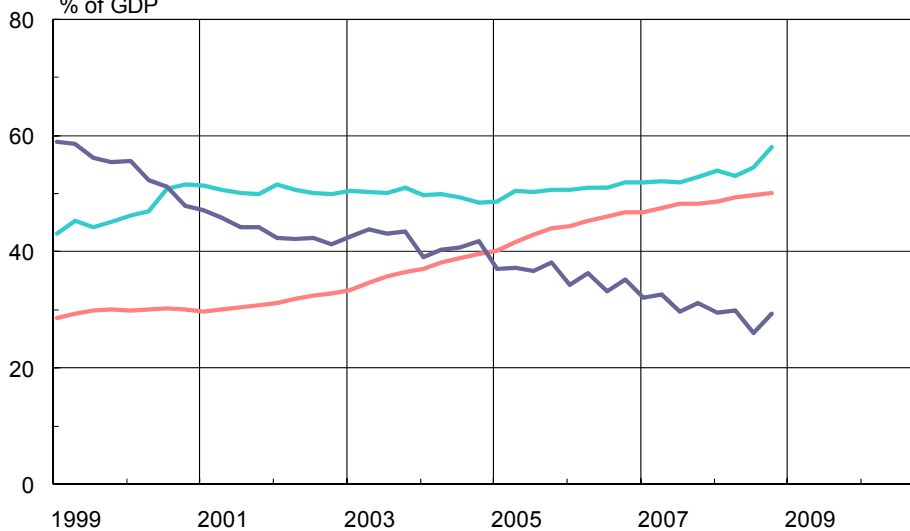
### Sectoral debt ratios in Finland

— Non-financial corporate sector excl. housing corporations

— Household sector

— Central government

% of GDP



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

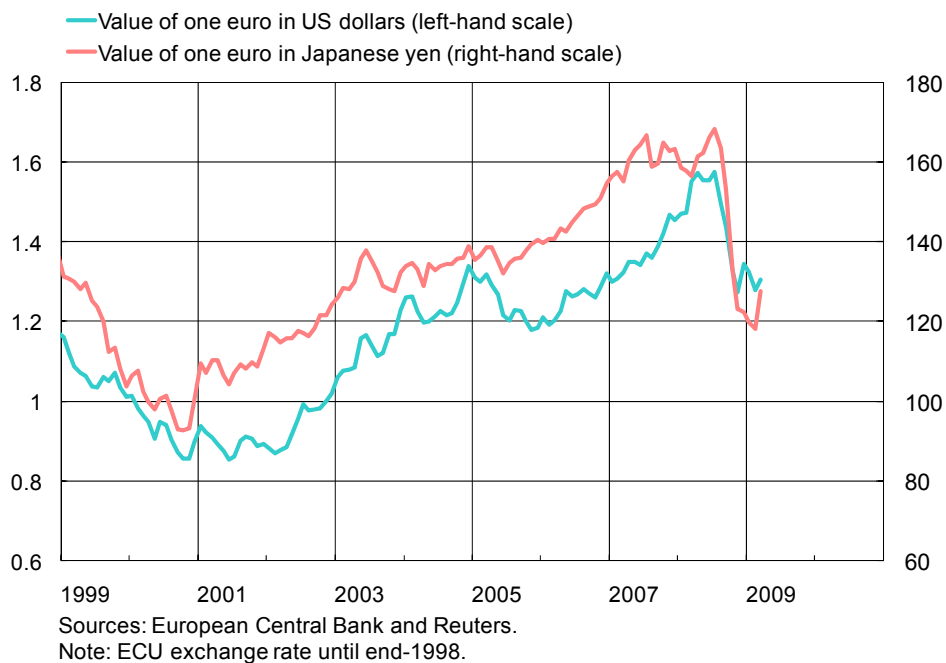


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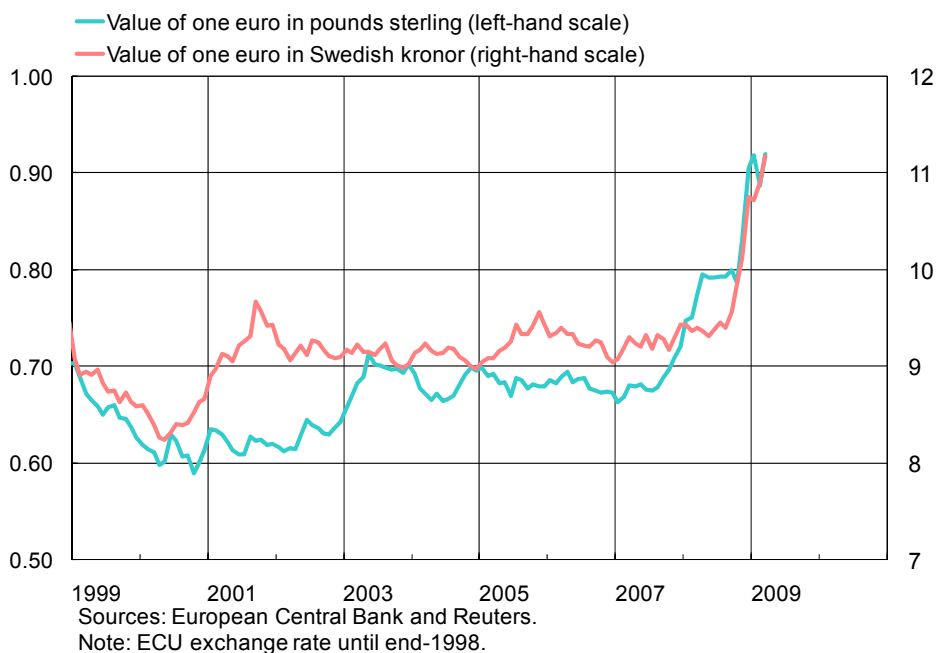
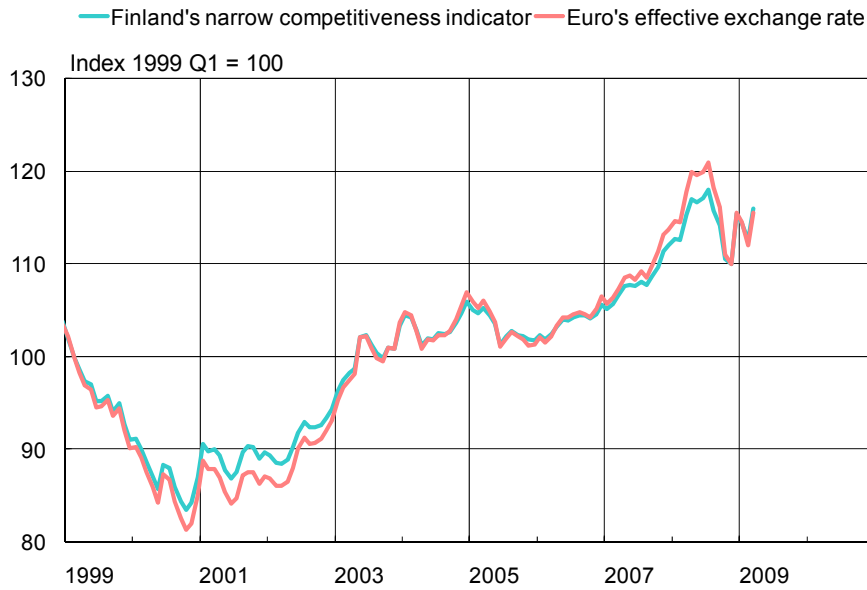




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### Euro's external value and Finland's competitiveness indicator

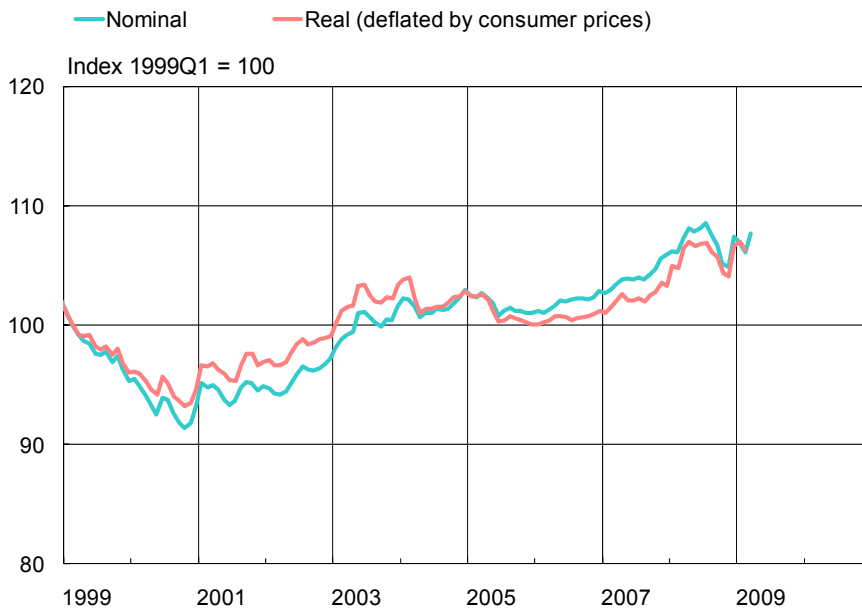


Sources: European Central Bank and Bank of Finland.

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



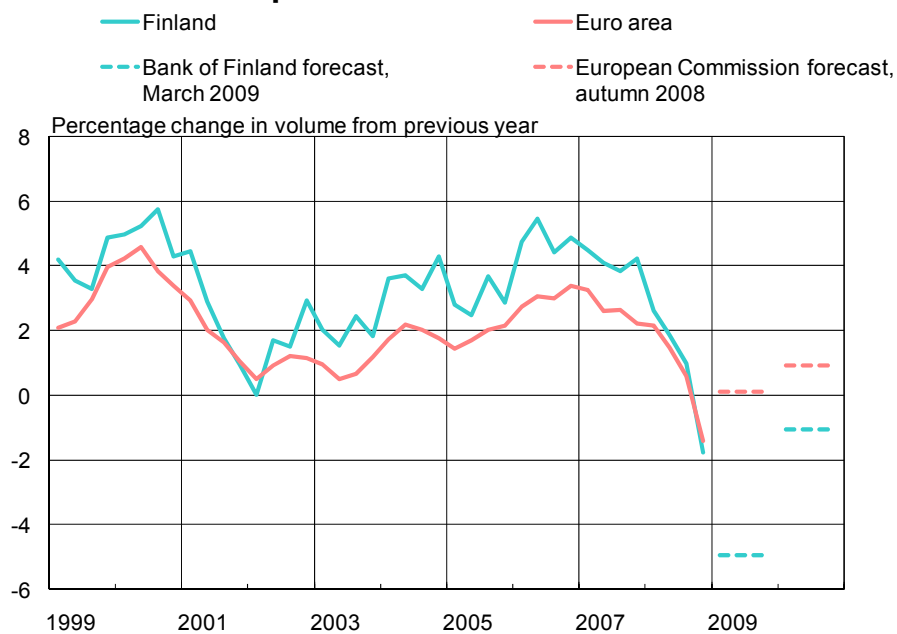
Source: Bank of Finland.

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

## Real economy

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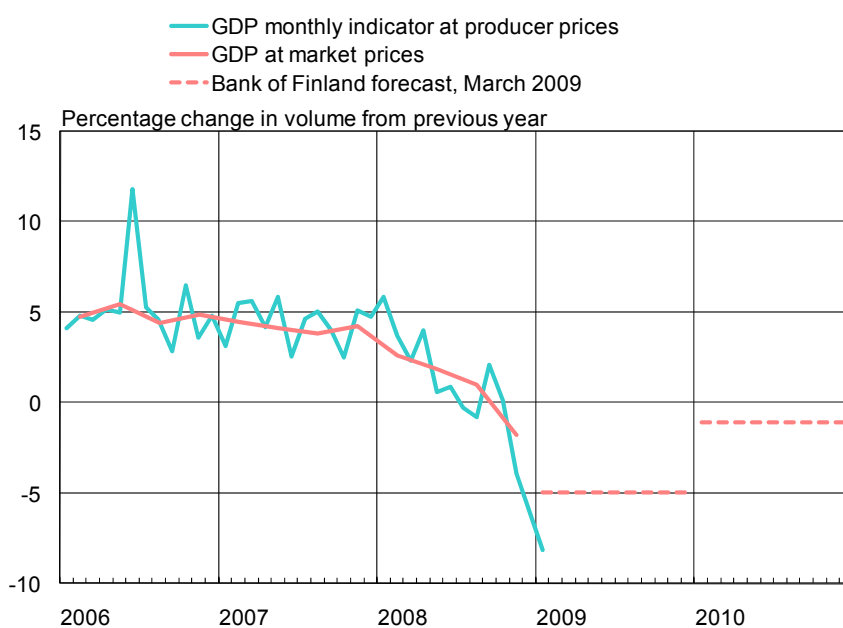
### Gross domestic product



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

Chart 28.

### Gross domestic product in Finland



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 29.

### Industrial production

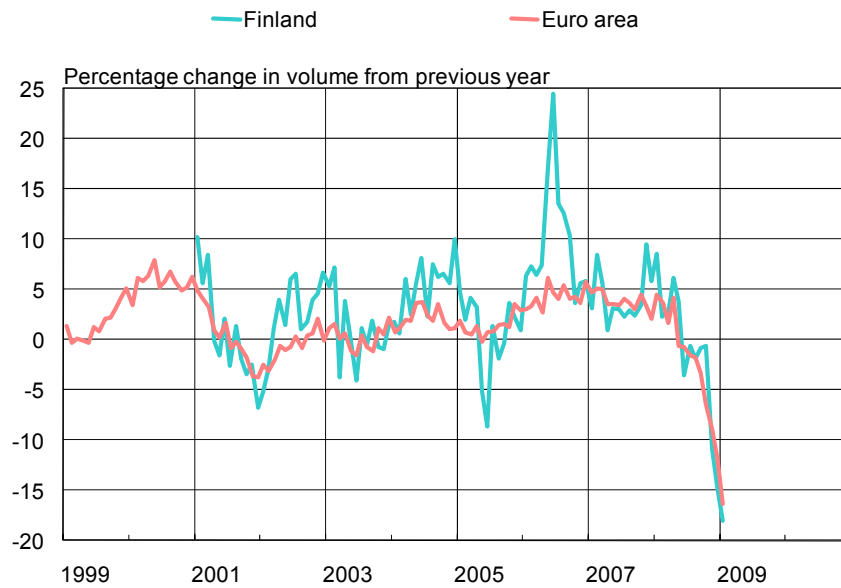


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### Industrial confidence indicator

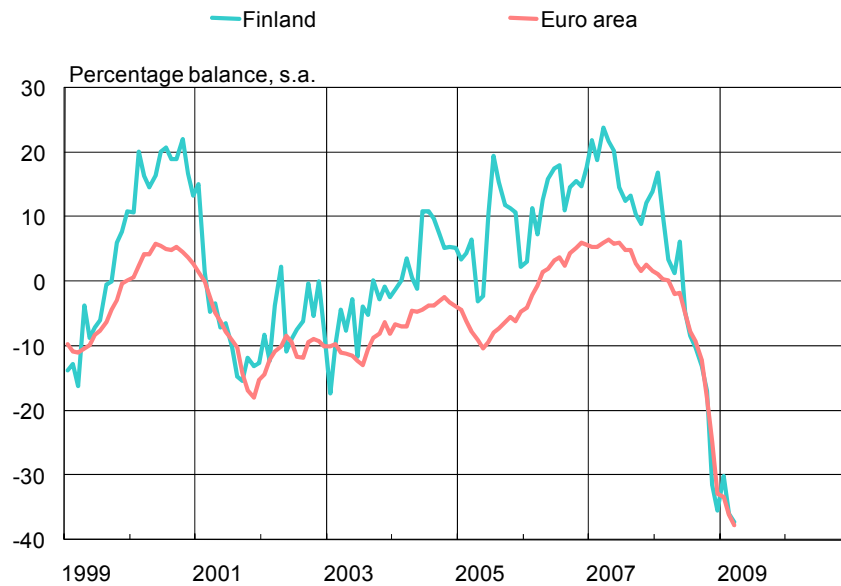
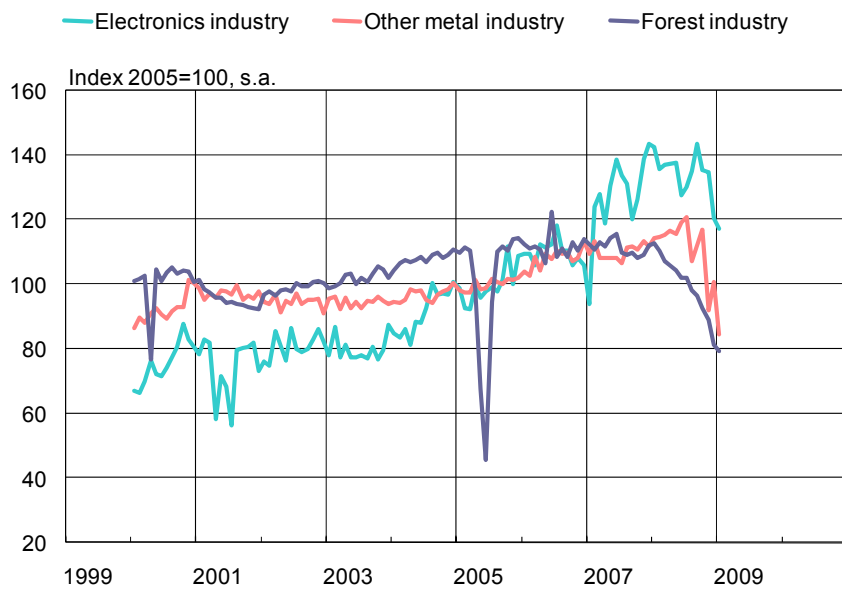


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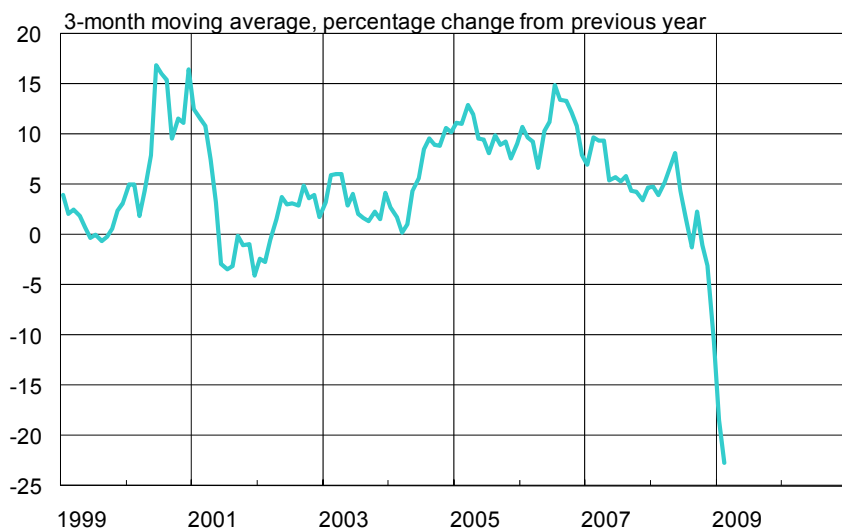
### Manufacturing production by sector



Source: Statistics Finland.

Chart 32.

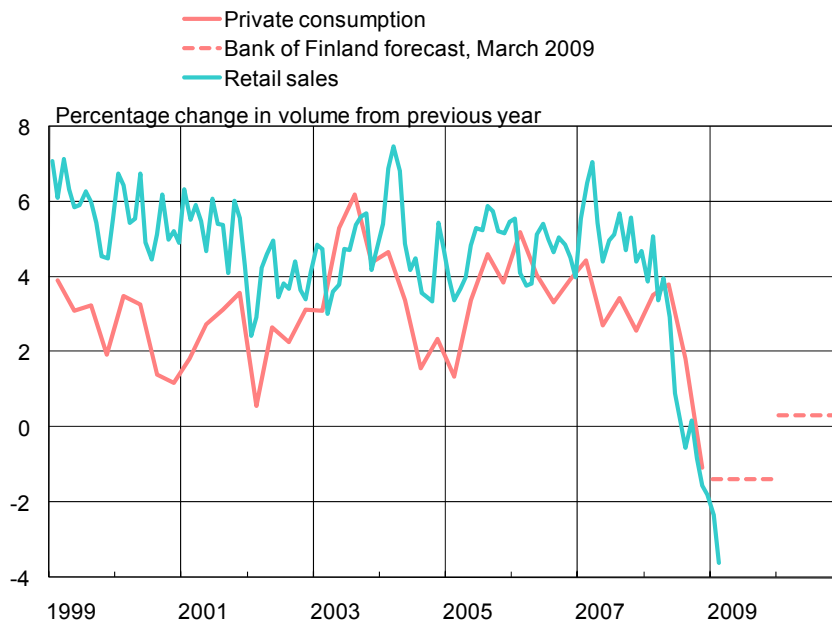
### Finland's imports of goods



Source: National Board of Customs.

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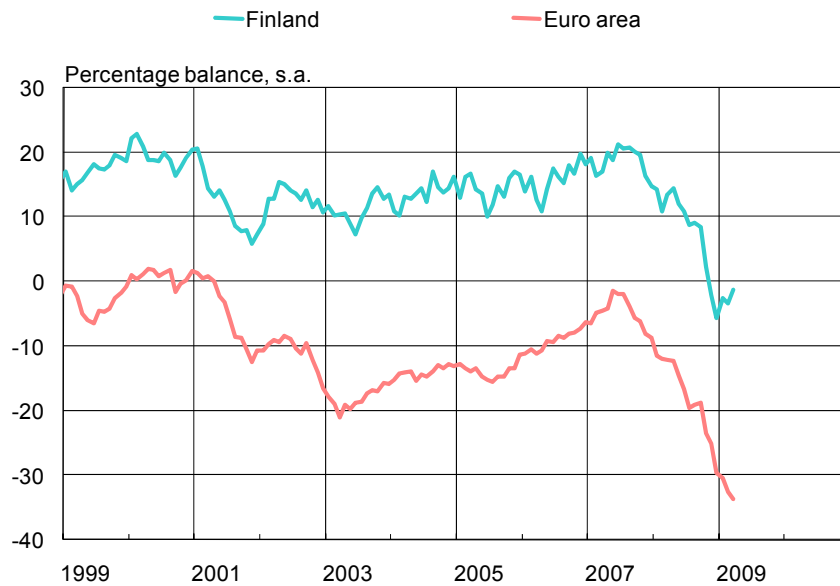
### Consumption in Finland



Sources: Bank of Finland and Statistics Finland.

Chart 34.

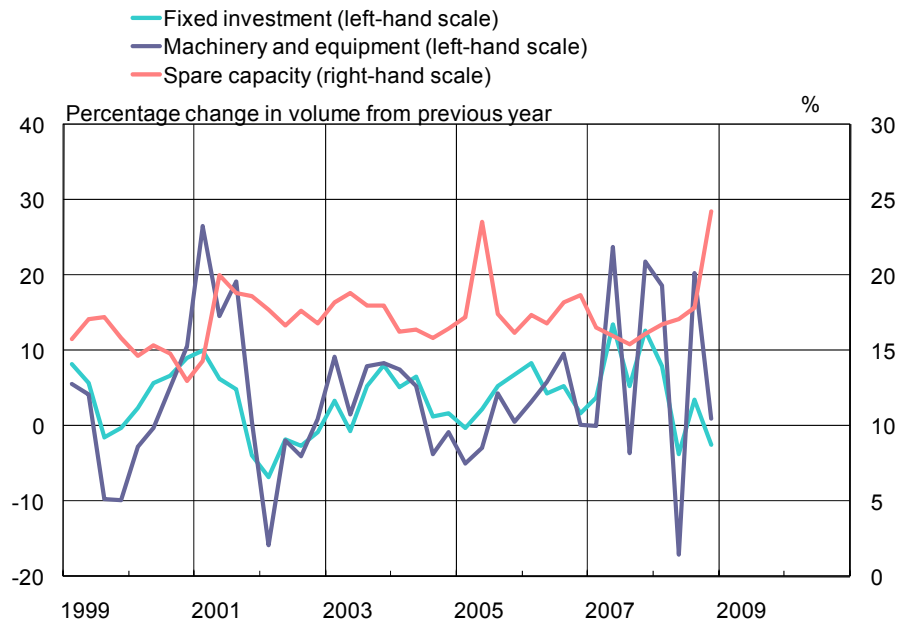
### Consumer confidence



Source: European Commission.

Chart 35.

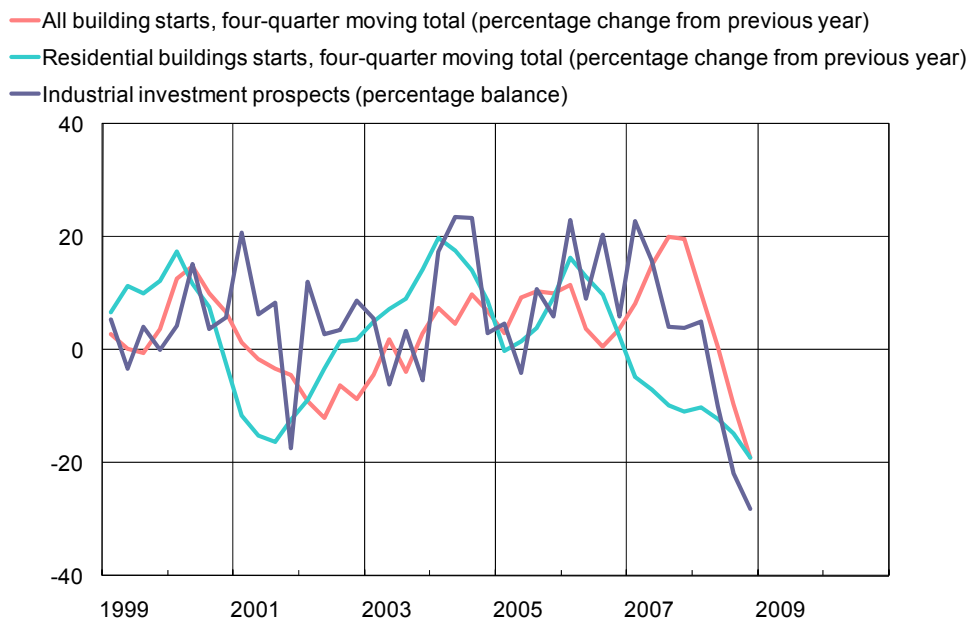
### Fixed investment in Finland



Source: Statistics Finland.

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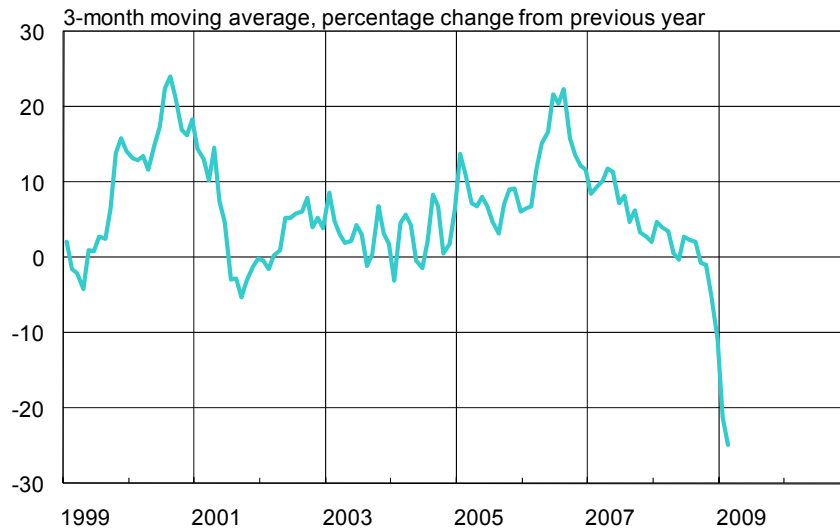
### Construction indicators



Sources: Statistics Finland and Confederation of the Finnish Industries.

Chart 37.

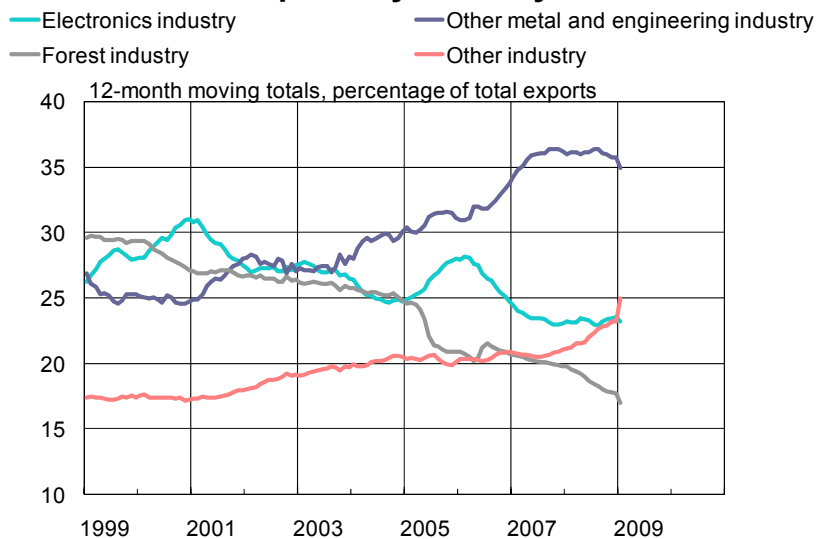
### Finland's exports of goods



Source: National Board of Customs.

Chart 38.

### Finland's exports by industry



Source: National board of customs.

Note: From January 2009 onwards, the data is presented according to a new classification (CPA2008).

Table 1.

**Supply, demand and labour market indicators**

	2007	2008	2008/2009 Actual		2009*	2010*	2011*
<b>Supply and demand</b> <i>percentage change in volume from previous year</i>							
Gross domestic product at market prices	4.2	0.9	-1.8	Q4 0.9 Q1-Q4	-5.0	-1.1	1.5
GDP monthly indicator at producer prices	4.5	0.8	-11.5	M1 -11.5 M1-M1			
Manufacturing production	5.5	0.3	-22.7	M2 -22.7 M1-M2			
Consumption expenditure	2.5	1.9	0.9	Q4 1.8 Q1-Q4			
- private	3.3	2.0	-0.3	Q4 1.6 Q1-Q4	-1.4	0.3	1.7
- general government	0.8	1.7	2.7	Q4 1.7 Q1-Q4	2.5	2.1	2.5
Gross fixed capital formation	8.7	1.0	-2.5	Q4 1.1 Q1-Q4			
- private	9.0	1.3	-2.5	Q4 1.4 Q1-Q4	-15.1	-13.8	2.9
- general government	6.8	-1.3	-2.2	Q4 -2.2 Q1-Q4	3.8	3.8	4.9
Domestic demand	4.5	-0.1	-1.9	Q4 0.9 Q1-Q4			
Exports of goods and services	8.1	-1.1	-14.1	Q4 -0.9 Q1-Q4	-19.6	-5.0	0.4
Imports of goods and services	6.5	-1.3	-14.8	Q4 -1.3 Q1-Q4	-17.5	-6.1	2.3
<b>Labour market indicators</b> <i>percentage change from previous year</i>							
Employed persons	2.0	1.6	-1.0	M2 -1.0 M1-M2	-3.3	-3.5	-0.5
Unemployment rate, s.a. **	6.9	6.4	7.2	M2 7.2 M1-M2	7.8	9.2	9.5

Source: Statistics Finland.

\* Bank of Finland forecast, March 2009.

\*\* Seasonally adjusted by the Bank of Finland.



Prices and costs

Chart 39.

**Consumer prices**

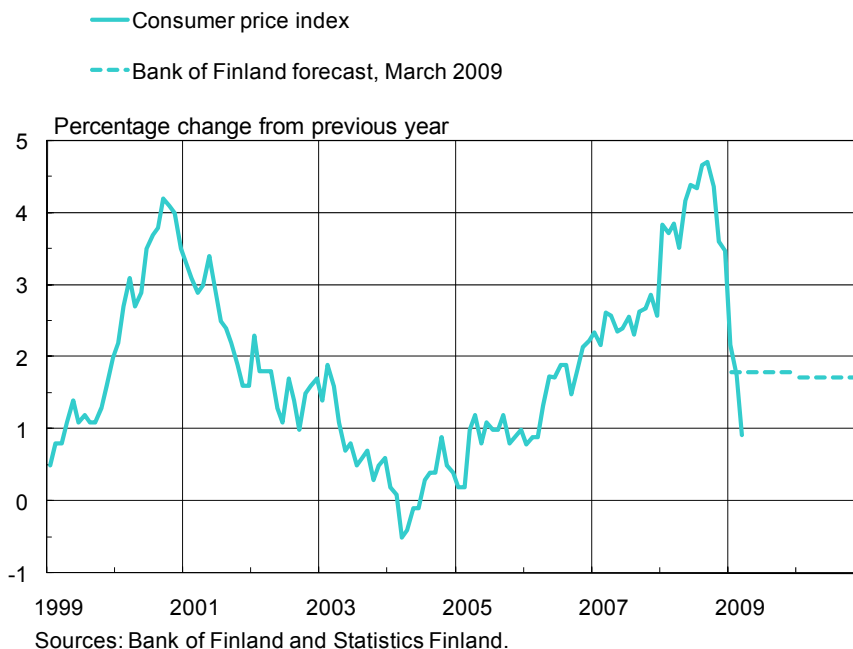


Chart 40.

**Harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)**

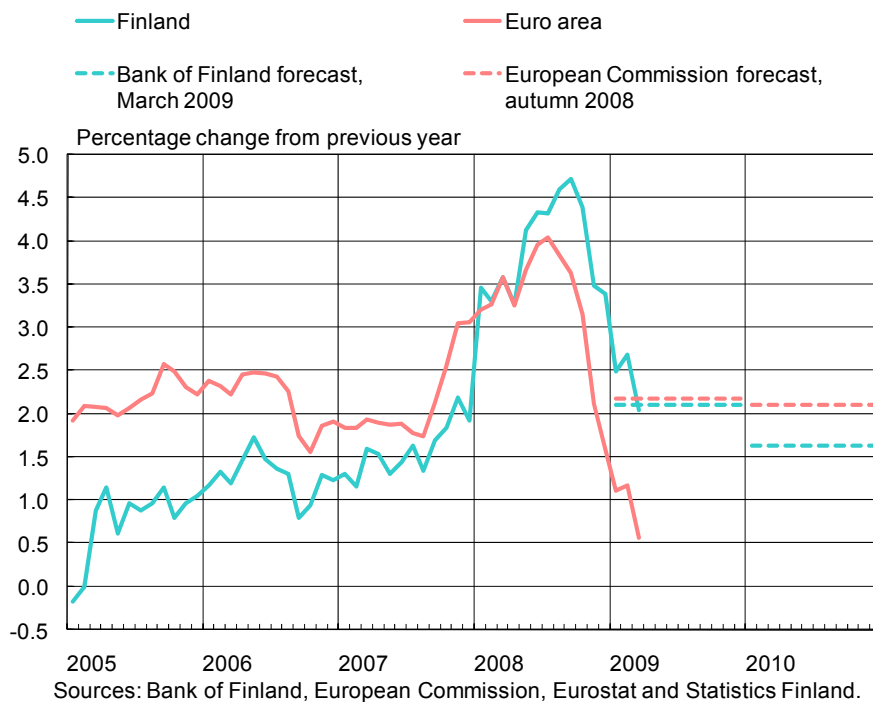


Chart 41.

### Inflation rates in the euro area (HICP)

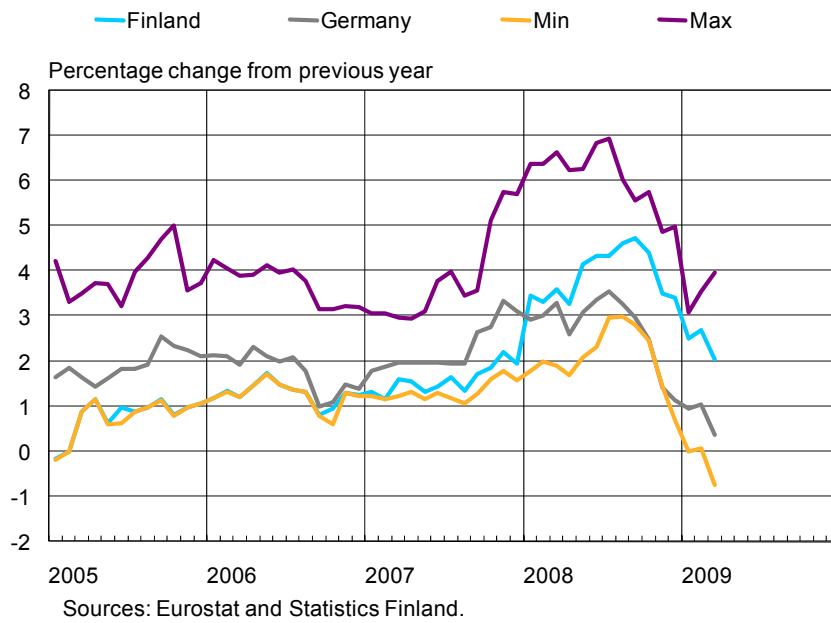


Chart 42.

### Producer prices

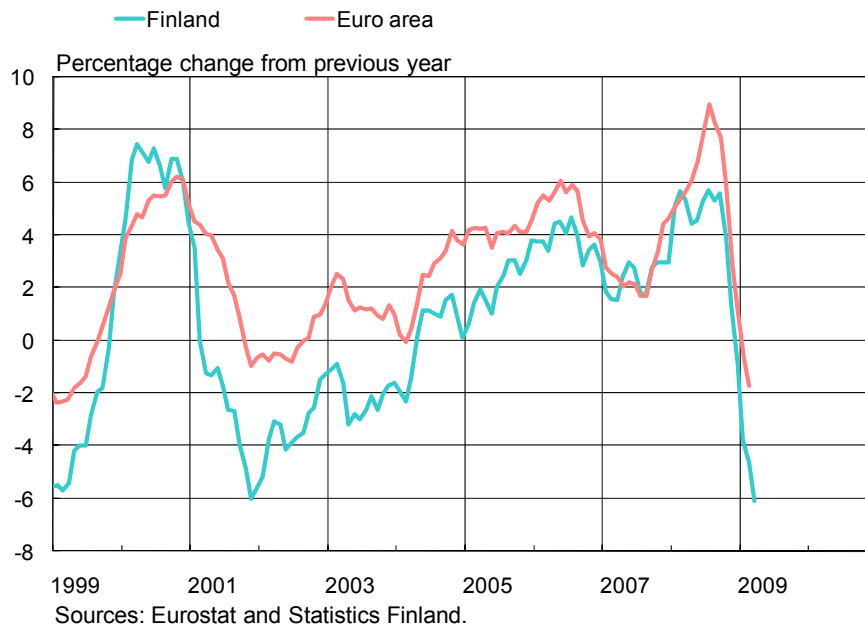
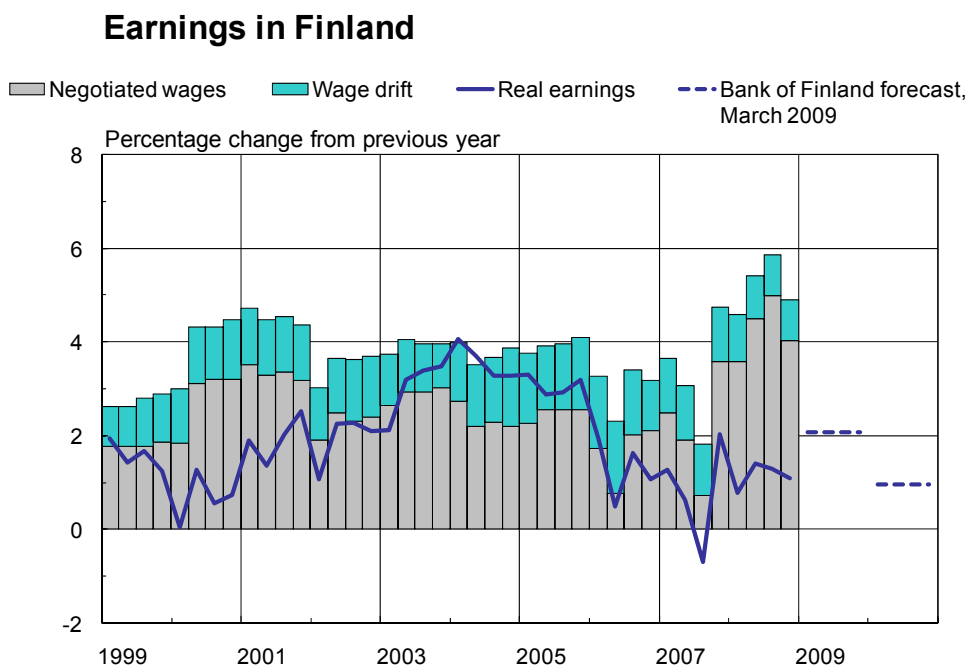


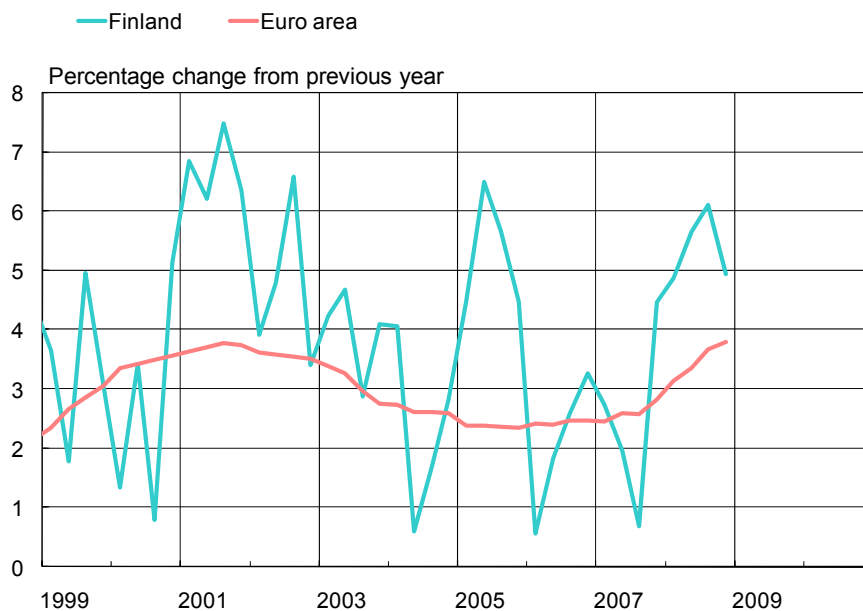
Chart 43.



Source: Statistics Finland.

Chart 44.

### Hourly labour costs



Sources: Eurostat.

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

Chart 45.

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

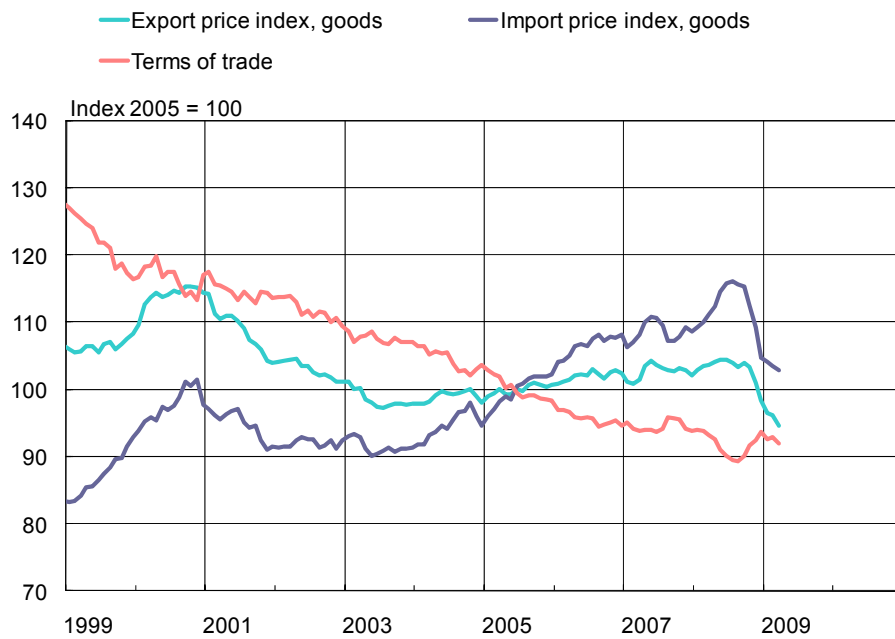


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### Dwelling prices in Finland

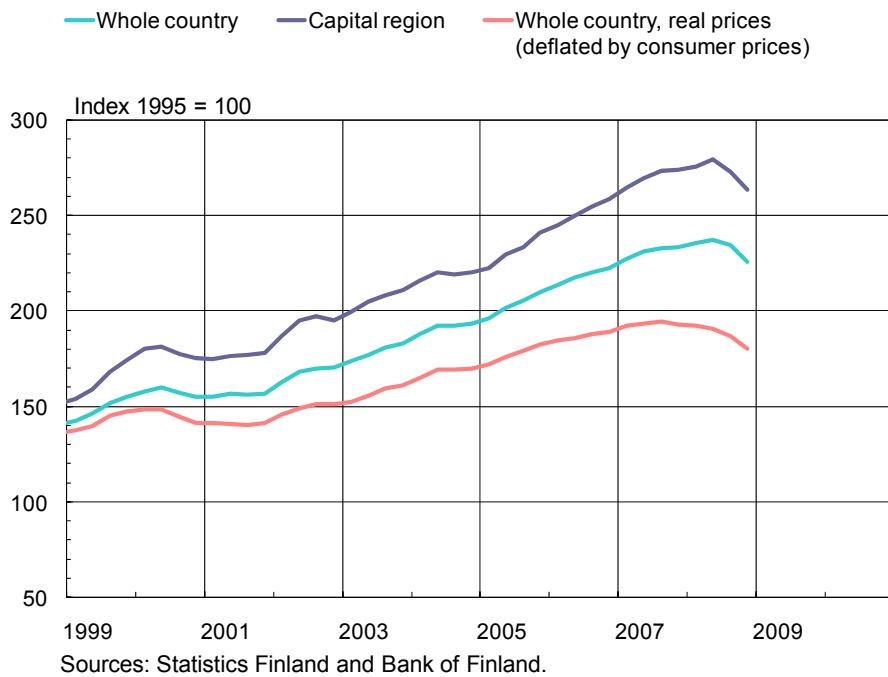


Table 2.

**Cost and price indicators***Percentage change from previous year*

	2008	2009	2008/2009 Actual	2009*	2010*
<b>Labour costs</b>					
Index of wages and salaries	3.3	5.2	4.9 Q4 5.2 Q1-Q4	4.7	3.7
Unit labour costs					
- whole economy	1.2	6.0	7.9 Q4 6.0 Q1-Q4	6.7	1.0
<b>Price indices</b>					
Export prices (goods)					
- export price index	2.4	1.1	-8.8 M3 -7.3 M1-M3		
- export price deflator	-0.1	0.5	-0.9 Q4 0.5 Q1-Q4		
Import prices (goods)					
- import price index	2.4	3.5	-7.5 M3 -6.1 M1-M3		
- import price deflator	1.7	4.2	2.9 Q4 4.2 Q1-Q4		
Producer prices					
	3.0	3.7	-6.1 M3 -4.8 M1-M3		
Wholesale prices					
	3.5	4.6	-5.5 M3 -4.3 M1-M3		
Consumer prices					
- consumer price index	2.5	4.1	0.9 M3 1.6 M1-M3	0.5	1.1
- harmonized index of consumer prices	1.6	3.9	2.0 M3 2.4 M1-M3	1.2	1.1
<b>Asset prices</b>					
Stumpage prices					
	5.9	0.9	-14.0 M2 -14.3 M1-M2		
Dwelling prices, whole country					
	24.4	-24.0	-3.4 Q4 0.9 Q1-Q4		
Share prices					
	23.4	-12.3	-54.0 M3 -52.6 M1-M3		

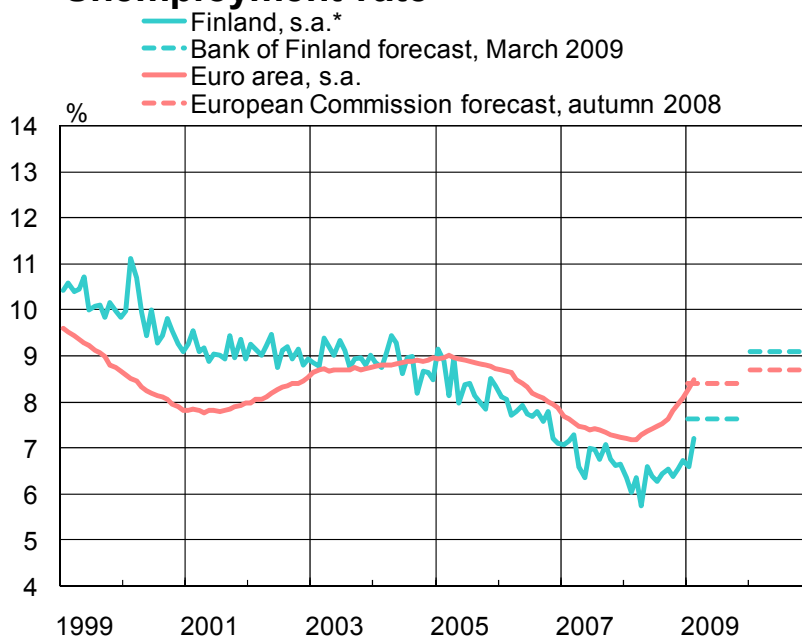
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\* Bank of Finland forecast, March 2009

## Labour market

Chart 47.

### Unemployment rate



Statistics Finland, Bank of Finland, Eurostat and European Commission.  
\* Seasonally adjusted by the Bank of Finland.

Chart 48.

### Employment in Finland

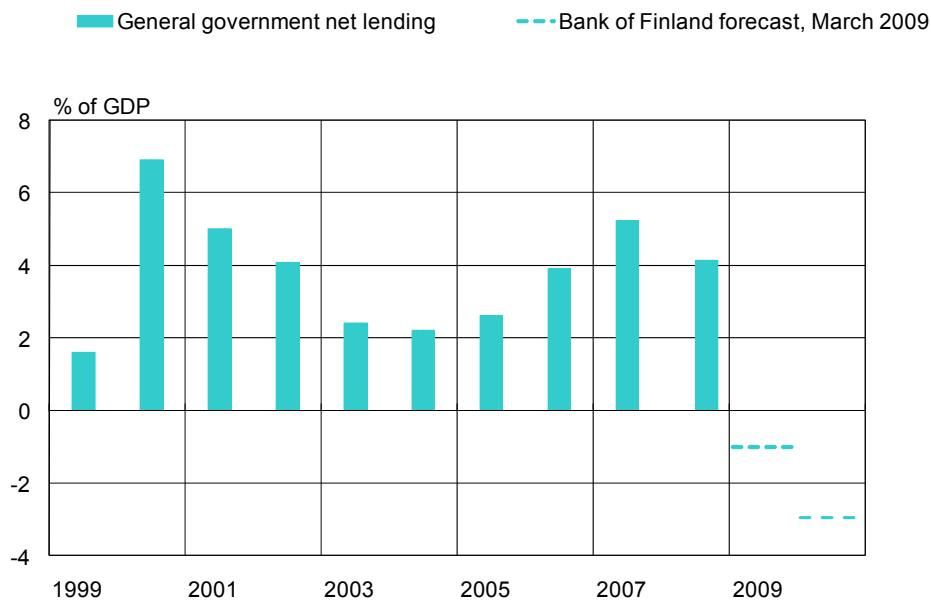


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## Public finances

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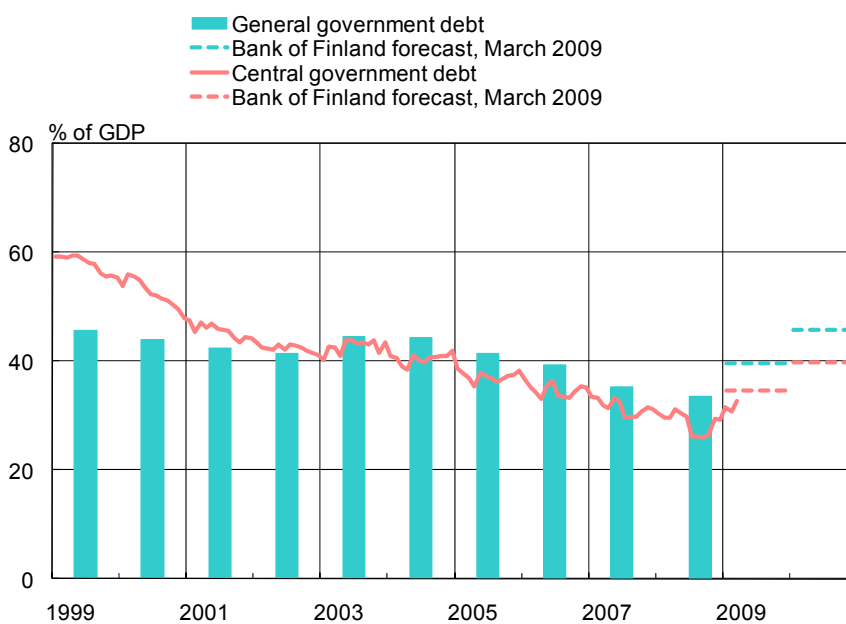
### Public sector balances in Finland



Sources: Statistics Finland and Bank of Finland.

Chart 50.

### Public sector debt in Finland



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

## External balance

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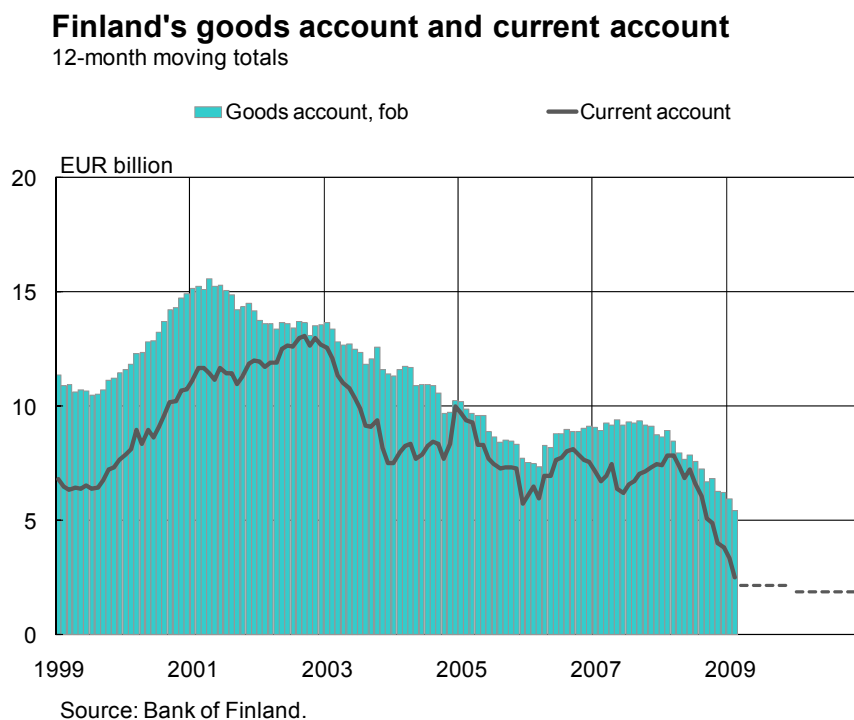


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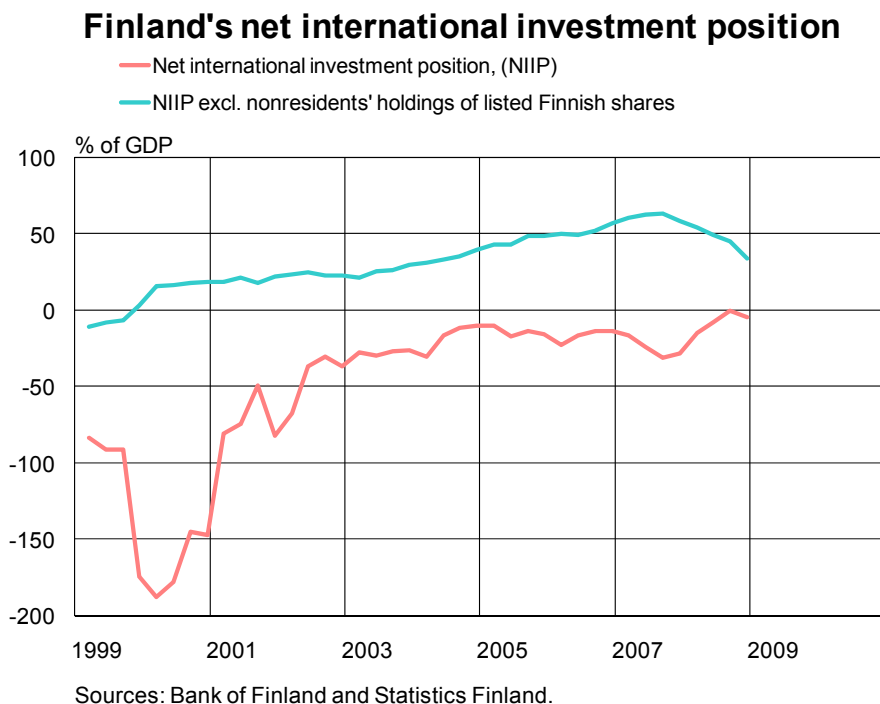




Table 3.

## Finland's balance of payments, EUR billion

	2007	2008	2009	2009	2009*	2010*
			January–February	February		
<b>Current account</b>	7.5	3.8	0.1	0.2	2.2	1.9
Goods account	8.7	6.2	0.2	0.2		
Exports, fob	65.8	65.6	6.9	3.6		
Imports, fob	57.0	59.4	6.7	3.4		
Services	0.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.1		
Credit	17.0	16.7	2.1	1.1		
Debit	16.3	15.9	2.3	1.1		
Income and current transfers	-2.0	-3.2	0.0	0.1	-1.3	-1.2
<b>Capital account</b>	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0		
<b>Financial account</b>	-0.1	7.8	5.4	2.2		
Direct investment	3.4	-4.0	0.2	-1.0		
Abroad	5.6	1.1	0.9	1.8		
In Finland	9.0	-2.9	1.1	0.8		
Portfolio investment	-3.8	4.9	4.4	0.9		
Assets	12.0	-2.0	0.5	-1.2		
Liabilities	8.2	2.9	4.9	-0.2		
Other investment	1.1	5.5	-0.9	1.1		
Assets	7.7	6.1	3.1	-10.7		
Liabilities	8.8	11.6	2.2	-9.6		
Financial derivatives	-0.6	1.6	1.8	1.2		
<b>Reserve assets (increase -)</b>	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1		
Errors and omissions	-7.5	-11.8	-5.6	-2.4		
	31 December 2007	31 December 2008		28 February 2009		
Net international investment position	-50.1	-8.0		-1.9		
excluding equity items	7.8	-9.7		-17.6		

\*Bank of Finland forecast, March 2009