Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland May 2009

Overview of economic indicators

			Ch	ange (%)	Contributio	12-mo. ch.	
	Latest	Latest	on prev.	over 6	over 12	to 12-mo	. 1 year
I Inflation and inflation expectations ⁷	period	value	month	months ²	months	inflation (%) ago (%)
Consumer price index	May '09	339.8	1.1	7.4	11.6		12.3
Core index 1 (CPI excl. agricultural products and petrol)	May '09	191.6	1.0	8.1	12.2	10.8	10.8
Core index 2 (core index 1 excl. public services)	May '09	194.6	1.1	8.6	12.9	10.5	11.3
Domestic goods excl. agricultural products	May '09	171.0	0.8	9.3	16.2	1.2	10.7
Agricultural products	May '09	159.4	-0.7	1.1	9.8	0.6	14.6
Imported goods excl. alcohol and tobacco	May '09	162.5	2.3	17.0	20.5	7.1	15.2
- food and beverages	May '09	195.8	4.1	18.7	37.5	1.3	20.8
- cars and spare parts	May '09	179.6	3.7	19.7	16.6	0.8	18.6
- petrol	May '09	216.8	4.9	2.9	0.5	0.0	36.8
- imported goods excl. food and beverages	May '09	137.4	1.1	20.3	26.3	5.8	7.0
Housing	May '09	300.7	0.3	-7.7	-0.1	0.0	15.1
Public services	May '09	164.8	0.0	2.3	4.2	0.3	4.7
Private services	May '09	190.1	1.3	10.3	11.2	2.3	8.1
Groceries (perishables)	May '09	172.3	1.2	9.3	20.2	3.5	14.8
Weighted import exchange rate index (Dec. 31, 1994=100)	April 30 '09	188.3	4.7	14.5	51.1		27.8
	Latest period	Expected 12 moi	from prev.	month ii	cted 12 nflation rear ago	Expected inflation in 24 months in	Assessment of inflation past 12 m.
Businesses' inflation expectations	March '09	0.0			5.0	4.0	
Household inflation expectations	March '09	17.0	3.0		7.0	7.0	23.0
1. Index base periods: Consumer price index: May 1988=100; other price indices: M	Narch 1997=100. 2	. Annualise	d inflation.				

			Value	% change ¹ on		Year	Year-to-date ¹	
	Latest	Latest	1 year	previous	previous		Change on	
II Output and demand	period	value	ago	period	year	Value	prev. year (%)	
GDP (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	399.3	334.7	-1.8	-1.5	1,465.1	0.3	
National expenditure (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	367.1	368.6	-13.4	-18.8	1,507.6	-9.3	
Private consumption (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	185.5	202.2	-11.6	-23.8	793.8	-7.7	
Public consumption (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	96.4	80.7	2.3	3.6	360.0	2.8	
Gross fixed investment (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	90.9	85.7	-18.5	-24.8	350.4	-21.8	
Exports of goods and services (b. kr.)	Q4/2008	194.8	128.2	-7.0	-9.2	655.1	7.1	
Imports of goods and services (b. kr.)	Q4/2008	-162.6	-162.1	-36.5	-47.1	-697.6	-18.0	
Domestic turnover according to VAT returns (b. kr.) ¹	JanFeb. '09	226.0	246.8	-3.3	-22.4	226.0	-22.4	
Turnover in grocery stores (b.kr.)	April '09	132.1	130.7	9.0	1.1	120.2	-9.2	
Credit and debit card turnover (b.kr.)1	April '09	52.8	60.5	4.4	-26.1	205.8	-27.9	
Turnover of publicly listed companies on OMXI (b.kr.)	Q4/2008	331.0	198.1		67.1	331.0	67.1	
Cement sales (thous. tons)	April '09	7.2	25.2	-0.9	-71.6	28.3	-65.4	
Automobile registrations (number)	April '09	113	977	0.0	-88.4	598	-89.8	

Note: Change between periods is presented in real terms. 1. Change in seasonally adjusted values.

			Value	% change on		Year-to-date	
	Latest	Latest	1 year	previous	previous		Change on
III Foreign trade and external economic conditions	period	value	ago	period	year	Value	prev. year (%)
Price of marine products in foreign currency (Jan.1999=100)	March '09	107.3	120.0	-2.5	-10.6	110.8	-7.7
Price of aluminium, LME cash price USD/t	May '09	1,407	2,902	-1.0	-51.5	1,385	-50.8
Price of crude oil (Brent) USD/b	May '09	60.9	124.0	21.6	-50.9	49.1	-53.1
Demersals (1,000 tonnes)	April '09	43.3	51.9	-37.0	-16.6	224.8	27.0
Pelagics (1,000 tonnes)	April '09	53.5	74.7	35.4	-28.4	150.4	-45.6
Merchandise exports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	March '09	34.7	31.2	9.5	-16.9	99.2	-12.5
- marine products (b.kr.) ¹	March '09	15.2	12.6	5.6	-10.4	42.6	-13.2
- aluminium (b.kr.) ¹	March '09	10.6	13.8	-4.3	-42.9	33.3	-19.4
- other industrial products (b.kr.) ¹	March '09	6.6	3.5	67.3	41.3	16.1	-5.3
Merchandise imports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	March '09	26.4	35.8	-1.7	-45.1	85.9	-44.2
Merchandise trade balance (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.)	March '09	8.4	-4.6		·	13.3	
Services exports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2008	49.6	32.3	-35.6	-16.7	183.0	-7.3
Services imports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2008	54.0	50.1	-32.5	-41.5	212.4	-18.3
Real effective exchange rate (relative CPI) (2000=100)	Q1/2009	68.6	98.9	0.4	-30.7	68.6	-30.7

Note: In the case of volumes and values, 'year-to-date' refers to cumulated figures, but in the case of prices or indices it refers to the average price or index. 1. Changes are calculated at constant exchange rates.

			Value	Change ¹ from		Year-to-date ²	
IV Labour market and wages	Latest period	Latest value	1 year ago	previous period	previous year	Average	Change on prev. year (%)
Number of unemployed listed at employment agencies	April '09	14,814	1,717	268	13,097	13,273	708.5
Registered unemployment, s.a. (% of total est. labour force)	April '09	8.5	0.9	0.9	7.6	7.1	6.2
Unemployment rate, labour force survey	Q1/2009	7.1	2.3	3.1	4.8	7.1	4.8
Listed vacancies at employment agencies	April '09	687	418	10.8	64.4	507	69.1
Work permits issued, total	April '09	67	195	-30	-65.6	372	-55.4
New permits for new jobs and permit extensions	April '09	25	401	0	-93.8	130	-93.1
Wage index (December 1988=100)	April '09	355.4	340.5	-0.2	4.4	355.7	6.0
Real wages (wage index deflated by CPI)	April '09	132.1	141.6	-0.6	-6.7	132.5	-8.5

^{1.} Change from previous period refers to change in the number of unemployed and change in the rate of unemployment; otherwise, it refers to percentage change. 2. Average from beginning of year except for work permits where the cumulated number of permits is shown. Change on previous year refers to change in the average number of unemployed and change in the unemployment rate; it refers to percentage change.

			Value	% cha	% change on		Year-to-date	
	Latest	Latest	1 year	previous	previous		Change on	
V Public finances	period	value	ago	period	year	Value	prev. year (%)	
Treasury revenue balance (b.kr.)	March '09	-50.1	13.9			-1.1		
- as percentage of revenue	March '09	-115.1	29.1			-0.9		
Net borrowing requirement (b. kr.)	March '09	92.1	-11.6			-0.1		
- as percentage of revenue	March '09	211.5	-24.2			-0.1		
Treasury revenue (b. kr.)	March '09	43.5	48.0	4.7	-22.9	122.2	-18.6	
- excl. asset sales and irregular items (b. kr.)	March '09	43.5	48.0	4.7	-22.9	122.2	-18.6	
- from VAT (b. kr.)	March '09	9.5	11.8	-4.4	-31.6	28.1	-32.0	
- from payroll & personal income tax withheld (b. kr.)	March '09	11.0	11.3	-1.4	-17.1	32.2	-17.6	
- from imports (b. kr.)	March '09	2.9	4.6	-7.6	-45.7	8.8	-47.9	
Treasury expenditures (b. kr.)	March '09	93.7	34.1	1.4	134.8	123.2	12.5	
- excl. irregular items (b. kr.)	March '09	45.6	34.1	3.0	14.1	123.2	12.5	

Note: First four columns show 4-month moving averages of monthly values, last two show current year to date.

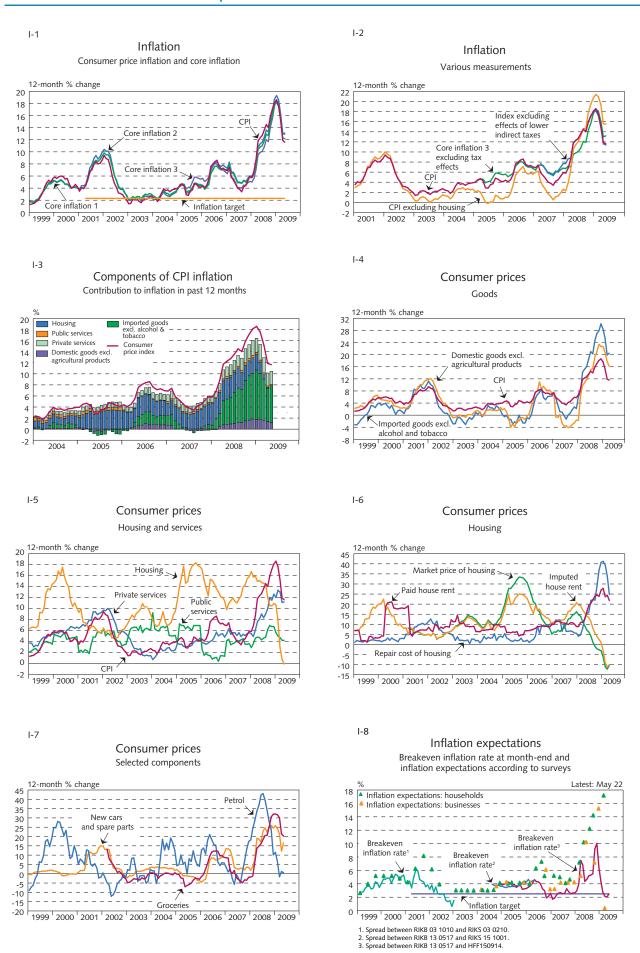
			Value	% change on		Yea	Year-to-date	
VI Asset markets	Latest period	Latest value	1 year ago	previous period	previous year	Aver- age ¹	Change on prev. year (%)	
OMXI-15 equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000) Equity turnover on OMXI, ² monthly total	April '09 April '09	219.7 1.8	5,258.4 140.0	-5.8 -59.5	-95.8 -98.7	274.1 15.2	-94.7 -97.6	
Residental housing prices, narrow index ³ (Jan. 1994=100) Real residental housing prices, broad index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	April '09 April '09	306.0 158.3	336.2 195.5	-2.3 -3.0	-9.0 -19.0	318.5 165.3	-7.2 -19.9	
Price of long-term cod quota (kr./kg.)	May '09	1,600	3,800	6.7	-57.9	1,700	-55.1	

^{1.} Except for turnover, which is cumulative to date. 2. OMXI = Iceland Stock Exchange (OMX Iceland). Prices are monthly averages. 3. In Greater Reykjavík.

			Value	% change on		Year-to-date	
	Latest	Latest	1 year	previous	previous	Aver-	Change on
VII Financial markets	period	value	ago	period	year	age p	orev. year (%)
Bank lending to domestic sector (b.kr.) ¹ adjusted for estimated indexation effects on inflation-	September '08	4,827.4	2,893.6	17.1	66.8		
and exchange rate-linked loans (index) ¹	September '08	580.3	478.0	5.8	27.5		
in real terms (January 2002=100)	September '08	422.9	335.4	1.4	26.1		
Credit system total lending (b.kr.)	September '08	7,705.1	5,208.1	14.9	47.9		
M3 (b.kr.)	September '08	1,230.3	786.2	7.4	56.5		
Central Bank policy interest rate (%)	May 22 '09	13.00	15.50	-2.5	-2.5	17.66	3.42
Money market yield, 3-mo. (%) ²	May 22 '09	10.8	15.8	-4.5	-5.1	17.7	3.2
Money market yield, 12-mo. (%) ²	May 22 '09	8.9	15.5	-3.7	-6.6	15.6	1.3
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 10 0317) (%) ²	May 22 '09	7.9	11.5	-0.8	-3.6	11.6	-0.5
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 13 0517) (%) ²	May 22 '09	7.7	10.8	-0.3	-3.1	9.9	-0.6
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150224) (%) ²	May 22 '09	4.8	4.5	-1.0	0.3	4.9	-0.5
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150234) (%) ²	May 22 '09	4.4	4.4	-0.5	-0.1	4.5	-0.3
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF150244) (%) ²	May 22 '09	4.2	4.3	-0.4	-0.1	4.3	-0.3
Average bank lending rate, non-indexed loans (%)2	May 22 '09	20.3	20.3	-1.9	0.0	22.8	3.1
Average bank lending rate, indexed loans (%) ²	May 22 '09	9.0	10.0	-0.5	-1.0	10.2	0.2
Exchange rate index of króna (Dec. 31, 1991=100) ²	May 22 '09	222.0	151.3	11.4	70.7	208.5	75.1

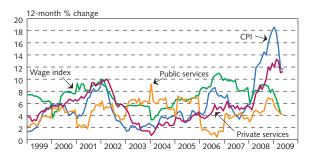
^{1.} For comparability, financial companies that were reclassified as deposit money banks or moved into that category through mergers are included retrospectively for the entire period. This adjustment is made only for percentage changes and not applied to the original stock figures. 2. All figures except for two last columns are based on 4-week averages.

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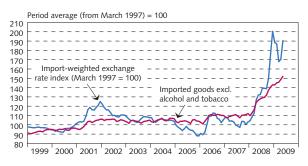


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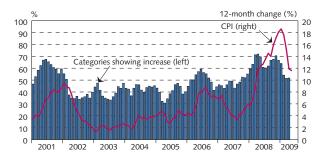
I-9 Wage and inflation development Wages, inflation and services



-11 Import-weighted exchange rate of the króna and prices of imported goods in the CPI

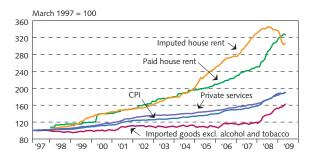


Distribution of price increases in CPI

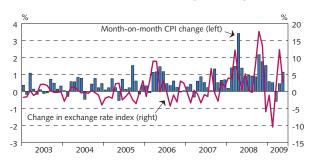


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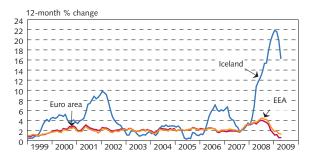
Consumer prices
Goods, housing and services



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Price and exchange rate development
Month-on-month CPI and exchange rate change



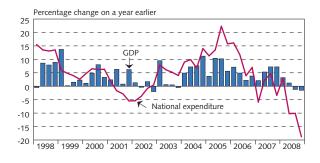
Inflation in Iceland and in Europe
HICP inflation for all countries



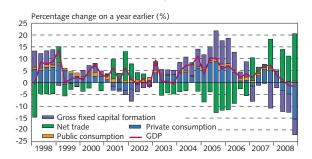
II Output and demand

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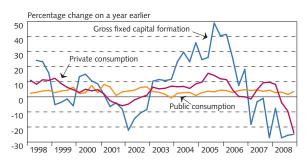
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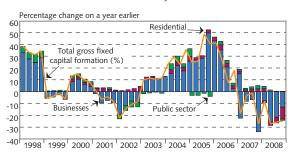
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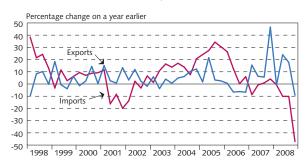
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Contribution to gross fixed capital formation Quarterly data



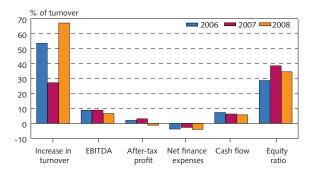
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Exports and imports of goods Quarterly data



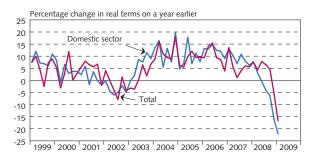
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OMXI-listed company turnover and profits 2006-2008



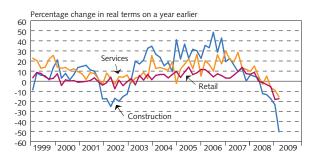
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Turnover based on VAT returns Seasonally adjusted



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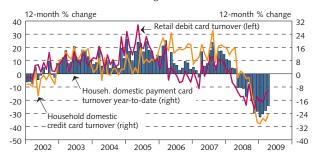
Turnover based on VAT returns Selected sectors



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Payment card turnover

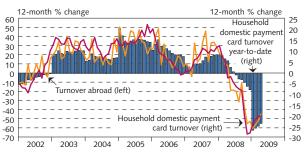
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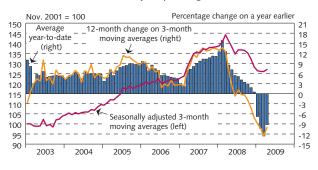
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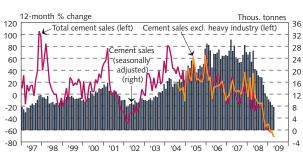
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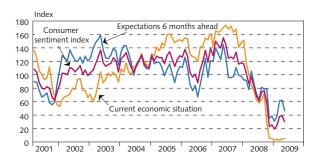




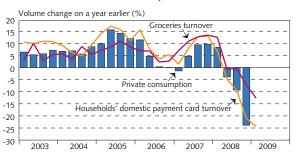
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Consumer sentiment (Gallup)

Index, current situation and expectations six months ahead

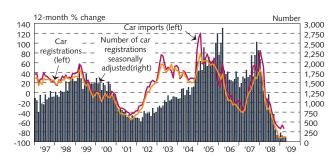


Private consumption, groceries and payment card turnover Quarterly data

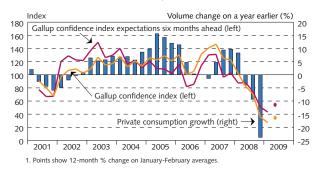


Car imports and registrations Monthly data, 3-month moving averages

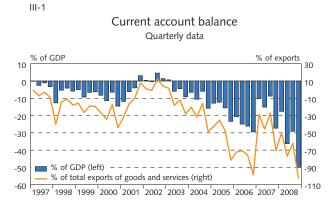
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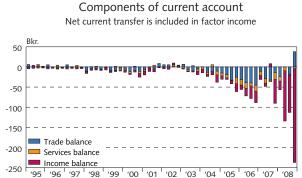


II-16 Private consumption and consumer confidence Quarterly data¹



III Foreign trade and external economic conditions



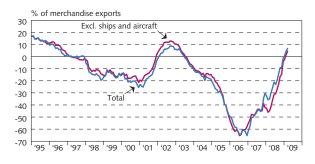


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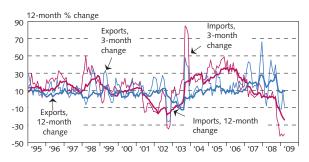
Merchandise trade balance 12-month moving averages



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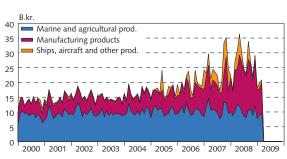
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12- and 3-month moving averages, at fixed exchange rates

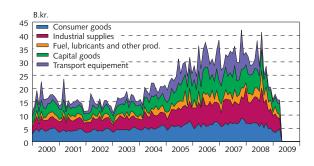


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Components of merchandise exports Export value at fixed prices



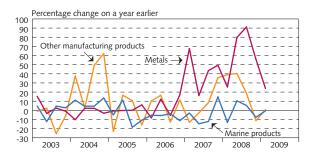
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Components of merchandise imports
Import value at fixed prices



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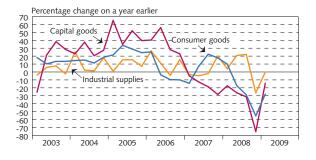
Volume changes on main export products

Quarterly data



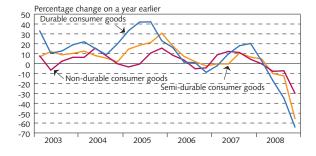
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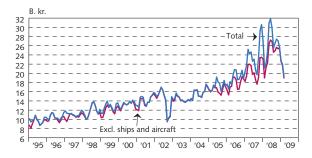
Volume changes on consumer goods Quarterly data



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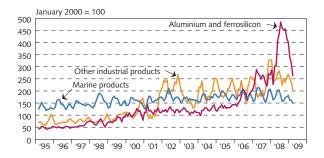
3-month moving averages, at fixed exchange rates



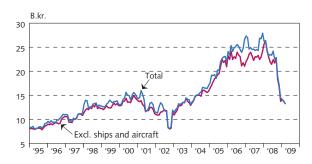
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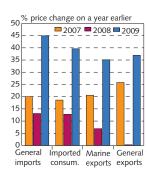
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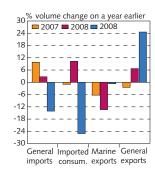


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Seasonally adjusted merchandise imports
3-month moving averages, at fixed prices and exchange rates



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Merchandise trade in January - March 2007-2009





Services account
Quarterly data at fixed exchange rate

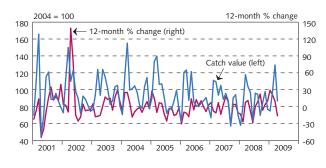
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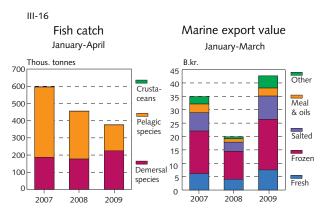


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Fish catch volume

At fixed price levels

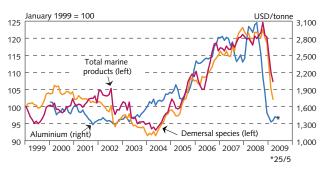




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Export prices

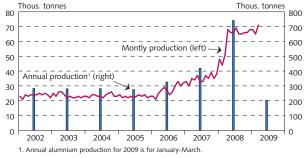
Currency-weighted for marine exports and in USD for aluminium



Aluminium production

Monthly data

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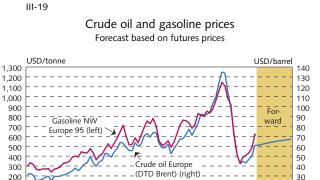
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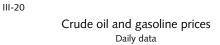
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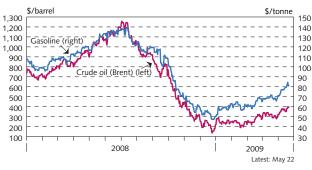
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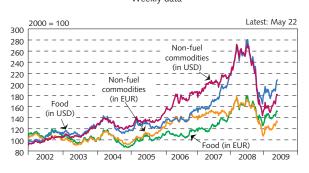
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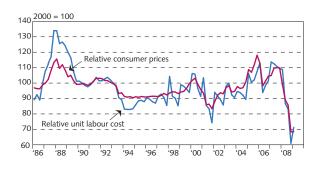
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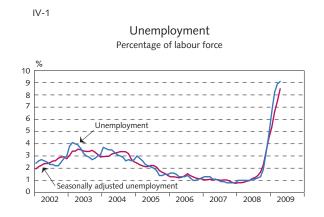
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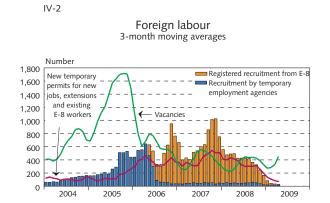


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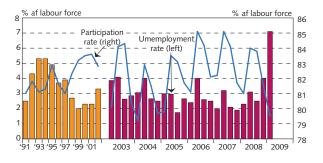




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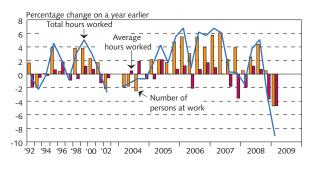
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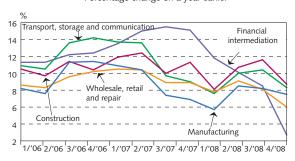
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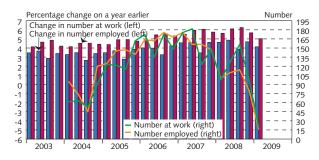
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Private sector wage index by sector Percentage change on a year earlier



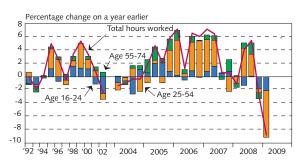
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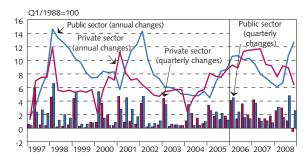
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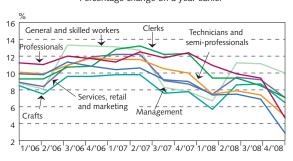
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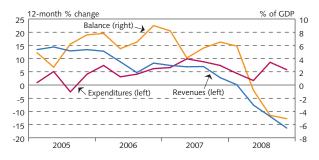
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Private sector wage index by occupational group Percentage change on a year earlier

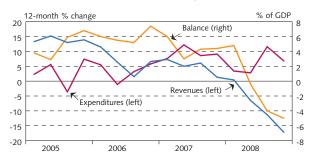


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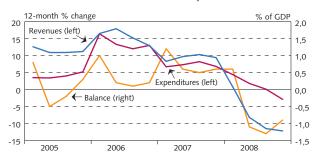
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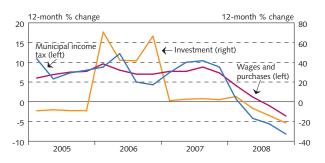
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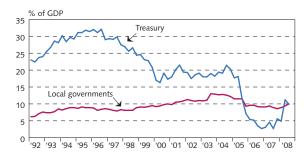
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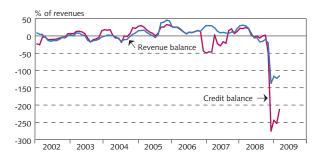
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Credit system



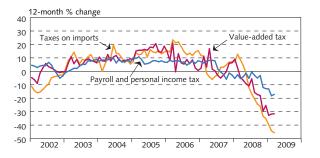
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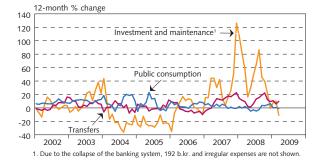


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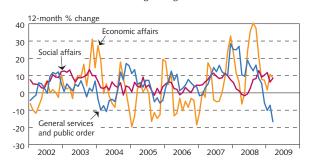
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Residential housing in Greater Reykjavík Monthly turnover and prices



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Residential housing prices in Greater Reykjavík Price per m², 3-month moving averages



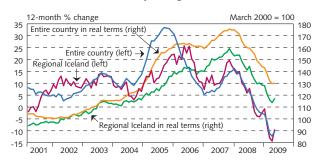
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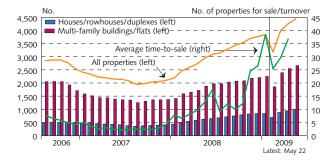
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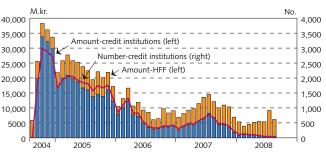
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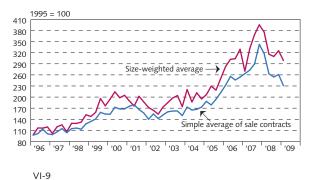
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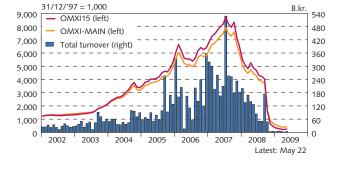


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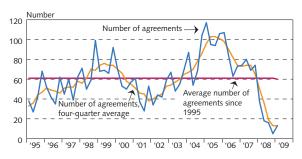


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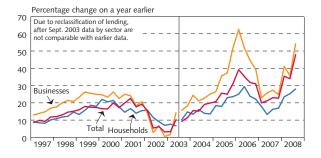
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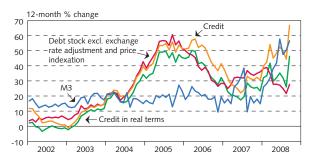
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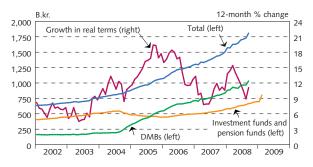
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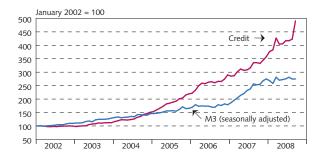
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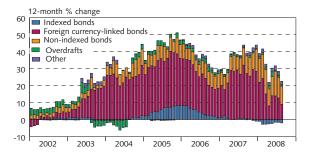
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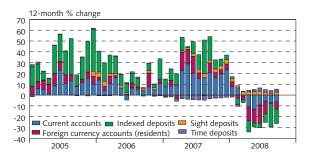
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DMB credit to companies Contribution to credit growth



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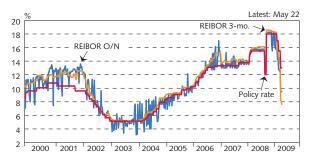
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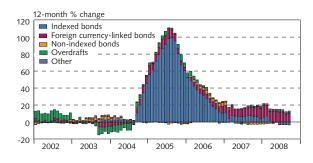


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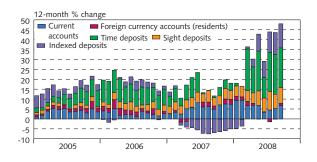
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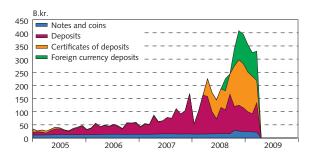
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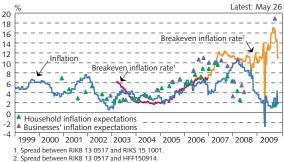
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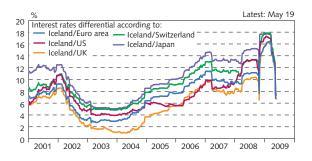
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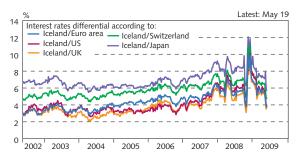
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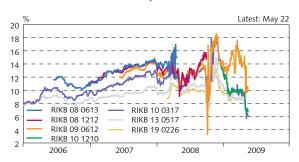
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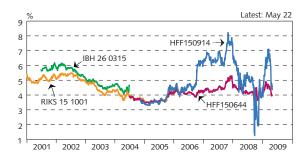
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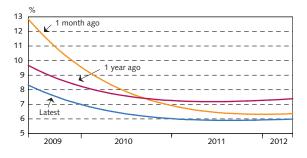
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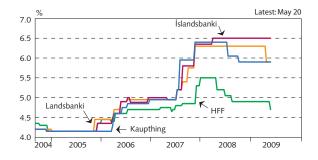
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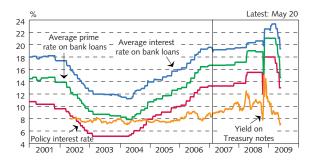
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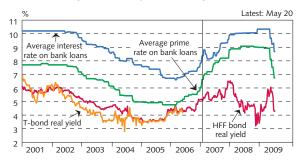
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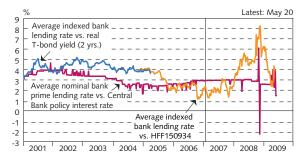


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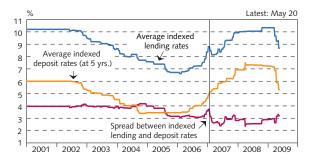
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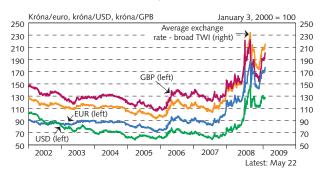
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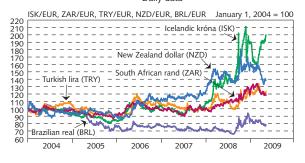
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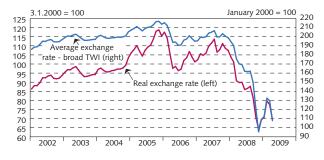
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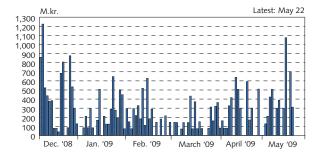
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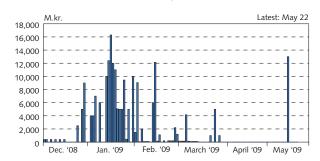
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