

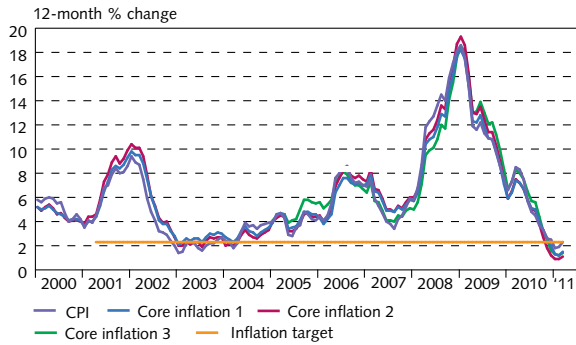
# Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland  
March 2011

# I Inflation and inflation expectations

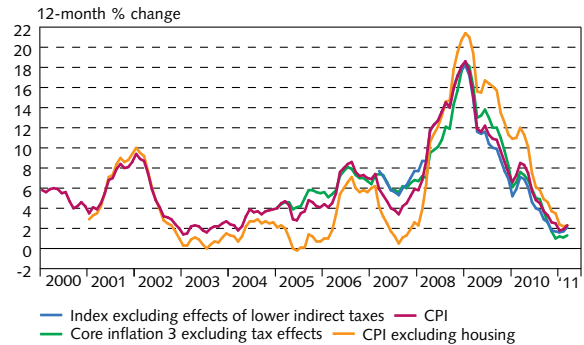
I-1 Consumer price inflation and core inflation



Overall index and measures of underlying inflation. Core Index 1 excludes prices of agricultural products and petrol, and Core Index 2 excludes prices of public services as well. Core Index 3 is Core Index 2 excluding the effects of changes in real interest rates on the housing component of the CPI.

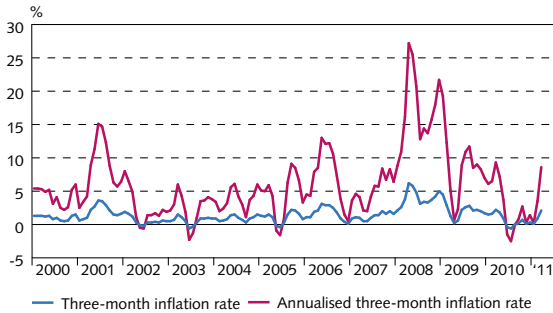
Monthly data.  
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

I-2 Inflation: various measurements



Monthly data.  
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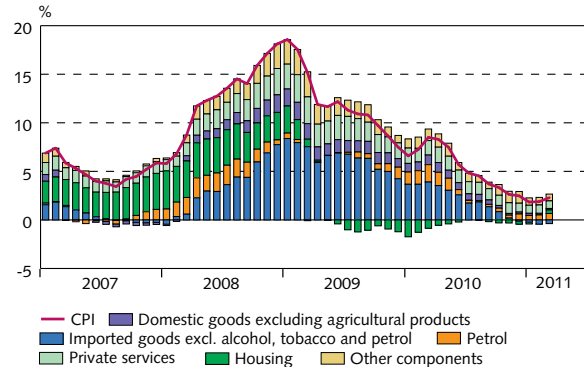
I-3 Seasonally adjusted inflation



This inflation measurement is very volatile but indicates how inflation pressures are developing. Monthly data.

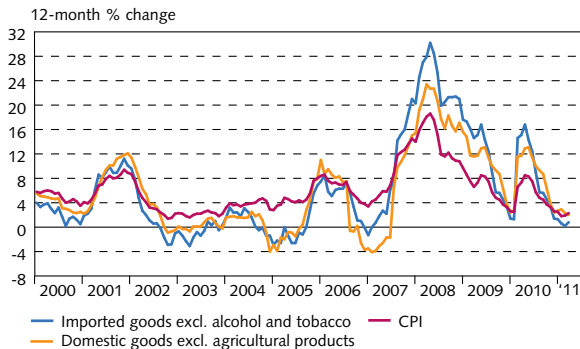
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I-4 Components of CPI inflation



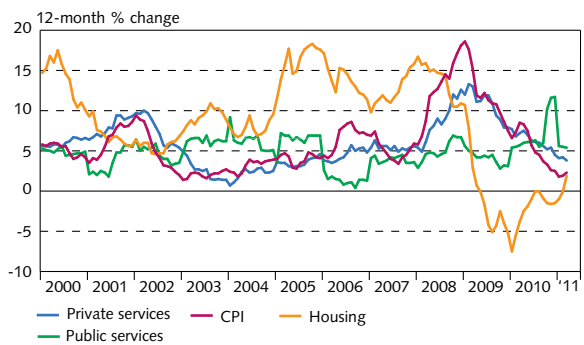
Contribution of individual items to 12-month inflation. Monthly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-5 Price developments: goods



Monthly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

I-6 Price developments: housing and services

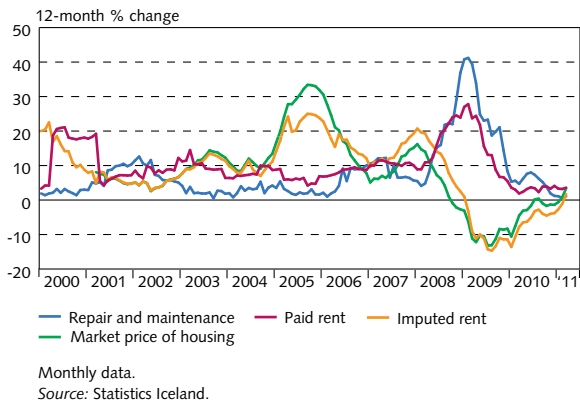


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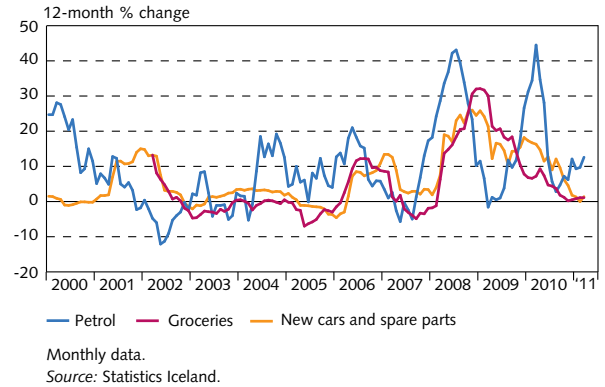
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Price developments: housing



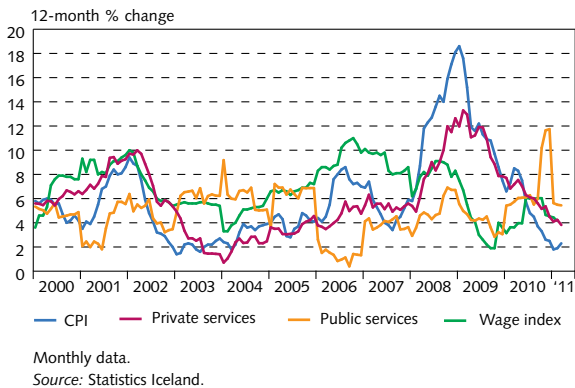
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Price developments: various components



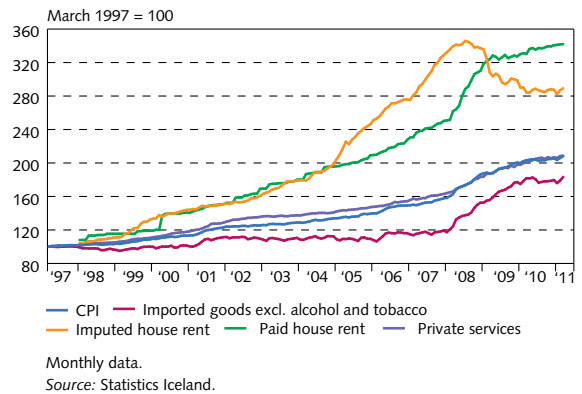
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Price and wage developments: wages, inflation and services



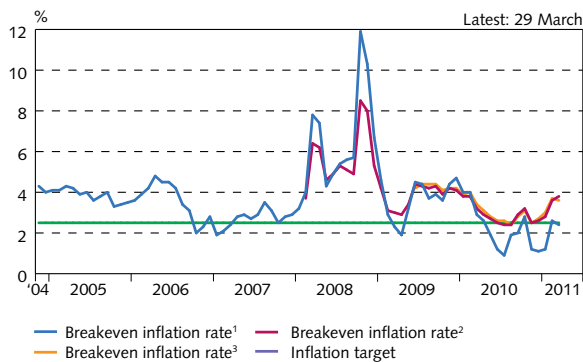
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Price developments: goods, housing and services



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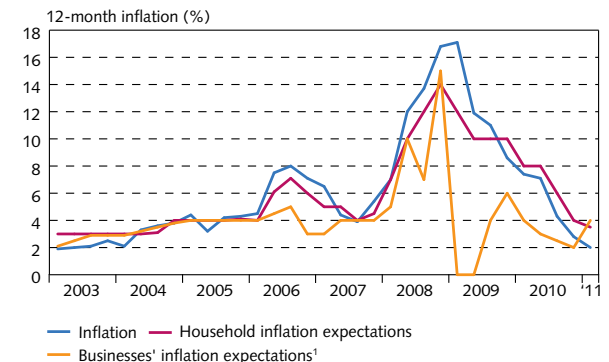
Breakeven inflation rate



Breakeven inflation rate at month-end, is calculated from 1) RIKB 13 0517 and HFF 150914; 2) RIKB 19 0226 and HFF 150224; and 3) RIKB 25 0612 and HFF 150434.  
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Inflation expectations of businesses and households one year ahead and current inflation

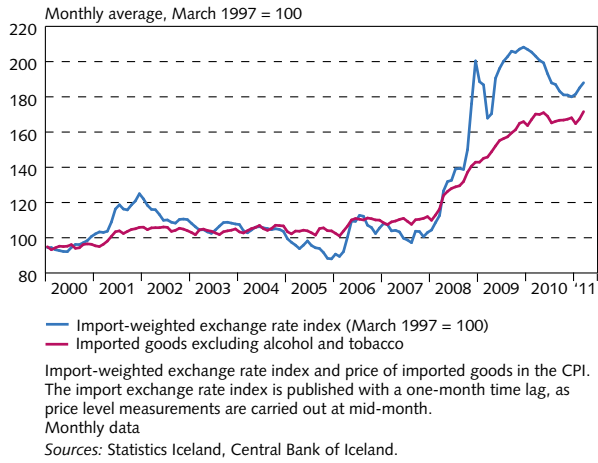


1. Inflation expectations according to surveys carried out by Capacent Gallup. Respondents are asked about inflation 12 months ahead and median figures are used. Businesses' inflation expectations were measured on an irregular basis before Q3/2006 until then, measurements are interpolated. Quarterly data.  
Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland.

## I Inflation and inflation expectations

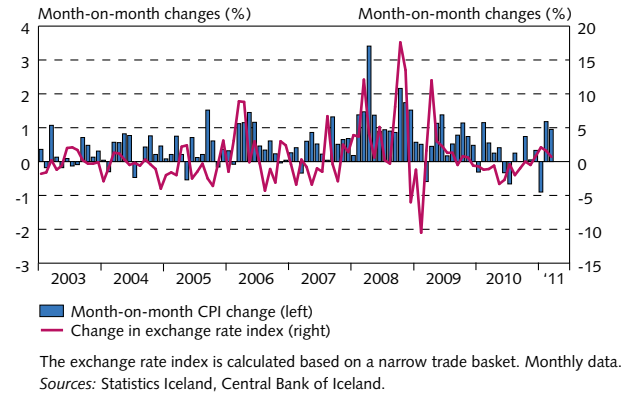
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Import price levels and exchange rate developments



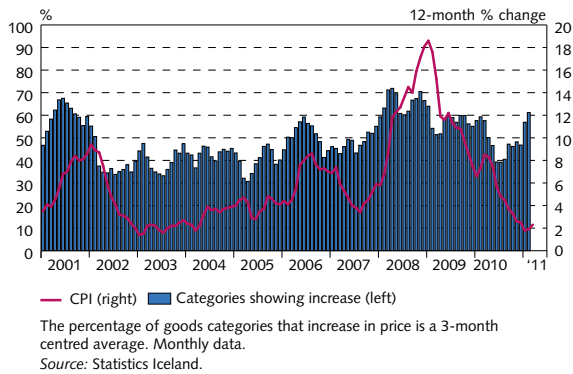
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Price level and exchange rate developments



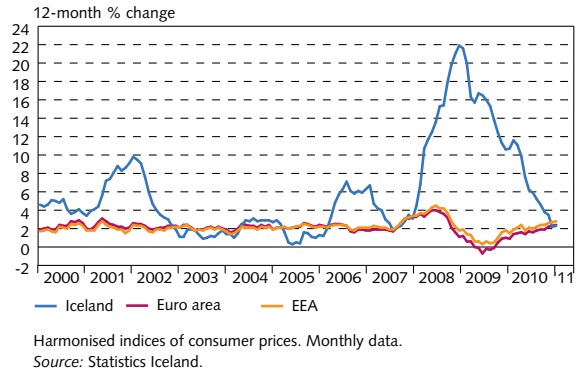
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Distribution of price increases in the CPI



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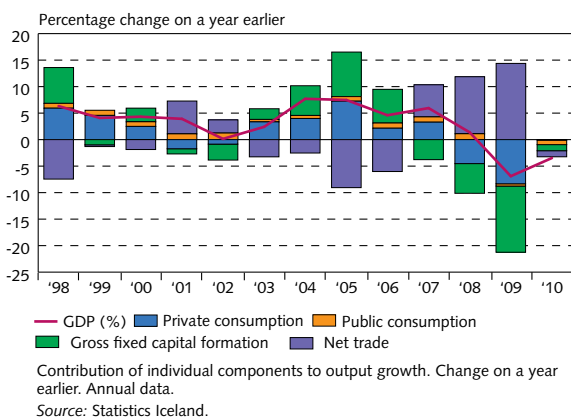
Inflation in Iceland and in Europe



## II Output and demand

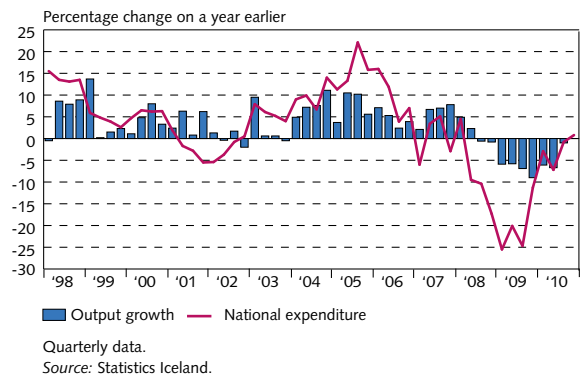
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Gross domestic product



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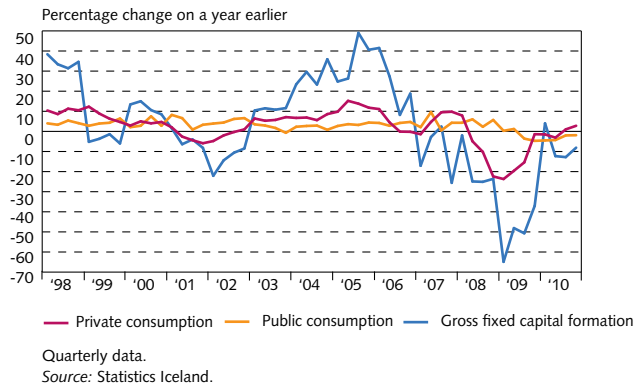
Output growth and national expenditure



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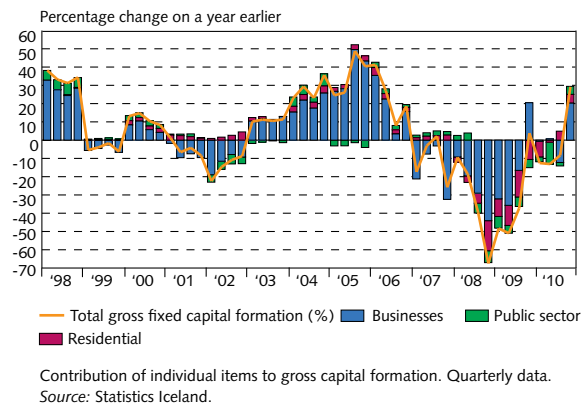
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### Private consumption, public consumption and gross fixed capital formation



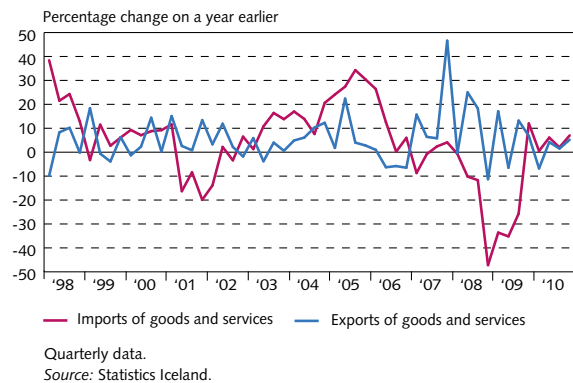
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### Gross fixed capital formation



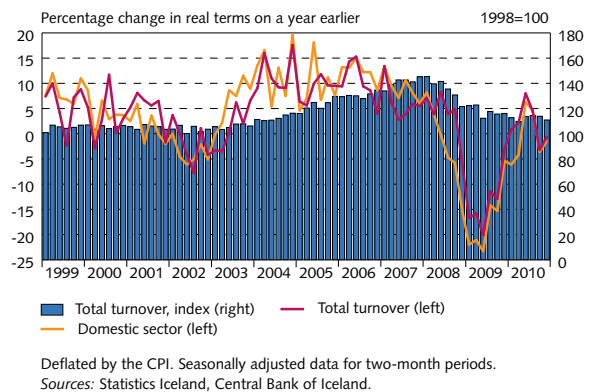
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### Foreign trade



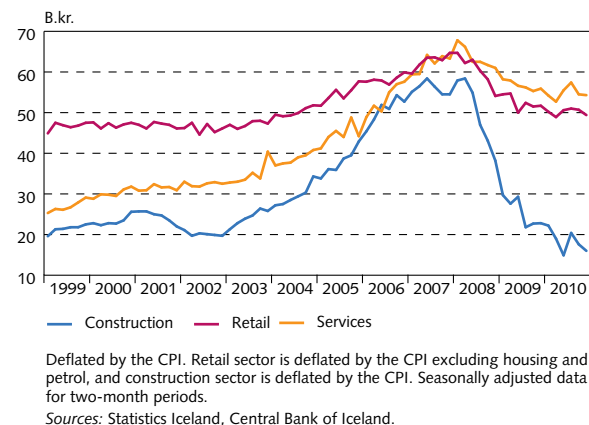
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### Turnover according to VAT returns



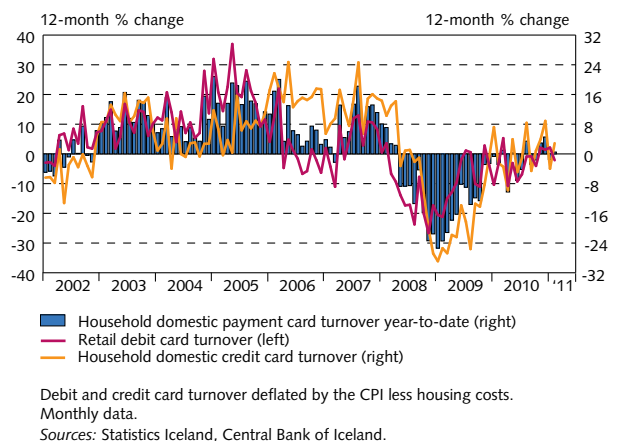
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### Turnover according to VAT returns: several components



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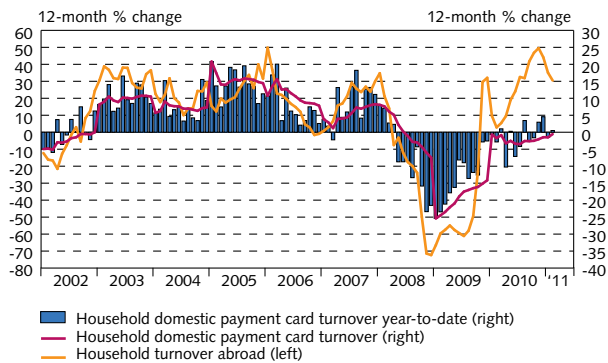
### Payment card turnover



## II Output and demand

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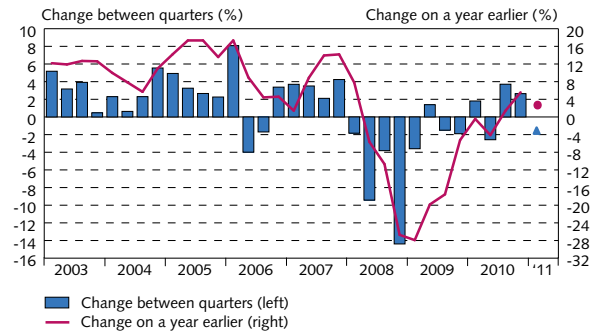
Payment card turnover



Debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Turnover abroad is deflated by the exchange rate index. Monthly data. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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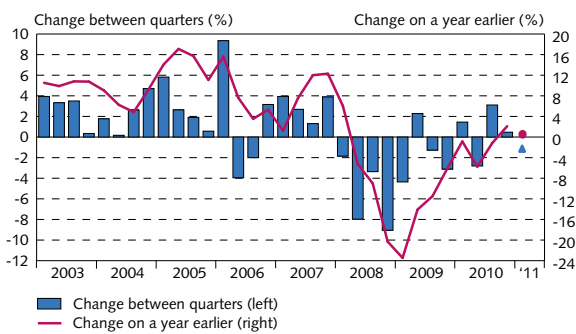
Total household payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q1 2011 are for January and February. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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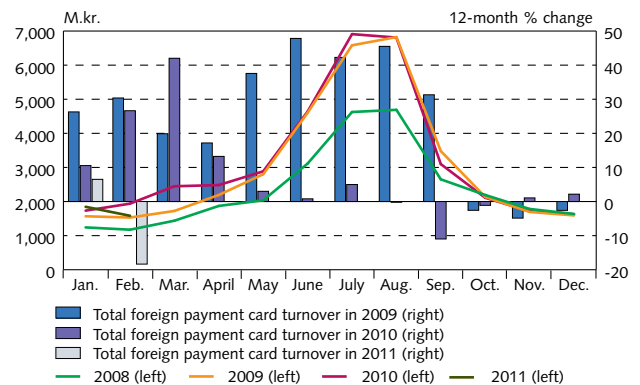
Household domestic payment card turnover



Seasonally adjusted domestic debit and credit card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Quarterly data. Data for Q1 2011 are for January and February. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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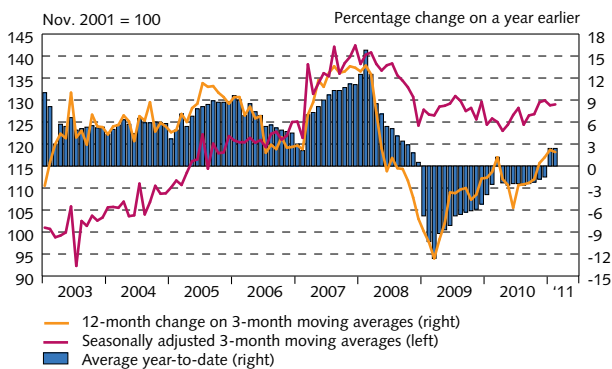
Foreign payment card turnover in Iceland



Foreign payment card turnover deflated by the CPI less housing costs. Monthly data. Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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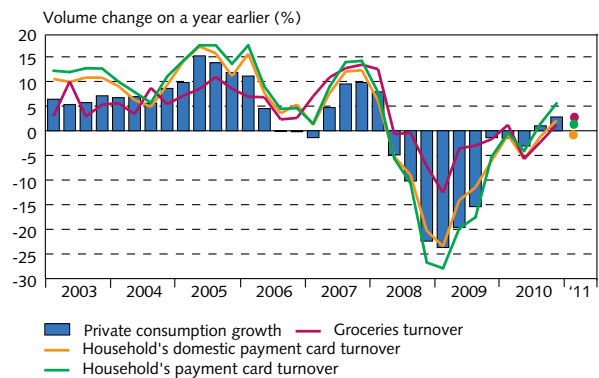
Groceries turnover



Deflated by price of groceries in CPI. Monthly data. Sources: Icelandic Centre for Retail Studies, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Private consumption, groceries and payment card turnover

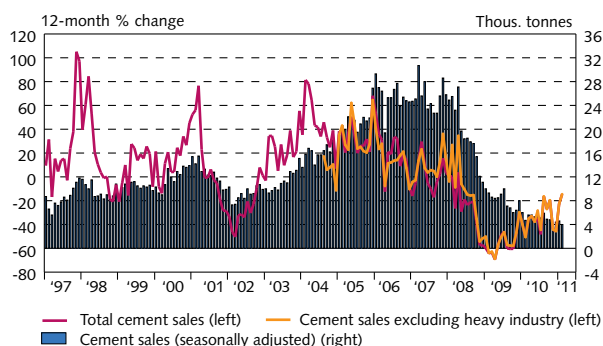


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Cement sales

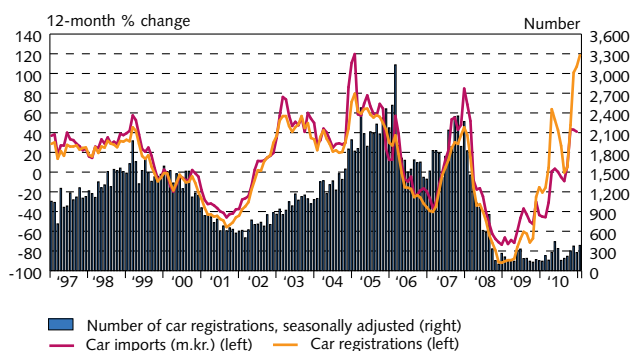


3-month moving average. Monthly data.

Sources: Aalborg Portland hf., BM Vallá, Semmentsverksmiðjan hf., Central Bank of Iceland.

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Importation and new registration of motor vehicles

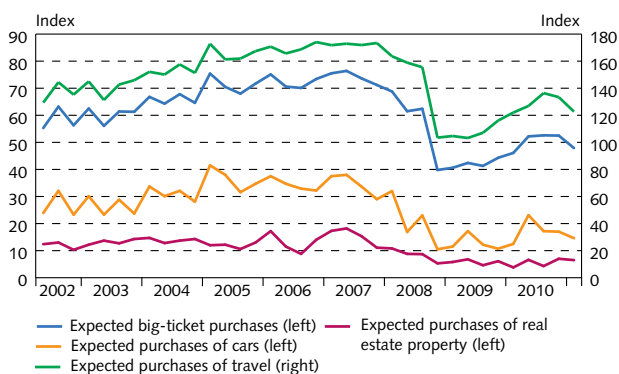


3-month moving average. New motor vehicle registrations include new and used vehicles in all categories (passenger cars, motor coaches, and delivery and transport vehicles). Car imports are in m.kr. Monthly data.

Sources: Bilgreinasambandið, Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Indices of expected big-ticket purchases

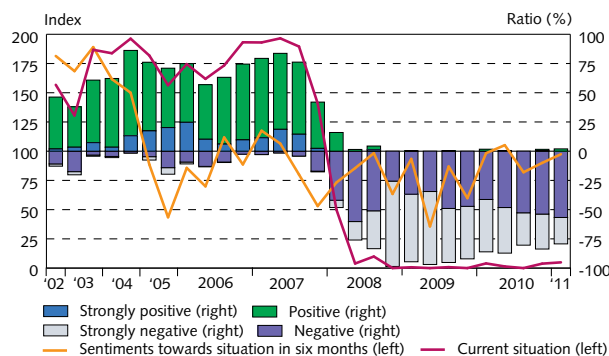


Indices of expected big-ticket purchases are based on Capacent Gallup consumer sentiment survey. The index for expected big-ticket purchases is an average of the other three indices. Quarterly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Capacent Gallup Business Sentiment Indices

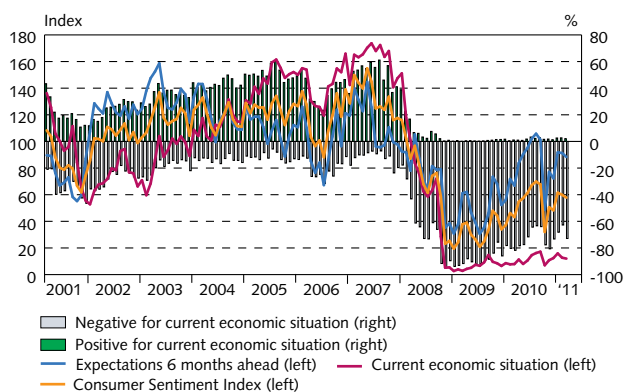


The Business sentiment indices are based upon Capacent Gallup's survey of the largest companies in Iceland. The columns show the sentiments towards the current situation in the economy.

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Consumer sentiment (Gallup)

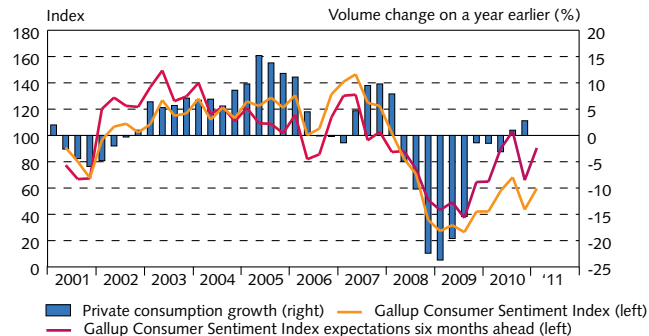


Monthly data.

Source: Capacent Gallup.

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Private consumption and Gallup Consumer Sentiment Index



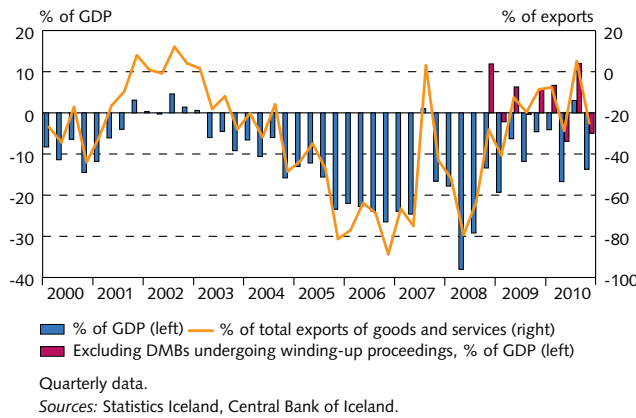
Quarterly data.

Sources: Capacent Gallup, Statistics Iceland.

### III Foreign trade and external economic conditions

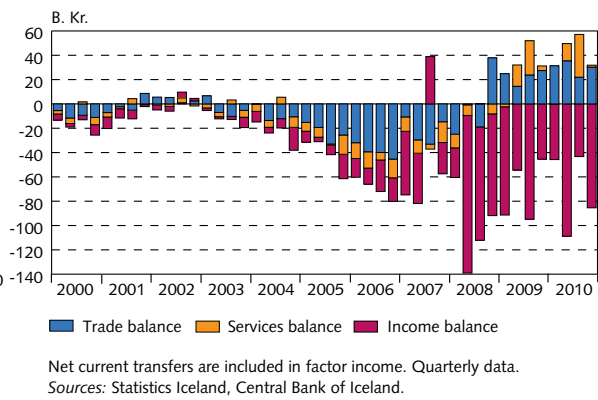
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Current account balance



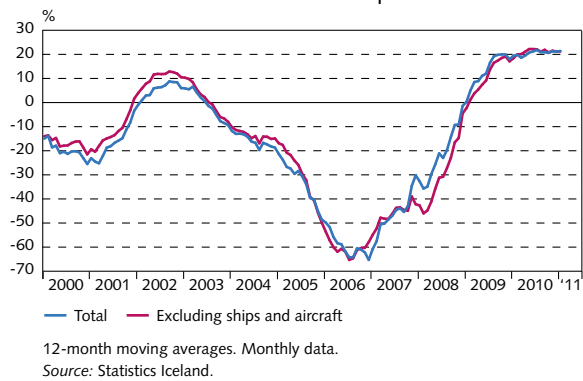
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Components of current account



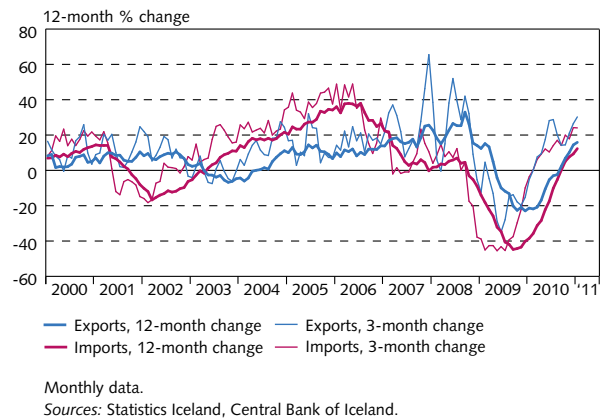
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Merchandise trade balance as percentage of merchandise exports



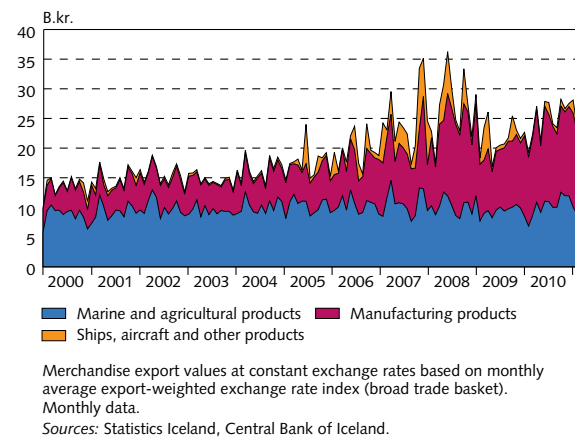
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Merchandise imports and exports at constant exchange rates



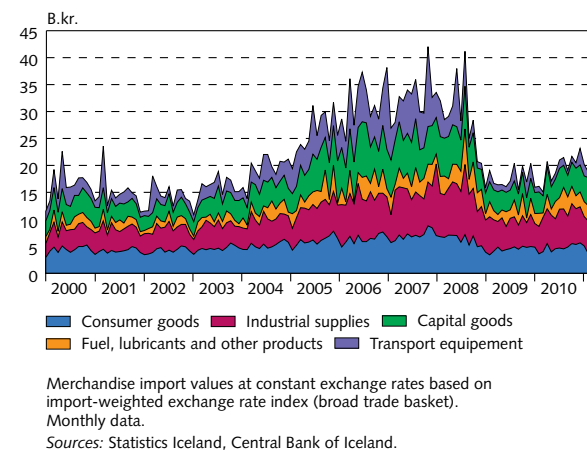
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Components of merchandise exports



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Components of merchandise imports

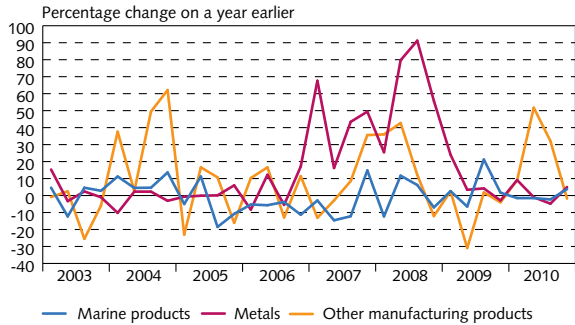




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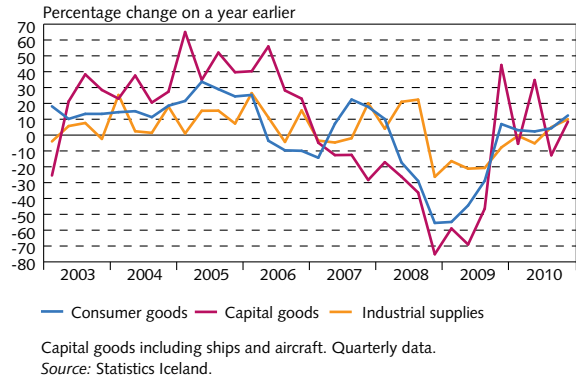
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Volume changes on main export products



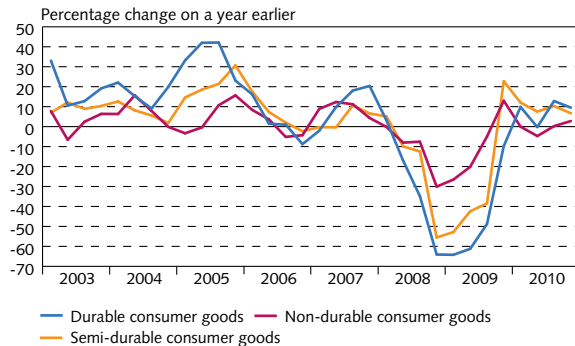
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Volume changes on main import products



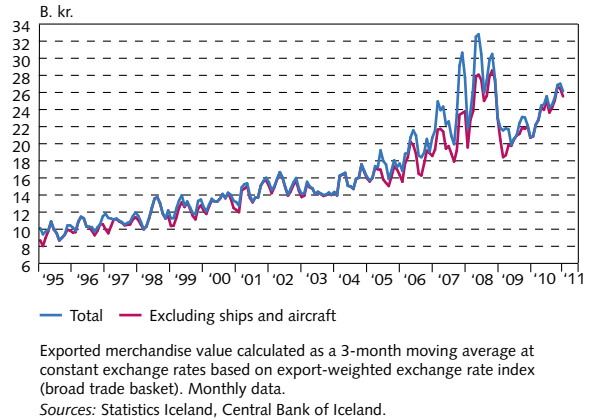
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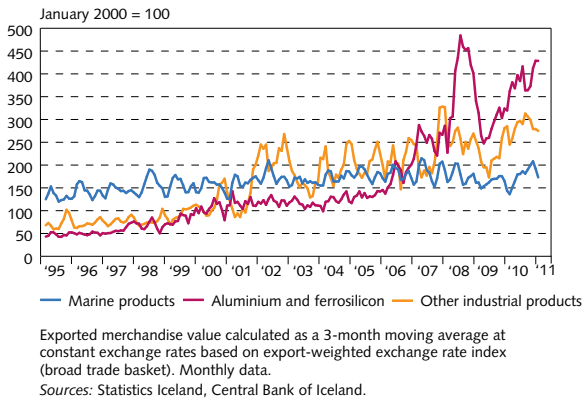
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Merchandise exports



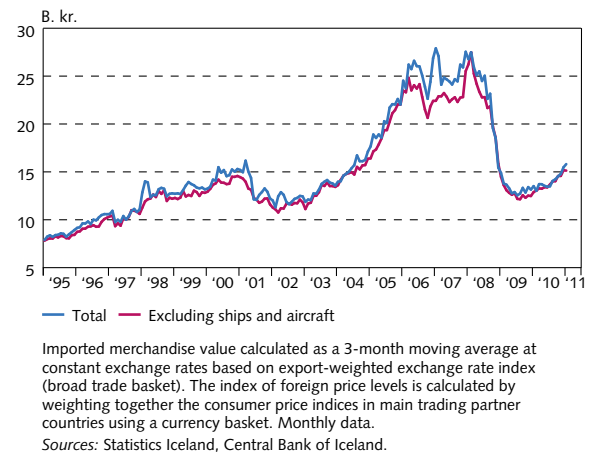
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Merchandise exports by category



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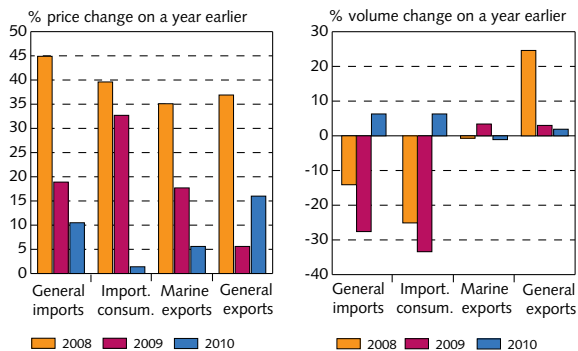
Seasonally adjusted merchandise imports



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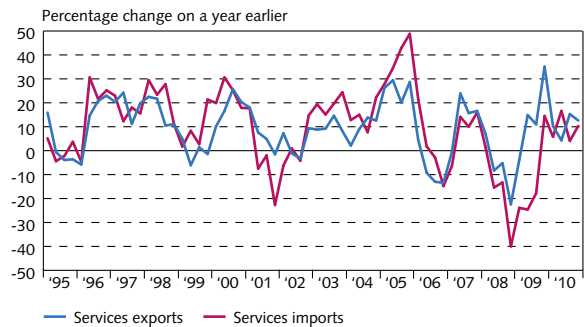
Merchandise trade in  
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General imports are total imports excluding ships, aircraft, and sundry items (residual). General exports are total exports excluding ships, aircraft, and sundry items (residual). Monthly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

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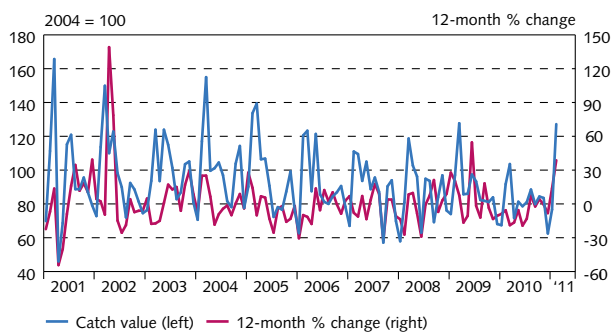
Services balance



Quarterly data at constant exchange rates.  
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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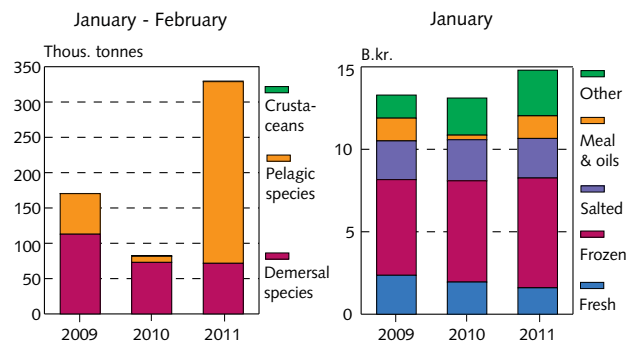
Fish catch volume



Monthly data at constant price levels.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

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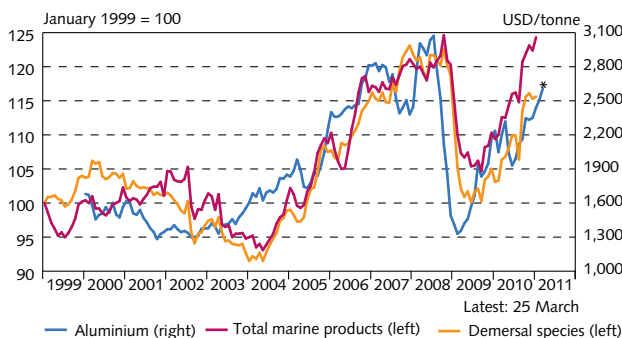
Marine export value



Cumulative catch volume from beginning of year. Cumulative value of marine exports from beginning of year; nominal fob value. Monthly data.  
Sources: Directorate of Fisheries, Statistics Iceland.

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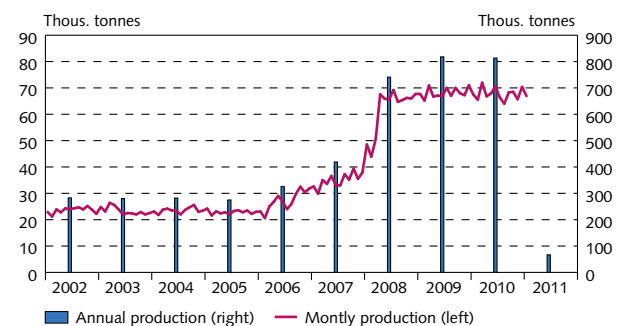
Export prices



Foreign currency prices of marine products are calculated by dividing marine products prices in Icelandic krónur by the export-weighted trade basket. LME aluminium prices are in US dollars. Monthly averages plus most recent aluminium prices.  
Sources: Statistics Iceland, London Metal Exchange (LME), Central Bank Iceland.

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Aluminium production

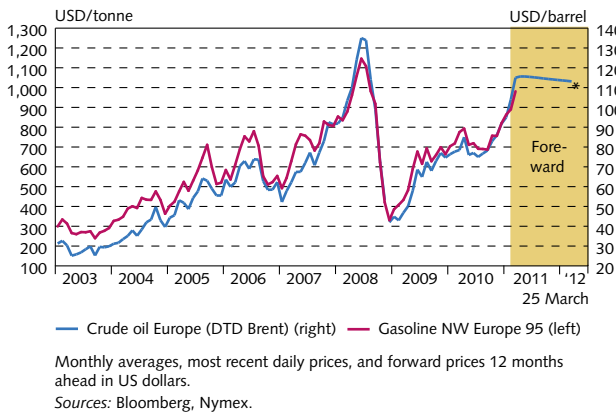


Monthly data. Annual aluminium production for 2011 is production January.  
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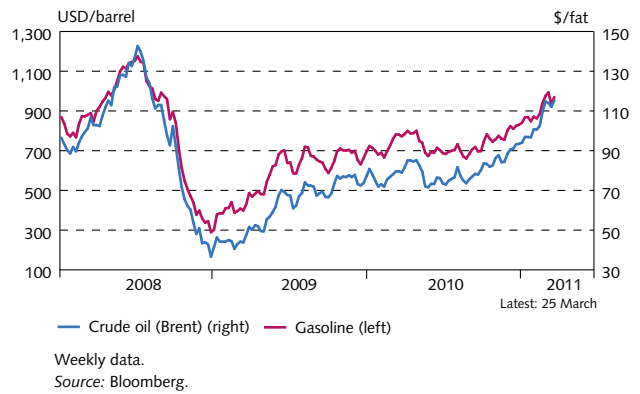
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Global crude oil and gasoline prices



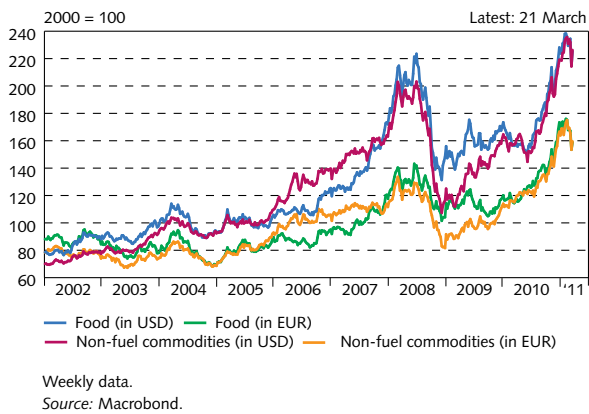
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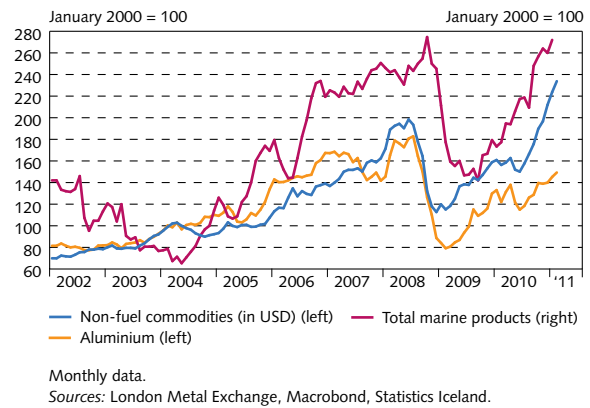
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Commodity prices in international markets



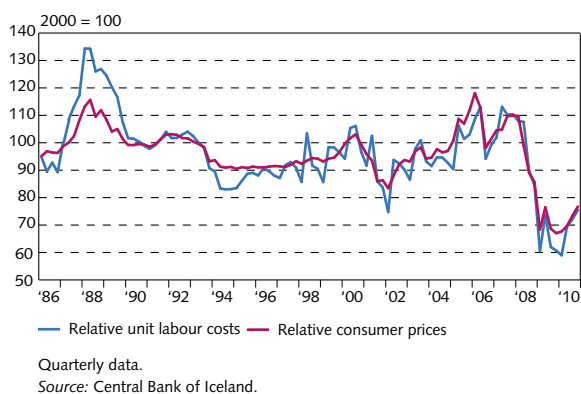
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Global commodity prices and Icelandic export prices



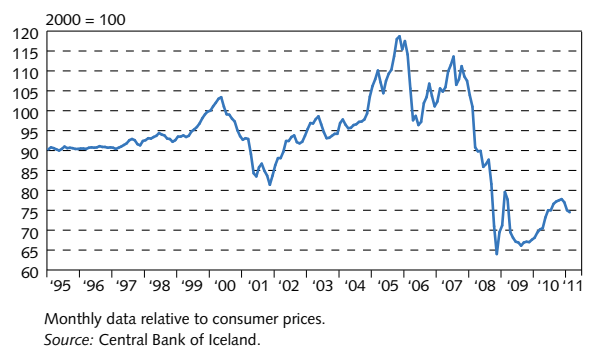
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Real exchange rate



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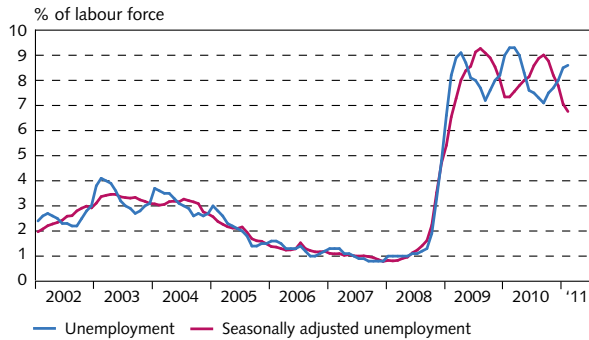
Real exchange rate



## IV Labour market and wages

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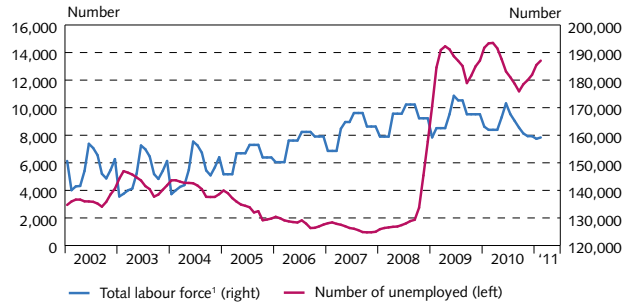
### Unemployment



Registered unemployment is the average number of individuals registered with employment agencies nationwide as a percentage of the estimated number of persons in the labour market in each month. Monthly data.  
Sources: Directorate of Labour, Central Bank of Iceland.

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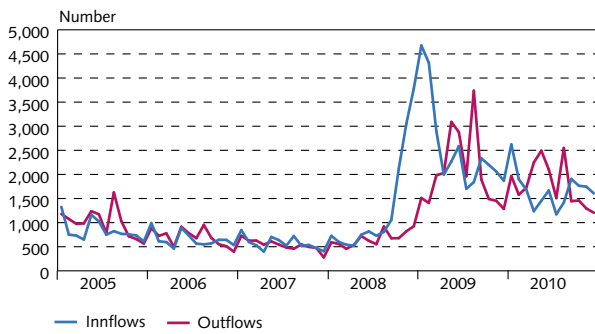
### Number of unemployed and total labour force



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Source: Directorate of Labour.

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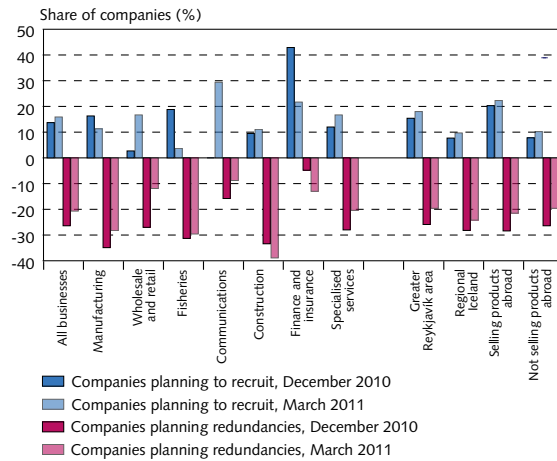
### Unemployment register: Inflows and outflows



Monthly data.  
Source: Directorate of Labour.

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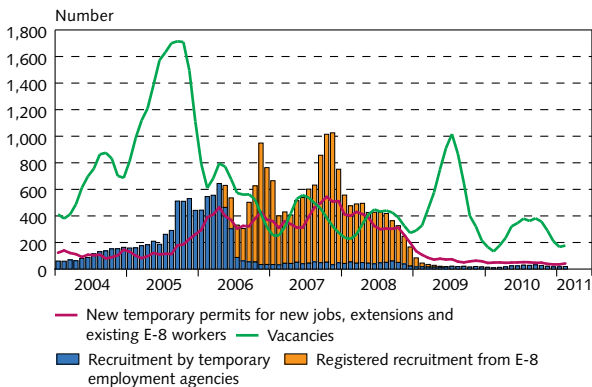
### Companies planning to change staffing levels during the next 6 months



Data based on Capacent Gallup's survey of the largest companies in Iceland.  
Source: Capacent Gallup.

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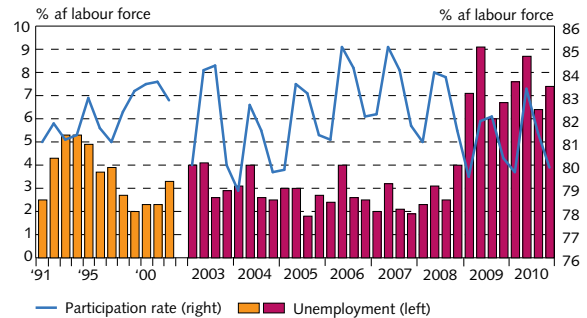
### Foreign labour



3-month moving average. The E-8 countries are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, and Hungary. Monthly data.  
Source: Directorate of Labour.

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### Unemployment rate and labour participation rate



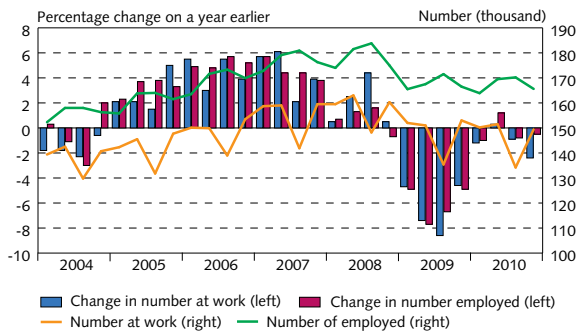
Until 2003, the Statistics Iceland labour market survey included only one week in April and one week in November; however, since January 2003, it has been continuous and the results published quarterly. As a result, figures from January 2003 and thereafter are not entirely comparable with earlier figures. Quarterly data.

Source: Statistics Iceland.

## IV Labour market and wages

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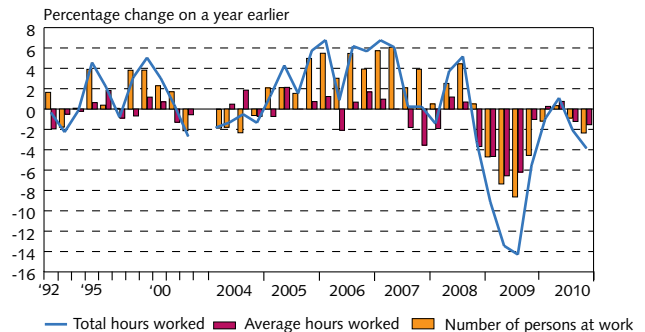
Employed persons and number of persons at work



Employed persons are those who worked at least one hour during the reference week or were absent from work that they were hired to carry out. Persons at work are those who worked one hour or more during the reference week. Quarterly data.  
Source: Statistics Iceland.

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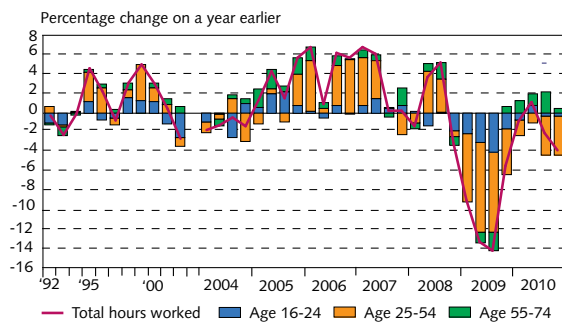
Changes in labour force



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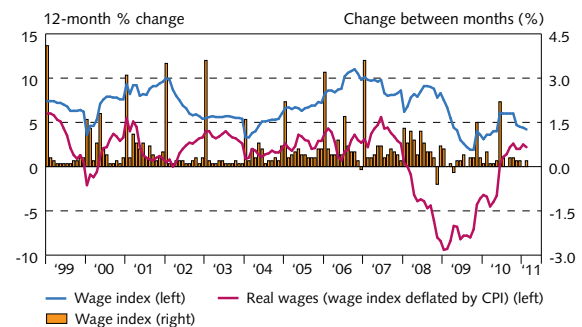
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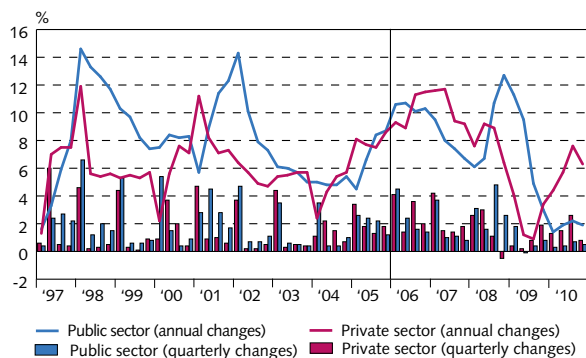
Nominal and real wages



Real wages are the wage index deflated by the CPI. Monthly data.  
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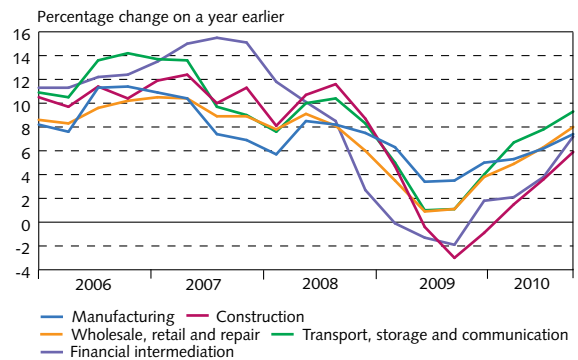
Wage changes by sector



Until 2006, private sector wages, on the one hand, and public sector and banking sector wages, on the other, are components of the wage index; however, from 2006 onwards, the banking sector is included in private sector wages. Quarterly data.  
Sources: Statistics Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland.

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Private sector wage index by sector

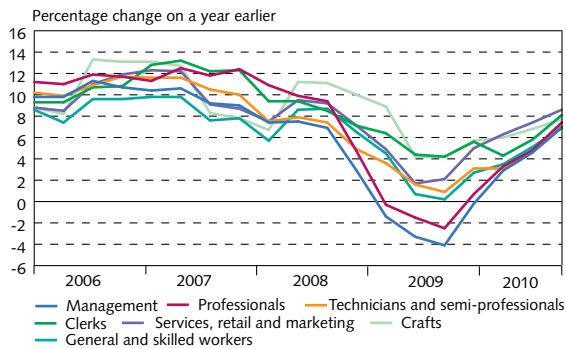


Sectors are defined according to ISAT 95, a classification standard based on the industry classification system of the European Union. Quarterly data.  
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Private sector wage index by occupational group

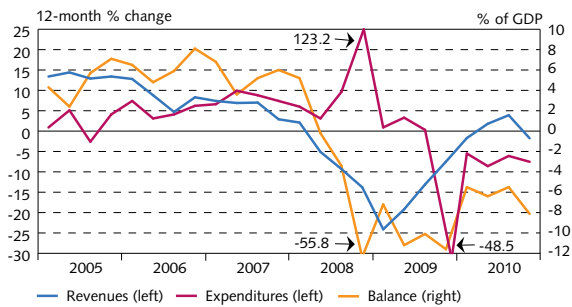


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## V Public finances

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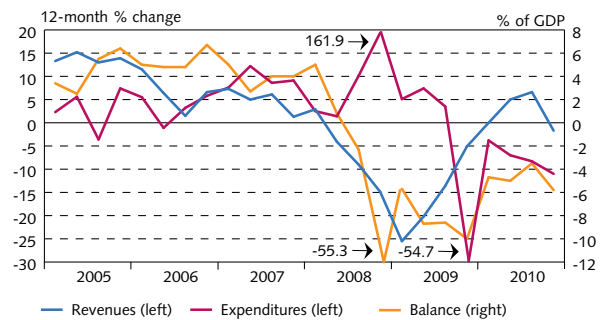
Public sector revenues, expenditures and balance



Percentage of gross domestic product from last four quarters. In real terms, deflated by CPI. Quarterly data.  
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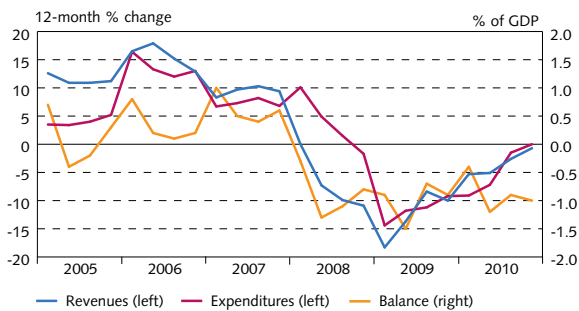
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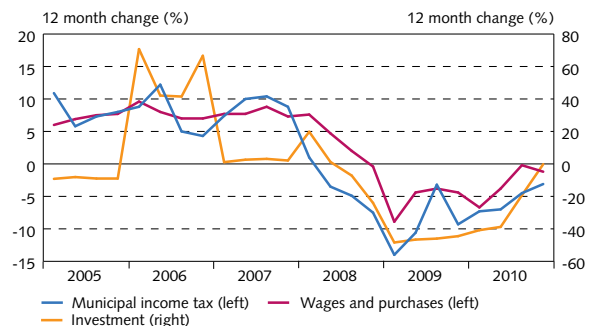
Local government revenues, expenditures and balance



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Local government revenues and expenditures

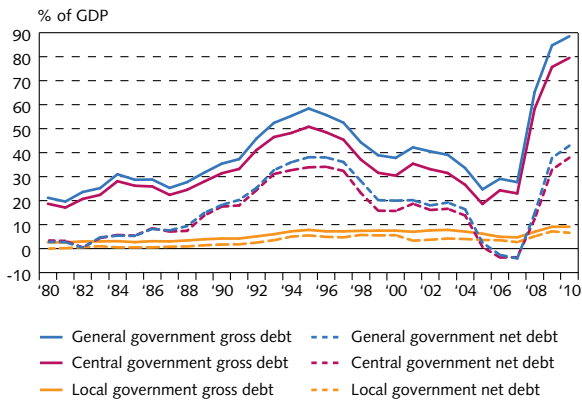


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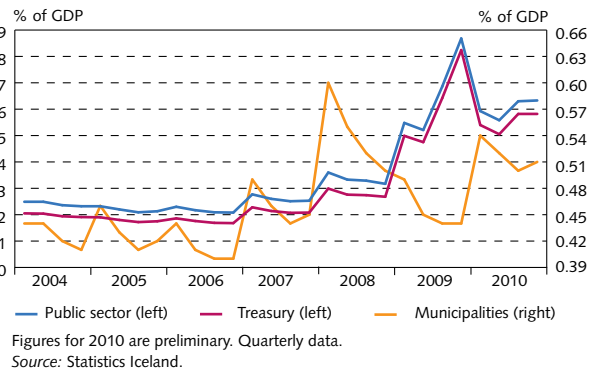
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Public sector debt



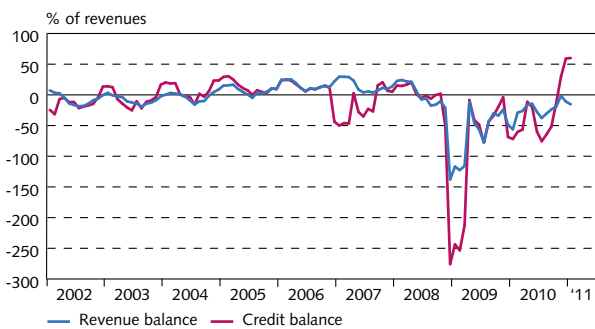
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Public sector interest expense



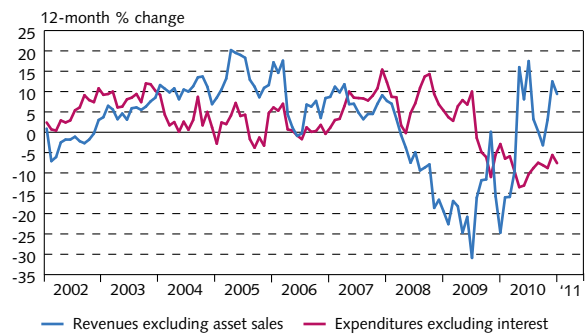
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Treasury balance and net credit balance



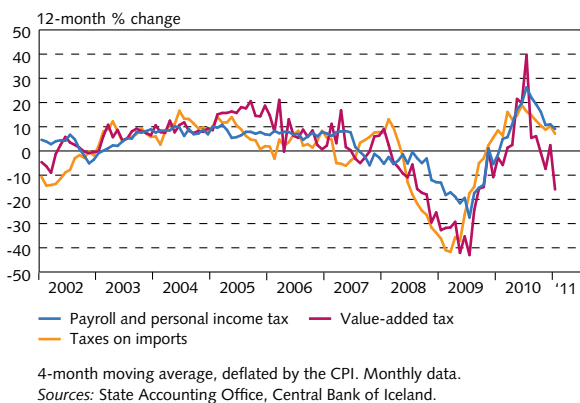
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Regular revenues excluding asset sales, regular expenditure excluding interest



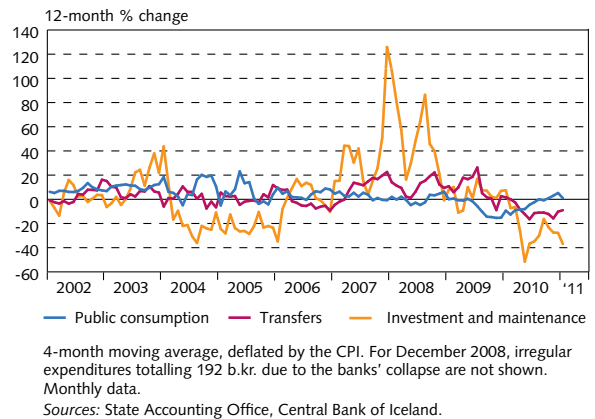
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Tax revenues



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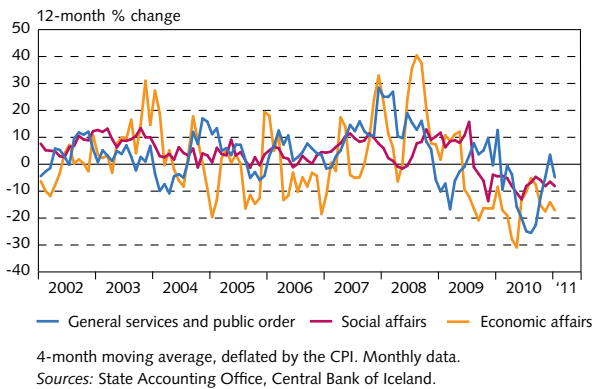
Treasury expenditures by type



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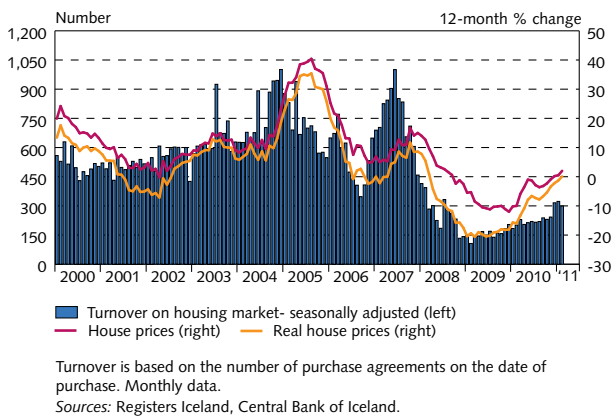
Treasury expenditures by function



## VI Asset markets

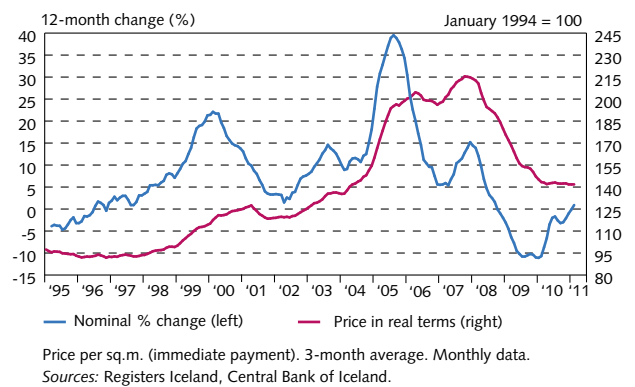
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Housing market prices and turnover in greater Reykjavík



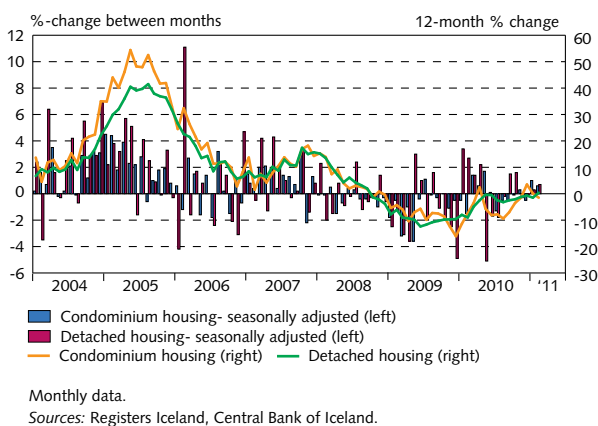
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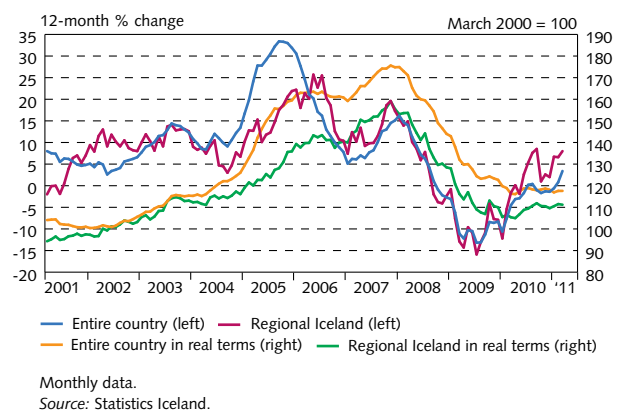
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House prices in greater Reykjavík



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Market price of residential housing

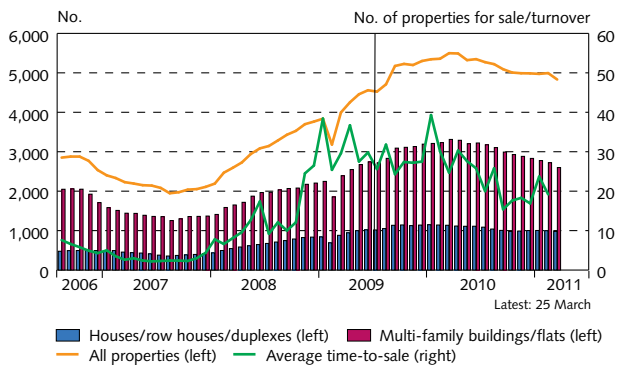




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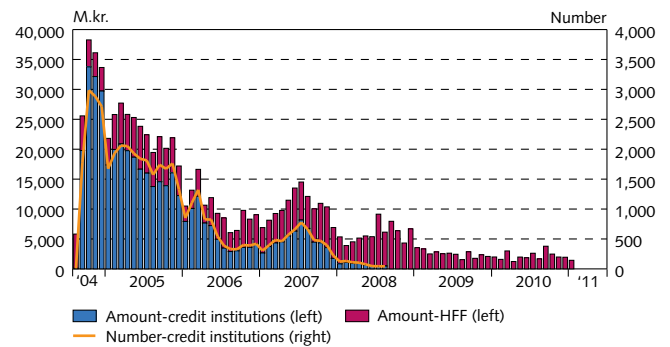
Advertised property and average time to sale



Monthly average of advertisements on Morgunbladid real estate website. The count is carried out by property code so as to avoid a repeat count of the same property. Monthly turnover is according to the number of officially registered purchase agreements. The average time to sale is the length of time (in months) that it takes to sell advertised property divided by the turnover for the month in question. As of February 2009, Morgunbladid began charging a fee for online real estate advertisements. This reduced the number of advertisements placed.  
 Sources: Morgunbladid Real Estate Website (mbl.is), Registers Iceland.

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Number and amount of new residential housing loans

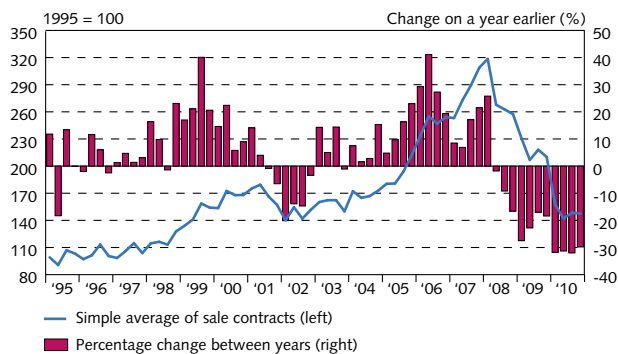


Information from credit institutions is unavailable from September 2008 onwards. Monthly data.

Sources: Housing Financing Fund, Central Bank of Iceland.

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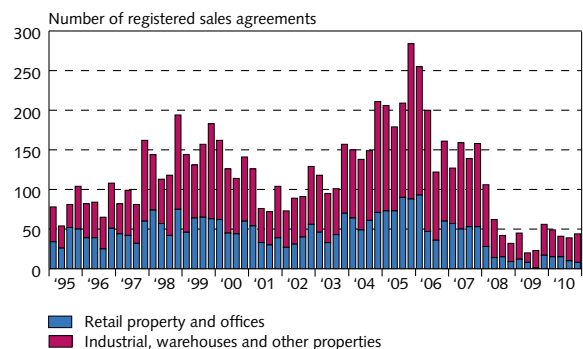
Commercial property prices in greater Reykjavik



Weighted average of industrial, retail, and office housing. Data are subject to uncertainty due to sparsity and divergence of measurements. Quarterly data.  
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Turnover of commercial housing

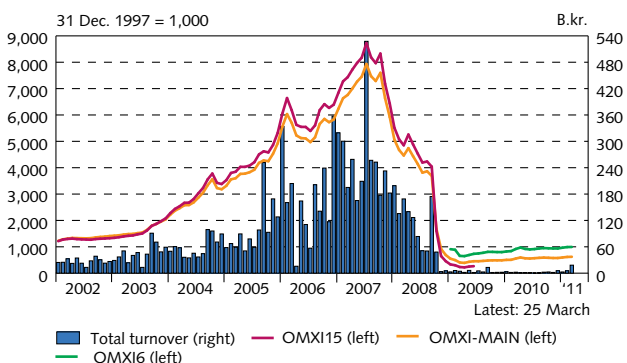


Before June 2006, turnover is based on purchase day, otherwise on day of registered sales agreement.

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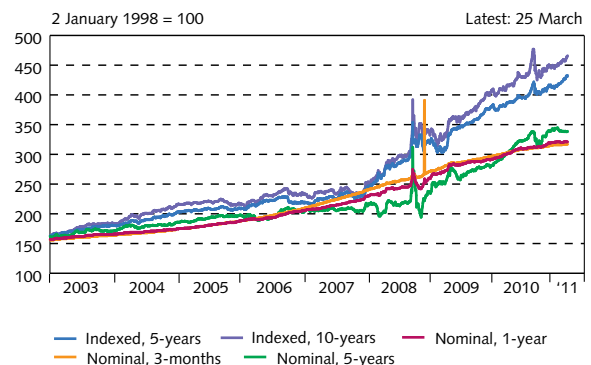
Equity market



Total monthly volume of listed shares and monthly average of main stock indices.  
 Source: Nasdaq OMX Iceland.

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Bond indices

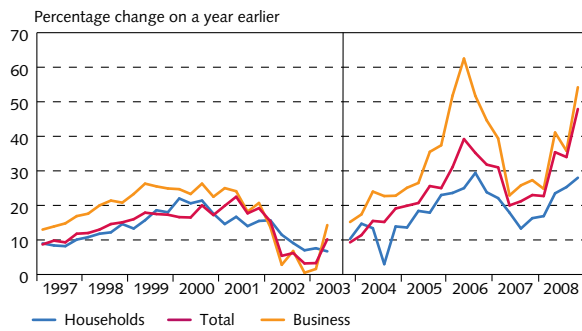


Indices are the OMX Nordic Exchange Iceland's calculations of yields on fixed-maturity bonds. Daily data.  
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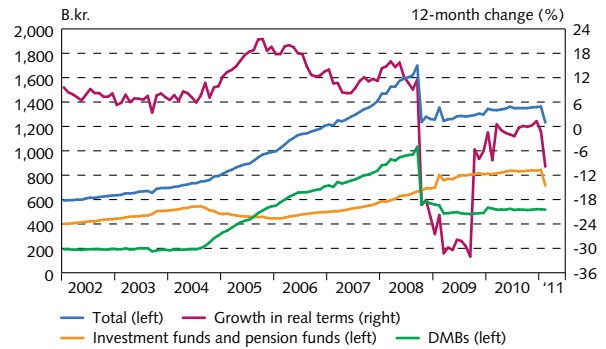
Credit system lending growth



Due to reclassification of lending, data from Q3/2003 are not comparable to earlier data. Quarterly data.  
Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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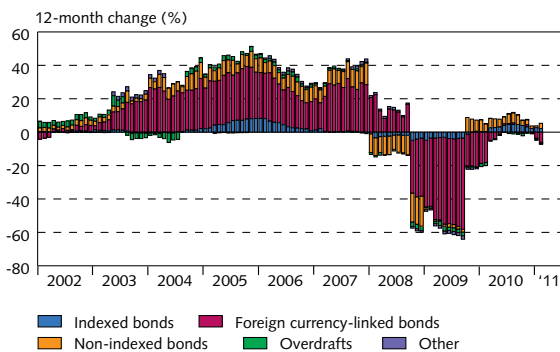
Household debt with major credit institutions



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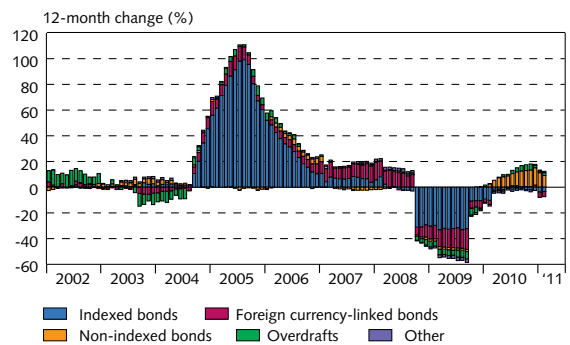
Credit institution lending to businesses



Contribution of individual components to lending growth. The category labelled "other" includes bills of exchange, redeemed guarantees, and asset financing agreements. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.  
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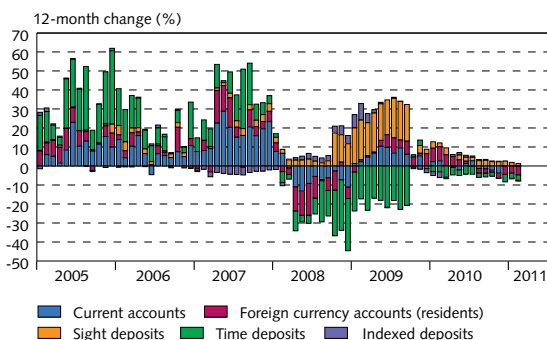
DMB lending to households



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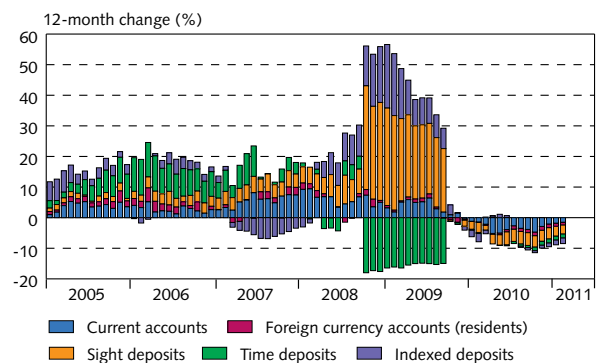
Companies' deposits



Contribution of individual components to deposit growth. Term deposits include money market accounts and other non-sight deposits. Indexed deposits include pension savings, indexed vacation allowance accounts, and other indexed savings. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.  
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Household deposits

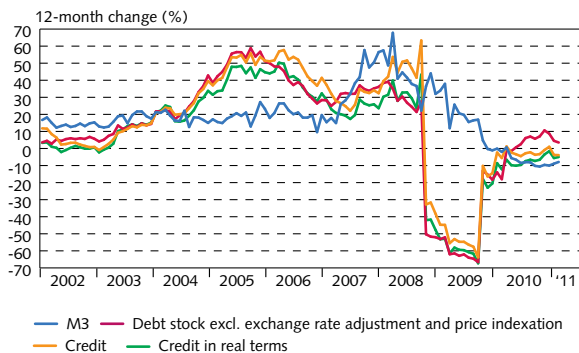


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M3 and domestic bank credit

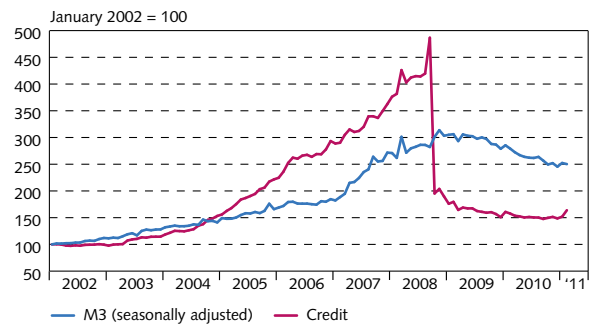


Corrected for estimated effects of price level and exchange rate movements on indexed and foreign-denominated loans. Real loan values are deflated by the CPI. Corrected for entry of Kaupthing from January 2002 onwards. Data from October 2008 are preliminary. Monthly data.

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Real M3 and domestic bank credit

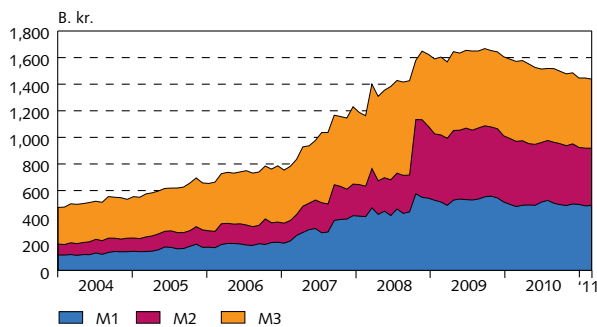


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M3 and domestic bank credit

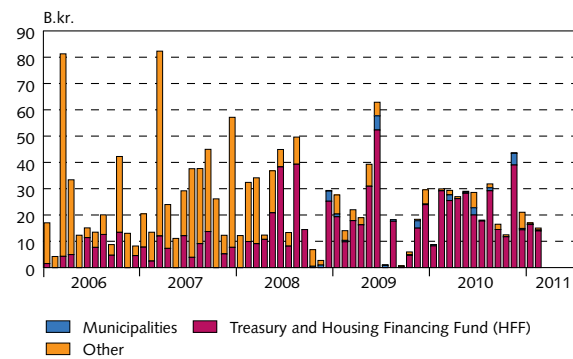


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Bond auctions

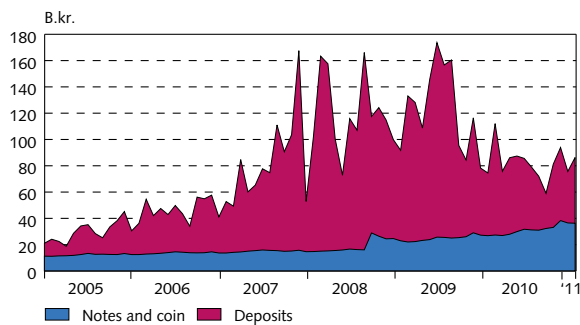


Monthly data.

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Base money

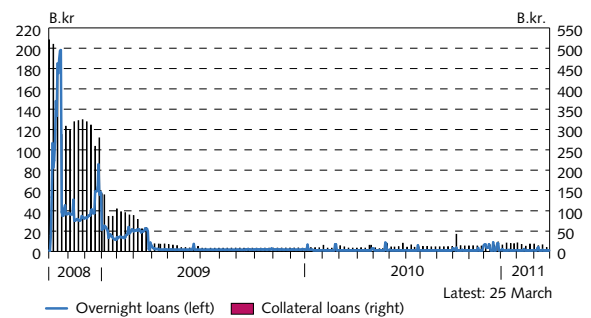


Categorisation of base money according to Central Bank of Iceland. Monthly data.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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Central Bank collateral loans and overnight loans



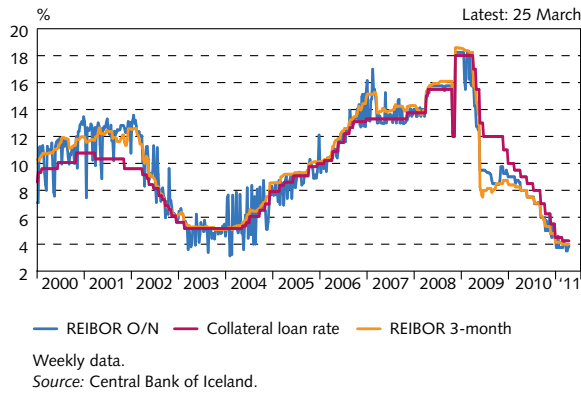
Weekly data for collateral loans; daily data for overnight loans.

Source: Central Bank of Iceland.

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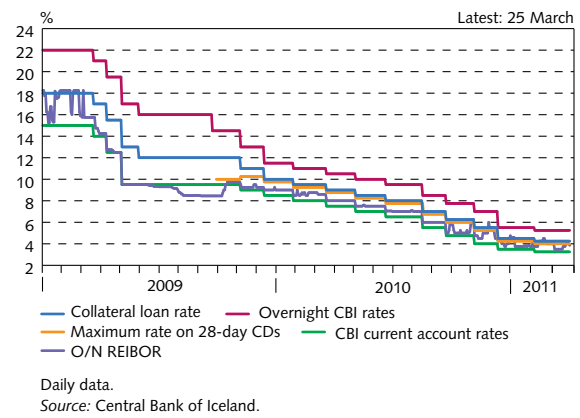
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Central Bank collateral loan rate and money market interest rates



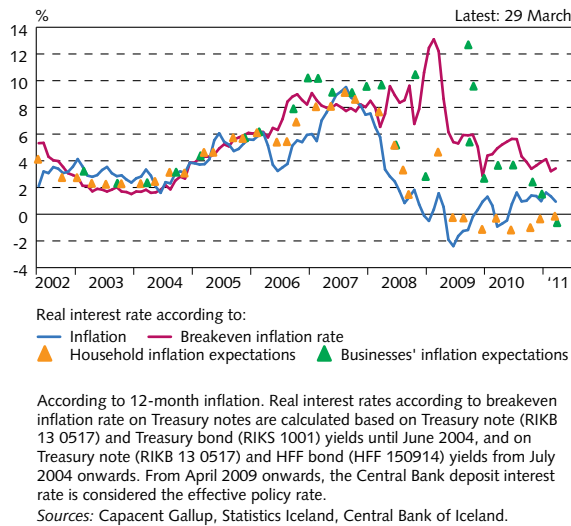
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Central Bank and short-term market interest rates



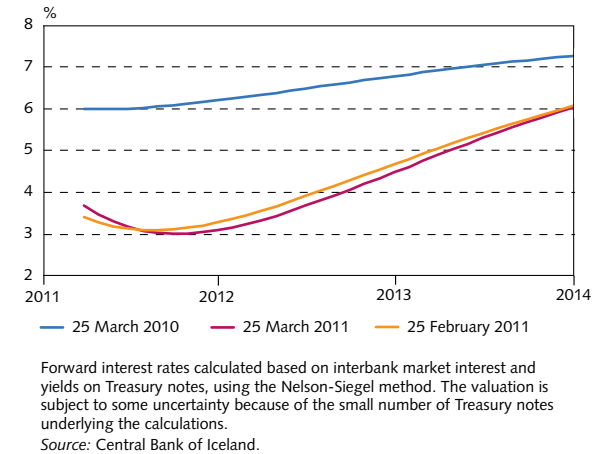
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Central Bank real interest rate



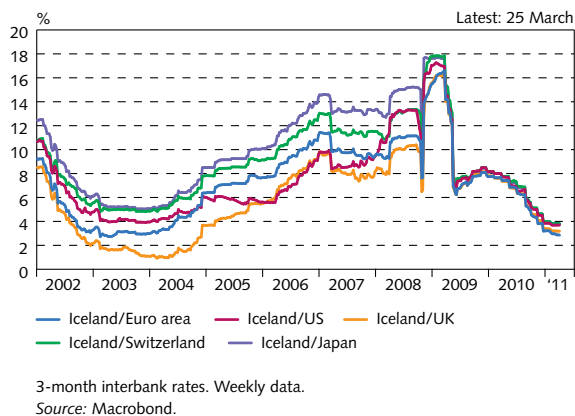
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Forward interest rates on Treasury bond market



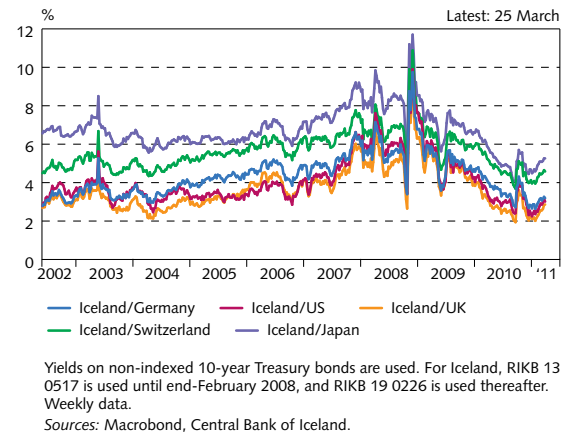
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Short-term interest rate differential



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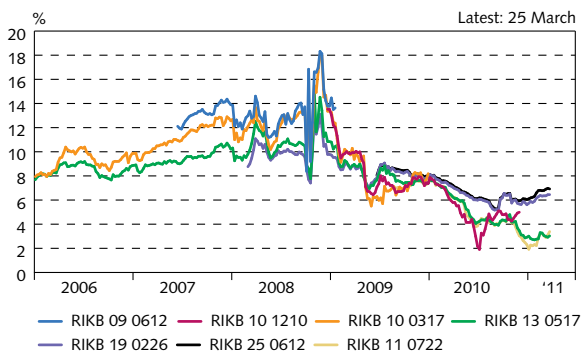
Long-term interest rate differential



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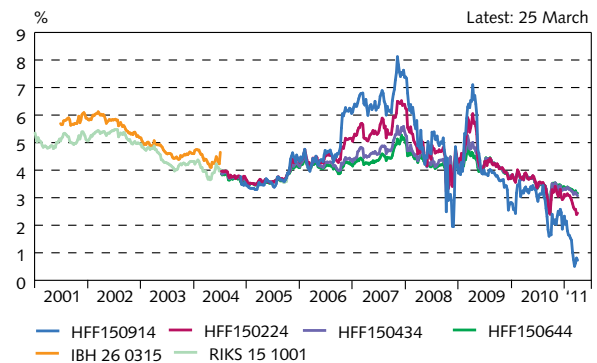
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Long-term nominal Treasury bond yields



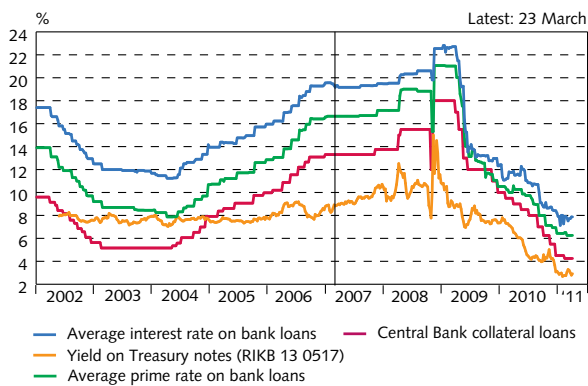
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Yields on indexed long-term bonds



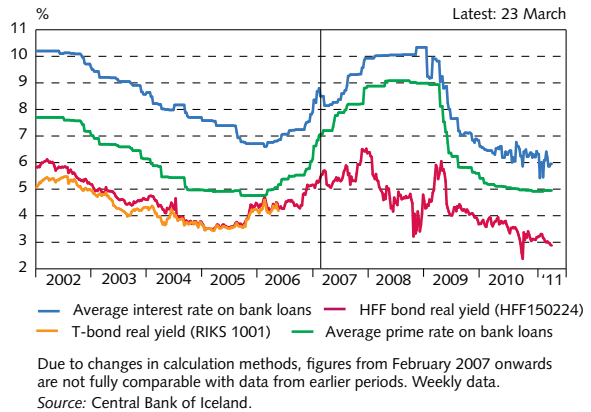
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Average nominal interest rates



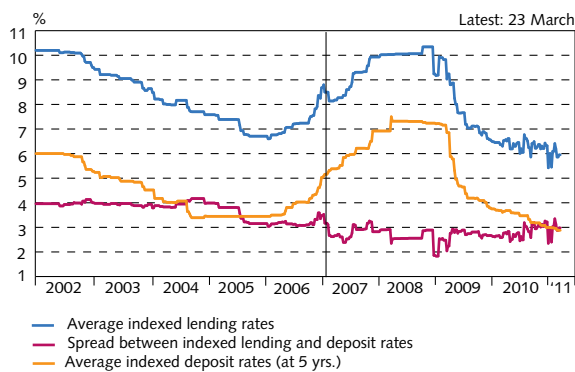
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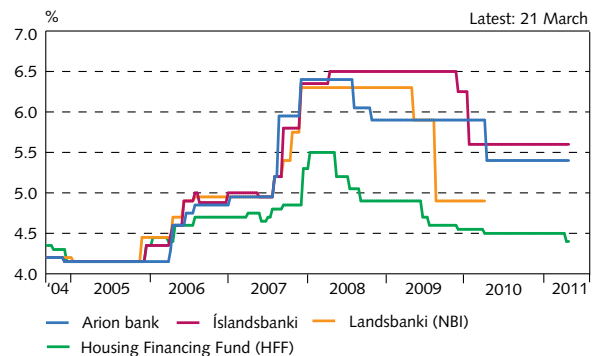
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Bank lending and deposit rates



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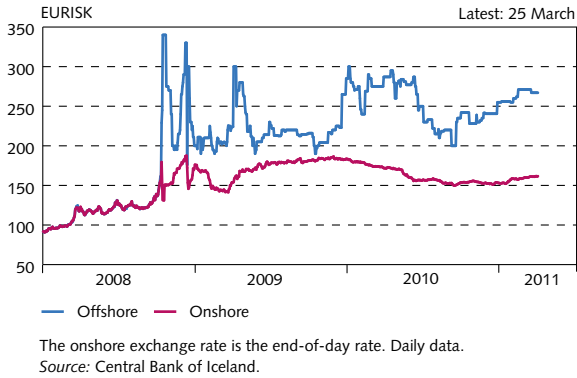
Interest rates on indexed housing loans



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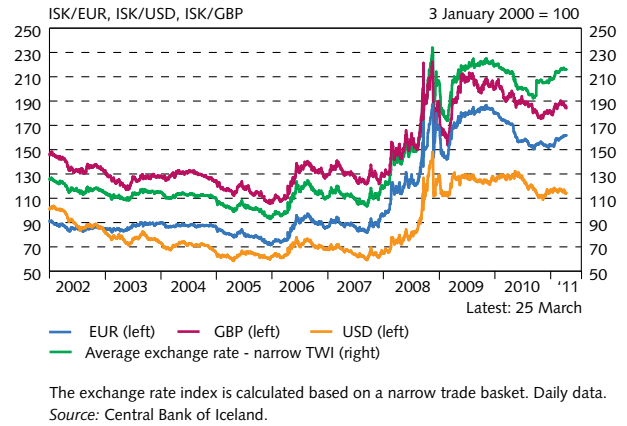
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The ISK exchange rate markets against the euro



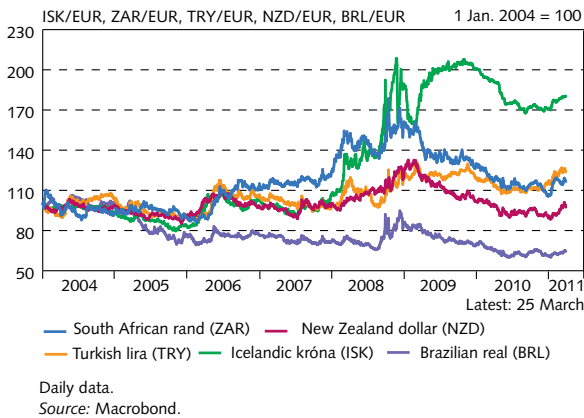
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Exchange rate of the króna against foreign currencies



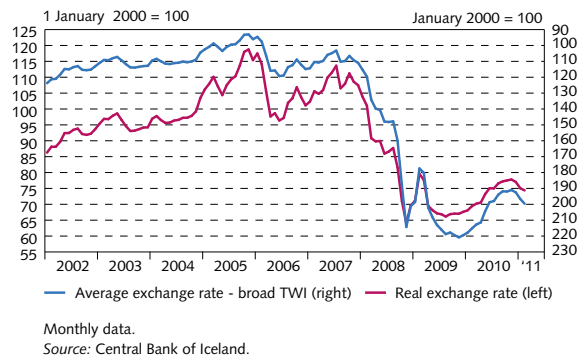
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Exchange rate of high-yielding currencies against the euro



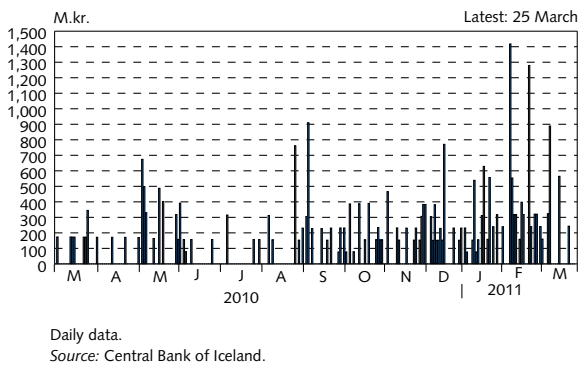
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Nominal and real effective exchange rate of the króna



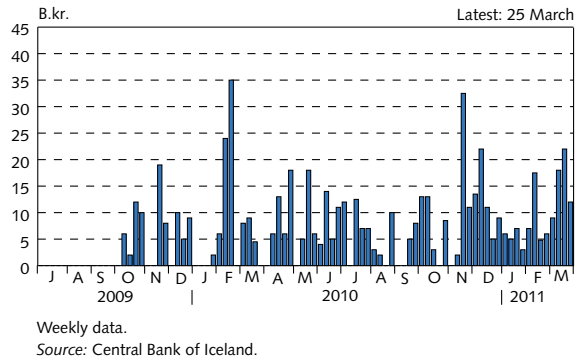
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FX-market turnover



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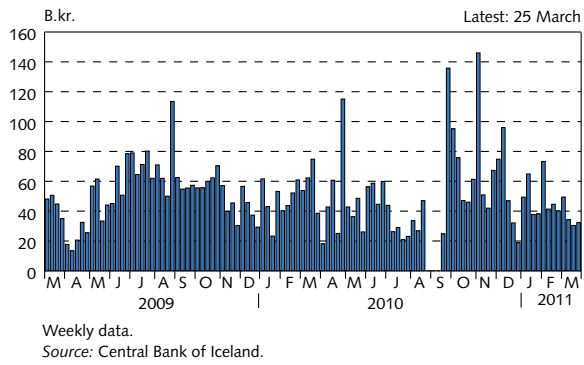
Turnover on the interbank market for krónur



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Bond market turnover



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CDS spread for Iceland

