

Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland
April 2006

Overview of economic indicators

I Inflation and inflation expectations¹

	Latest period	Latest value	Change (%)			Contribution to 12-mo. inflation (%)	12-mo. ch. 1 year ago (%)
			on prev. month	over 6 months ²	over 12 months		
Consumer price index.....	April '06	255.2	1.1	5.5	5.5	.	4.3
Core index 1 (CPI excl. agric. prod., veg., fruit and petrol)	April '06	143.9	0.8	5.2	4.6	4.0	4.6
Core index 2 (core index 1 excl. public services).....	April '06	144.2	0.9	5.7	4.9	4.0	4.3
Domestic goods excl. agricultural products and vegetables	April '06	132.1	-0.5	4.6	4.4	0.4	-0.9
Agricultural products and vegetables.....	April '06	125.7	0.3	6.5	6.2	0.4	2.0
Imported goods excl. alcohol and tobacco	April '06	112.2	2.8	1.9	2.9	0.8	-1.4
- food and beverages	April '06	114.8	0.4	1.9	5.1	0.1	-9.2
- cars and spare parts	April '06	119.2	3.4	3.4	1.5	0.1	-1.1
- petrol	April '06	157.0	6.7	6.5	18.0	0.8	5.7
- imported goods excl. food and beverages	April '06	97.4	1.2	-1.0	-1.9	-0.3	-1.9
Housing.....	April '06	231.4	1.4	13.1	12.3	2.7	17.7
Public services	April '06	145.6	-0.2	0.1	1.5	0.1	6.9
Private services	April '06	148.7	0.1	4.0	3.7	0.8	3.1
Groceries (perishable items).....	April '06	123.3	0.4	6.3	5.6	0.9	-2.6
Weighted import exchange rate index (Dec. 31 1994=100).....	March 30 '06	100.1	7.3	16.7	8.1	.	-11.5

	Latest period	Expected 12 mo. inflation	Change on prev. survey	Exp. 12-mo inflation 1 year ago	Expected annual inflation over next 2 yrs.	Expected annual inflation over next 3 yrs.	Perceived inflation in past 12 mo.
Employers' inflation expectations.....	February '06	4.2	0.5	3.6	3.5	.	.
Public's inflation expectations.....	Jan./Feb. '06	4.4	0.3	4.0	.	.	4.0

1. Index base periods: Consumer price index: May 1988=100; other price indices: March 1997=100. 2. Annualised inflation.

II Output and demand

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change ¹ on		From beginn. of year ¹	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
GDP (b.kr.)	Q4/2005	255.5	238.5	-3.7	3.6	996.0	5.6
National expenditure (b.kr.).....	Q4/2005	296.6	258.0	-1.4	13.8	1,130.6	14.9
Private consumption (b.kr.).....	Q4/2005	157.9	140.3	4.6	10.6	599.2	11.9
Public consumption (b.kr.).....	Q4/2005	62.3	57.2	-2.8	3.6	246.3	3.2
Gross fixed investment (b.kr.).....	Q4/2005	78.6	60.1	-5.7	35.4	285.9	34.8
Exports of goods and services (b. kr.)	Q4/2005	79.6	78.6	-1.6	7.8	314.0	3.5
Imports of goods and services (b. kr.).....	Q4/2005	-120.7	-98.1	3.2	33.9	-448.6	28.4
Domestic turnover according to VAT statements (b. kr.).....	Sept.- Oct.'05	208.2	177.7	5.1	11.9	208.2	-77.2
Turnover in groceries stores (b.kr.).....	March '06	127.1	122.7	9.9	3.6	120.1	7.4
Credit and debit card turnover (b.kr.) ²	March '06	56.6	49.1	4.9	12.9	162.5	9.3
Turnover of publicly listed companies on ICEX (b.kr.)	Q1-Q4/2005	430.7	249.9	44.2	180.8	430.7	180.8
Cement sales (thous. tons)	March '06	14.7	18.1	-30.7	-18.7	55.5	19.5
Automobile registrations (number)	March '06	2,879	1,779	28.7	61.8	7,134	37.2

1. Change between periods is presented in real terms. 2. Change in seasonally adjusted values.

III Foreign trade and external economic conditions

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		From beginn. of year	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
Price of marine products in foreign currency (Jan.1999=100).....	March '06	106.6	99.6	-1.1	7.0	108.2	7.1
Price of aluminium, LME cash price USD/t	March '06	2,429	1,982	3.0	22.5	2,396	26.1
Price of crude oil (Brent) USD/b	March '06	62.1	53.1	3.6	17.0	61.9	29.9
Demersals (1,000 tonnes).....	March '06	63.4	64.0	22.6	-0.9	147.5	-2.1
Pelagics (1,000 tonnes)	March '06	68.5	149.8	-58.3	-54.3	241.9	-59.7
Merchandise exports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	February '06	14.8	16.5	2.2	-6.4	28.9	-3.7
- marine products (b.kr.) ¹	February '06	9.0	10.0	10.7	-6.6	16.9	-1.2
- aluminium (b.kr.) ¹	February '06	2.7	3.5	-21.8	-18.3	6.2	-3.8
- other industrial products (b.kr.) ¹	February '06	2.4	2.4	19.4	4.1	4.4	-14.7
Merchandise imports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	February '06	22.0	18.2	-11.6	25.7	46.2	32.4
Merchandise trade balance (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.)	February '06	-7.2	-1.7	.	.	-17.2	.
Services exports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2005	26.0	25.5	-31.5	16.2	118.9	16.4
Services imports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2005	44.4	34.2	7.3	48.1	159.1	38.5
Real effective exchange rate (relative CPI) (1980=100).....	Q1/2006	110.0	107.8	-1.2	2.0	110.0	2.0

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

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	Change ¹ from		From beginn. of year ²	
				previous period	previous year	Average	Change on prev. year (%)
Number of unemployed listed at employment agencies	March '06	2,417	3,799	79	-1,382	2,975	-27.5
Registered unemployment, s.a. (% of total estim. labour force)	March '06	1.3	2.2	-0.1	-1.0	1.9	-0.5
Unemployment rate, labour force survey.....	Q1/2006	2.4	3.0	-0.3	-0.6	3.1	0.0
Listed vacancies at employment agencies	March '06	792	1,128	8.8	-29.8	1,240	10.8
New work permits issued	March '06	588	213	-21	176.1	6,086	943.9
Work permits issued, total	March '06	797	380	-20	109.7	8,830	840.4
Wage index (December 1988=100)	March '06	285.4	262.9	0.4	8.6	270.6	3.3
Real wages (wage index deflated by CPI).....	March '06	141.3	136.0	-0.8	3.9	137.9	1.2

1. Change from previous period refers to change in the number of unemployed and change in the rate of unemployment; percentage changes otherwise. 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; percentage changes otherwise.

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		From beginn. of year	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
Treasury revenue balance (b.kr.)	February '06	8.3	4.4	.	.	-	.
- as a percentage of revenue.....	February '06	24.6	15.7	.	.	-	.
Net borrowing requirement (b. kr.).....	February '06	-8.5	-8.5	.	.	-	.
- as percentage of revenue.....	February '06	-25.3	-30.1	.	.	-	.
Treasury revenue (b. kr.).....	February '06	33.7	28.2	-0.2	14.9	72.2	14.1
- w/o asset sales and irregular items (b. kr.)	February '06	33.6	28.1	0.4	14.6	72.2	14.3
- from VAT (b. kr.).....	February '06	9.5	8.4	-0.9	8.0	18.1	-6.7
- from payroll & personal income tax withheld (b. kr.)	February '06	9.8	8.7	-0.7	8.3	19.3	7.7
- from imports, liquor, car ownership (b. kr.)	February '06	2.2	1.7	-1.0	23.5	4.6	21.9
Treasury expenditures (b. kr.).....	February '06	25.4	23.7	1.4	2.8	50.0	0.1
- w/o irregular items (b. kr.).....	February '06	25.4	23.7	1.4	2.8	50.0	0.1

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

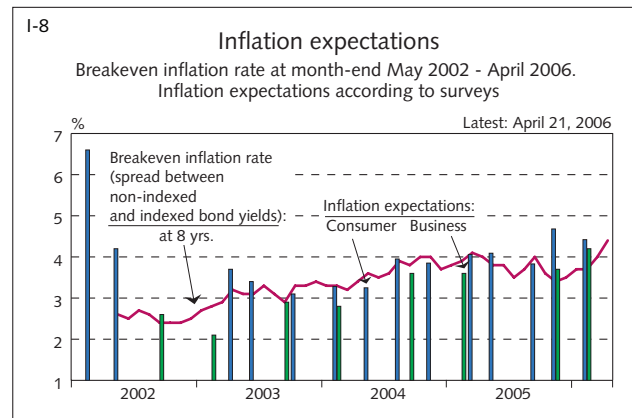
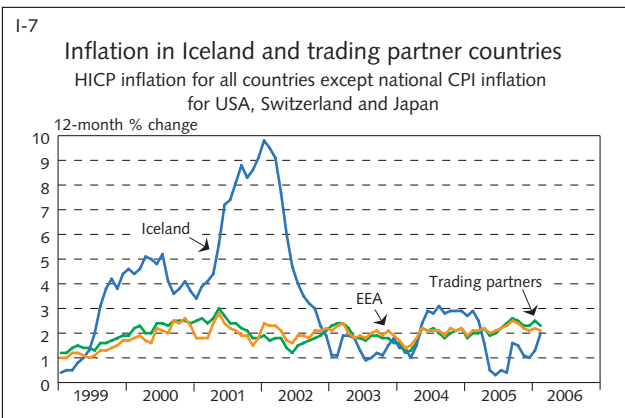
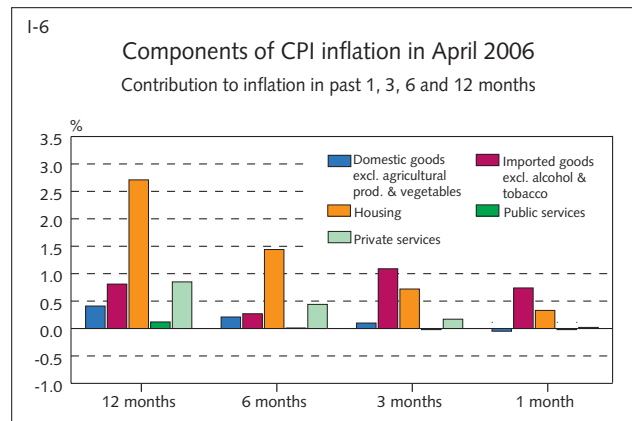
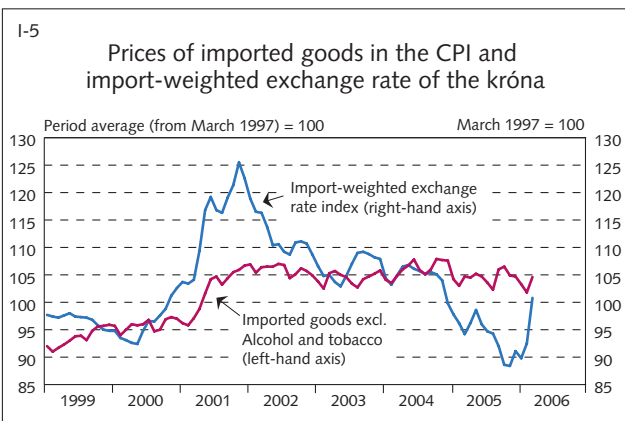
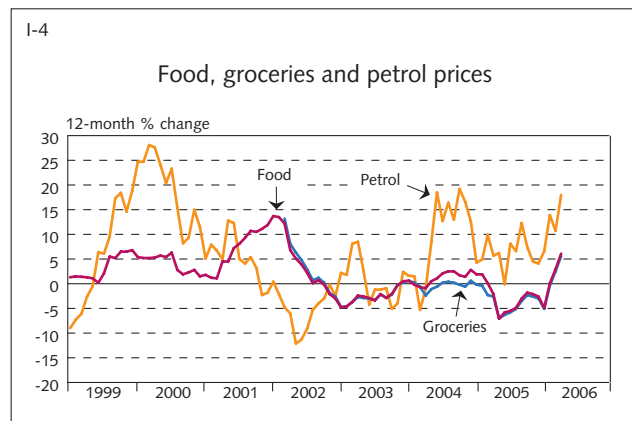
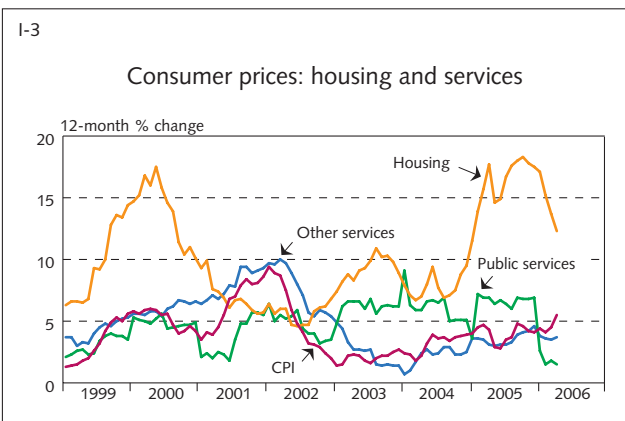
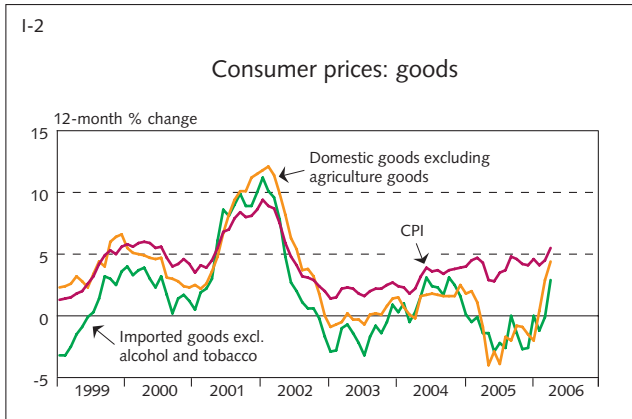
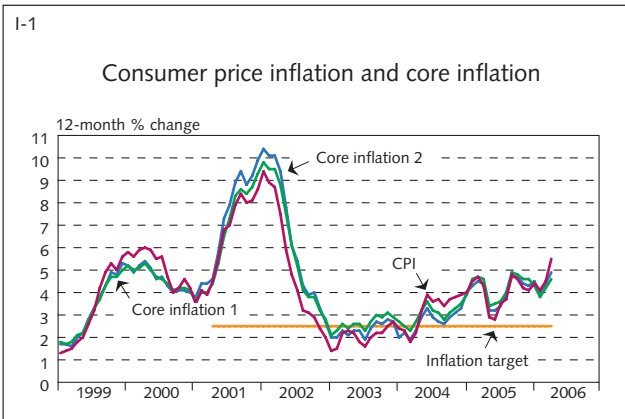
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				previous period	previous year	Average ¹	Change on prev. year (%)
ICEX-15 equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000).....	March '06	6,179.2	3,846.9	-7.0	60.6	6,290.9	68.9
ICEX-Main equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000).....	March '06	5,700.1	3,595.2	-5.5	58.5	5,763.0	65.2
Equity turnover on ICEX, ² monthly total.....	March '06	204.0	59.0	27.0	245.9	698.5	278.6
Residential housing prices, narrow index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	March '06	297.2	249.2	2.4	19.3	292.9	21.0
Real residential housing prices, broad index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	March '06	204.2	176.4	0.6	15.8	202.0	17.5
Price of long-term cod quota (kr./kg.).....	April '06	1,725	1,250	0.0	38.0	1,706	43.1

1. Except for turnover which is cumulated to date. 2. ICEX = Iceland Stock Exchange. Prices are monthly averages. 3. In Greater Reykjavik Area.

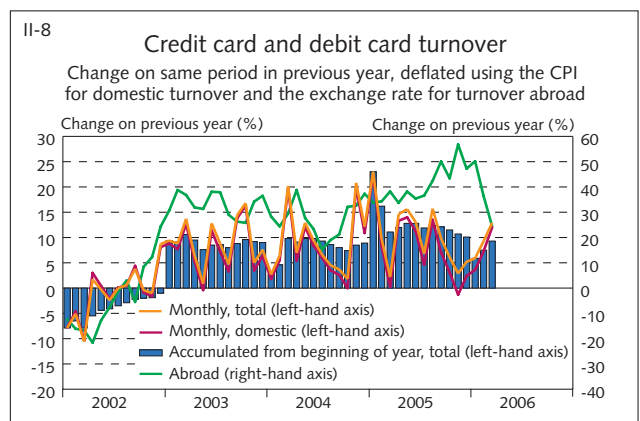
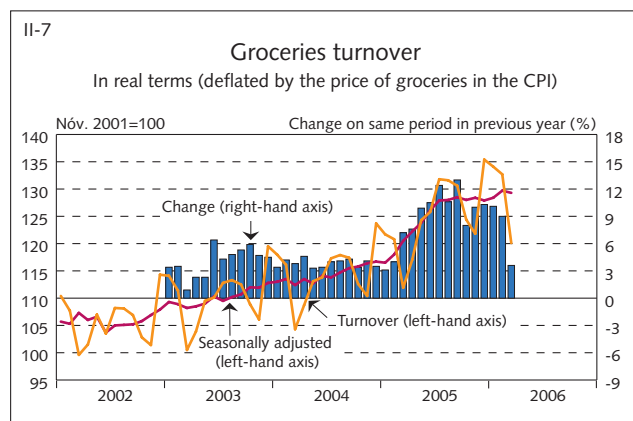
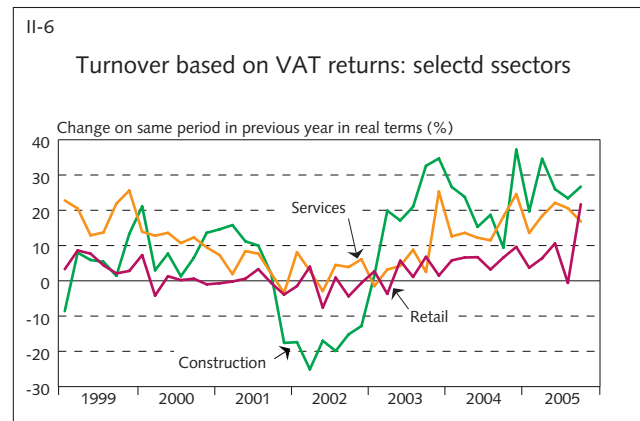
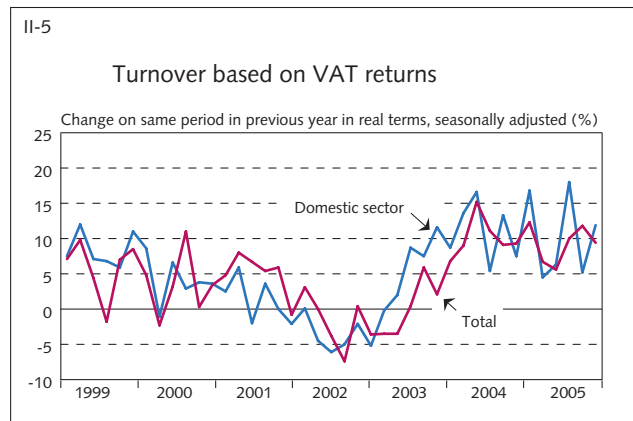
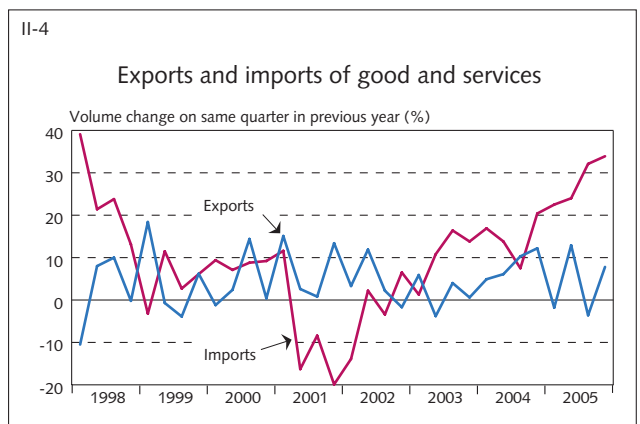
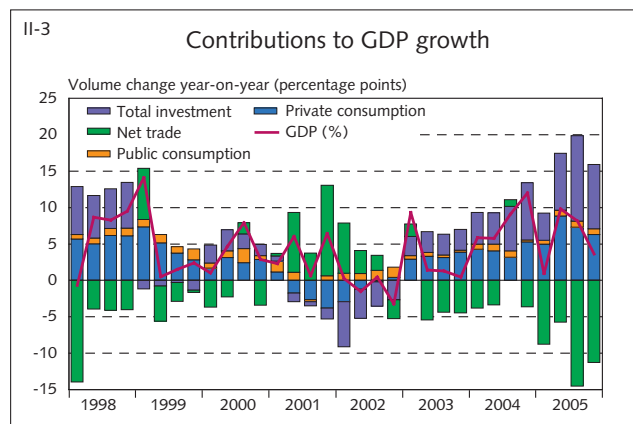
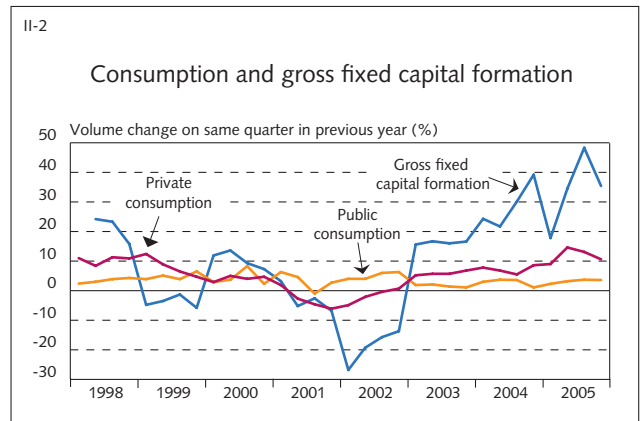
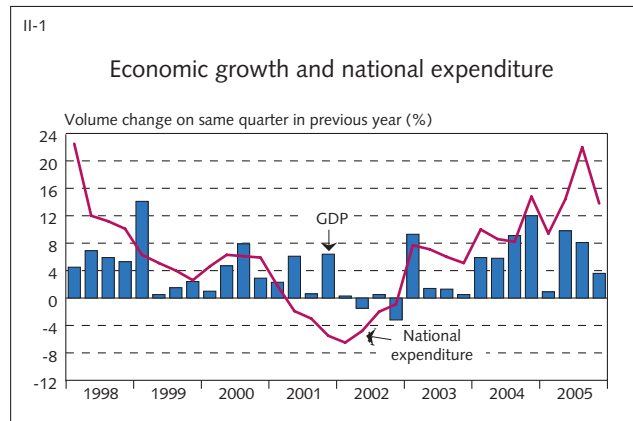
	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		From beginn. of year	
				previous period	previous year	Average	Change on prev. year (%)
Bank lending to domestic sector (b.kr.) ¹	March '06	1,964.5	1,251.3	8.2	57.0	.	.
- adjusted for estimated indexation effects on inflation- and exchange rate-linked loans (index) ¹	March '06	442.3	302.2	3.9	46.4	.	.
- in real terms (January 2002 = 100) ¹	March '06	1.6	1.4	3.4	11.1	.	.
Credit system total lending (b.kr.).....	December '05	3,448.6	2,651.2	7.1	30.1	.	.
M3 (b.kr.).....	March '06	729.0	574.9	9.8	26.8	.	.
Central Bank policy interest rate (%).....	April 21 '06	10.75	9.00	0.0	1.8	10.68	2.09
Money market yield, 3-mo. (%) ²	April 21 '06	11.3	9.2	0.8	2.1	10.3	1.5
Money market yield, 12-mo. (%) ²	April 21 '06	11.7	9.9	1.2	1.9	10.4	0.8
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 10 0317) (%) ²	April 21 '06	9.2	7.9	1.0	1.3	8.2	0.4
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 13 0517) (%) ²	April 21 '06	8.8	7.7	0.6	1.1	8.1	0.5
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0224) (%) ²	April 21 '06	4.4	3.6	0.2	0.8	4.4	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0234) (%) ²	April 21 '06	4.3	3.6	0.2	0.7	4.3	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0244) (%) ²	April 21 '06	4.2	3.6	0.1	0.7	4.2	.
Real yield on Treasury bonds (RIKS 15 1001) (%) ²	April 21 '06	4.3	3.6	0.2	0.8	4.2	0.7
Average bank lending rate, non-indexed loans (%) ²	April 21 '06	16.7	14.3	0.5	2.4	16.1	2.0
Average bank lending rate, indexed loans (%) ²	April 21 '06	6.8	7.4	0.0	-0.6	6.7	-0.8
Exchange rate index of króna (Dec. 31 1991=100) ²	April 21 '06	124.8	109.7	33.9	15.1	99.7	-10.7

1. For comparability, financial companies which 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.

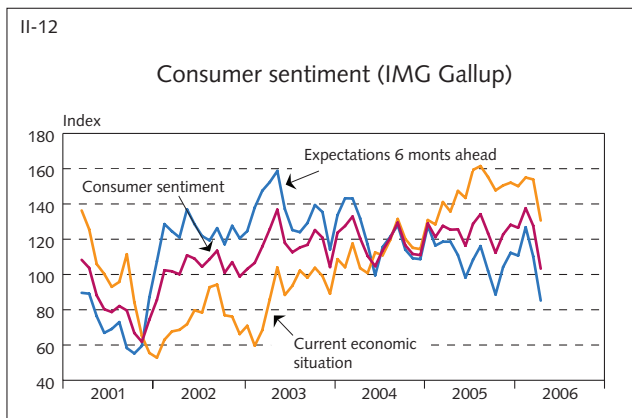
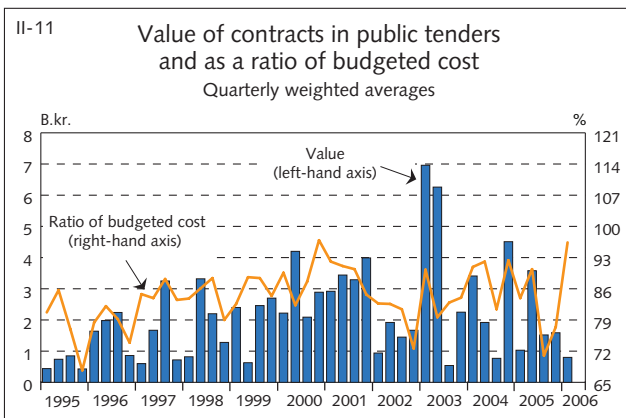
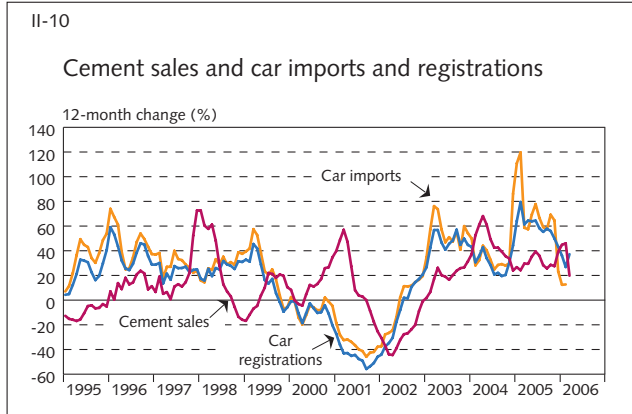
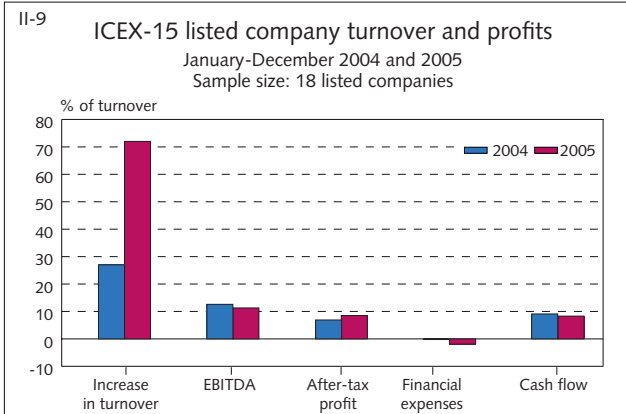
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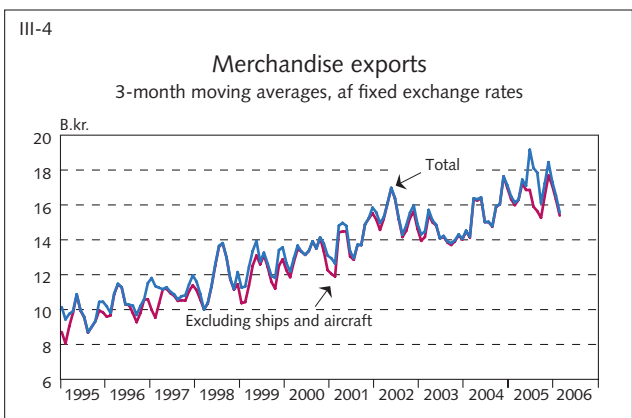
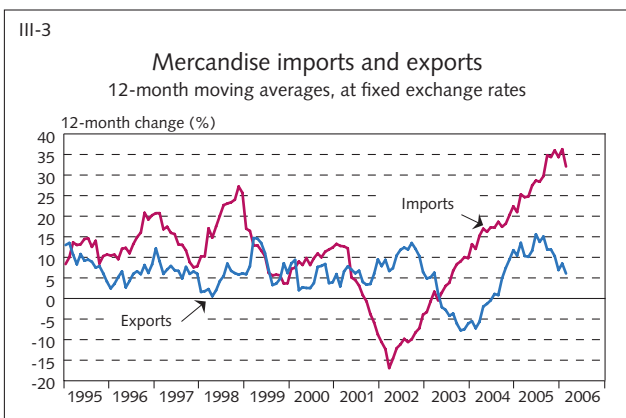
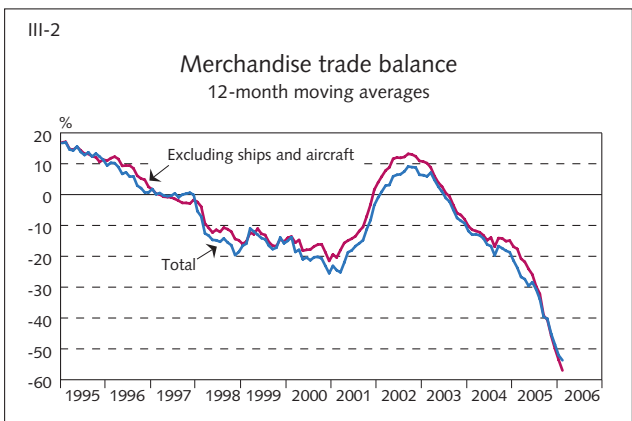
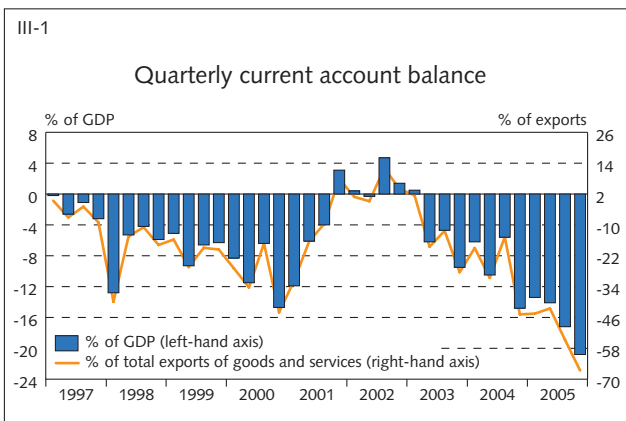
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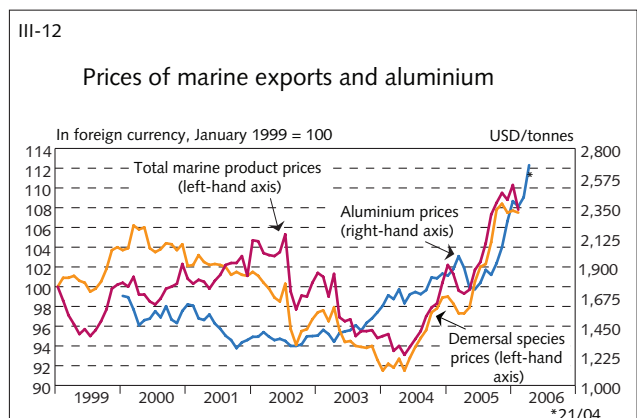
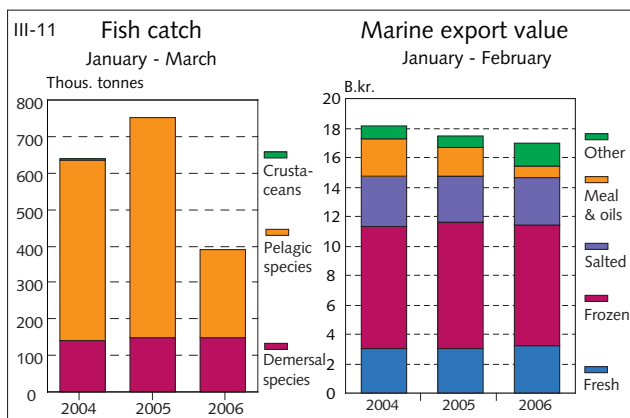
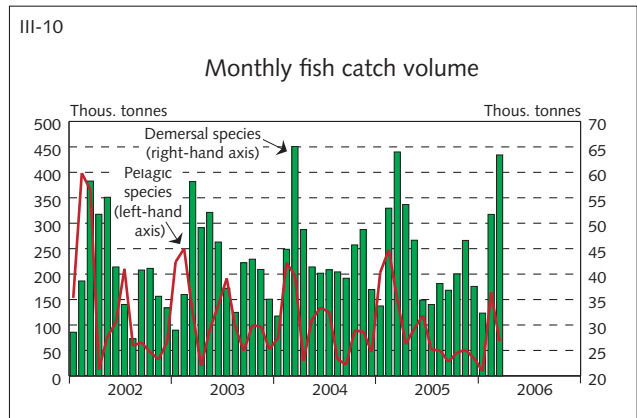
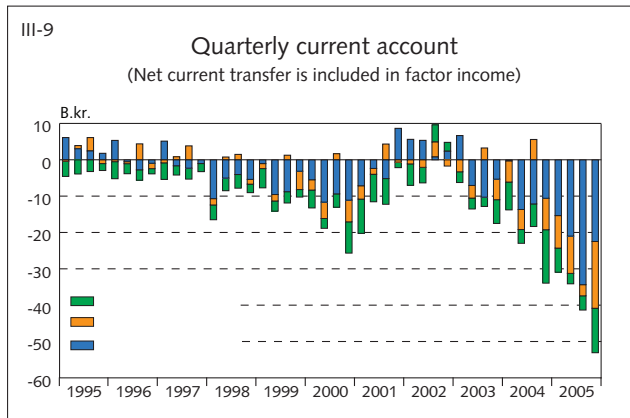
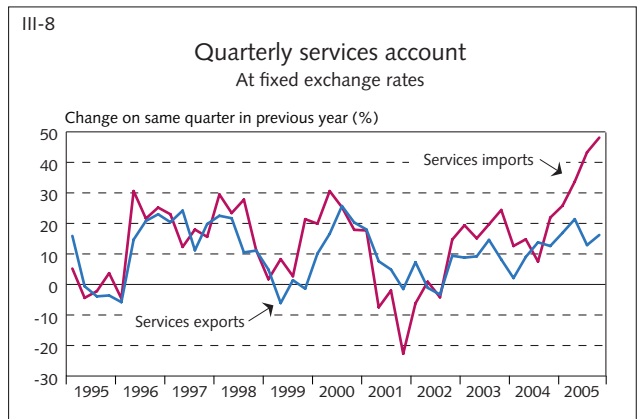
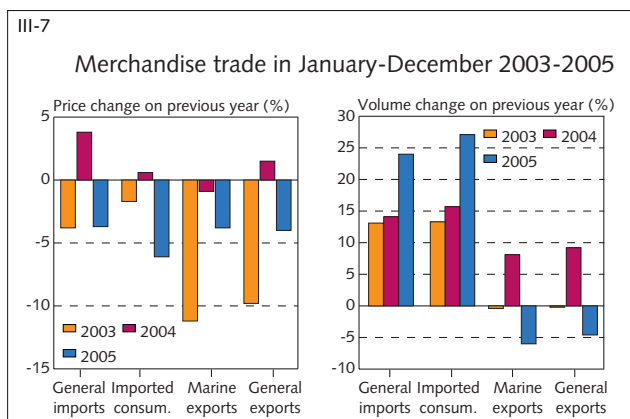
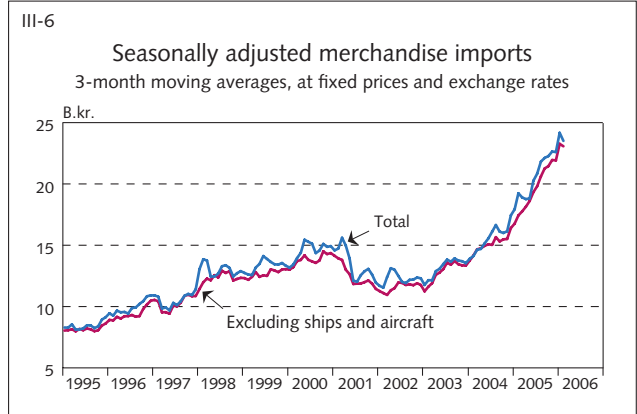
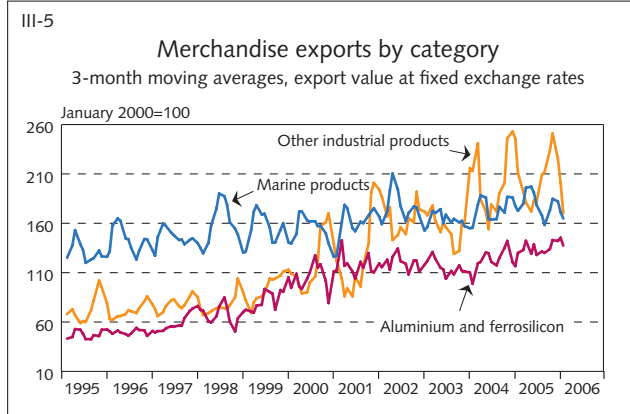
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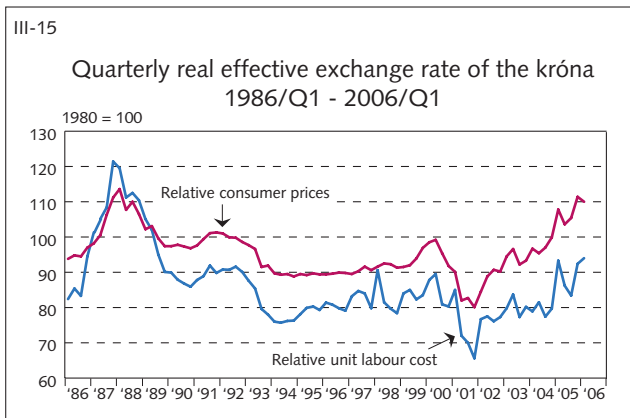
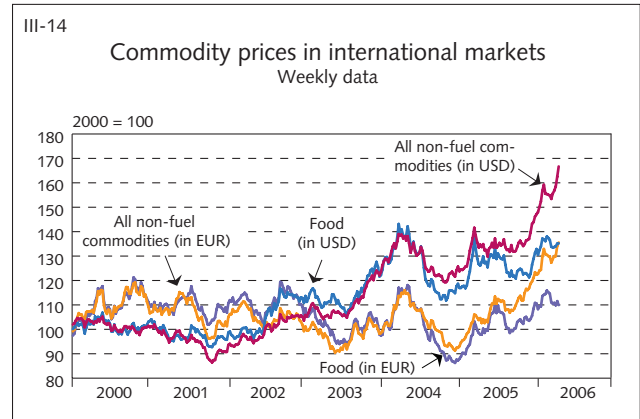
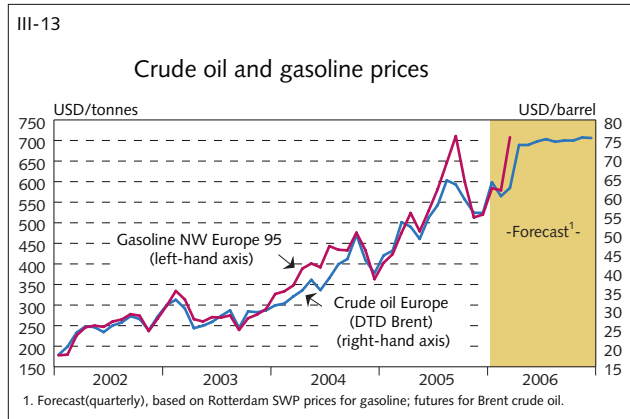
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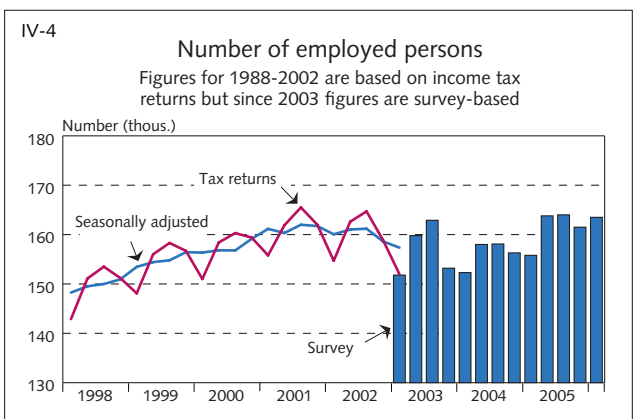
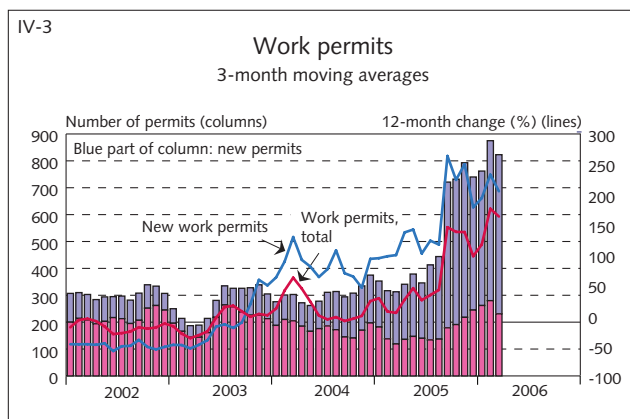
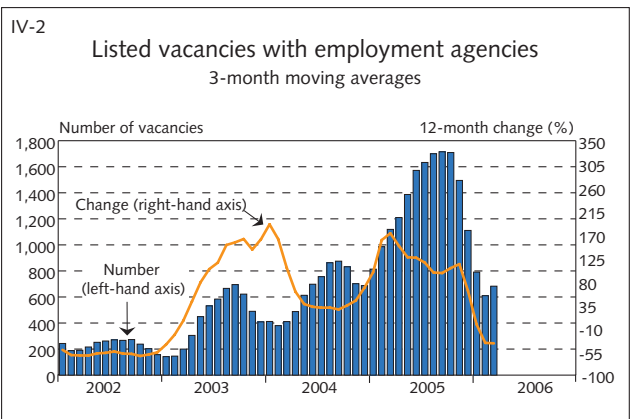
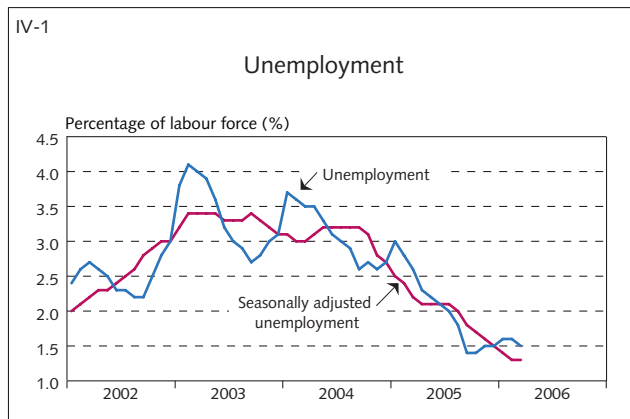
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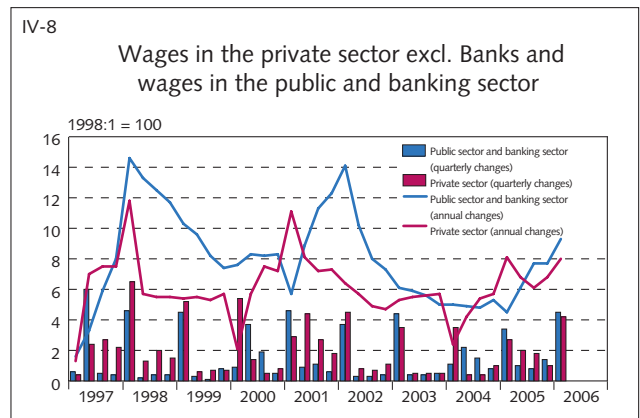
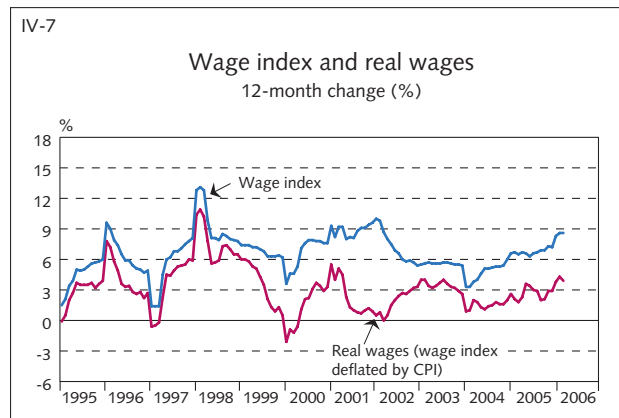
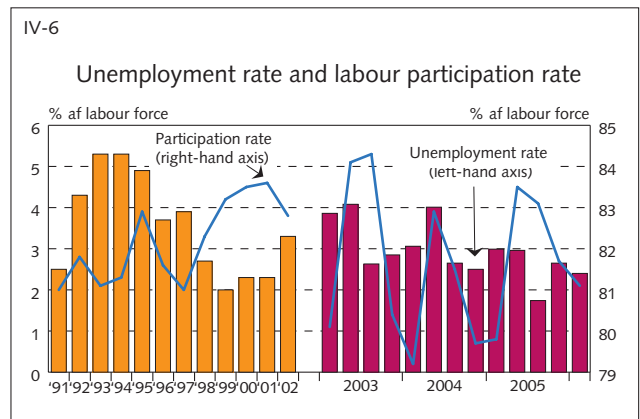
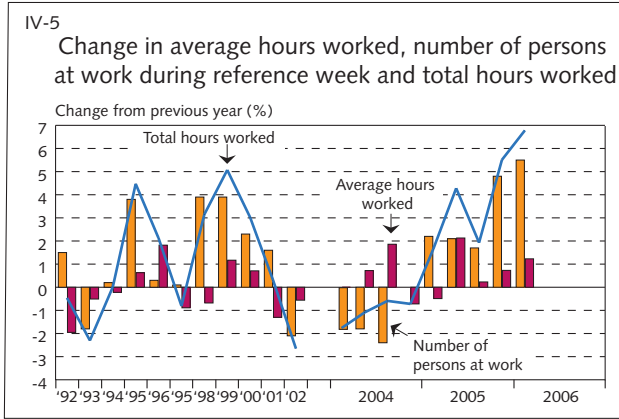
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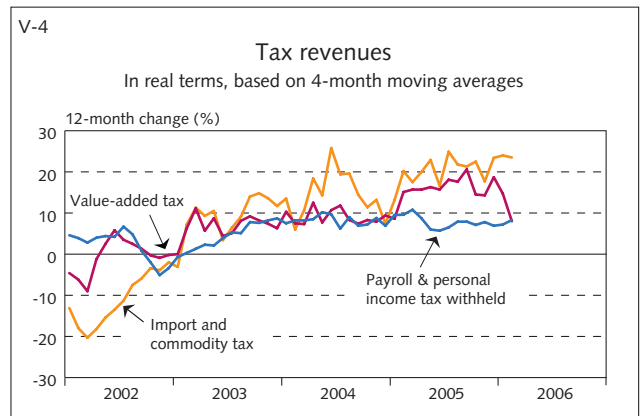
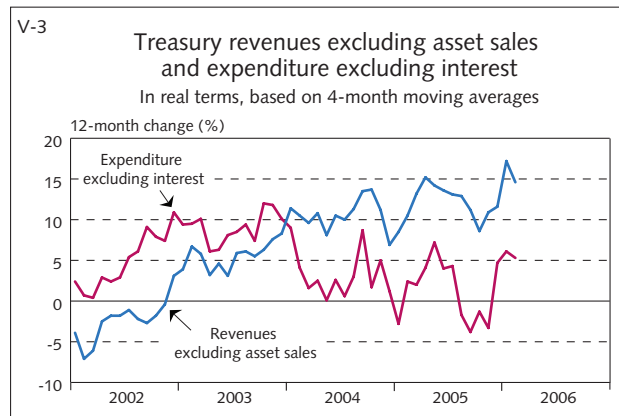
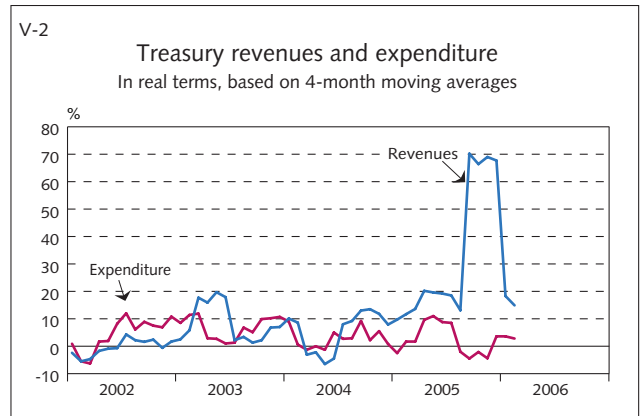
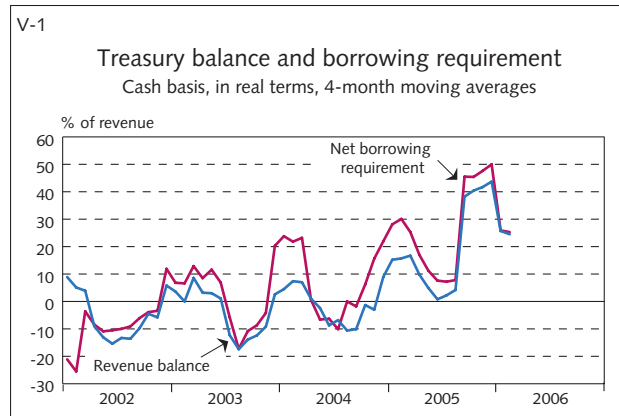
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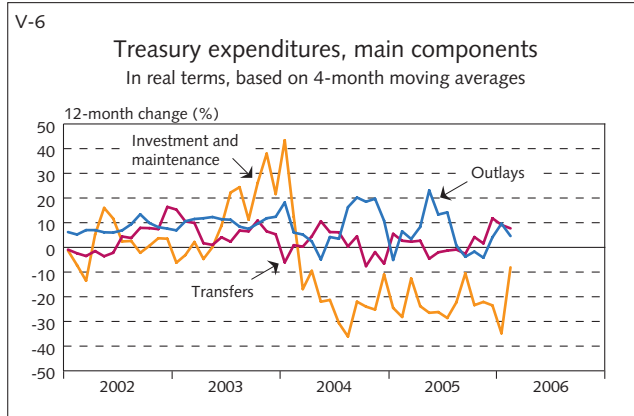
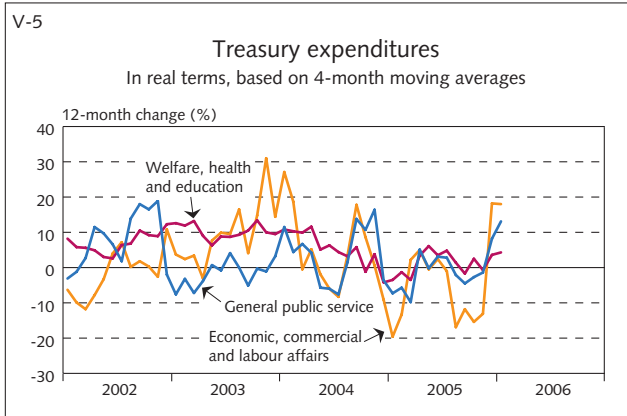
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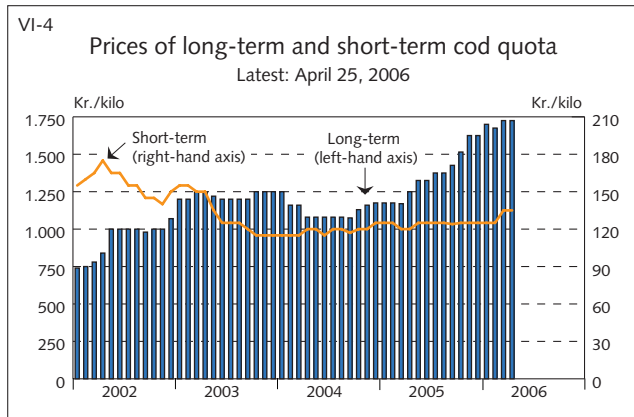
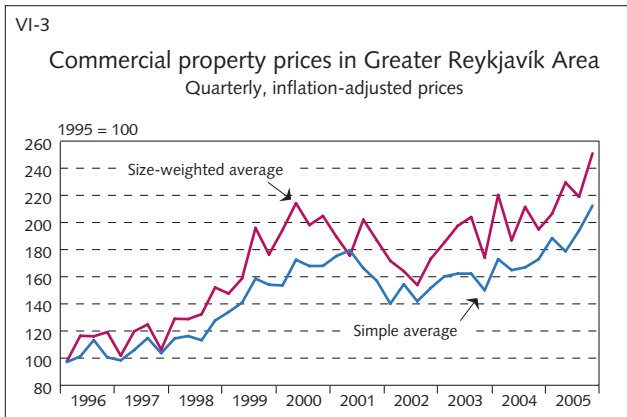
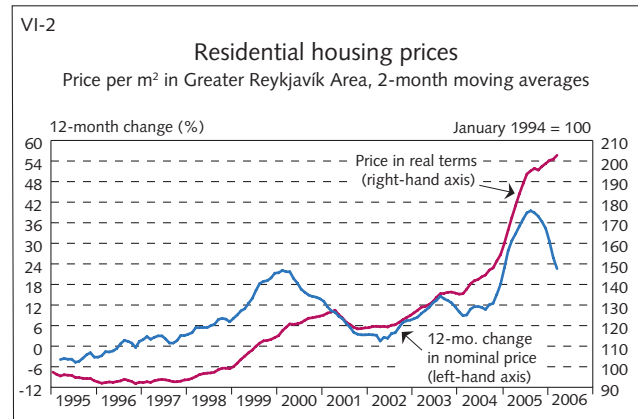
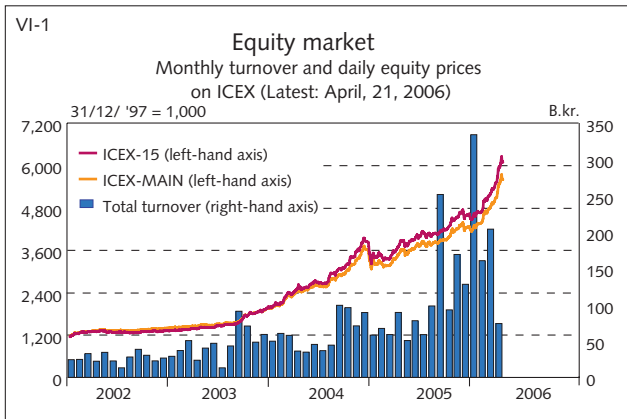
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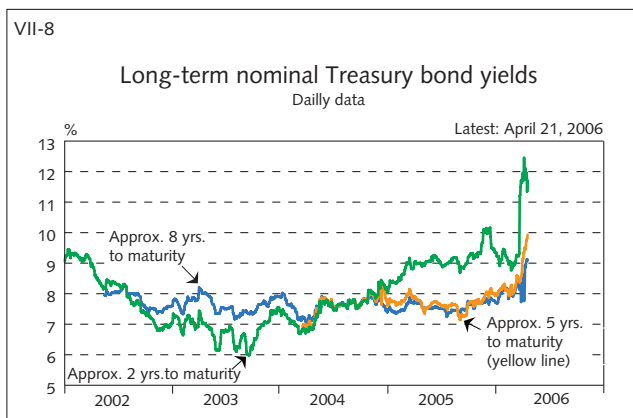
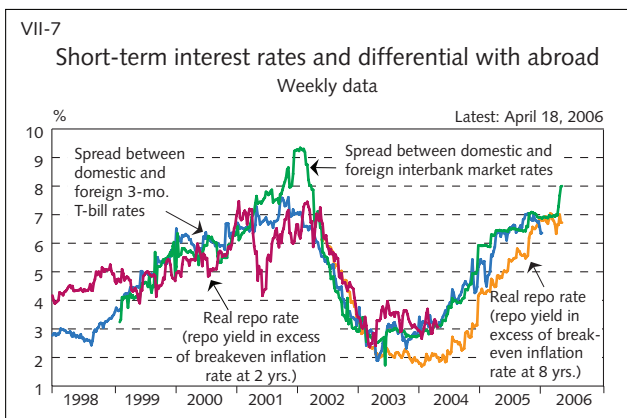
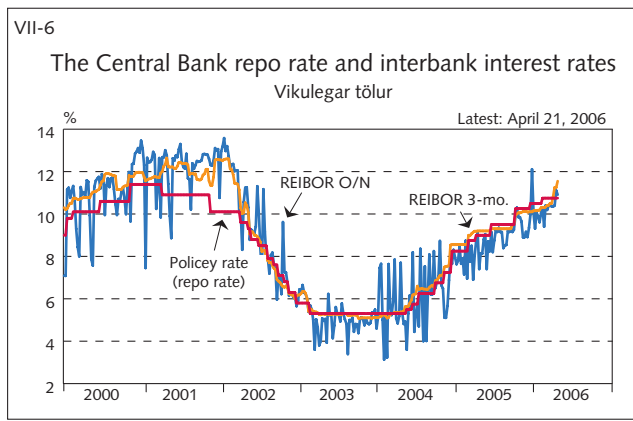
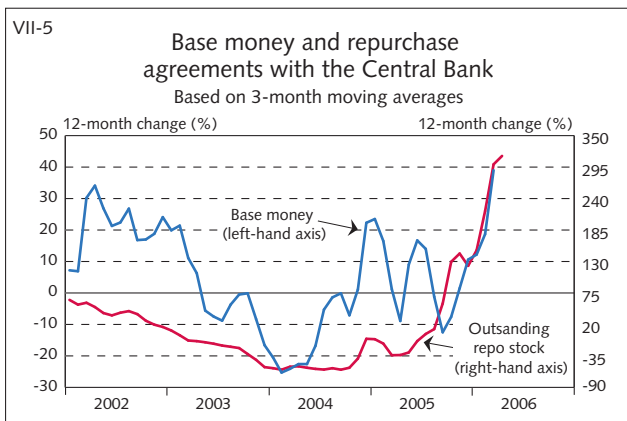
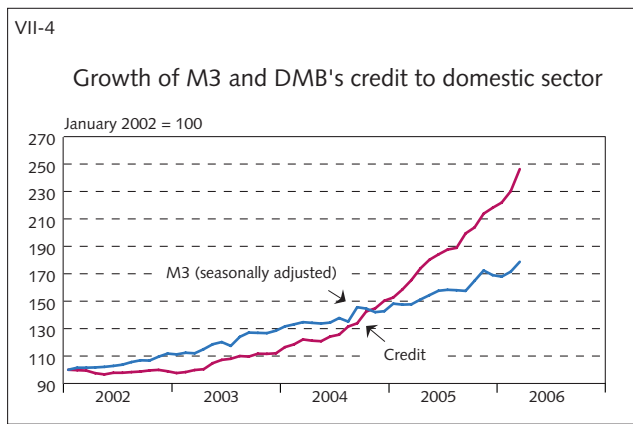
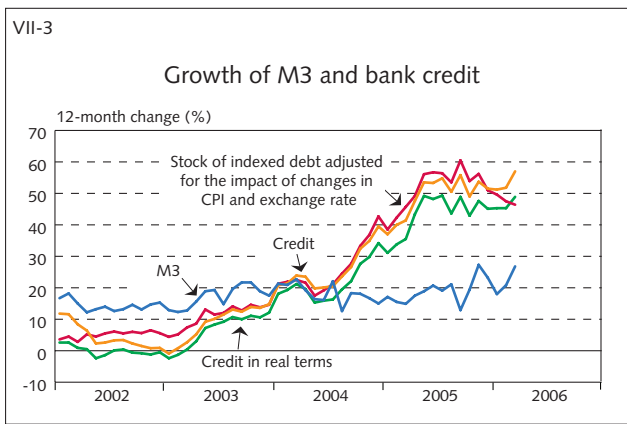
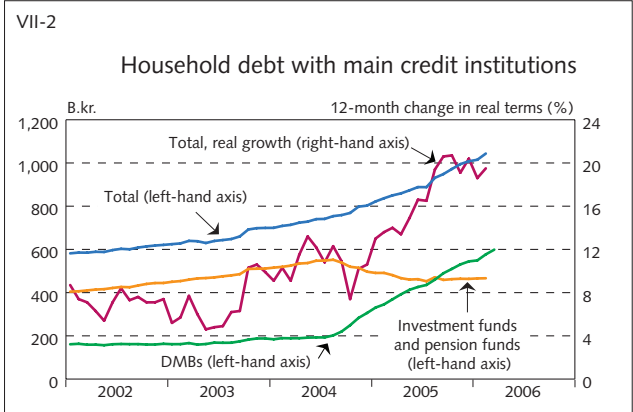
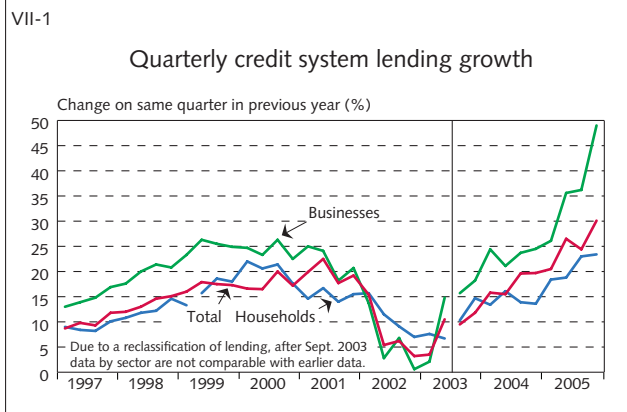
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