

Economic Indicators



Central Bank of Iceland
March 2006

Overview of economic indicators

	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		
I Inflation and inflation expectations ¹							
Consumer price index.....	March '06	252,3	1,1	4,4	4,5	.	4,7
Core index 1 (CPI excl. agric. prod., veg., fruit and petrol).....	March '06	142,7	1,3	5,0	4,2	3,7	4,7
Core index 2 (core index 1 excl. public services).....	March '06	142,9	1,4	5,4	4,4	3,6	4,5
Domestic goods excl. agricultural products and vegetables.....	March '06	132,8	1,0	8,6	2,9	0,3	1,1
Agricultural products and vegetables.....	March '06	125,3	-0,7	8,6	4,0	0,3	3,0
Imported goods excl. alcohol and tobacco.....	March '06	109,2	2,8	-2,7	-0,1	0,0	-0,1
- food and beverages.....	March '06	114,3	-1,1	6,4	0,7	0,0	-7,1
- cars and spare parts.....	March '06	115,3	0,0	-2,9	-3,1	-0,1	0,5
- petrol.....	March '06	147,2	-0,1	-11,0	10,7	0,5	9,9
- imported goods excl. food and beverages.....	March '06	96,3	5,3	-1,1	-2,3	-0,4	-1,4
Housing.....	March '06	228,2	0,9	12,5	13,7	3,0	15,7
Public services.....	March '06	146,0	0,0	1,1	1,8	0,1	6,9
Private services.....	March '06	148,6	0,4	3,9	3,5	0,8	3,5
Groceries (perishable items).....	March '06	122,8	0,1	8,7	2,5	0,4	-2,3
Weighted import exchange rate index (Dec. 31 1994=100).....	February 28 '06	92,4	4,6	-0,6	-0,4	.	-8,5

	Latest period	Expected 12 mo. inflation	Change on prev. survey	Exp. 12-mo inflation 1 year ago	Expected annual inflation over next 2 yrs. 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.

	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 (%)
II Output and demand							
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.).....	February '06	115,6	106,1	-1,7	9,0	116,6	9,5
Credit and debit card turnover (b.kr.) ²	February '06	51,9	47,3	-3,7	9,3	105,9	7,5
Turnover of publicly listed companies on ITEX (b.kr.).....	Q1-Q4/2005	430,7	249,9	44,2	180,8	430,7	180,8
Cement sales (thous. tons).....	February '06	21,2	15,6	7,9	35,9	40,8	43,8
Automobile registrations (number).....	December '05	1.791	1.348	-9,7	32,9	25.934	57,2

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

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		From beginn. of year	
				previous period	previous year	Value	Change on prev. year (%)
III Foreign trade and external economic conditions							
Price of marine products in foreign currency (Jan.1999=100).....	January '06	110,3	102,2	1,4	7,8	110,3	7,8
Price of aluminium, LME cash price USD/t.....	February '06	2.359	1.883	-1,7	25,3	2.380	28,0
Price of crude oil (Brent) USD/b.....	February '06	59,9	45,6	-5,7	31,5	61,8	37,4
Demersals (1,000 tonnes).....	February '06	51,7	53,0	60,0	-2,3	84,1	-3,0
Pelagics (1,000 tonnes).....	February '06	164,2	247,9	1.701,3	-33,8	173,3	-61,6
Merchandise exports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	January '06	14,1	14,0	8,2	9,3	14,1	2,7
- marine products (b.kr.) ¹	January '06	7,9	7,4	2,2	16,8	7,9	9,8
- aluminium (b.kr.) ¹	January '06	3,4	3,0	18,0	23,2	3,4	15,9
- other industrial products (b.kr.) ¹	January '06	2,0	2,8	5,8	-23,8	2,0	-28,3
Merchandise imports (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.) ¹	January '06	24,2	17,2	10,3	52,6	24,2	43,5
Merchandise trade balance (excl. ships & aircraft, b.kr.).....	January '06	-10,1	-3,2	.	.	-10,1	.
Services exports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2005	40,1	25,5	0,0	71,5	92,2	-10,9
Services imports (b.kr.) ¹	Q4/2005	43,1	34,2	0,0	37,9	114,5	-2,1
Real effective exchange rate (relative CPI) (1980=100).....	Q4/2005	111,4	99,9	5,7	11,4	107,0	10,2

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.

IV Labour market and wages

	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	February '06	2.338	4.155	-105	-1.817	3.015	-29,1
Registered unemployment, s.a. (% of total estim. labour force)	February '06	1,3	2,4	0,0	-1,0	1,9	-0,5
Unemployment rate, labour force survey.....	Q4/2005	2,7	2,5	0,9	0,2	3,1	0,0
Listed vacancies at employment agencies	February '06	728	1.178	37,9	-38,2	1.272	14,1
New work permits issued	February '06	740	189	66	291,5	5.498	1.385,9
Work permits issued, total	February '06	1.001	275	49	264,0	8.033	1.337,0
Wage index (December 1988=100)	February '06	284,4	261,9	0,6	8,6	269,6	3,1
Real wages (wage index deflated by CPI).....	February '06	142,4	136,5	0,6	4,3	137,7	0,9

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.

V Public finances

	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.)	January '06	8,7	4,1	.	.	-	.
- as a percentage of revenue.....	January '06	25,7	15,2	.	.	-	.
Net borrowing requirement (b. kr.).....	January '06	-8,7	-7,7	.	.	-	.
- as percentage of revenue.....	January '06	-25,9	-28,1	.	.	-	.
Treasury revenue (b. kr.).....	January '06	33,8	27,3	-25,3	18,3	41,1	31,8
- w/o asset sales and irregular items (b. kr.)	January '06	33,4	27,3	14,9	17,2	41,1	31,8
- from VAT (b. kr.).....	January '06	9,6	8,0	-1,3	14,7	5,4	4,8
- from payroll & personal income tax withheld (b. kr.)	January '06	9,8	8,8	5,0	5,9	10,4	2,3
- from imports, liquor, car ownership (b. kr.)	January '06	1,8	1,7	-17,1	0,9	0,8	-57,1
Treasury expenditures (b. kr.).....	January '06	25,1	23,2	-4,4	3,6	25,5	-3,6
- w/o irregular items (b. kr.).....	January '06	25,1	23,2	1,9	3,6	25,5	-3,6

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

VI Asset markets

	Latest period	Latest value	Value 1 year ago	% change on		From beginn. of year	
				previous period	previous year	Average ¹	Change on prev. year (%)
ICEX-15 equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000).....	February '06	6.647,9	3.800,9	9,8	74,9	6.349,9	73,3
ICEX-Main equity price index ² (Dec. 1997=1,000).....	February '06	6.019,3	3.558,3	8,4	69,2	5.787,2	68,5
Equity turnover on ICEX, ² monthly total.....	February '06	160,6	67,4	-51,9	138,3	494,6	293,9
Residential housing prices, narrow index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	February '06	290,3	244,9	-0,3	18,5	270,4	13,4
Real residential housing prices, broad index ³ (Jan. 1994=100)	February '06	203,0	173,6	2,1	16,9	190,2	12,1
Price of long-term cod quota (kr./kg.).....	March '06	1.725	1.170	3,0	47,4	1.431	21,9

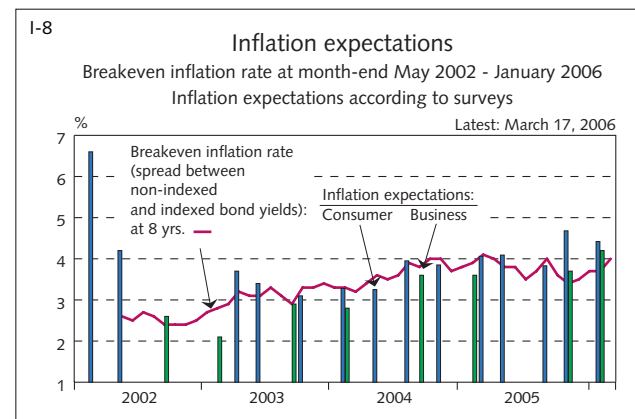
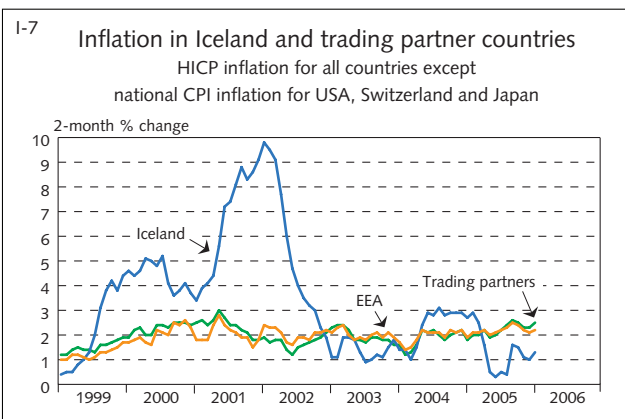
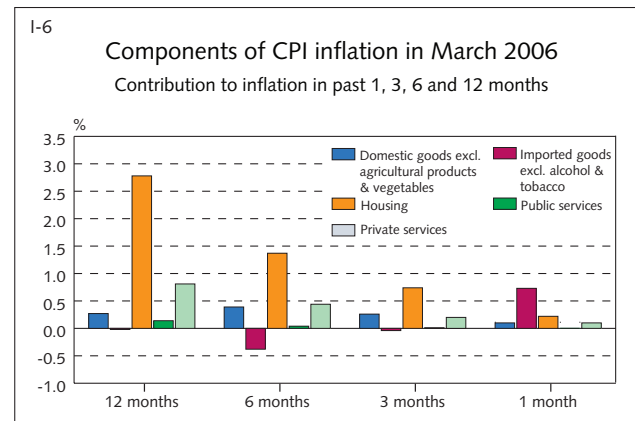
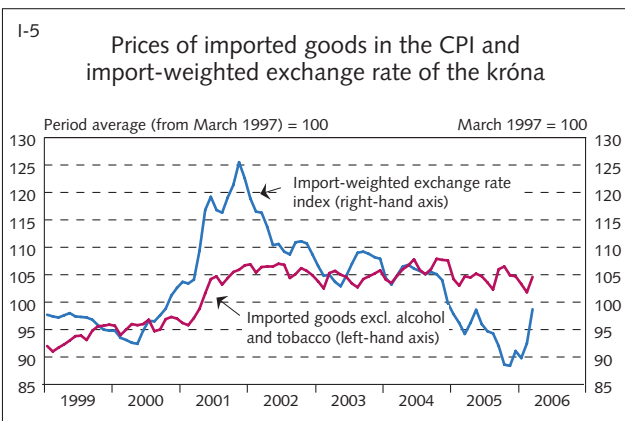
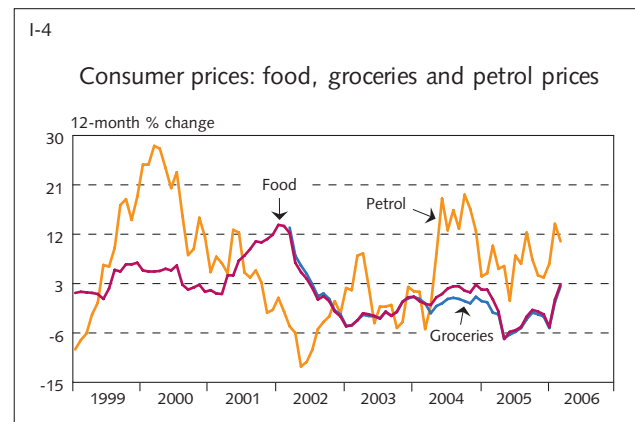
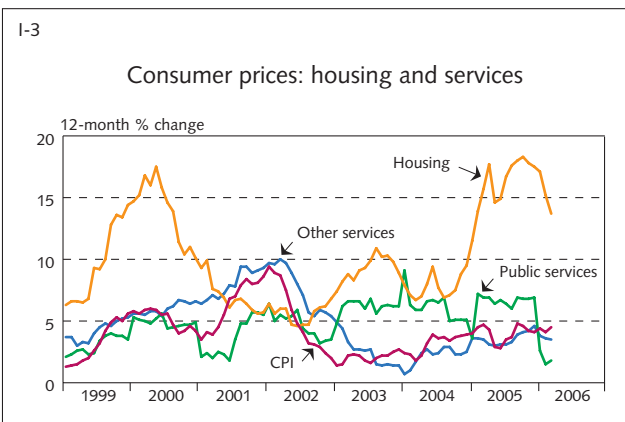
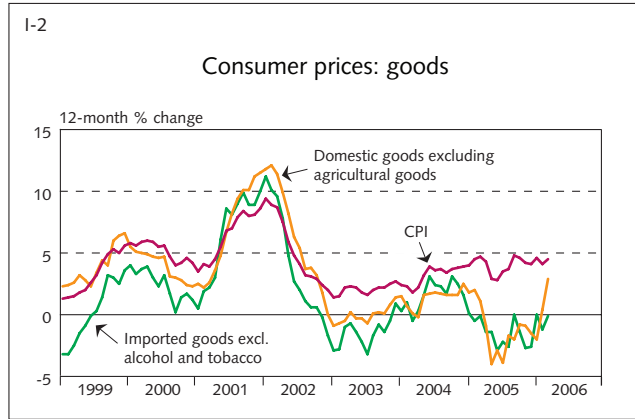
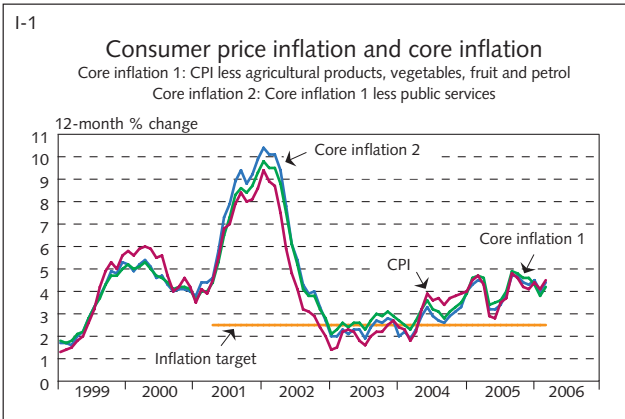
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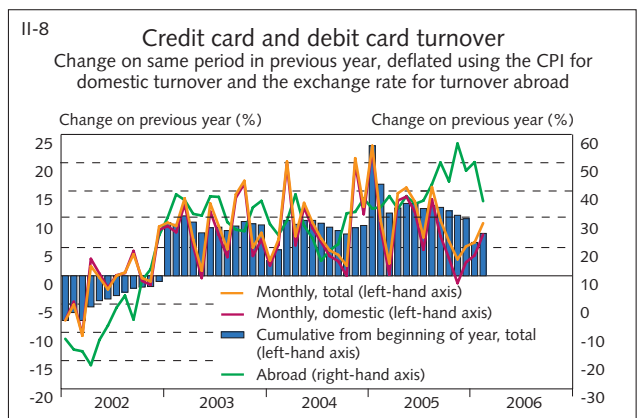
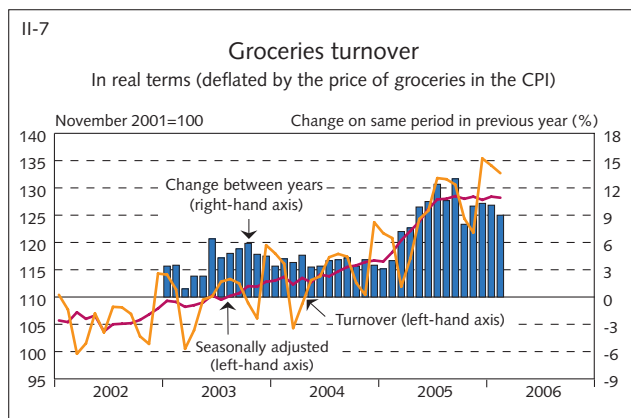
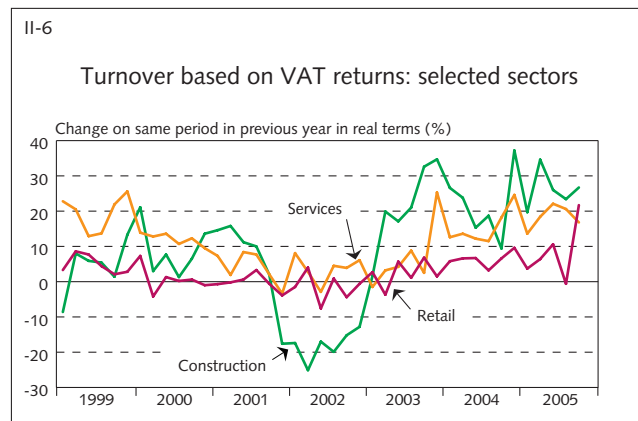
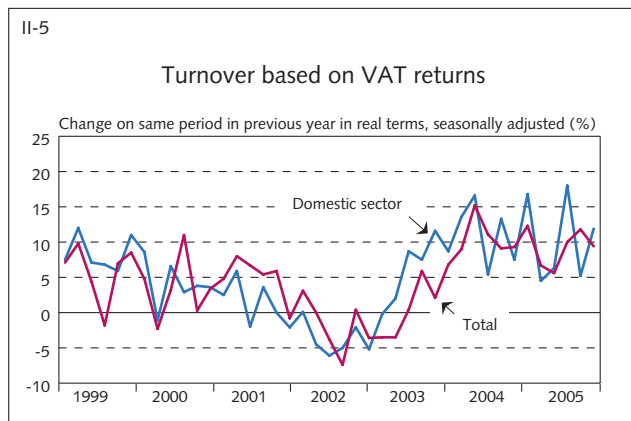
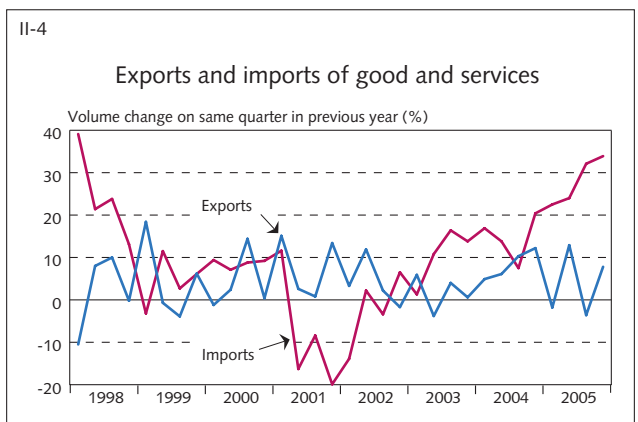
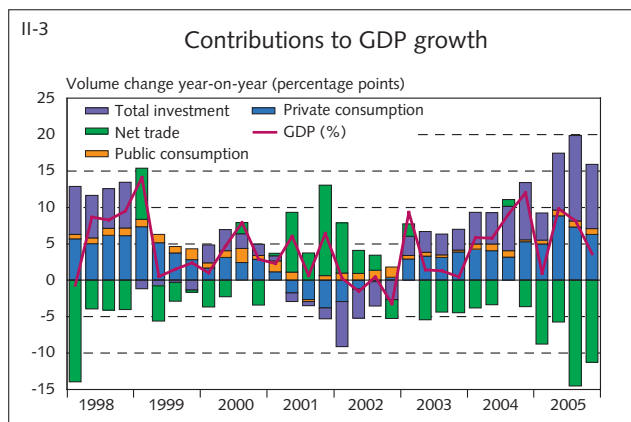
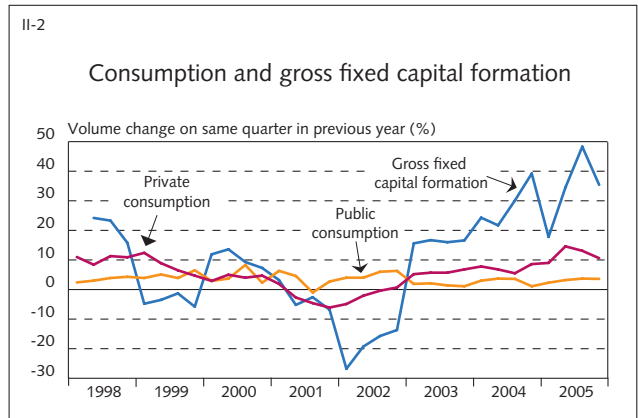
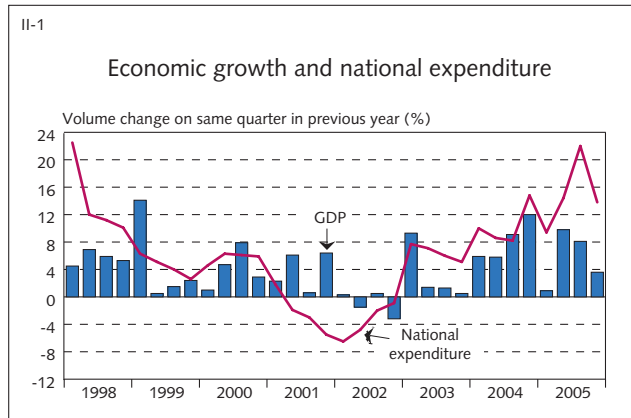
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Bank lending to domestic sector (b.kr.) ¹	February '06	1.815,8	1.196,2	4,9	51,8	.	.
- adjusted for estimated indexation effects on inflation- and exchange rate-linked loans (index) ¹	February '06	415,3	288,6	1,0	43,9	.	.
- in real terms (January 2002 = 100) ¹	February '06	1,5	1,4	0,4	8,4	.	.
Credit system total lending (b.kr.).....	December '05	3.448,6	2.651,2	7,1	30,1	.	.
M3 (b.kr.)	February '06	663,7	549,4	1,5	20,8	.	.
Central Bank policy interest rate (%).....	March 17 '06	10,75	8,75	0,0	2,0	10,67	2,23
Money market yield, 3-mo. (%) ²	March 17 '06	10,4	9,0	0,2	1,4	10,3	1,6
Money market yield, 12-mo. (%) ²	March 17 '06	10,5	9,8	0,3	0,7	10,3	0,8
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 10 0317) (%) ²	March 17 '06	8,2	7,9	0,1	0,4	8,1	0,4
Yield on Treasury notes (RIKB 13 0517) (%) ²	March 17 '06	8,1	7,6	0,0	0,5	8,0	0,6
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0224) (%) ²	March 17 '06	4,3	3,5	-0,3	0,8	4,4	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0234) (%) ²	March 17 '06	4,2	3,5	-0,3	0,7	4,3	.
Real yield on HFF bonds (HFF 15 0244) (%) ²	March 17 '06	4,1	3,5	-0,2	0,6	4,2	.
Real yield on Treasury bonds (RIKS 15 1001) (%) ²	March 17 '06	4,1	3,5	-0,3	0,6	4,2	0,8
Average bank lending rate, non-indexed loans (%) ²	March 17 '06	16,2	14,3	0,1	2,0	16,1	2,1
Average bank lending rate, indexed loans (%) ²	March 17 '06	6,8	7,6	0,1	-0,8	6,7	-0,9
Exchange rate index of króna (Dec. 31 1991=100) ²	March 17 '06	89,8	108,7	-16,0	-18,9	97,4	-13,3

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.

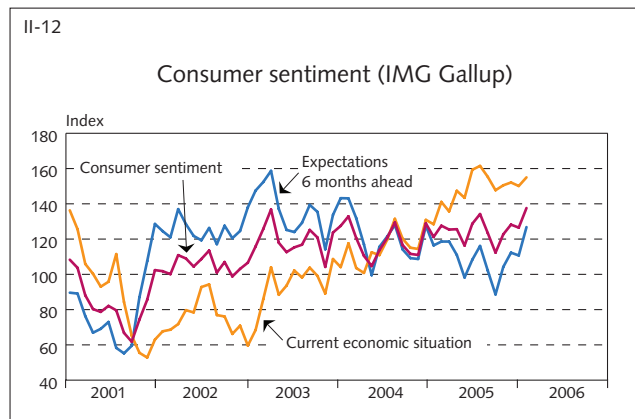
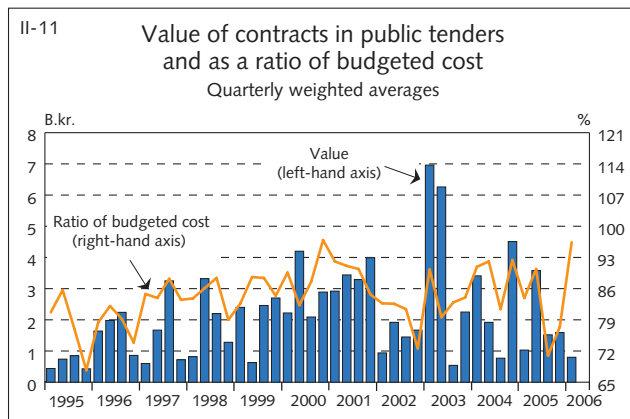
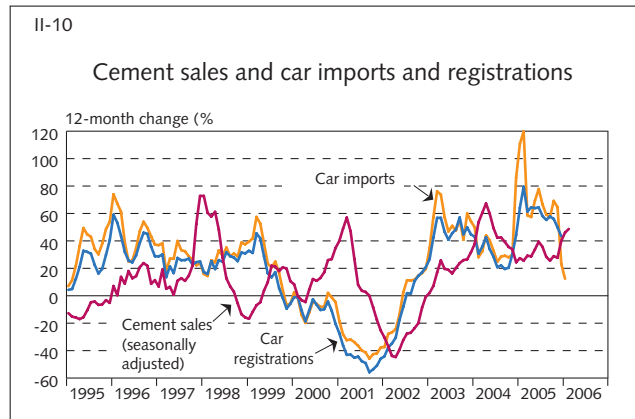
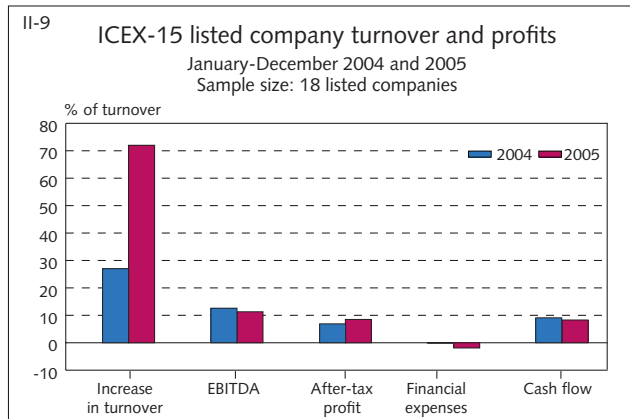
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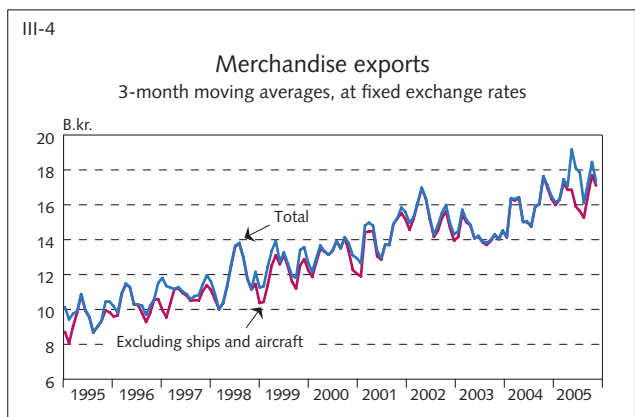
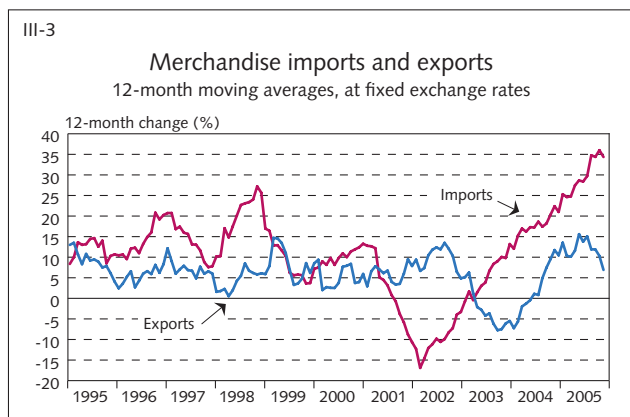
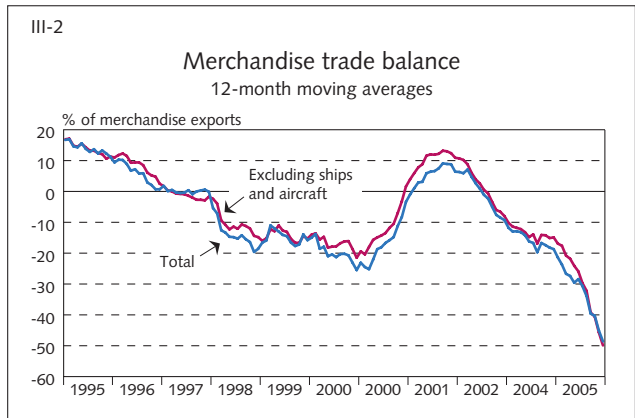
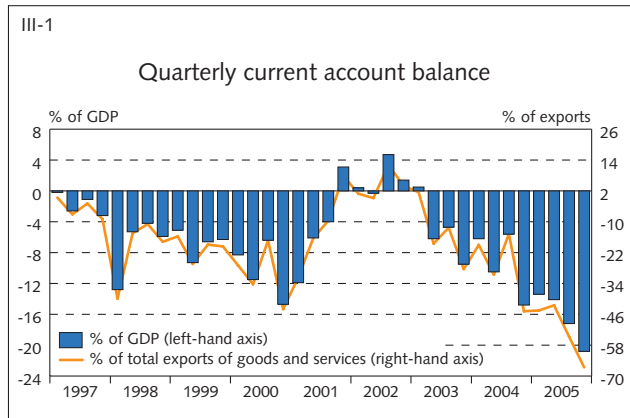
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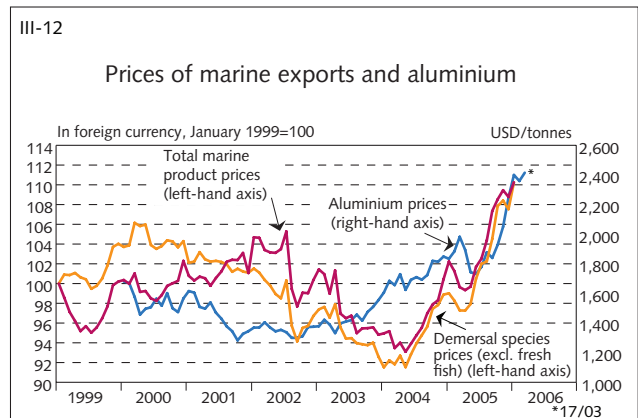
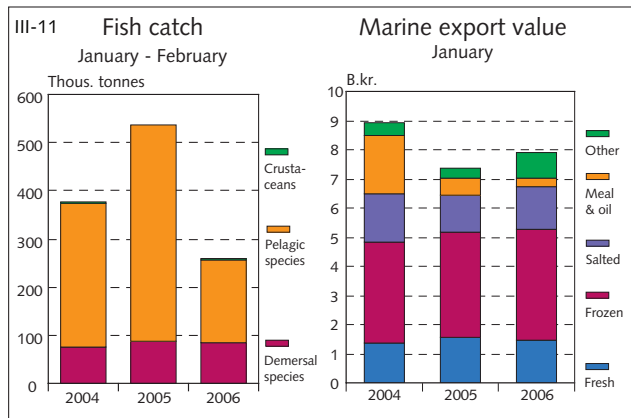
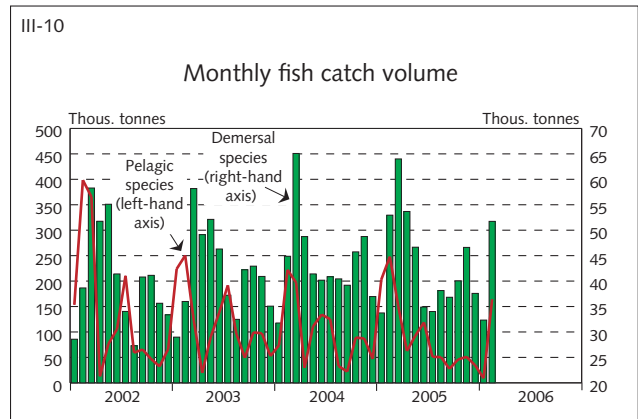
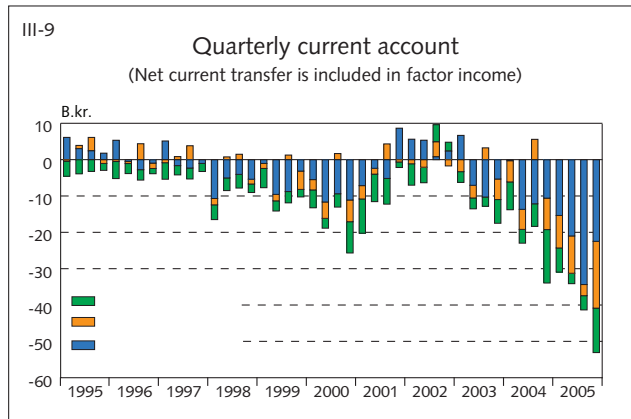
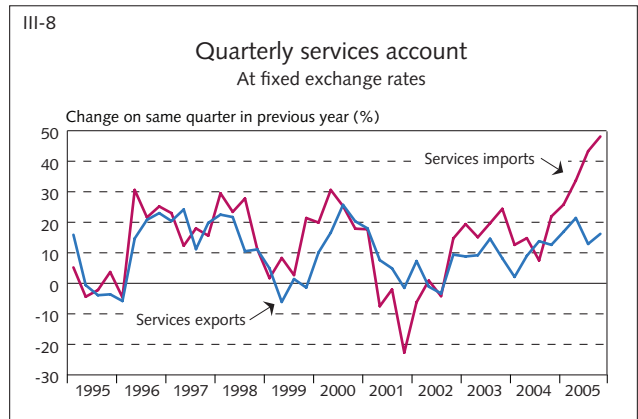
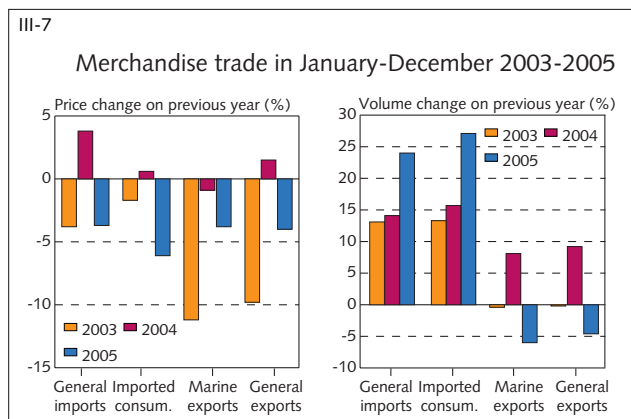
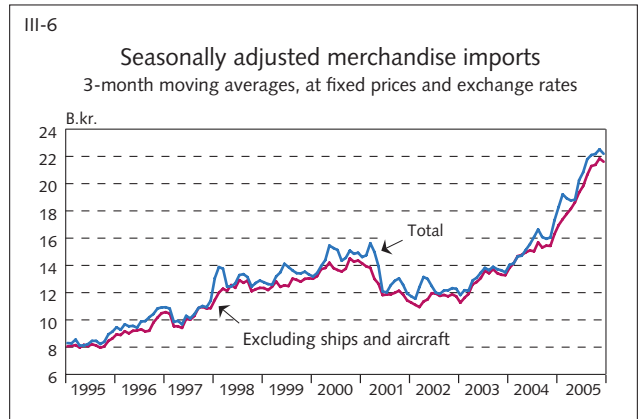
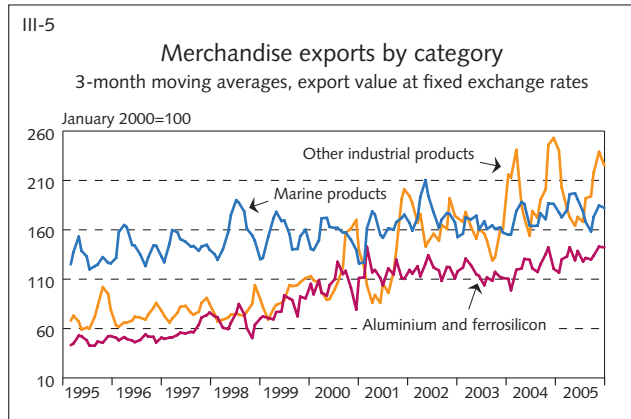
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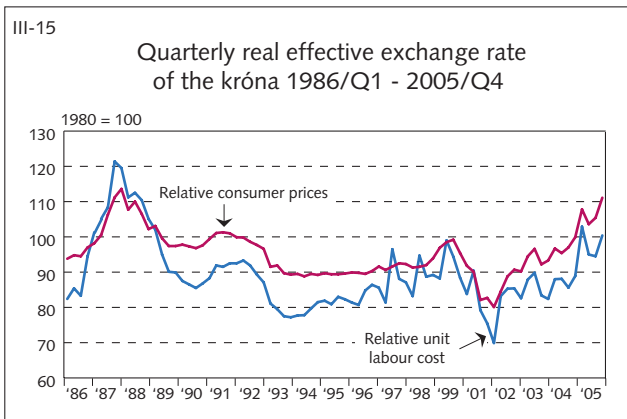
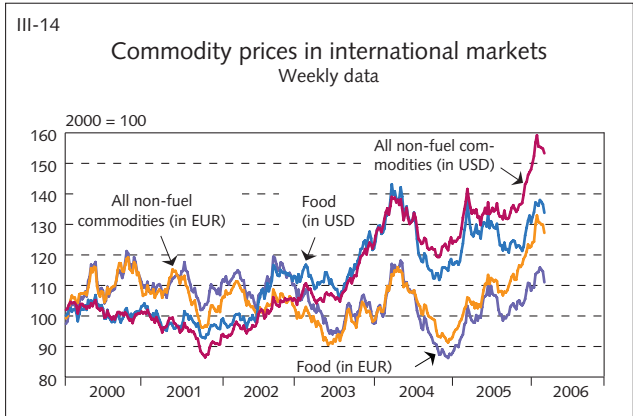
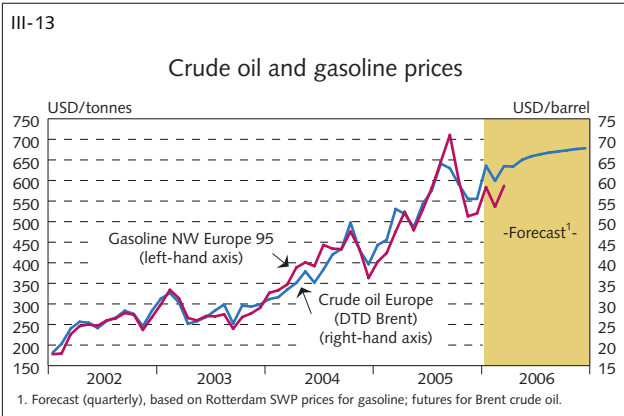
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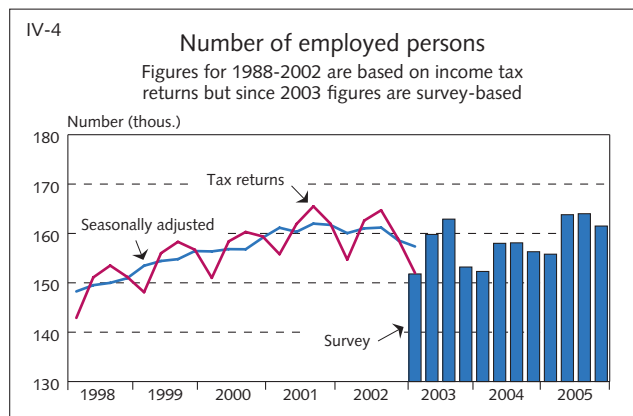
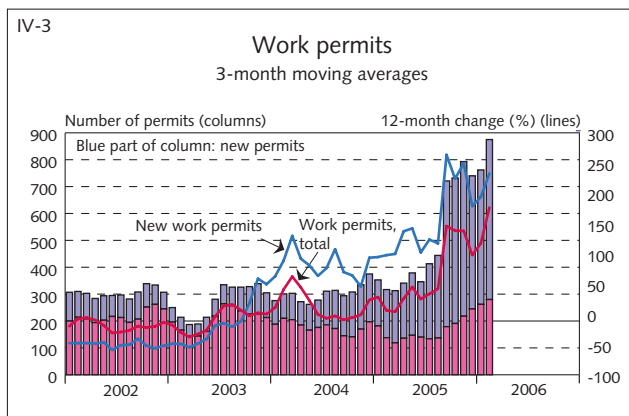
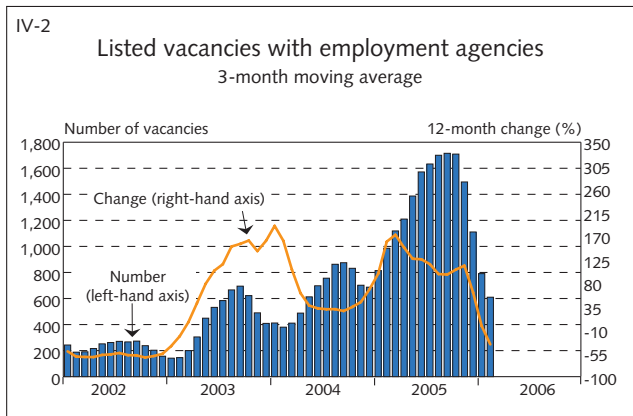
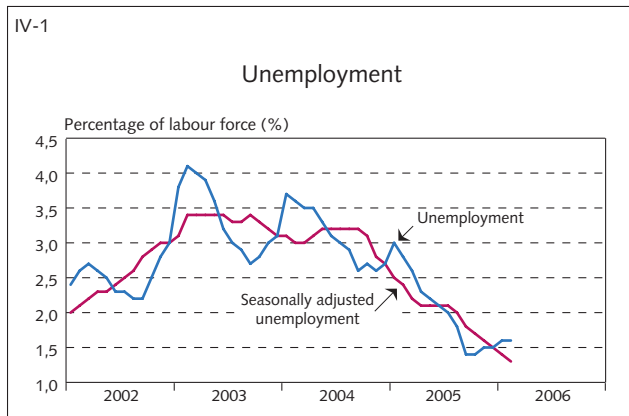
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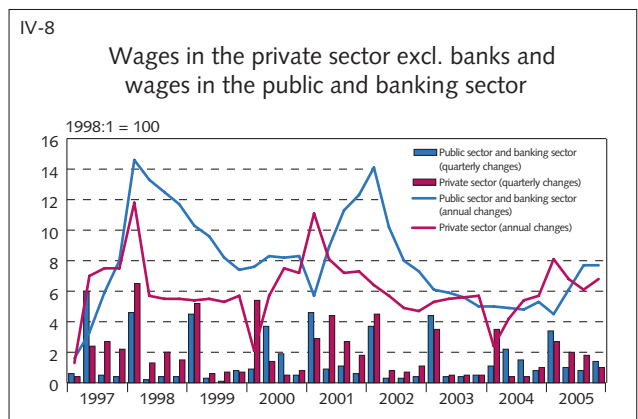
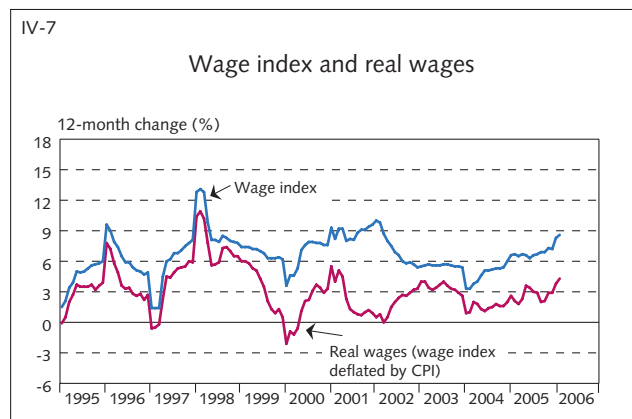
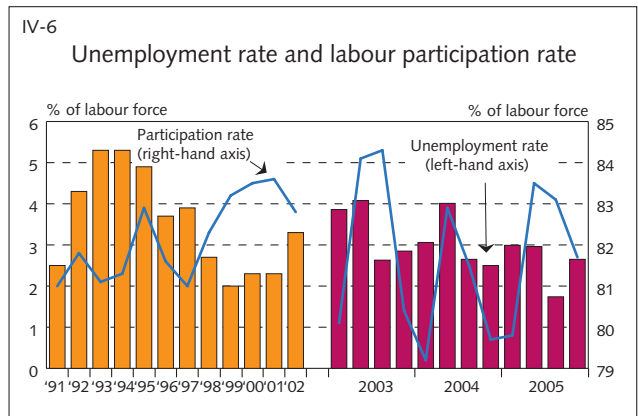
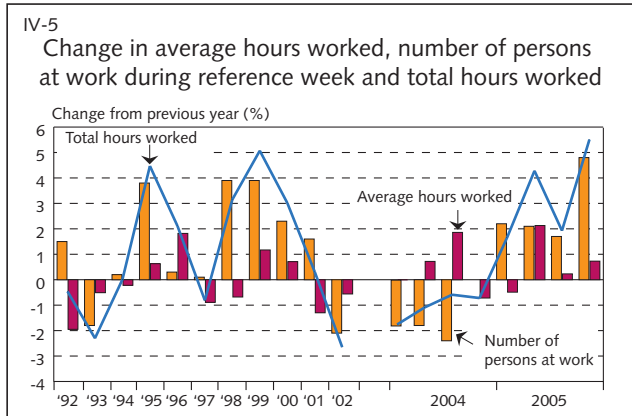
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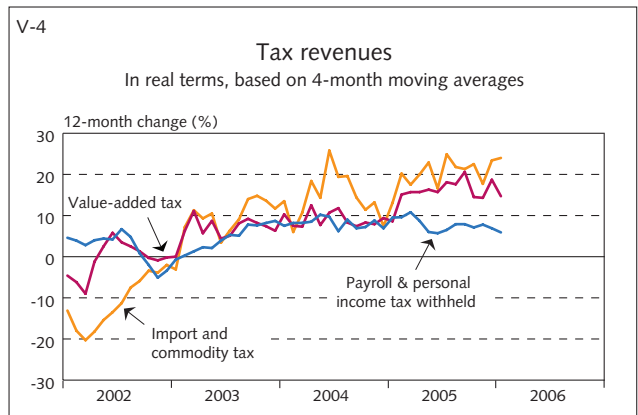
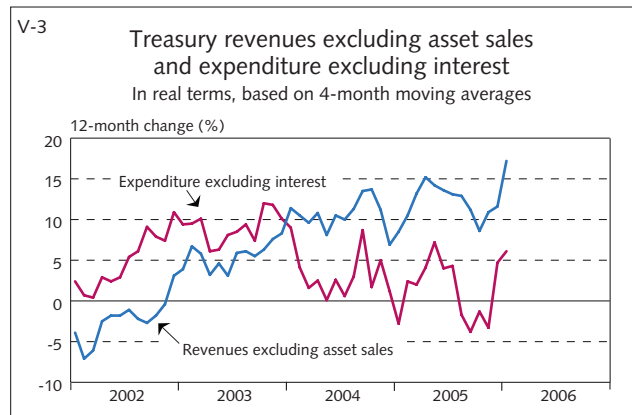
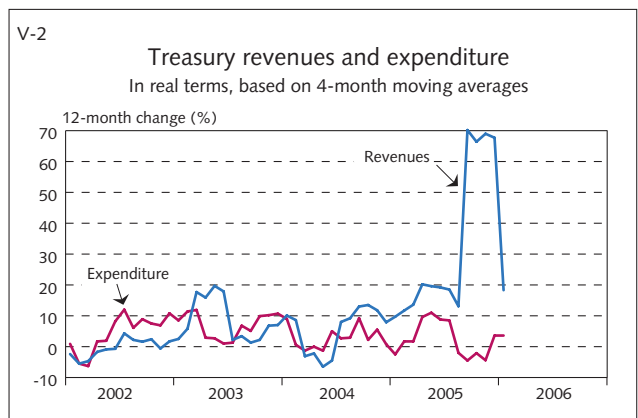
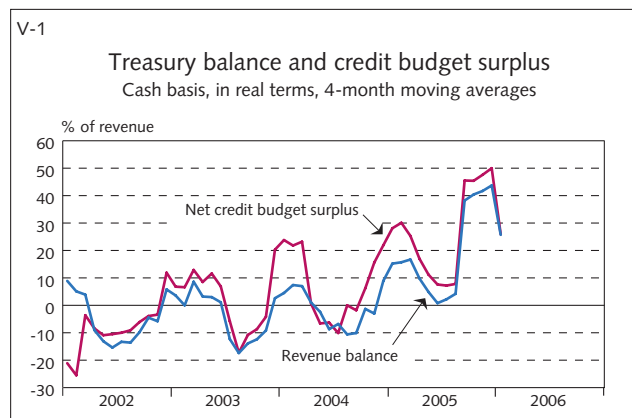
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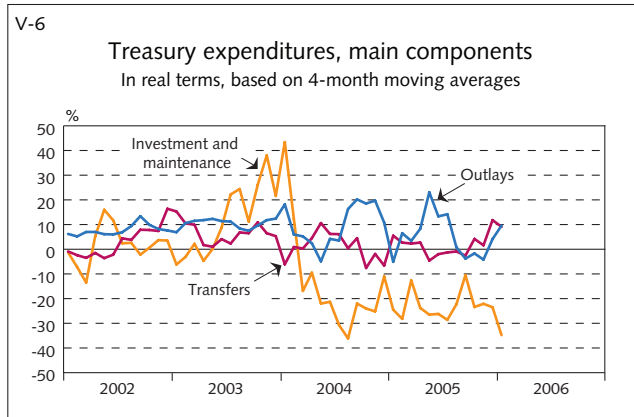
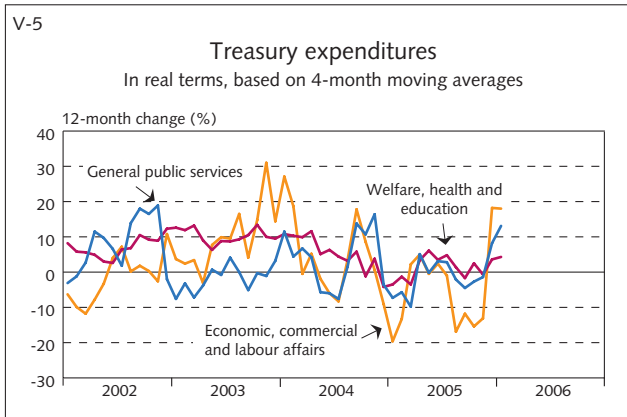
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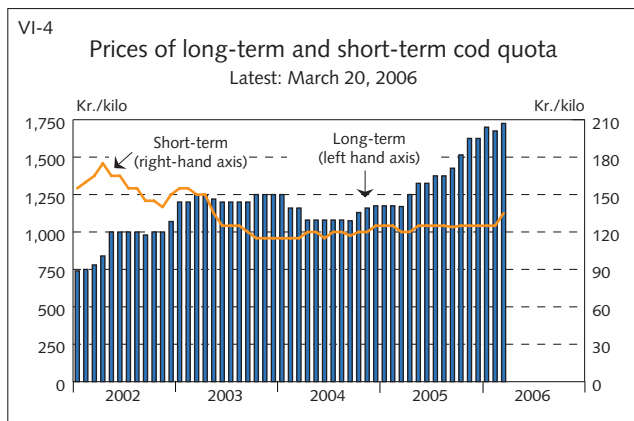
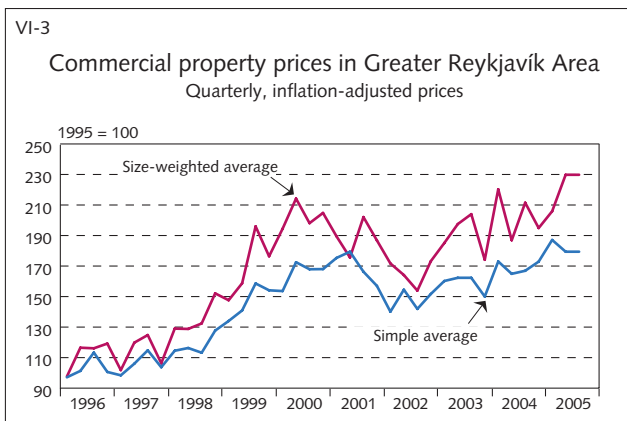
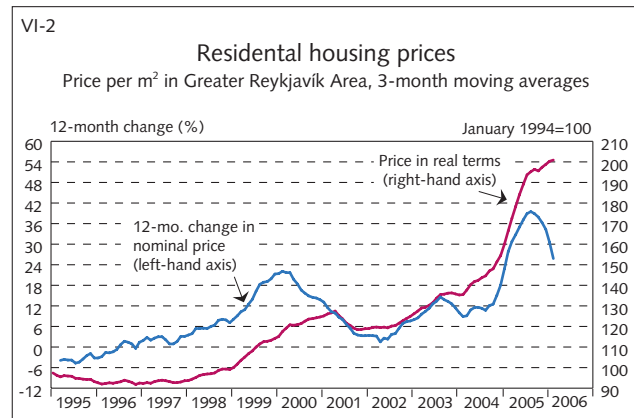
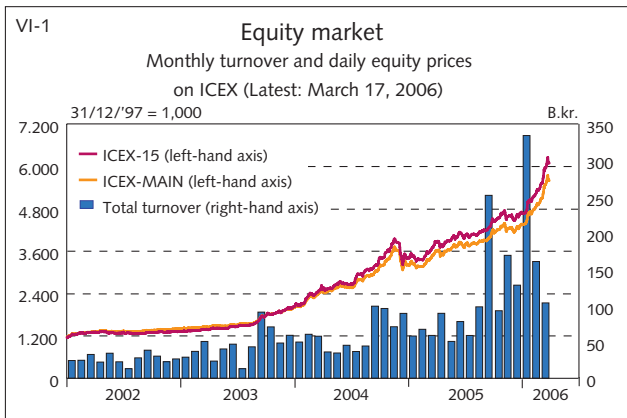
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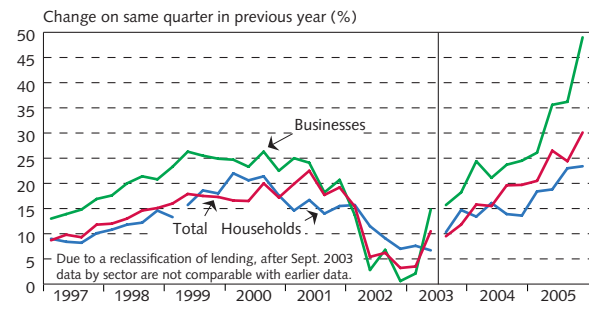
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VII Financial markets

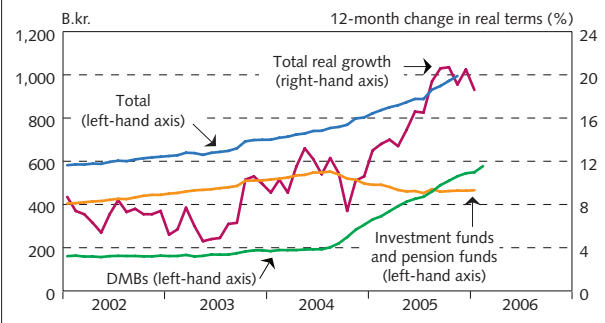
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Quarterly credit system lending growth



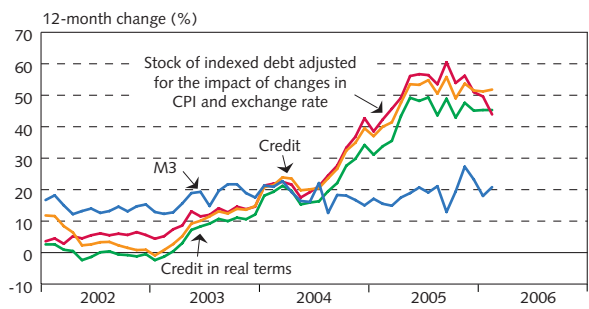
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Household debt with main credit institutions



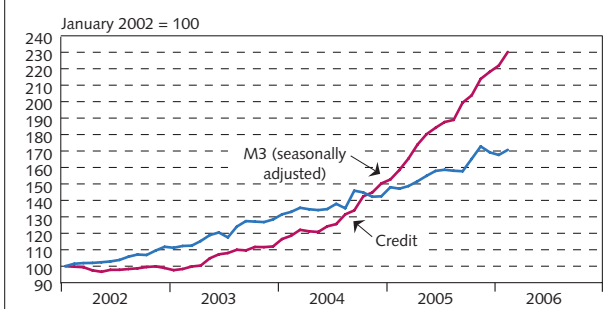
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Growth of M3 and bank credit



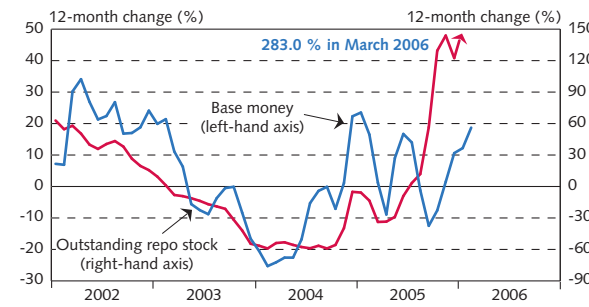
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Growth of M3 and DMBs' credit to domestic sector
In real terms



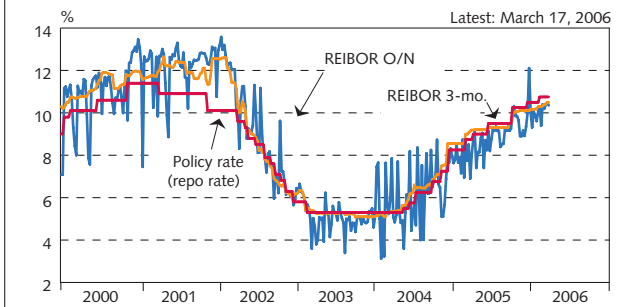
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Base money and repurchase agreements with the Central Bank
Based on 3-month moving averages



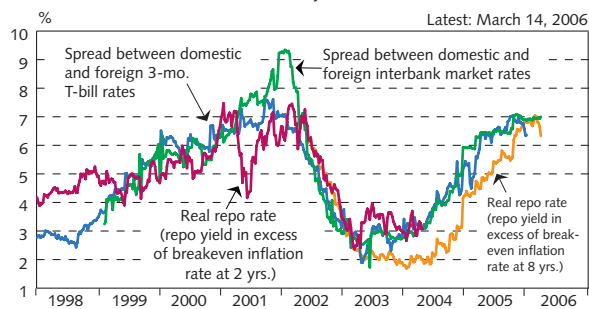
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The Central Bank repo rate and interbank interest rates
Weekly data



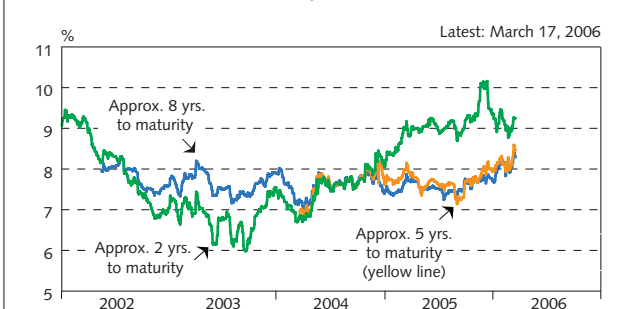
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Short-term interest rates and differential with abroad
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Long-term nominal Treasury bond yields
Daily data



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