

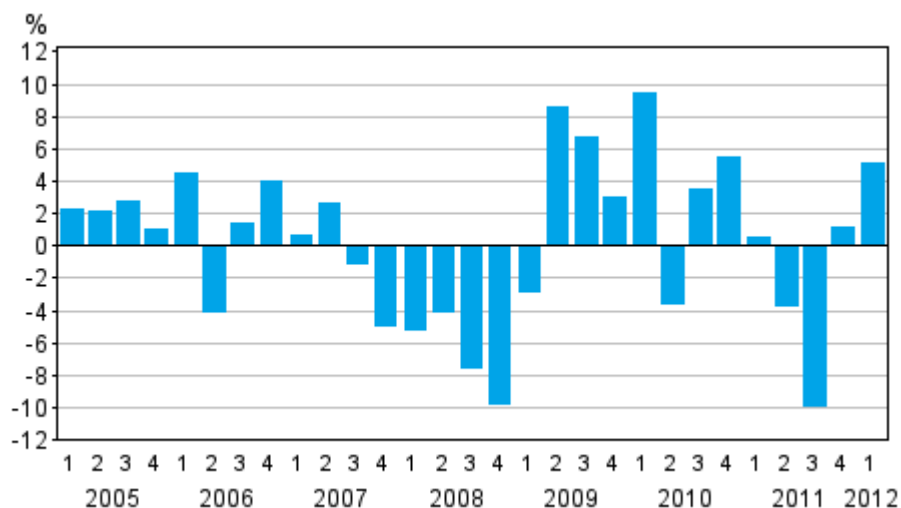
Financial accounts

2012 1st quarter

Recovery of households' net financial assets continued in the first quarter of 2012

The recovery of households' net financial assets that had started in the last quarter of 2011 continued also in the first quarter of 2012. Households' net financial assets grew by 5.1 per cent. The main reason for the growth in households' net financial assets can be found from stock market prices, which were higher at the end of March 2012 than at the end of 2011. Households' debts, in turn, were hiked up by continued steady escalation of borrowing. At the end of the first quarter of 2012, households' net financial assets, i.e. difference between their financial assets and liabilities, amounted to EUR 95.7 billion. These data derive from Statistics Finland's financial accounts statistics.

Change from the previous quarter in households' net financial assets



Households' indebtedness continued to grow. The growth from the end of 2011 amounted to EUR 1.2 billion which pushed the stock of debts up to EUR 127.4 billion. The speed of the growth of debts as such has been decelerating steadily over the latest three quarters. While in the second quarter of 2011 households' debts still grew at the rate of 2 per cent, in the first quarter of 2012 the rate was only one per cent or so.

At the end of March 2012, stock market prices had recovered from their level at the end of 2011, which was reflected as growth in holding gains from the quoted shares owned by households. Net amounts invested in shares also increased in the first quarter of 2012. The combined effect from these factors was that the value of the quoted shares held by the household sector rose by nearly 15 per cent. Similar development could also be seen in mutual fund shares, for which the growth amounted to nearly 10 per cent. By contrast, households' deposits turned to slight decline. This happened for the first time since the third quarter of 2009. Deposits diminished by 0.7 per cent to EUR 79.7 billion. As other changes were quite moderate, changes in stock market prices accounted for most of the growth in the net financial assets of households.

Non-financial corporations increased their debt financing by EUR 4.0 billion but also boosted their deposits by EUR 1.8 billion. The growth in the sector's debt financing raised its level for the first time above the EUR 200 billion mark to EUR 203.1 billion. At the end of the first quarter of 2012, non-financial corporations had EUR 192.2 billion more debts than financial assets.

The classification of money market funds was revised in financial accounts as of the beginning of 2012. As the definition of money market funds changed, a significant number of them became classified as investment funds, which can also be seen as respective level changes in the balance sheets of the sectors concerned.

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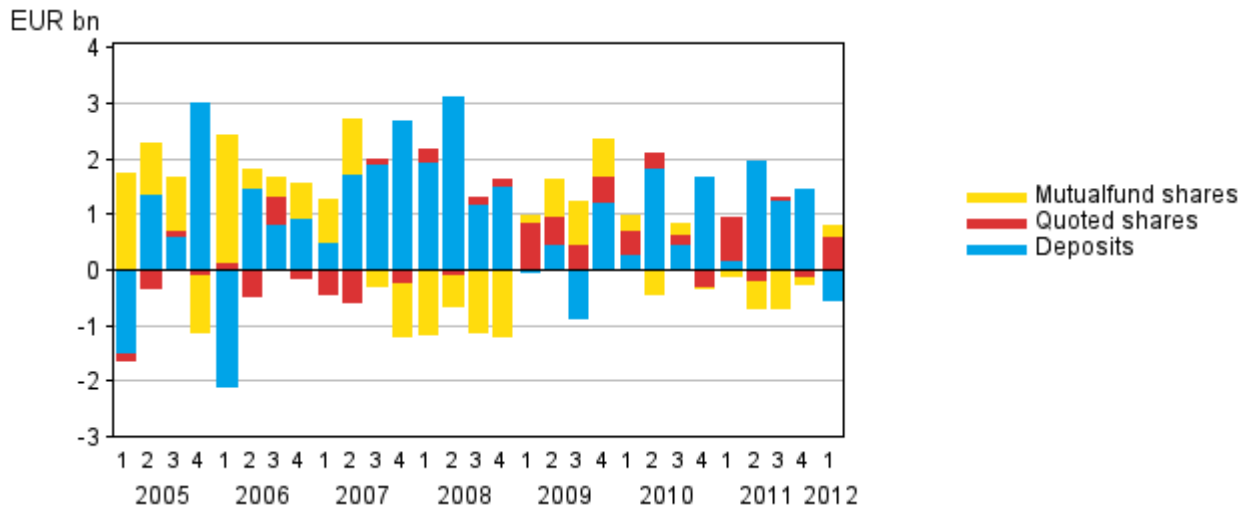
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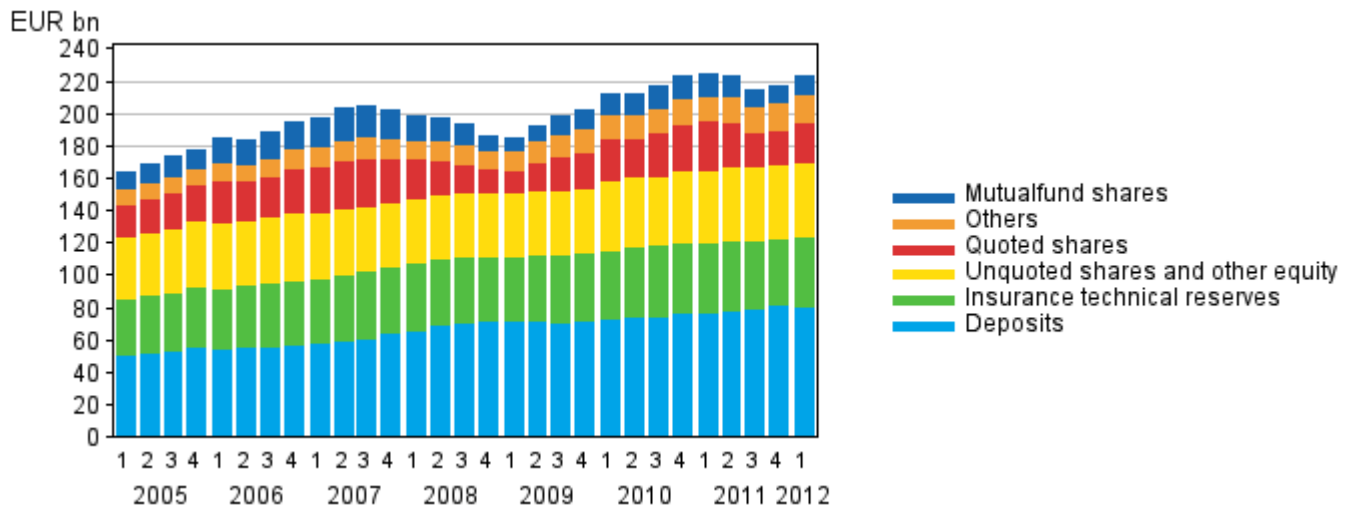
Instrument	Year/Quarter				
	2011/I	2011/II	2011/III	2011/IV	2012/I
Assets and liabilities total	528 619	521 435	497 129	495 298	512 517
Moneymarket instruments	4 737	5 333	6 203	5 424	5 616
Bonds	23 494	23 684	23 675	24 023	26 335
Derivative instruments	3 012	3 371	5 965	6 366	5 665
Loans	161 775	167 959	168 917	169 661	171 111
Quoted shares	137 915	120 902	94 439	94 894	107 089
Unquoted shares and other equities	139 765	142 711	143 485	144 567	146 179
Other accounts receivable and payable	57 921	57 475	54 445	50 363	50 522
Net financial assets	-220 484	-204 827	-175 024	-177 691	-192 179

Appendix figures

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Appendix figure 2. Financial assets of households



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