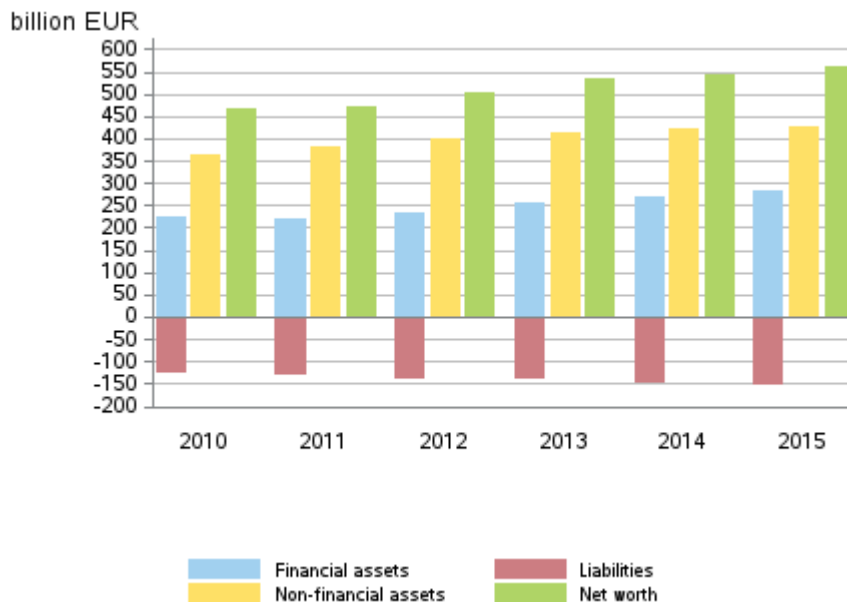


Financial Accounts 2015

Households' net wealth grew to EUR 560 billion in 2015

Households' financial assets stood at EUR 281 billion and other assets at EUR 426 billion at the end of 2015. Over the year, financial assets increased by EUR 13 billion. Other assets or non-financial assets grew by EUR four billion. The most important items in other assets are buildings and land. Households' debts also grew. The increase amounted to EUR five billion while the level rose to EUR 147 billion. Households' financial assets calculated as the total of financial assets and liabilities and other assets, thus, grew to EUR 560 billion. The growth from 2014 amounted to EUR 16 billion. A majority of this was generated from holding gains on financial assets. The data appear from Statistics Finland's financial accounts statistics.

Households' financial assets and liabilities, non-financial assets and net worth 2010–2015, EUR billion



Households' investments in financial assets at a low level

Households' net investments in financial assets grew somewhat in 2015. For a few years now, the level has remained lower than that seen in the first few years of the century. Households' net investments in quoted shares decreased by around EUR 0.5 billion. Net investments in mutual fund shares grew by a

corresponding amount. Deposits increased by close on EUR one billion. The shift from fixed-term deposits to cash deposits continued as it had in previous years.

Even though indebtedness continued to grow also in 2015, favourable stock market price development and an increase in other assets ensured that households' total assets improved also in 2015. Households' financial assets accrued holding gains to the tune of EUR ten billion in 2015. Holding gains were generated in particular from quoted shares.

The biggest individual investment instrument of households is still deposits. Despite low interest rates, households had EUR 80 billion in financial assets in deposits at the end of 2015. This corresponds with 28 per cent of all households' financial assets. The total value of quoted shares and mutual fund shares held by households was EUR 52 billion at the end of 2015.

Indebtedness is growing

Households' loan debts stood at nearly EUR 138 billion at the end of 2015. Households' loan debts grew by EUR 5 billion during 2015. This boosted households' indebtedness by 3.1 percentage points to 124.6 per cent. Households' indebtedness is calculated as the ratio of their loan debts at the end of the year to their total disposable income of the year

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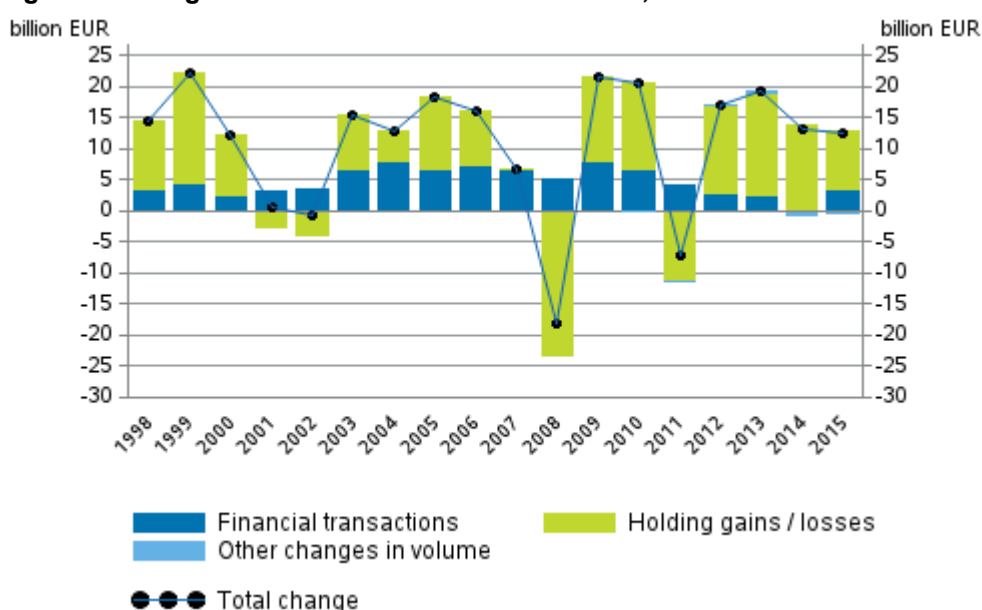
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1. Holding gains contributed the majority of the growth in households' net financial assets in 2015

Households' financial assets grew by EUR 13 billion during 2015 rising to EUR 281 billion. A majority of the growth in financial assets came from holding gains. This was particularly caused by the continued rise in stock market prices. Altogether, EUR ten billion was generated in holding gains, while households' net investments in financial assets amounted to EUR three billion. Holding gains were now generated for the fourth year in a row.

The overall development of households' financial assets and liabilities continued as favourable in 2015. The difference between financial assets and liabilities, i.e. net financial assets, continued growing for the fourth year in a row. As households' borrowing amounted to EUR five billion in 2015, net financial assets grew by over EUR seven billion and amounted to close on EUR 134 billion.

Figure 1. Change in financial assets of households, EUR billion



Even though households' net investments as a whole in all financial assets increased in 2015, their level has in recent years been clearly behind the figures seen at the beginning of this century. Households' net investments in quoted shares were negative. They decreased by more than EUR 0.5 billion. The decline now continued for the second successive year. The popularity of mutual fund shares also petered out, even though net investments in them continued increasing by close on EUR 0.5 billion.

In terms of deposits, the shift in focus from fixed-term deposits to cash deposits, that has been visible for a couple of years, continued but at a slower pace. Households withdrew EUR 1.5 billion from fixed-term deposits in 2015, while their cash deposits increased by more than EUR two billion.

Overall, households' financial assets amounted to EUR 281 billion at the end of 2015. Of these, EUR 80 billion were deposits, EUR 72 billion unquoted shares and equity, EUR 59 billion insurance and pension technical reserves, EUR 32 billion quoted shares, and EUR 20 billion mutual fund shares. The value of other financial assets held by households was EUR 18 billion. Households' shares in housing companies are not recorded in financial accounts as households' financial assets.

Households' debts continued to grow at the same pace as in the previous year. Households' loan debts increased by EUR five billion during 2015, reaching nearly EUR 138 billion at the end of the year. The indebtedness rate, i.e. the proportion of loans relative to disposable income, rose by 3.1 percentage points to 124.6 per cent. As a result of holding gains, households' financial assets increased more than their debts. Thus, households' net financial assets grew by over EUR seven billion to close on EUR 134 billion

1.1. General government's financial position improved slightly

General government's financial position improved by over EUR two billion. Net financial assets rose to EUR 114 billion in 2015. This is the case despite the fact that the net financial assets of central government declined by EUR 5 billion. The fact that all general government was able to maintain their financial position is explained by an increase of over EUR eight billion in the financial assets of employment pension schemes that belong to social security funds. Local government's net financial assets contracted by EUR one billion.

The weakening of the central government's balance sheet position, which started in 2008, continued in 2015 even though only half as sharply as in the previous year. During 2015, central government's net financial assets contracted by EUR 5 billion to EUR -63 billion. Central government debt increased mainly on account of new bonds it issued. In terms of financial assets, a partial culprit for the weakening net financial position was the unfavourable development of the value of shares owned by central government. Good EUR 0.5 billion was generated as holding losses from these shares.

During 2015, net financial assets of employment pension schemes increased from EUR 170 billion to EUR 180 billion. The growth in employment pension schemes' net financial assets was caused by considerable holding gains. The fact that the market value of quoted shares and fund shares owned by employment pension schemes grew by more than EUR six billion was mainly responsible for the growth in net financial assets in the sector.

Employment pension schemes' net investments in financial assets grew from zero in 2014 to EUR 1.5 billion in 2015. In 2015, a clear shift occurred in employment pension schemes' investments. They removed assets from quoted shares by nearly EUR two billion in net. Net transactions in debt securities also turned negative. Investments in mutual fund shares only grew by close on EUR 0.5 billion, while deposits increased by over EUR four billion

1.2. Non-financial corporations increased debt financing

Non-financial corporations' debt financing grew during 2015 by EUR nine billion. Debt financing refers to the total of loan debts and financing in the form of debt securities. Over the year, non-financial corporations' debt financing increased from EUR 214 billion to EUR 223 billion. Almost all of the growth in debt financing came from loan debts while debts in the form of debt securities only increased by EUR 0.3 billion.

1.3. Growth in domestic mutual funds continued

Domestic mutual funds grew by a total of EUR 14 billion in 2015. A majority of the growth, nearly EUR nine billion, was generated through net investments, while the rest consisted of holding gains from funds. Financial and insurance corporations, in particular, invested in investment funds during the year.

1.4. Foreign holdings in Finnish quoted shares rose to 53 per cent

Foreign net investments to Finland decreased by EUR three billion. The biggest decreases were seen in deposits and debt securities, while the amount of loans increased considerably. Changes in deposit assets and liabilities are mainly linked to operations between financial institutions.

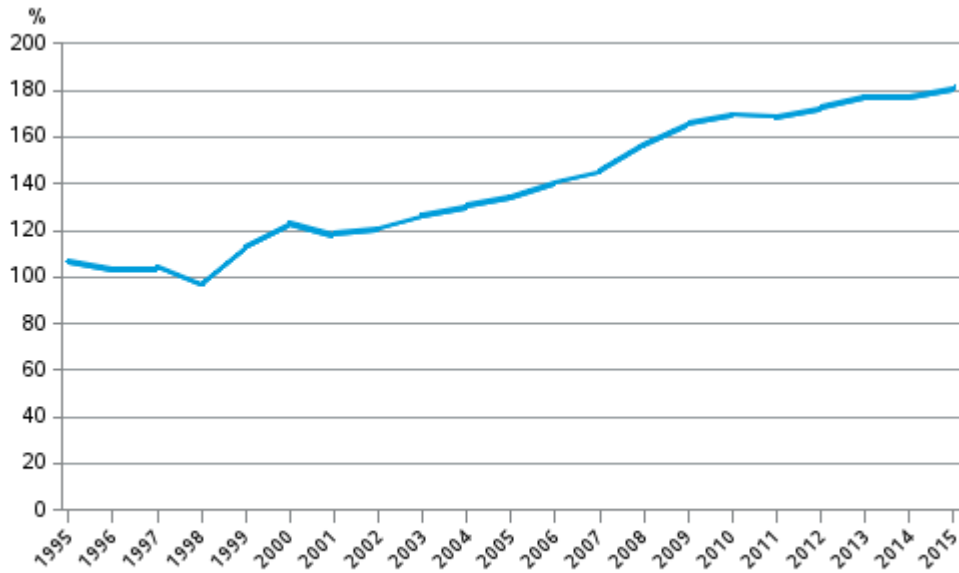
Foreign investors increased their holdings in Finland also in quoted shares last year. At the end of the year, the value of foreign share holdings in Finnish quoted shares was EUR 93 billion. The proportion of foreign ownership of the value of Finnish quoted shares increased by three percentage points to 53 per cent.

Of foreign investment instruments, particularly deposits and also mutual fund shares were favoured by Finns in 2015. At the end of the year, Finnish units owned EUR 64 billion worth of foreign quoted shares and EUR 84 billion worth of domestic quoted shares. Finns owned EUR 90 billion in foreign fund shares while the level for domestic fund shares was EUR 85 billion. The growth of over EUR five billion in foreign fund shares owned by Finns was mainly generated through holding gains as actual net investments of domestic investors in foreign funds was only good EUR one billion.

1.5. Private sector debt increased

Private sector debt grew by EUR 15 billion last year. Simultaneously, the GDP share of the debt rose by 3.9 percentage points to 181.3 per cent. Private sector debt comprises the loan debts and debts in the form of debt securities of non-financial corporations, households and non-profit institutions serving households.

Figure 2. Non-consolidated private sector debt as percentage of GDP



Appendix tables

Appendix table 1. Financial assets of households, million EUR

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AF0 Assets and liabilities total	194 187	200 807	182 605	204 273	224 781	217 508	234 587	255 050	268 482	281 052
AF21 Currency	2 255	2 704	2 978	3 468	3 938	4 735	5 239	5 469	6 069	7 127
AF22 Transferable deposits	32 870	32 573	32 275	38 813	40 327	41 706	46 183	49 793	53 071	55 462
AF29 Other deposits	23 321	30 348	38 325	32 514	35 145	38 538	34 019	30 018	26 281	24 783
AF3 Money-market instruments and bonds	4 354	4 147	3 603	4 291	5 297	4 945	5 396	4 879	4 528	3 746
AF4 Loans	672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	20
AF511 Quoted shares	27 133	27 234	14 771	23 014	30 024	21 906	25 101	29 389	29 194	32 079
AF512 Unquoted shares	31 790	29 733	28 216	32 143	33 801	33 912	40 121	50 376	54 188	55 670
AF519 Other equities	9 983	10 188	10 627	10 647	12 636	12 127	11 525	12 395	14 719	16 163
AF52 Mutual fund shares	18 009	18 217	9 115	12 779	15 463	12 541	14 912	16 424	18 887	20 273
AF6 Insurance, pension and standardised guarantee schemes	39 238	40 738	37 721	41 097	42 729	41 506	45 700	49 639	54 812	59 121
AF7 Financial derivatives and employee stock options	277	142	30	36	31	18	1	0	0	0
AF8 Other accounts receivable and payable	4 285	4 783	4 944	5 471	5 390	5 574	6 390	6 668	6 714	6 608

Appendix table 2. Financial liabilities of households, million EUR

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liabilities total	91 685	101 245	109 666	113 733	120 514	127 086	133 513	136 483	142 153	147 302
Loans	84 008	93 210	100 057	105 399	112 021	118 264	124 520	127 758	132 422	137 689
Other liabilities	7 677	8 035	9 609	8 334	8 493	8 822	8 993	8 725	9 731	9 613

Appendix table 3. Households' net acquisition of financial assets, million EUR

Instrument	Year										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
AF0 Assets and liabilities total	6 954	6 525	4 978	7 686	6 332	4 197	2 411	2 161	-447	3 016	
AF21 Currency	-254	449	274	490	470	797	504	230	600	1 058	
AF22 Transferable deposits	-445	-296	-298	6 542	2 305	1 401	4 402	3 511	3 192	3 266	
AF29 Other deposits	1 522	7 027	7 977	-5 811	1 912	3 391	-4 505	-3 998	-3 726	-2 496	
AF31 Money-market instruments	28	202	-203	21	16	-13	-7	0	-20	-4	
AF32 Bonds	1 481	-213	919	878	294	-273	345	-237	-510	-811	
AF4 Loans	18	-672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
AF511 Quoted shares	10	-1 071	450	2 275	692	615	888	182	-2 062	-568	
AF512 Unquoted shares	-701	-1 042	-1 277	-1 047	-1 482	-933	-1 960	-664	-525	74	

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AF519 Other equities	128	57	78	41	60	0	16	51	1 194	1 135
AF52 Mutual fund shares	3 675	528	-4 058	2 263	206	-1 460	911	1 188	1 250	445
AF6 Insurance, pension and standardised guarantee schemes	1 337	1 061	949	1 508	1 940	560	1 001	1 620	85	757
AF7 Financial derivatives and employee stock options	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AF8 Other accounts receivable and payable	155	495	167	526	-81	112	816	278	75	159

Appendix table 4. Households' net incurrence of liabilities, million EUR

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liabilities total	11 848	9 714	8 417	4 264	6 421	6 604	6 526	3 120	5 469	5 609
Loans	9 507	9 352	6 844	5 541	6 262	6 275	6 355	3 388	4 465	5 282
Other liabilities	2 344	358	1 573	-1 277	159	329	171	-268	1 004	327

Appendix table 5. Financial assets of non-financial corporations, million EUR

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AF0 Assets and liabilities total	245 542	273 052	296 992	282 722	313 592	319 928	327 493	327 050	341 283	347 598
AF2 Currency and deposits	17 546	21 897	24 713	24 029	26 213	25 466	27 949	28 374	31 274	45 749
AF31 Money-market instruments	3 074	2 603	2 859	3 985	2 473	1 457	617	785	1 828	1 232
AF32 Bonds	1 218	637	756	755	2 139	1 690	1 715	1 845	1 971	3 239
AF4 Loans	67 598	75 126	84 600	72 793	78 085	81 416	87 620	93 061	92 328	85 533
AF511 Quoted shares	9 760	9 598	5 732	9 604	10 725	8 231	8 913	9 714	10 769	9 874
AF512 Unquoted shares	80 849	90 105	104 198	104 898	120 790	119 706	125 232	116 831	117 952	117 277
AF519 Other equities	848	820	832	907	1 919	1 230	954	2 073	2 373	3 417
AF52 Mutual fund shares	7 062	6 997	3 422	3 924	4 609	4 006	4 146	4 690	5 839	5 992
AF6 Insurance, pension and standardised guarantee schemes	2 815	2 991	2 979	2 922	2 969	3 118	3 538	4 013	4 392	4 618
AF7 Financial derivatives and employee stock options	2 527	3 777	6 341	4 142	3 858	5 819	5 931	2 418	6 505	4 001
AF8 Other accounts receivable and payable	52 245	58 501	60 560	54 763	59 812	67 789	60 878	63 246	66 052	66 666

Appendix table 6. Financial liabilities of non-financial corporations, million EUR

Instrument	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AF0 Assets and liabilities total	493 672	563 608	469 784	475 759	527 259	491 963	506 136	551 117	585 061	603 288
AF31 Money-market instruments	5 925	6 673	5 107	6 298	4 214	5 424	5 217	4 824	4 458	3 910
AF32 Bonds	17 264	17 494	10 810	16 093	23 532	22 937	27 814	31 885	27 518	28 390
AF4 Loans	121 430	139 174	172 669	156 679	160 504	168 033	169 573	177 954	182 364	191 011
AF511 Quoted shares	183 973	224 270	98 442	118 507	142 260	94 879	102 518	127 628	135 836	150 065
AF512 Unquoted shares	100 043	106 689	107 037	109 801	125 203	126 983	131 747	138 557	160 132	155 337
AF519 Other equities	16 872	16 516	17 109	15 873	16 167	13 574	13 868	15 322	14 907	16 444
AF7 Financial derivatives and employee stock options	3 567	3 742	5 837	4 381	4 121	6 362	5 114	2 412	4 735	3 416
AF8 Other accounts receivable and payable	44 598	49 050	52 773	48 127	51 258	53 771	50 285	52 535	55 111	54 715
Net financial assets	-248 130	-290 556	-172 792	-193 037	-213 666	-172 034	-178 642	-224 066	-243 777	-255 690

Appendix table 7. Net financial assets by sector, million EUR

Sector	Year									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
S111 Non-financial corporations excl. housing corporations	-248 130	-290 556	-172 792	-193 037	-213 666	-172 034	-178 642	-224 066	-243 777	-255 690
S112 Housing corporations	-11 431	-11 360	-11 605	-12 937	-13 757	-14 111	-14 068	-13 992	-13 800	-13 839
S121 Central bank	4 908	4 797	5 235	4 638	7 190	5 559	8 826	4 579	6 158	8 073
S1221 Deposit banks	1 101	1 751	1 183	-59 389	10 458	7 023	1 325	3 335	4 471	4 605
S1222+S1223 Other credit institutions and other monetary financial institutions	-524	-563	590	-428	-6 786	-1 047	191	438	608	846
S123 Money market funds (MMF)	-33	38	29	186	180	0	-250	-564	-39	-21
S124 Collective investment schemes, excl. money market funds	343	150	326	13	-145	147	85	170	514	24
S125+S126+S127 Other financial intermediaries, financial auxiliaries and captive financial institutions and money lenders	-4 128	154	-7 676	-13 263	-5 723	-8 564	-7 294	-11 719	-12 149	-15 826
S128 Insurance corporations	3 964	2 332	1 404	768	2 715	2 902	3 524	2 381	3 625	4 044
S129 Pension funds	-909	-687	-919	-725	508	257	-110	-828	-812	-695
S1311 Central government	-3 114	2 736	-10 894	-15 101	-22 862	-40 216	-47 966	-49 363	-58 644	-63 409
S1313 Local government	3 649	3 331	2 358	887	981	1 038	-1 422	-2 488	-2 449	-3 543
S13141 Employment pension schemes	112 154	121 621	103 194	120 840	135 901	133 815	147 172	158 303	170 378	179 776
S13149 Other social security funds	2 134	2 432	2 135	1 350	1 532	1 389	2 593	2 763	2 342	1 209
S14 Households	102 502	99 562	72 939	90 540	104 267	90 422	101 074	118 567	126 329	133 750
S15 Non-profit institutions serving households	14 034	13 097	9 306	12 591	14 685	11 841	12 483	16 446	16 940	17 418
S2 Rest of the world	23 480	51 165	5 187	63 068	-15 476	-18 422	-27 520	-3 961	306	3 278

Appendix table 8. Net financial transactions by sector, million EUR

Sector/Year		Net incurrence of liabilities	Net acquisition of financial assets	Net financial transactions
S11 Non-financial corporations	2012	8 900	2 802	-6 097
	2013	21 303	11 778	-9 524
	2014	17 787	24 561	6 774
	2015	11 532	19 822	8 290
S121+S122+S123 Monetary financial institutions	2012	17 690	21 795	4 105
	2013	-75 801	-70 878	4 923
	2014	14 429	9 043	-5 386
	2015	4 309	6 214	1 905
S124 Collective investment schemes, excl. money market funds	2012	6 462	8 712	2 250
	2013	5 003	6 009	1 006
	2014	3 453	4 549	1 096
	2015	8 313	9 342	1 029
S125+S126+S127 Other financial intermediaries, financial auxiliaries and captive financial institutions and money lenders	2012	1 226	1 934	708
	2013	2 900	2 330	-570
	2014	4 795	8 671	3 876
	2015	1 250	3 587	2 337
S13 General government	2012	10 499	6 209	-4 290
	2013	10 075	5 136	-4 938
	2014	5 381	-1 726	-7 108
	2015	7 232	1 778	-5 454
S14 Households	2012	6 526	2 411	-4 114
	2013	3 120	2 161	-959
	2014	5 469	-447	-5 916
	2015	5 609	3 016	-2 593
S2 Rest of the world	2012	24 153	31 499	7 345
	2013	-21 468	-10 816	10 652
	2014	9 104	17 037	7 933
	2015	4 010	-2 735	-6 745

Appendix table 9. Statistical discrepancy by sector, million EUR

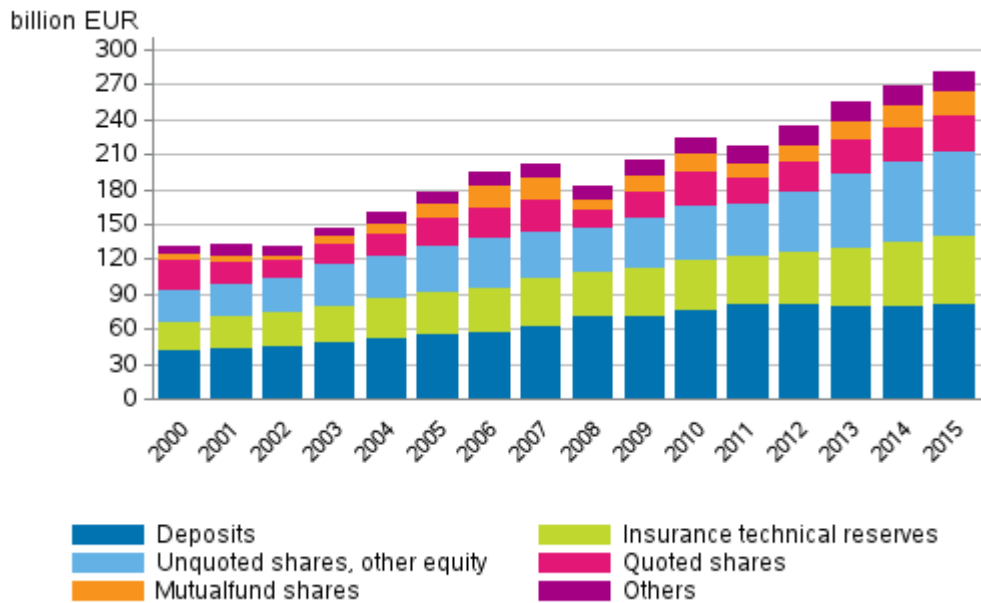
Sector/Instrument		Year									
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
S11 Non-financial corporations	Net financial transactions	-687	1 187	-8 330	-5 921	6 855	-2 382	-6 097	-9 524	6 774	8 290
	Net lending	7 139	4 779	1 204	7 924	9 772	3 367	4 444	4 671	7 713	7 194
	Statistical discrepancy	7 826	3 592	9 534	13 845	2 916	5 749	10 541	14 195	938	-1 096
S12 Financial and insurance corporations	Net financial transactions	4 882	-950	-14	131	102	-4 238	7 761	4 845	-1 596	6 623
	Net lending	189	92	1 768	849	-133	234	840	61	47	117
	Statistical discrepancy	-4 693	1 042	1 782	718	-235	4 472	-6 921	-4 784	1 643	-6 506
S13 General government	Net financial transactions	6 671	9 374	8 074	-4 755	-5 528	-2 052	-4 290	-4 938	-7 108	-5 454
	Net lending	6 786	9 577	8 098	-4 577	-4 883	-2 056	-4 362	-5 315	-6 495	-5 752
	Statistical discrepancy	115	203	23	178	645	-3	-71	-376	613	-297
S14 Households	Net financial transactions	-4 894	-3 188	-3 439	3 422	-88	-2 406	-4 114	-959	-5 916	-2 593
	Net lending	-6 322	-6 466	-5 616	24	-1 396	-3 569	-4 557	-2 578	-3 331	-3 566
	Statistical discrepancy	-1 428	-3 277	-2 177	-3 398	-1 307	-1 162	-442	-1 619	2 585	-973
S15 Non-profit institutions serving households	Net financial transactions	-210	-836	1 078	438	-143	-63	-605	-75	-87	-121
	Net lending	-62	-159	-43	-461	-478	-650	-40	-410	-548	-600
	Statistical discrepancy	148	677	-1 121	-899	-334	-586	565	-335	-461	-479
S2 Rest of the world	Net financial transactions	-5 762	-5 586	2 631	6 685	-1 196	11 143	7 345	10 652	7 933	-6 745
	Net lending	-7 034	-7 794	-5 470	-3 850	-2 882	2 674	3 554	3 571	2 520	1 613
	Statistical discrepancy	-1 271	-2 207	-8 101	-10 535	-1 685	-8 469	-3 791	-7 081	-5 413	8 358

Appendix table 10. Total assets by sector in 2015, billion EUR

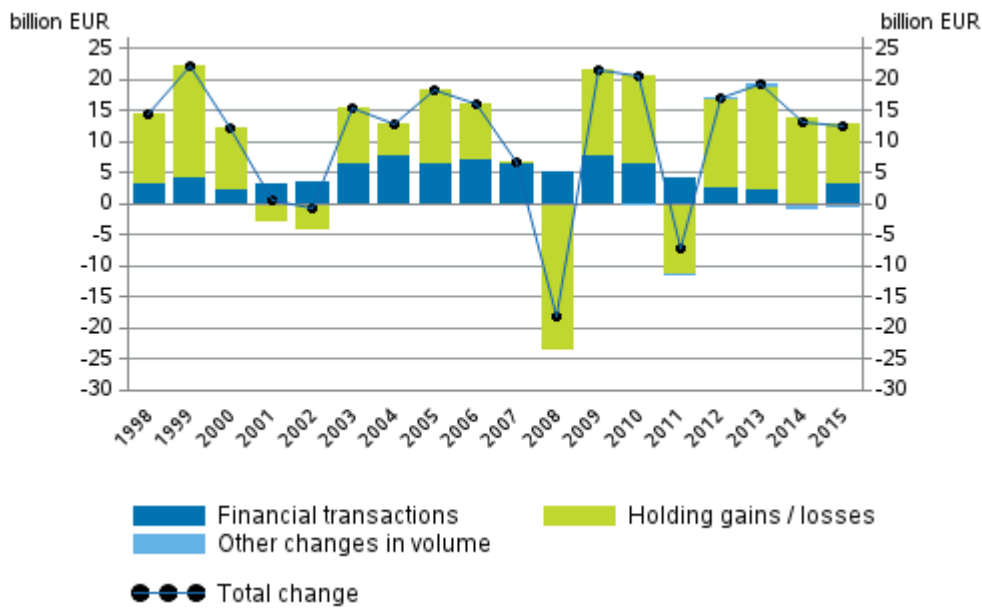
Sector	Assets								Net worth
	Dwellings, other buildings and structures	Machinery, equipment and weapons systems	Other fixed assets	Inventories and valuables	Land	Financial assets	Liabilities		
S1 Total economy	551	81	39	85	195	1 767	1 770	947	
S11 Non-financial corporations	174	63	28	41	40	350	620	76	
S12 Financial and insurance corporations	1	0	1	.	0	842	841	3	
S13 General government	99	12	10	2	36	273	159	273	
S14 Households	265	4	0	42	115	281	147	560	
S15 Non-profit institutions serving households	12	1	0	0	4	20	2	35	

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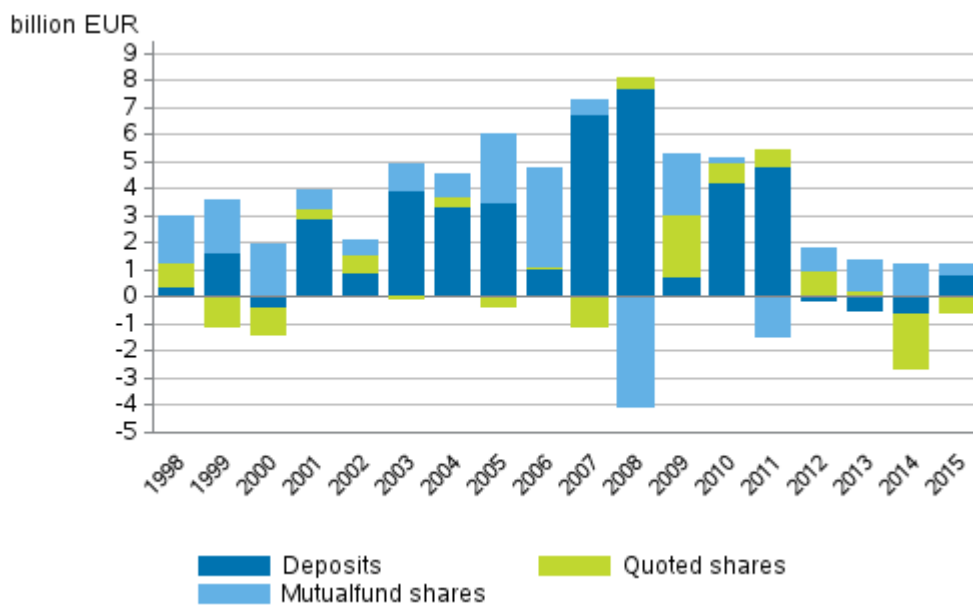
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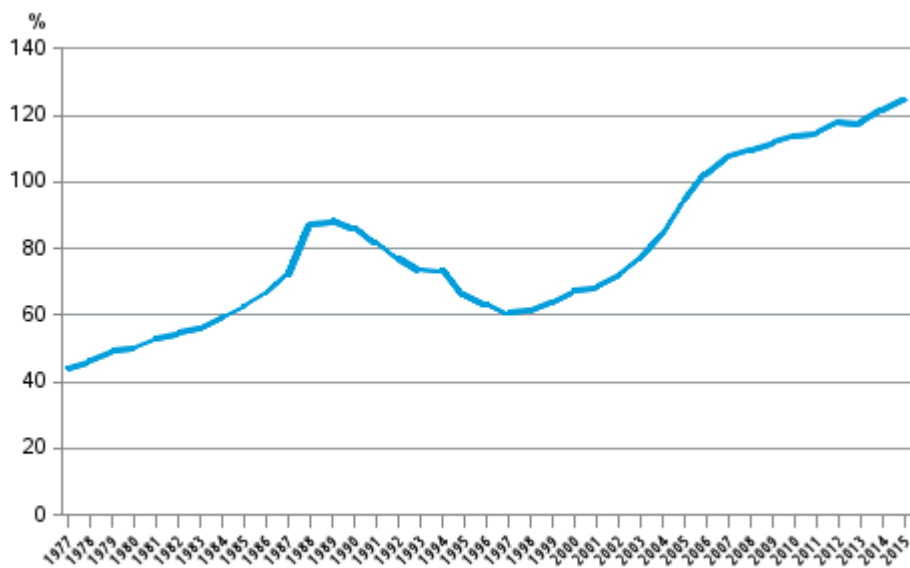
Appendix figure 2. Change in financial assets of households



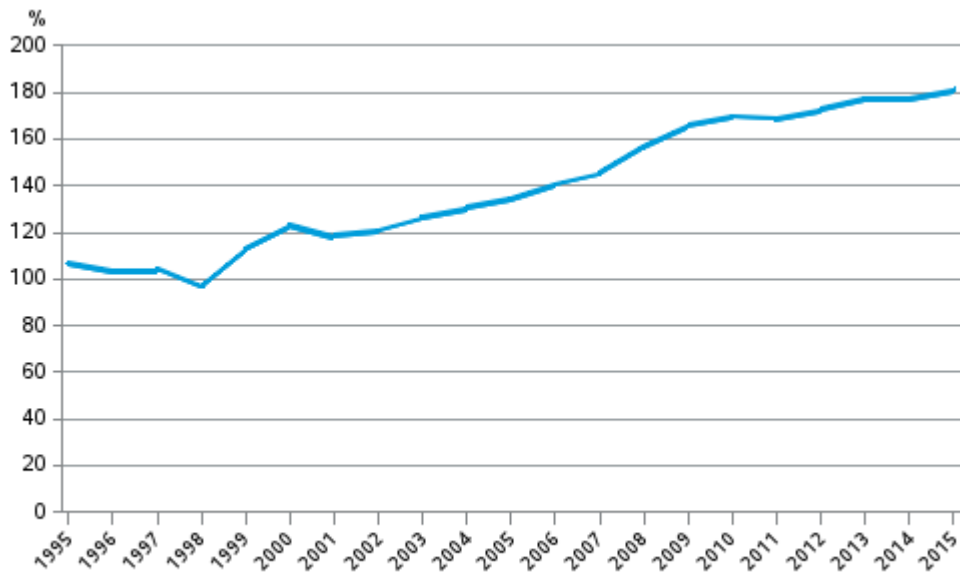
Appendix figure 3. Households' net acquisitions of deposits, quoted shares and mutual funds



Appendix figure 4. Households indebtedness ratio



Appendix figure 5. Private sector debt as percentage of GDP



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