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For further details, see Section 3.1 of the Methodological appendix and the Glossary.


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TDC40010

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	June 2006	Sept. 2006	Dec. 2006
a. TOTAL STOCKS					
Loans	1,262,534	1,290,425	1,331,909	1,348,267	1,401,398
<i>of which:</i> bad debts	46,137	47,867	46,921	47,929	47,846
Deposits	702,863	697,300	709,865	707,645	744,090
Guarantees	199,187	202,087	211,479	218,098	224,692
b. TRANSACTIONS WITH RESIDENTS					
Loans	1,237,979	1,264,140	1,305,708	1,320,696	1,369,308
<i>of which:</i> in non-euro-area currencies	17,195	15,988	16,656	15,768	14,417
medium and long-term	749,063	773,634	792,372	811,864	837,341
bad debts	45,095	46,159	45,856	46,865	46,819
Deposits	690,749	683,385	695,810	693,208	727,643
<i>of which:</i> in non-euro-area currencies	15,815	16,532	16,499	17,114	17,914
medium and long-term	3,592	3,455	3,479	3,598	3,480
c. TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-RESIDENTS					
Loans	24,555	26,285	26,201	27,571	32,090
<i>of which:</i> bad debts	1,042	1,709	1,066	1,064	1,027
Deposits	12,114	13,915	14,055	14,437	16,447

Notes:

The figures for total stocks include transactions with non-resident customers. Medium and long-term loans to resident customers include those eligible for official support for the setting up of companies abroad.

Distribution by: – customer location (geographical area)
– customer segment of economic activity

TDC40020

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL LOANS	1,237,979	1,264,140	1,305,708	1,320,696	1,369,308
b. CUSTOMER LOCATION					
North-West Italy	478,741	487,251	504,727	509,893	531,611
North-East Italy	288,885	294,369	304,034	309,758	320,442
Central Italy	289,974	296,214	306,519	306,415	313,078
Southern Italy	121,100	125,168	126,997	130,233	137,783
Islands	59,279	61,174	63,556	64,495	66,569
c. SEGMENT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY					
General government	54,969	57,725	56,492	56,252	55,688
Financial companies	149,600	144,637	158,041	153,639	162,265
Non-financial companies	640,800	657,856	677,274	687,695	720,499
<i>of which: industry</i>	<i>223,258</i>	<i>226,203</i>	<i>230,718</i>	<i>232,909</i>	<i>241,053</i>
building	<i>84,542</i>	<i>87,702</i>	<i>91,015</i>	<i>93,732</i>	<i>97,531</i>
services	<i>319,719</i>	<i>330,581</i>	<i>342,208</i>	<i>347,644</i>	<i>367,836</i>
Producer households	79,581	81,173	82,297	83,714	85,645
Consumer households and nec	313,030	322,786	331,728	339,495	345,386

Notes:

Distribution by: - customer location (geographical area)
- customer segment of economic activity

TDC40030

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL DEPOSITS	690,723	683,359	695,784	693,208	727,643
b. CUSTOMER LOCATION					
North-West Italy	241,060	239,160	240,975	240,914	259,295
North-East Italy	148,369	144,885	148,366	149,649	152,964
Central Italy	161,868	162,036	165,688	162,273	171,764
Southern Italy	94,151	93,015	95,081	94,170	96,967
Islands	45,274	44,262	45,675	46,202	46,628
c. SEGMENT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY					
General government	25,918	25,603	26,506	24,995	27,432
Financial companies	52,604	50,396	50,022	52,141	55,924
Non-financial companies	139,337	138,136	145,196	143,693	153,536
<i>of which: industry</i>	<i>46,682</i>	<i>46,416</i>	<i>48,583</i>	<i>48,901</i>	<i>49,202</i>
building	<i>16,034</i>	<i>15,863</i>	<i>16,377</i>	<i>16,263</i>	<i>18,140</i>
services	<i>74,135</i>	<i>73,561</i>	<i>77,725</i>	<i>76,030</i>	<i>83,681</i>
Producer households	37,999	37,581	38,920	38,536	39,296
Consumer households and nec	434,864	431,643	435,141	433,843	451,430

Notes:

Distribution by: - customer location (geographical area)
- customer segment of economic activity

TDC40040

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL GUARANTEES	121,175	122,497	125,537	127,748	131,621
b. CUSTOMER LOCATION					
North-West Italy	50,182	51,045	52,542	54,356	54,604
North-East Italy	29,893	29,038	29,724	30,133	31,585
Central Italy	32,290	33,372	34,163	33,979	36,003
Southern Italy	6,078	6,062	6,202	6,167	6,268
Islands	2,732	2,979	2,907	3,113	3,162
c. SEGMENT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY					
General government	1,548	1,711	1,786	1,785	1,832
Financial companies	14,285	13,755	15,582	15,850	14,843
Non-financial companies	96,812	98,612	99,615	101,474	105,866
<i>of which: industry</i>	<i>39,393</i>	<i>39,211</i>	<i>40,001</i>	<i>40,667</i>	<i>43,552</i>
building	14,933	15,083	15,343	15,809	16,318
services	41,811	43,650	43,593	44,345	45,349
Producer households	2,579	2,548	2,613	2,655	2,673
Consumer households and nec	5,952	5,871	5,942	5,986	6,408

Notes:

Distribution by: - customer location (geographical area)
- customer segment of economic activity

TDC40050

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL BAD DEBTS	45,095	46,159	45,856	46,865	46,819
b. CUSTOMER LOCATION					
North-West Italy	10,566	10,936	10,997	11,258	11,187
North-East Italy	7,541	7,720	7,696	7,993	8,036
Central Italy	13,043	13,356	13,228	13,723	13,623
Southern Italy	8,537	8,699	8,499	8,646	8,834
Islands	5,408	5,447	5,436	5,244	5,138
c. SEGMENT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY					
General government	71	70	53	41	67
Financial companies	827	826	783	769	741
Non-financial companies	27,518	28,337	28,414	29,228	29,098
<i>of which: industry</i>	<i>9,802</i>	<i>10,053</i>	<i>10,029</i>	<i>10,378</i>	<i>10,328</i>
building	5,598	5,565	5,566	5,698	5,653
services	10,940	11,530	11,647	11,966	11,985
Producer households	6,513	6,636	6,482	6,543	6,611
Consumer households and nec	10,167	10,290	10,124	10,284	10,301

Notes:

Distribution by: - location of the investment (geographical area)
- economic purpose of the investment

TDC40060

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM LOANS	747,251	771,744	790,718	812,124	839,360
<i>of which:</i> subsidized	22,972	22,400	21,911	21,438	21,252
b. LOCATION OF THE INVESTMENT					
North-West Italy	275,274	284,780	290,866	297,561	307,127
North-East Italy	176,003	180,650	185,103	191,640	197,476
Central Italy	176,042	181,777	185,878	191,014	197,294
Southern Italy	79,793	82,986	85,661	87,515	91,681
Islands	40,139	41,551	43,211	44,393	45,781
c. ECONOMIC PURPOSE OF THE INVESTMENT					
Civil engineering works	120,509	125,024	128,834	133,403	136,994
Machinery, equipment, transport equipment and sundry products	83,500	83,988	83,287	84,378	79,627
Purchase of buildings	227,513	237,321	247,610	253,830	260,403
<i>of which:</i> dwellings of consumer households	183,807	190,660	197,282	203,061	208,296
other buildings	43,705	46,661	50,328	50,769	52,107
Other	315,729	325,410	330,987	340,513	362,336

Notes:

Distribution by:

- customer location (geographical area)
- customer segment of economic activity
- type of security

TDC40071

Banks

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES	1,127,670
b. CUSTOMER LOCATION					
North-West Italy	552,366
North-East Italy	278,870
Central Italy	211,458
Southern Italy	57,283
Islands	24,495
c. SEGMENT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY					
General government	19,867
Financial companies	473,066
Non-financial companies	42,334
Producer households	29,872
Consumer households and nec	559,332
d. TYPE OF SECURITY					
Italian government securities	375,084
Other debt securities	457,000
Equity securities	69,742
Other	225,961

Notes:

Securities are stated at face value. The table shows the amounts for which a securities deposit contract has been signed. It excludes indirect forms of fund-raising via asset management services, in particular the units of collective investment undertakings placed with third parties for which no securities deposit contract has been signed. The table also excludes the cumulative certificates of units of collective investment undertakings held for safekeeping with the depository bank at no charge, as clarified in the 15th update of the manual for compiling accounting supervisory reports of 31 July 2002.

Distribution by type of security and derivative instrument

TDC40080

Banks and securities firms

Source: Supervisory returns
Flows in millions of euros

	2005–Q4	2006–Q1	2006–Q2	2006–Q3	2006–Q4
a. TOTAL PLACEMENT	61,563	78,840	64,195	49,726	69,851
Italian government securities	2,317	6,125	4,255	3,787	2,119
Other debt securities	20,633	19,944	17,662	16,342	25,032
Equity securities	1,270	589	1,056	1,921	669
Other securities	37,343	52,182	41,222	27,675	42,032
b. TOTAL SECURITIES TRADING	1,517,468	1,606,234	1,577,004	1,312,567	1,533,016
Italian government securities	649,755	668,032	592,868	553,558	552,905
Other debt securities	320,026	392,783	294,868	303,435	342,699
Equity securities	530,158	524,285	661,583	434,872	602,693
Other securities	17,559	21,398	27,768	20,743	35,298
c. TOTAL DERIVATIVES TRADING	3,932,461	3,888,024	3,940,542	3,444,734	3,921,755
Futures	1,560,952	1,708,168	1,741,786	1,568,262	1,531,994
Swaps and FRAs	1,361,362	1,103,930	1,049,513	894,850	1,050,286
Options	798,483	828,148	923,354	722,531	1,117,556
Other derivatives	211,632	247,779	225,890	259,091	221,918

Notes:

The data include transactions with non-resident customers and interbank transactions. Securities trading is measured at contract prices (ex coupon for debt securities). For the methods of measuring derivatives trading, see the item "Proprietary trading" in the glossary. Securities placement business is measured at the placement price. Amounts are stated net of commissions.

Distribution by type of security

TDC40090

Banks, securities firms and asset management companies

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT	519,118	531,624	544,275	555,321	554,916
b. PORTFOLIO	505,204	516,728	527,528	542,185	540,987
Italian government securities	140,841	132,715	129,723	131,973	133,016
Other debt securities	122,666	127,689	125,721	132,273	130,005
Equity securities	30,006	31,994	52,350	55,370	56,392
Units of UCITS	210,674	223,442	218,548	221,620	220,660
Other financial instruments	1,017	887	1,186	949	914

Notes:

The amounts refer only to the portfolio management services provided directly by the intermediaries concerned. The data include transactions with non-resident customers. The portfolio is measured at market prices (ex coupon for debt securities) at the end of the reference period and includes all transactions for which cash settlement has been made at that date.

Distribution by type of security

TDC40100

Collective investment undertakings

Source: Supervisory returns
Stocks in millions of euros

	2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a. TOTAL NET ASSETS	350,951	336,949	314,083	313,331	307,493
b. PORTFOLIO	323,486	307,675	286,202	287,485	282,602
Italian government securities	116,500	98,911	97,087	99,155	98,292
Other debt securities	117,190	112,845	104,229	101,836	97,362
Equity securities	89,011	92,506	80,661	82,010	81,950
Other securities	785	3,412	4,225	4,483	4,998

Notes:

The data refer to Italian harmonized open-end collective investment undertakings. The data include transactions with non-resident customers. The portfolio is measured at market prices (ex coupon for debt securities) at the end of the reference period and includes contracts concluded but still to be settled.

TDC30010		Banks				
Source: Central Credit Register Stocks in millions of euros		2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a.	NUMBER OF BORROWERS	2,985,406	3,081,260	3,175,725	3,244,653	3,278,894
b.	LOAN FACILITIES					
	Facilities granted	1,556,167	1,590,343	1,627,631	1,667,855	1,718,429
	Used margin	1,041,414	1,065,867	1,100,696	1,122,283	1,165,882
c.	GUARANTEES GRANTED TO CUSTOMERS					
	Facilities granted	162,215	163,004	170,473	189,075	198,946
	Used margin	121,876	120,700	124,149	131,066	135,957
d.	BAD DEBTS	46,019	47,905	46,918	47,975	47,893

Notes:

The data include transactions with non-resident customers.

Distribution by total credit granted

TDB30113

Banks

Source: Central Credit Register
 Stocks in millions of euros
 Size classes in euros

December 2006

	Number of borrowers	Facilities granted	Used margin	<i>of which:</i> backed by real security	Overshooting	Unused margin
from 75,000 to 125,000	1,062,725	103,006	95,420	83,352	973	8,559
from 125,000 to 250,000	733,600	121,904	110,070	92,376	1,251	13,084
from 250,000 to 500,000	229,035	78,257	60,007	36,062	1,386	19,636
from 500,000 to 1,000,000	125,656	87,033	62,018	29,890	1,710	26,724
from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	90,801	139,479	96,167	43,622	2,478	45,791
from 2,500,000 to 5,000,000	33,656	116,133	77,756	32,633	1,725	40,102
from 5,000,000 to 25,000,000	27,058	267,179	169,266	62,474	3,450	101,362
more than 25,000,000	5,591	747,013	449,757	79,504	8,120	305,376

Notes:

Distribution by customer location (geographical area) and total credit granted

TDC30018				Banks	
Source: Central Credit Register Stocks in millions of euros Size classes in euros					
December 2006		Number of borrowers	Facilities granted		Used margin
			of which: short-term		
a.	TOTAL	2,308,122	1,660,003	885,918	1,120,462
	from 750,000 to 250,000	1,796,325	224,910	37,886	205,490
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	354,691	165,289	86,691	122,025
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	90,801	139,479	84,394	96,167
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	60,714	383,311	243,905	247,023
	more than 25,000,000	5,591	747,013	433,040	449,757
b.	NORTH-WEST ITALY	792,320	692,474	395,983	448,821
	from 750,000 to 250,000	620,317	77,504	12,318	70,950
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	116,635	54,614	29,854	39,079
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	30,951	47,708	29,871	31,617
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	22,008	142,468	92,832	88,607
	more than 25,000,000	2,409	370,180	231,108	218,568
c.	NORTH-EAST ITALY	605,992	413,852	228,342	278,969
	from 750,000 to 250,000	449,840	57,048	11,900	50,934
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	105,961	50,009	27,765	35,981
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	29,299	45,017	28,189	30,421
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	19,356	120,812	79,763	76,182
	more than 25,000,000	1,536	140,966	80,725	85,451
d.	CENTRAL ITALY	499,228	371,053	176,247	254,734
	from 750,000 to 250,000	391,857	49,943	7,300	46,372
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	76,836	35,156	16,429	27,398
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	17,808	27,256	15,380	19,768
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	11,658	73,113	43,520	49,569
	more than 25,000,000	1,069	185,584	93,618	111,627
e.	SOUTHERN ITALY	279,722	128,240	60,653	96,252
	from 750,000 to 250,000	226,411	27,538	4,333	25,361
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	38,364	17,702	8,986	13,485
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	8,991	13,746	8,001	9,972
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	5,550	33,814	20,463	23,462
	more than 25,000,000	406	35,439	18,871	23,972
f.	ISLANDS	130,860	54,384	24,693	41,686
	from 750,000 to 250,000	107,900	12,877	2,036	11,874
	from 250,000 to 1,000,000	16,895	7,807	3,658	6,082
	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	3,752	5,752	2,954	4,389
	from 2,500,000 to 25,000,000	2,142	13,104	7,327	9,203
	more than 25,000,000	171	14,844	8,719	10,139

Notes:

Distribution by customer location (region)

TDC30025

Banks

Source: Central Credit Register
Stocks in millions of euros

December 2006

	Facilities granted	of which: short-term	Used margin	of which: short-term	non-euro-area currencies	backed by real security
a. TOTAL	1,718,429	916,612	1,165,882	463,061	20,418	467,058
Italy	1,666,040	888,980	1,128,862	444,056	13,747	462,713
Abroad	52,390	27,632	37,020	19,006	6,670	4,345
b. NORTH-WEST ITALY	694,151	396,811	451,224	195,458	5,757	168,191
Piedmont	117,816	66,818	74,665	29,628	1,139	27,617
Valle d'Aosta	2,660	1,197	1,922	527	10	790
Liguria	27,446	12,391	19,377	5,686	525	10,036
Lombardy	546,229	316,405	355,260	159,617	4,082	129,748
c. NORTH-EAST ITALY	415,715	229,346	281,230	111,904	4,020	116,444
Trentino-Alto Adige	40,860	23,479	29,279	12,691	297	13,444
Veneto	159,272	87,186	109,119	43,794	2,076	47,456
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	32,428	18,233	22,201	9,076	310	8,928
Emilia-Romagna	183,154	100,447	120,631	46,342	1,337	46,615
d. CENTRAL ITALY	372,304	176,876	256,639	88,742	2,335	106,683
Marche	40,494	22,693	28,159	11,333	165	12,237
Tuscany	105,815	57,484	78,685	33,562	1,356	34,141
Umbria	16,787	8,434	12,347	4,259	90	5,973
Lazio	209,208	88,265	137,449	39,589	724	54,333
e. SOUTHERN ITALY	129,005	61,025	97,459	34,093	1,166	48,384
Campania	54,957	24,733	42,441	14,558	928	20,299
Abruzzo	20,494	10,966	14,625	5,754	84	6,883
Molise	3,172	1,578	2,275	758	1	1,024
Puglia	33,580	15,972	25,569	8,705	116	13,954
Basilicata	4,611	2,126	3,495	1,142	7	1,573
Calabria	12,191	5,650	9,054	3,175	29	4,652
f. ISLANDS	54,864	24,922	42,310	13,859	470	23,010
Sicily	38,815	18,634	29,583	10,326	426	15,925
Sardinia	16,049	6,288	12,726	3,533	43	7,084

Notes:

The data include transactions with non-resident customers.

Distribution by amount

TDB30205		Banks
Source: Central Credit Register Stocks in millions of euros Size classes in euros		
December 2006	Number of borrowers	Bad debts
a. TOTAL	603,905	46,860
from 0 to 75,000	507,159	7,902
from 75,000 to 125,000	38,560	3,725
from 125,000 to 250,000	31,541	5,446
from 250,000 to 500,000	14,249	4,907
from 500,000 to 1,000,000	6,730	4,663
from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	3,792	5,706
from 2,500,000 to 5,000,000	1,115	3,808
from 5,000,000 to 25,000,000	686	6,485
more than 25,000,000	73	4,217

Note:

The size classes of bad debts are calculated on the basis of each borrower's total bad debts as reported to the Central Credit Register by all banks.

Distribution by customer location (region)

TDC30035		Banks	
Source: Central Credit Register Stocks in millions of euros			
December 2006		Number of borrowers	Bad debts
a.	TOTAL	604,695	47,893
	Italy	603,905	46,860
	Abroad	790	1,033
b.	NORTH-WEST ITALY	133,328	11,003
	Piedmont	42,946	2,734
	Valle d'Aosta	1,150	70
	Liguria	15,481	1,090
	Lombardy	73,751	7,109
c.	NORTH-EAST ITALY	87,702	7,946
	Trentino-Alto Adige	5,899	571
	Veneto	33,114	3,123
	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	9,503	620
	Emilia-Romagna	39,186	3,632
d.	CENTRAL ITALY	147,821	13,868
	Marche	16,658	1,410
	Tuscany	40,043	2,689
	Umbria	9,375	785
	Lazio	81,745	8,983
e.	SOUTHERN ITALY	149,892	8,968
	Campania	61,848	3,047
	Abruzzo	14,147	1,066
	Molise	3,412	349
	Puglia	41,738	2,718
	Basilicata	8,393	781
	Calabria	20,354	1,009
f.	ISLANDS	85,162	5,075
	Sicily	67,282	3,772
	Sardinia	17,880	1,303

Notes:

The data include transactions with non-resident customers.

Distribution by customer location (region)

TDB30350

Banks

Source: Central Credit Register
Stocks in millions of euros
Percentages

December 2006		Number of borrowers	first 0.5% of borrowers	first 1% of borrowers	first 5% of borrowers	first 10% of borrowers	Total used margin
a.	TOTAL	2,475,909	47.53	53.71	69.35	75.88	1,128,862
	Piedmont	190,984	44.81	50.97	66.61	73.18	74,665
	Valle d'Aosta	5,023	49.42	54.40	66.74	72.53	1,922
	Liguria	63,249	35.72	42.34	58.69	65.84	19,377
	Lombardy	571,597	57.10	62.86	76.35	81.61	355,260
	Trentino-Alto Adige	71,130	27.03	34.31	56.55	67.43	29,279
	Veneto	260,670	35.44	42.94	63.07	71.87	109,119
	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	59,255	39.72	46.35	64.51	72.33	22,201
	Emilia-Romagna	260,331	43.47	50.42	68.12	75.46	120,631
	Marche	80,298	31.94	39.13	59.12	68.34	28,159
	Tuscany	191,900	40.11	46.42	63.81	71.69	78,685
	Umbria	37,476	27.82	35.53	57.26	66.94	12,347
	Lazio	229,122	63.48	68.10	77.90	81.64	137,449
	Abruzzo	42,853	35.62	42.83	62.10	70.36	14,625
	Molise	6,637	36.34	43.50	62.59	70.64	2,275
	Campania	117,768	41.23	47.63	63.91	70.72	42,441
	Puglia	96,296	30.20	37.09	55.52	63.63	25,569
	Basilicata	9,931	36.31	43.16	62.16	70.69	3,495
	Calabria	33,004	30.77	37.15	55.79	64.39	9,054
	Sicily	108,095	35.58	41.66	58.88	66.43	29,583
	Sardinia	40,290	37.58	44.58	61.18	68.55	12,726

Notes:

Distribution by customer location (geographical area) and total credit granted

TDB30455		Banks							
Source: Central Credit Register Size classes in euros Percentages									
December 2006	Total	from 75,000 to 125,000	from 125,000 to 250,000	from 250,000 to 500,000	from 500,000 to 1,000,000	from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000	from 2,500,000 to 5,000,000	from 5,000,000 to 25,000,000	more than 25,000,000
a. ITALY									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.34	1.00	1.07	1.50	2.16	2.97	4.13	5.94	9.48
% of total credit granted by first bank	59	99	96	83	72	65	57	48	46
b. NORTH-WEST ITALY									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.34	1.00	1.06	1.51	2.16	2.98	4.12	5.95	9.08
% of total credit granted by first bank	58	99	97	83	72	64	57	48	48
c. NORTH-EAST ITALY									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.40	1.00	1.07	1.51	2.12	2.91	4.05	6.01	10.99
% of total credit granted by first bank	59	99	96	83	73	65	57	46	42
d. CENTRAL ITALY									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.32	1.00	1.06	1.48	2.20	3.04	4.28	5.98	8.95
% of total credit granted by first bank	57	99	97	84	72	65	58	51	43
e. SOUTHERN ITALY									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.28	1.00	1.07	1.51	2.17	3.06	4.30	5.85	8.58
% of total credit granted by first bank	64	99	96	83	72	64	56	48	45
f. ISLANDS									
Average number of banks per borrower	1.23	1.00	1.09	1.53	2.10	2.72	3.61	5.14	7.16
% of total credit granted by first bank	71	99	96	83	75	69	63	54	55

Notes:

TDC30080		Sample of banks				
Source: Survey of lending rates Percentages		2005 Dec.	2006 Mar.	2006 June	2006 Sept.	2006 Dec.
a.	MATCHED LOANS	4.71	4.91	5.02	5.16	5.40
	<i>of which:</i> Loans in euros	4.70	4.91	5.01	5.15	5.39
	Initial period of rate fixation:					
	up to 1 year	4.71	4.91	5.01	5.15	5.40
	more than 1 year	4.58	4.85	4.92	4.87	5.02
	<i>of which:</i> non-financial companies and producer households	4.76	4.97	5.07	5.19	5.44
	consumer households and nec	5.54	5.31	5.27	5.38	5.39
	Loans in non-euro-area currencies	4.88	5.29	5.68	6.02	6.07
b.	TERM LOANS: OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS	3.72	3.95	4.14	4.37	4.67
	<i>of which:</i> Loans in euros	3.73	3.95	4.15	4.38	4.68
	Initial period of rate fixation:					
	up to 1 year	3.60	3.86	4.08	4.35	4.66
	from 1 to 5 years	3.31	3.42	3.59	3.71	4.10
	more than 5 years	4.89	4.95	4.97	5.00	5.07
	<i>of which:</i> non-financial companies and producer households	3.75	3.98	4.21	4.45	4.77
	consumer households and nec	3.84	4.10	4.27	4.51	4.75
	Loans in non-euro-area currencies	3.31	3.67	3.70	3.97	4.08
c.	TERM LOANS: NEW BUSINESS IN THE QUARTER	3.19	3.32	3.44	3.58	4.10
	Initial period of rate fixation					
	up to 1 year	3.15	3.28	3.39	3.55	4.05
	from 1 to 5 years	3.52	4.05	4.42	4.56	5.04
	more than 5 years	4.25	4.46	5.07	5.13	5.15
	<i>of which:</i> non-financial companies and producer households	3.64	3.82	4.12	4.40	4.79
	consumer households and nec	3.90	4.37	4.45	4.79	5.02
d.	REVOCABLE LOANS	6.94	7.21	7.25	7.33	7.56
	<i>of which:</i> Loans in euros	6.94	7.21	7.25	7.34	7.57
	<i>of which:</i> non-financial companies and producer households	8.12	8.10	8.16	8.22	8.43
	consumer households and nec	7.33	7.42	7.55	7.67	7.84
	Loans in non-euro-area currencies	4.88	5.14	5.79	5.32	5.89

Notes:

For new business in the quarter, the rates refer to the APRC (see Methodological Appendix).

Methodological appendix

1. Content of the publication

The Statistical Bulletin and the Summary contain information on the structure, assets and liabilities, and operations of banks and non-bank intermediaries. Unless otherwise indicated, the data refer to transactions carried out by banks and financial intermediaries with residents, irrespective of the currency used. Interbank transactions are normally excluded. Transactions not denominated in euros are recorded in euros at the average end-of-period exchange rate. As regards flows, transactions for which interest payments have been made are recorded at the exchange rate used to translate the interest payments into euros; other transactions are recorded at the end-of-period exchange rate.

Exceptions to the general rules are evidenced in the footnotes to the tables.

For the sake of legibility and clarity, the paper version of the statistical tables normally contains data referring to the most recent period available; the time series and the distributions with a higher degree of data disaggregation are available in the “BIP on-line statistical database”. The Bulletin contains the information available at the time of publication; subsequent editions may be updated or revised to incorporate adjustments subsequently received from reporting intermediaries.

Data on the same phenomena from different sources may not coincide owing to methodological differences. Further discrepancies between or within tables are due to rounding or to the exclusion of data covered by official secrecy.

As regards the geographical aggregates, it should be noted that for the regions reference is made to the list contained in Article 131 of the Italian Constitution while in the case of the provinces – for the sake of statistical continuity – reference is made to the situation at 1 January 1996.

2. Sources of information

The information contained in the publication is drawn from the reports that credit and financial intermediaries send to the Bank of Italy. The principal features of the information flows are described in what follows for the various sources listed below:

- supervisory returns;
- reports to the Central Credit Register;
- surveys of lending and deposit rates;
- registers of intermediaries.

2.1 Supervisory returns

The Bank of Italy requires supervisory returns from:

- banks under Article 51 of the Banking Law (Legislative Decree 385/1993);
- investment firms under Article 12 of the Consolidated Law on Financial Intermediation (Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998);

- financial intermediaries under Article 107 of the Banking Law;
- asset management companies and open-end investment companies (SICAVs) under Article 12 of the Consolidated Law on Financial Intermediation.

Using the required reporting formats and at the specified frequencies, the above intermediaries transmit data (generally end-of-period stocks and flows) on their balance sheets and profit and loss accounts, their transactions (e.g. technical form, types of securities traded or managed, original and residual duration, currency), and their counterparties (location and economic activity), as well as other information of use for analysis of the various technical parameters (loan concentration, structure of deposits, foreign exposure, bad and doubtful debts, etc.).

2.2 Reports to the Central Credit Register

The Central Credit Register is regulated by the resolution adopted by the Credit Committee on 29 March 1994 pursuant to Articles 53, 67 and 107 of the Banking Law. The following participate in this centralized service:

- banks entered in the register referred to in Article 13 of the Banking Law;
- financial intermediaries entered in the register of banking groups and/or the special register referred to in, respectively, Articles 64 and 107 of the Banking Law that engage exclusively or primarily in financing activity. Financial intermediaries more than 50 per cent of whose financing activity consists of consumer credit are exempted. Consequently, the group of financial intermediaries reporting to the Central Credit Register is not identical to the group that transmits supervisory returns.

Participating intermediaries also report the exposures of foreign branches to borrowers resident in Italy. All the statistical distributions take such loans into account.

Once a month intermediaries are required to report each customer's debtor position, comprising both individual and joint liabilities (joint accounts and partnerships).

The whole position relative to a given customer must be reported where even one of the following conditions applies: – the sum of credit granted or used for all loans and guarantees granted to the customer is at least 75,000 euros;

- the total value of personal guarantees provided by the customer is at least 75,000 euros;
- the customer's position is classified among bad debts or is written off during the reference month, regardless of the amount;
- the face value of factoring claims the intermediary has acquired from the customer is at least 75,000 euros;
- the value of the transactions carried out by the intermediary on behalf of third parties is at least 75,000 euros;

Where a report is made because one of the above conditions applies, it must cover all the outstanding positions of the customer in question.

The present report form, in use since 1 January 2005 and subject to the 9th update of Circular no. 139 of 11 February 1991, comprises a section for different categories of credit (matched, term and revocable exposures, loans subject to bankruptcy proceedings and other special cases, bad debts, guarantees relating to commercial operations, guarantees relating to financial operations, guarantees received, financial derivatives), an informational section (transactions carried out on behalf of third parties, syndicated loans, claims acquired from customers other than intermediaries – debtors assigned, matched loans – overdue amounts, claims written off, claims assigned to third parties) and a series of qualifiers providing a fuller description of the characteristics and riskiness of outstanding transactions (e.g. original and residual maturity, currency, etc.).

2.3 Surveys of lending and deposit rates

The quarterly sample survey of deposit and lending rates, introduced under Article 51 of the Consolidate Law on Banking, is currently governed by the Bank of Italy's Circular No. 251

of 17 July 2003, “Rilevazione analitica dei tassi d’interesse. Istruzioni per le banche segnalanti” (Sample Survey of Interest Rates: Instructions for Reporting Banks), which has applied since the first quarter of 2004. The Circular can be found on the Bank of Italy’s website under “Statistiche – La raccolta delle informazioni presso gli intermediari – Segnalazioni creditizie e finanziarie – Normativa di riferimento”.

The information on lending rates is collected separately for each customer; that on deposit rates is collected instead on an aggregate basis.

In the case of lending rates the survey covers the loan facilities granted to ordinary customers – i.e. excluding banks and banking authorities – by Italian branches of reporting intermediaries in the following forms: matched loans, term loans and revocable loans. Intermediaries are required to submit the information requested for each customer having, at the end of the reference quarter, a sum of the amounts of the above forms of financing granted or used reported to the Central Credit Register that equals or exceeds the reporting threshold (see Section 2.2).

For all the loans covered by the survey outstanding at the end of each quarter, intermediaries report the products and the related amounts received; the latter are divided between interest payments, fees and expenses. On the basis of the observed data the interest rates published in the statistical tables are calculated as the weighted average of the rates effectively charged to customers – excluding transactions at supported interest rates – using the following formula:

$$r(\%) = (\text{Amounts received} * 365) / \text{Products}$$

For new term loans, banks report the Annual Percentage Rate of Charge – APRC (as defined in Directive 87/102/EEC) and the amount of financing granted. In the statistical tables showing the APRC, the weighted average is calculated on the basis of the amounts of the loans granted.

As regards deposit rates, data are collected on the conditions applied to sight current account deposits of ordinary customers outstanding at the end of the quarter at the Italian branches of reporting banks. For the transactions covered by the survey, intermediaries report the following data in aggregate form:

- the sum of the interest accrued in the reference quarter (regardless of when it is paid);
- the sum of the products for the reference quarter.

The interest rates published in the statistical tables are the weighted average calculated using the following formula:

$$r(\%) = (\text{Amounts disbursed} * 365) / \text{Products}$$

2.4 Registers of intermediaries

Identification information on credit and financial intermediaries subject to supervision by the Bank of Italy and on the activities they are authorized to carry on is drawn from special registers kept by the Bank of Italy or Consob under the laws in force. In particular:

- under Article 13 of the Banking Law, the Bank of Italy enters banks authorized in Italy and branches of EU banks established in Italy in a register;
- under Article 19 of the Consolidated Law on Financial Intermediation, Consob, after consulting the Bank of Italy, authorizes Italian securities firms (SIMs) to provide investment services. Under Article 20 of the Consolidated Law, Consob enters SIMs in a register, communicating such entries to the Bank of Italy;
- under Article 107 of the Banking Law, the Ministry of the Treasury, after consulting the Bank of Italy and Consob, establishes objective standards with reference to the activity carried on, the volume of business and the ratio of debt to equity capital, on the basis of which to determine the financial intermediaries which must be entered in a special register kept by the Bank of Italy;
- under Article 35 of the Consolidated Law, the Bank of Italy, after consulting Consob, authorizes asset management companies to perform the service of collective asset management and that of individual portfolio management. Such companies are entered in a register kept by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 46 of the Consolidated Law;

- under Article 44 of the Consolidated Law, the Bank of Italy, after consulting Consob, authorizes the establishment of open– end investment companies (SICAVs). Under Article 45, SICAVs authorized in Italy are entered in a register kept by the Bank of Italy.

3. Information for time-series analysis

Reporting items have changed over time as a result of efforts to rationalize or enhance the information flows from intermediaries. To permit correct interpretation of breaks in time series, the most important changes are described below.

3.1 Supervisory returns

As of January 1994: there may be a break owing to the new method of accounting for and reporting sale and repurchase transactions where the purchaser is under an obligation to resell the assets involved (e. g. securities). In accordance with the rules on annual accounts, such transactions are treated as forms of lending to or fund-raising from the counterparty (the Bank of Italy, banks, customers) and are reported apart. In line with the new format of the annual accounts, as of 1 January 1994 interest– bearing certificates (except post office savings certificates) and non-interbank certificates of deposit are included in the securities portfolio.

As of January 1995: the de-specialization of credit institutions pursuant to the Banking Law is reflected in:

- the adoption of a single reporting form for the supervisory returns of all banks;
- the inclusion in banks’ reports of the information previously transmitted by their former special credit sections.

The population to which the information published from that date onwards refers is the banking system as a whole. Accordingly, all references to the “sample of banks” utilized up until 31 December 1994 have been dropped.

The adjustment of the former special credit institutions and special credit sections to the new reporting formats ceased to have effect only from December 1996 (September 1996 for the data published on the “BIP on-line statistical database”). Up to that date, loans and deposits deriving from the old returns of some former special credit institutions are included in the totals (since they are considered “unattributable”) but are not distributed according to the classifications adopted from some analytical tables.

In addition, following the merging of the information relating to the former special sections into the statistics of their respective parent institutions, there may be breaks in the time series for the distribution of loans and deposits by branch location.

As of March 1998: the earlier tables on loans beyond the short-term are consolidated in some cases in order to facilitate the comparison of information. The detailed data continue to be provided on the “BIP on-line statistical database”.

As of January 1999: following the start of Stage Three of EMU and the related changes in supervisory returns, the concept of central bank has been redefined; consequently, the banks’ positions with “BI-UIC” have been replaced by those with “BI-ECB”.

As of January 2005: in the “institutional” classification the “Central credit institutions” category has been eliminated and the entities in question included in the “Banks established as società per azioni” category.

Following the 18th update of the system of automated prudential returns, with effect from the reference date of December 2006, the sections containing financial statement data are now based on IAS/IFRS. At the same time some adjustments were made to the other sections. The changes had the following effects on the statistics published: 1. new items have been included in the accounts referring to banks (operating in Italy and abroad). On the assets side they refer to negative revaluation amounts and on the liabilities side to positive revaluation amounts. For banks operating in Italy, these amounts are included respectively in the aggregates “Negative capital items” (tables tdb10017, tdb10018 and tdb10019) and “capital, reserves and provisions included in capital” (tables tdb10027, tdb10028 and tdb10029); for banks operating abroad, they are included respectively in the aggregates “Other asset items” and “Endowment funds and

capital reserves” (table tdb10033). 2. prudential returns no longer contain the items covering “loan loss provisions”, consequently the tables covering liabilities (tables tdb10027, tdb10028 and tdb10029) no longer contain the information in question, nor is it included in the aggregate “other liabilities items” in the table on foreign branches of Italian banks (table 10033)

3.2 Reports to the Central Credit Register

As of March 1991: the threshold for reporting bad debts, previously set at 10 million lire, no longer applies.

As of January 1993: the reporting requirement extends to Italian banks’ foreign branches for loans to borrowers resident in Italy.

As of January 1996: the reporting threshold for loans and guarantees to customers has been raised from 80 to 150 million lire. The rules regarding bad debts and personal guarantees issued by customers are unchanged.

As of January 1997: the introduction of the new report form has made it possible to add statistical distributions with fuller information on transactions between customers and reporting banks (see Section 2. 2). In addition, the aggregated data on loans, bad debts and guarantees provided by customers are no longer adjusted to eliminate individual exposures of less than 150 million lire. The previous report form envisaged nine categories: liquidations of claims, direct loans, current accounts, foreign transactions, bad debts, transactions backed by real security, medium and long-term transactions and other, guarantees granted to customers, and personal guarantees received from customers. For loans and guarantees granted, both the amount granted and that used were reported. For guarantees received, the guarantee commitment was reported and set equal, unless otherwise specified, to the larger of total credit granted and that used.

As of January 2002: the Central Credit Register reporting threshold, which was previously equal to 150 million lire (77,469 euros) has been set to 75,000 euros.

As of January 2005: in the new form for reporting loans introduced following the 9th update of Circular no. 139 of 11 February 1991, intermediaries are required to report separately: – bad debts for an amount equal to the amount originally disbursed, net of repayments and gross of writedowns and writeoffs; – the stock of amounts written off over the entire duration of the credit relationship. Prior to that date, bad debts were reported gross of writedowns and net of writeoffs. However, unless stated otherwise, the series published continue to refer to bad debts net of writeoffs. A certain discontinuity can nonetheless be observed in the data between December 2004 and March 2005, especially as regards the information on financial intermediaries. It should also be noted that the updating of the rules referred to above also made it impossible to separate out the part of net bad debts backed by real security. Accordingly, as of January 2005 only the part of “gross” bad debts backed by real security is shown. Lastly, in accordance with the New Capital Accord (Basel II), which considers the threshold of 1,000,000 euros as one of the criteria for distinguishing between “retail” and “corporate” customers, wherever possible this threshold has been shown in the tables disaggregated by size class.

3.3 Surveys of interest rates

As of March 1993: the 365-day calendar year has replaced the 360-day business year in the lending rate computation formula.

As of January 1996: the increase from 80 to 150 million lire in the Central Credit Register reporting threshold has had indirect effects on the survey of lending rates. For the sake of the comparability of time series data, rates referring to loans below the new reporting threshold are eliminated from the tables on lending rates for 1995 and 1996.

As of January 1997: the distributions relative to lending rates reflect the different information breakdown of the Central Credit Register’s new reporting form (see Section 2.2).

As of March 1998: interest rates on medium and long-term loans outstanding at the end of the reference period have been published.

As of March 2001: effective deposit rates, previously published annually, are now published quarterly (see “Additional information” concerning the Statistical Bulletin III/2002).

As of January 2002: the change in the Central Credit Register reporting threshold from 77,469 to 75,000 euros has had indirect effects on the survey of the lending rates.

As of March 2004 Bank of Italy Circular No. 251 of 17 July 2003 made far-reaching changes to the quarterly collection of sample data on lending and deposit rates. The number of reporting banks was increased and the report form was amended with provision made for the collection of additional data. Consequently, the tables of the Statistical Bulletin and of the Summary Report of the Statistical Bulletin have been completely revised.

3.4 Classifications of intermediaries up to 31 December 1994

A) Legal classification of former “banks” (*aziende di credito*): the institutions were attributed on the basis of the institutional criterion provided for in Article 5 of the 1936 Banking Law, now repealed. Central credit institutions were shown separately, in consideration of their operational specificity. Branches of foreign banks in Italy were included among “ordinary credit banks”.

B) Classification by size of banks raising mainly short-term funds: the classification was introduced into the Bank of Italy’s statistics in 1967.

On that occasion it was decided to:

- consider only a sample of banks (348 out of a total of 1,236) accounting for around 98 per cent of the banking system’s total deposits;
- classify commercial banks and savings banks separately, owing to the differences in their institutional arrangements and behaviour;
- adopt as a ranking parameter an index of operational capacity represented by the sum of customer deposits, special credit institution deposits, third-party funds under administration, and capital and reserves (average of quarterly data for 1967);
- divide commercial banks and savings banks into five size groups (major, large, average, small and minor);
- determine identical minimum class values for commercial banks and savings banks (respectively 1,000, 500, 200 and 50 billion lire) that were likely to ensure a sufficiently large spread between the marginal unit of each group and the first unit of the next group;
- hold the definition of the classes and distribution of the banks among them constant from one year to the next and revise the ranking every five years, in order to have continuous series for an interval long enough to allow temporal analyses but not so long as to render the characteristic size of each group devoid of meaning.

At the end of the first two five-year periods the ranking was revised according to the above general classification criteria and by applying the 5-year rate of increase in the ranking parameter recorded for commercial banks and savings banks as a whole to the boundaries between classes.

In 1983 the reference parameter was extended to include banks’ net fund-raising abroad, in order to keep it consistent with the concept of potential domestic credit on which the classification is based. At the same time, the boundaries between classes were revised so as to maximize the distance, as measured by the parameter, between the last bank of each class and the first bank of the next. In 1988, when the sample of banks was revised, marginal adjustments were made to the group classed as “minor”.

The classification by size, used in the Bulletins up to 31 December 1994, referred to all “banks raising mainly short-term funds” in operation. The criteria defining the groups of banks was consistent with those, described above, applied to the sample, with the exception of the last class (“minor” banks), which comprised banks not included in the sample. As of the data for 1994, the breakdown by size of banks raising mainly short-term funds into former “banks” (*aziende di credito*) and former savings banks has been dropped.

C) Institutional classification of special credit institutions. Breakdown of special credit institutions by institutional specialization into the following groups: industrial credit institutions, sections for financing public works, real estate credit institutions, agricultural credit institutions.

As of the Bulletin based on data for March 1992, the classifications by institutional category of banks and special credit institutions described in the preceding paragraph and at

points A) and C) have been dropped since they were no longer significant following the structural changes in the banking system subsequent to the implementation of the “Amato Law”.

3.5 Specific events

Time-series analysis of the statistical distributions must take account of specific events (e.g. the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings, disposal of bad debts) regarding individual reporting intermediaries that can introduce breaks into the time series or misalignments between the information flows from different sources. The most important and most recent events of this kind are as follows:

As of June 1996: following the start of the voluntary liquidation procedure by Isveimer, there are breaks in the time series based on supervisory returns. There may also be misalignments between these series and those drawn from reports to the Central Credit Register.

As of December 1996: there is a break in the series of bad loans drawn from supervisory returns owing to the disposal and subsequent securitization of a portfolio of non-performing mortgage loans (initially 200 billion lire; from March 1997 onwards an additional 280 billion).

As of January 1997: following the transfer of claims from Banco di Napoli to a non-bank subsidiary, there is a discontinuity in the series of loans and bad debts and in their breakdown by geographic location and economic sector of the borrower; in particular, there is a reduction of around 8.8 trillion lire in bad debts.

As of September 1997: both the series of bad debts drawn from supervisory returns and the similar series from reports to the Central Credit Register show a significant break, of which around 2.8 trillion lire is attributable to the subjection of Sicilcassa S.p.A. to bankruptcy proceedings.

As of March 1998: the series of bad debts drawn from supervisory returns shows a discontinuity, of which around 420 billion lire is attributable to a disposal and subsequent securitization of non-performing real estate loans.

As of June 1998: the series classified by sector and segment of economic activity show a discontinuity owing to the alignment of the classification criteria with those of the new European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA 95). Attention is drawn, in particular, to the discontinuities in the series referring to the sector “Non-financial corporations” and the subsector “Producer households”.

As of June 1999: the series of bad debts drawn from supervisory returns and the similar series from reports to the Central Credit Register show a significant break, of which around 3.0 trillion lire is attributable to a disposal and subsequent securitization of non-performing loans.

As of September 1999: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to a securitization transaction involving claims for a total nominal value of about 3,600 billion lire (comprising bad debts for 2,000 billion, substandard loans for 1,000 billion and performing loans for the remaining amount).

As of December 1999: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory reports and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to a securitization transaction involving claims for a total nominal value of about 11,000 billion lire (comprising bad debts for 8,000 billion, substandard loans for 1,300 billion and performing loans for the remaining amount). Moreover, the reorganization of asset management activities in some large groups resulted in the transfer of a total of about 80,000 billion lire of assets under management from investments firms (SIMs) to asset management companies (SGRs).

As of June 2000: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from supervisory returns owing to a securitization transaction involving bad debts for a total nominal value of about 2,800 billion lire. In addition, following clarifications by the BIS on the classification of countries in its international statistics, some changes have been made to the table on “Foreign exposure”: claims on the ECB have been included under Germany instead of under international organizations; claims on residents of Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man have been included under the United Kingdom instead of under offshore centres. These changes may result in breaks in the series for the countries concerned.

As of September 2000: following the addition in the supervisory reports submitted by Italian securities firms (SIMs) of data on their management of investment portfolios on behalf

of other intermediaries, it has been possible to separate this item from their total portfolio management business. This may have caused discontinuities in the statistical series concerned.

As of December 2000: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 20,000 billion lire (including 10,000 billion of bad debts). Moreover, following the addition in the supervisory reports submitted by banks of data on their management of investment portfolios on behalf of other intermediaries, it has been possible to separate this item from their total portfolio management business. This may have caused discontinuities in the statistical series concerned.

As of March 2001: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing claims for a total nominal value of about 5,600 billion lire.

As of June 2001: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 19,000 billion lire (including 15,000 billion of bad debts).

As of September 2001: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 1.9 billion euros.

As of December 2001: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 5 billion euros. In addition, some changes have been made to the table "Foreign exposure":

- following clarifications by the BIS on the classification of countries in its international statistics, claims on residents of Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man have been included under the offshore centres instead of the United Kingdom;
- the exposure in local currency of the euro-area countries comprises claims denominated in euros and the former euro-area currencies.

As of March 2002: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 4 billion euros (including 1.2 billion of bad debts). Moreover, owing to decisions taken by the central bank of Argentina concerning the suspension of the obligation to publish financial statistics, some Italian banks have not submitted complete reports on their exposures to borrowers resident in that country. Where necessary, in the table "Foreign exposure", reference has been made to the 2001 year-end data in calculating the 2002 first-quarter aggregates for Argentina.

As of June 2002: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 2.2 billion euros (including 826 million of bad debts).

As of September 2002: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 2.3 billion euros (including 250 million of bad debts).

As of December 2002: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 5.5 billion euros (including 69 million of bad debts).

As of March 2003: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 1.2 billion euros.

As of June 2003: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 4 billion euros.

As of September 2003: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 1 billion euros.

As of December 2003: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 4.2 billion euros.

As of January 2004: the change in the institutional status of a large intermediary has caused breaks in some series. The discontinuities are especially pronounced in the tables on securities business.

As of March 2004: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 2.3 billion euros.

As of June 2004: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 4.6 billion euros.

As of September 2004: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 0.9 billion euros.

As of December 2004: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 5.6 billion euros (including 334 million of bad debts).

As of March 2005: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 5.6 billion euros (including 173 million of bad debts).

As of June 2005: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 3.4 billion euros (including 251 million of bad debts).

As of September 2005: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 3.8 billion euros (including 287 million of bad debts).

As of December 2005: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 14.9 billion euros (including 10.2 million of bad debts).

As of March 2006: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 3.1 billion euros.

As of June 2006: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 6.3 billion euros (including 57 million of bad debts).

As of September 2006: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving performing loans for a total nominal value of about 4.3 billion euros.

As of 30 September 2006 the classification of customers has been brought into line with the revised provisions of Circular no. 140 of 11 February 1991. It should also be noted that as of the same date some aggregates have been modified by the reclassification of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. (CDP) outside general government and its ceasing to be considered a non-bank customer.

As of December 2006: there may be breaks in some of the series derived from both supervisory returns and reports to the Central Credit Register owing to securitization transactions involving claims for a total nominal value of about 10.5 billion euros (including 190 million of bad debts).

Glossary

Glossary of terms in the tables

APRC	the conventional summary of the cost of credit. It is the rate that equalizes, on an annual basis, the sum of the present values of all the amounts making up the financing disbursed by the creditor and the sum of the present values of all repayment instalments (see the Minister of the Treasury Decree of 8 July 1992 on consumer credit).
ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT (PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES)	the end-of-period value of the portfolio, liquid assets in respect of management contracts, interest accrued at the reporting reference date and other assets and liabilities related to the management function attributable to customers.
BAD DEBTS	the total loans outstanding to persons who have been declared insolvent or who are in a basically comparable situation, regardless of the security held and gross of writedowns effected and net of writeoffs for forecast losses. Any differences between data drawn from supervisory reports and the Central Credit Register stem from marginal differences between the legal provisions governing the data collection methods of the two systems.
BORROWERS (NUMBER)	physical and legal persons and holders of joint account who have been the object, at the reference date, of one or more reports to the Central Credit Register on the granting of loans or guarantees.
CENTRAL ITALY	comprises the following regions: Tuscany, Marche, Umbria and Lazio.
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT UNDERTAKINGS (UNITS OF)	comprising Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) and real-estate investment funds. In the statistical distributions of the Bulletin, UCITS comprise the following types of institutional investors: open-end securities investment funds and SICAVs.
CUSTOMER BRANCH OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	Grouping of institutional units on the basis of the prevalent productive activity. The method of classifying customers is described in detail in the manual "Istruzioni relative alla classificazione della clientela per settori e gruppi di attività economica", published by the Bank of Italy. The present classification, which was introduced on 1 January 1989, is based on criteria consistent with those used by Istat, which, in turn, reflect those used in the European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA). In order to ensure the confidentiality of information, in some tables it has been necessary to aggregate the data of some of the branches in "macrobranches".
CUSTOMER LOCATION	geographical area, region or province of the registered office or domicile of banks' counterparties. Marginal disparities between data drawn from supervisory reports and the Central Credit Register stem from differences between the data collection methods of the two systems.
CUSTOMER SECTORS AND SEGMENTS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	groupings of institutional units on the basis of their principal economic function. The classification is on three levels: sectors, sub-sectors and sub-groups. Groupings of sectors, sub-sectors and branches (see above) of economic activity are called segments. The method of classifying customers is described in detail in the manual "Istruzioni relative alla classificazione della clientela per settori e gruppi di attività economica", published by the Bank of Italy. The present classification, which has been in force since June 1998, is based on criteria consistent with those used by Istat, which, in turn, reflect those used in the European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA95).
DEPOSITS	funds raised from non-banks by banks in the form of: sight and time savings deposits, savings certificates, certificates of deposit, current accounts and time current accounts.

**DERIVATES TRADING
(QUARTERLY FLOW)**

derivative instruments are contracts serving to modify the exposure of the parties to market risks. As a rule they provide for the settlement at a specified future date of the difference between the price (or rate of return) prevailing at that date of a reference financial instrument and that determined in the contract or for the delivery or receipt at a future date of a financial instrument at a predetermined price. In the data on trading, derivative contracts with an underlying security are valued on the basis of the agreed price, those without an underlying security on the basis of the notional capital. Some instruments are an exception in this respect and are valued as follows: stock index options and futures, on the basis of the notional capital multiplied by the value of the index at the date the contract was concluded; futures options, on the basis of the notional capital multiplied by the price agreed for the futures contract; futures on debt securities, on the basis of the notional capital multiplied by the price agreed for the futures contract. Where transactions in derivative instruments are carried out on organized markets, purchases and sales serving to close positions of the opposite sign are not counted.

**ECONOMIC PURPOSE OF THE
INVESTMENT**

designed to identify the nature and location of the investment or durable goods being financed independently of the economic classification and location of the customer.

FACILITIES GRANTED

the amount of credit that the customer can use directly insofar as it derives from a fully effective contract that has been concluded.

GUARANTEES GRANTED

transactions (endorsements, guarantees, documentary credits, etc.) by means of which an intermediary undertakes to take over or guarantee the liability of a third party.

**GUARANTEES GRANTED TO
CUSTOMERS**

transactions (endorsements, guarantees, documentary credits, etc.) by means of which intermediaries provide cover for commercial and/or financial transactions undertaken by their customers. personal guarantees issued by third parties to intermediaries in favour of their borrowers.

**INITIAL PERIOD OF RATE
FIXATION**

the contractually agreed period during which the interest rate may not be changed. This classification variable has a value only for matched loans and term loans. However, revocable loans are conventionally included in the "variable interest rate or fixed up to 1 year" duration class.

ISLANDS

comprises the following regions: Sicily and Sardinia.

LOAN FACILITIES

loans reported to the Central Credit Register net of bad debts, granted or disbursed by reporting banks. The aggregate includes the following forms of lending: matched loans, term loans, revocable loans and credit claims involved in bankruptcy proceedings. The difference between the used margin of "loan facilities" and the item "loans" consists in the exclusion of bad debts and the inclusion of repurchase agreements. The amount shown for the part backed by real security does not include the actual value of the security in the case of liens owing to the difficulty in most cases of determining the amount.

LOANS

loans disbursed by banks to non-banks. The aggregate includes the bill portfolio, current account overdrafts, advances (on bills of exchange and other import and export documentary credits), mortgage loans, advances not settled via current accounts, stock exchange repos, sundry secured loans not settled via current accounts, pledge loans, loans secured by pledge of salaries, loans granted from funds administered for third parties, other financial investments (traded banker's acceptances, commercial paper, etc.) bad debts, unpaid and protested own bills. The aggregate is net of interest and repurchase agreements.

**MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM
LOANS**

loans (excluding interest, repos, bad debts, unpaid and protested own bills, and export credits) with an original maturity of more than 18 months.

**NET ASSETS (COLLECTIVE
ASSET MANAGEMENT)**

the difference between the value of the portfolio, the liquidity and the other assets managed by a collective investment undertaking and any debts and other liabilities the same may have.

NORTH-EAST ITALY

comprises the following regions: Trentino Alto Adige, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Emilia Romagna.

NORTH-WEST ITALY

comprises the following regions: Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta, Liguria and Lombardy.

OVERSHOOT

the positive difference between credit used, excluding bad debts, and credit granted. The item is calculated for each transaction reported by each intermediary to the Central Credit Register, with no offsetting between transactions that show unused margins or intermediaries that report the same customer.

**REAL SECURITY: AMOUNT
BACKED**

this category includes all forms of real security – such as pledges, mortgages and liens – involving assets owned by the borrower (internal guarantees) or by third parties (external guarantees).

RESIDENTS	bank customers are classified as residents on the basis of the foreign exchange provisions in force.
SECURITIES	securities in general and documents representing securities. The item comprises debt securities and equity securities, including certificates of deposit and savings certificates but excluding interbank certificates of deposit.
SOUTHERN ITALY	comprises the following regions: Abruzzo, Molise, Campania, Puglia, Basilicata and Calabria.
TOTAL CREDIT GRANTED (SIZE CLASSES)	the sum of the loan facilities granted to each borrower by all the intermediaries reporting to the Central Credit Register.
UNUSED MARGIN	positive difference between credit granted and credit used. The item is calculated for each transaction reported by each intermediary to the Central Credit Register, with no offsetting between transactions that show overshoots or intermediaries that report the same customer.
USED MARGIN	the amount of credit actually disbursed to a customer; in the case of “guarantees issued to customers”, the amount of the guarantees actually granted.