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## The Italian economy in brief

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### GDP, national demand, foreign trade

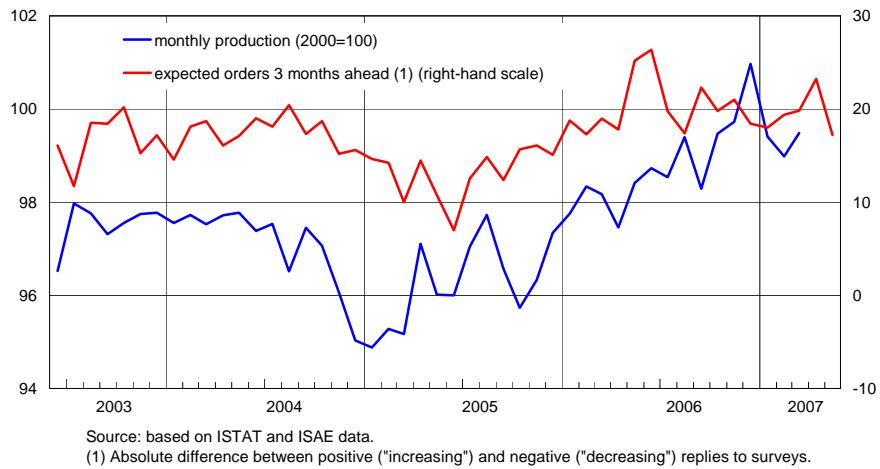
Chained linked volumes; annualized percentage changes on previous period;  
seasonally and working days adjusted for quarterly data.

	Gross domestic product	Gross fixed investment	Households' national consumption	Collective consumption	Total national demand (1)	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services
2003	0.0	-1.7	1.0	2.1	0.9	-2.4	0.8
2004	1.2	1.6	0.7	1.6	1.0	3.3	2.7
2005	0.1	-0.5	0.6	1.5	0.3	-0.5	0.5
2006	1.9	2.3	1.5	-0.3	1.6	5.3	4.3
2006 I	3.1	7.2	2.1	-1.2	1.8	9.2	4.2
II	2.4	1.7	1.7	-0.3	1.3	5.5	1.2
III	1.2	-1.1	2.3	0.7	5.7	-7.1	9.2
IV	4.7	7.6	0.9	-0.2	2.0	19.1	8.1

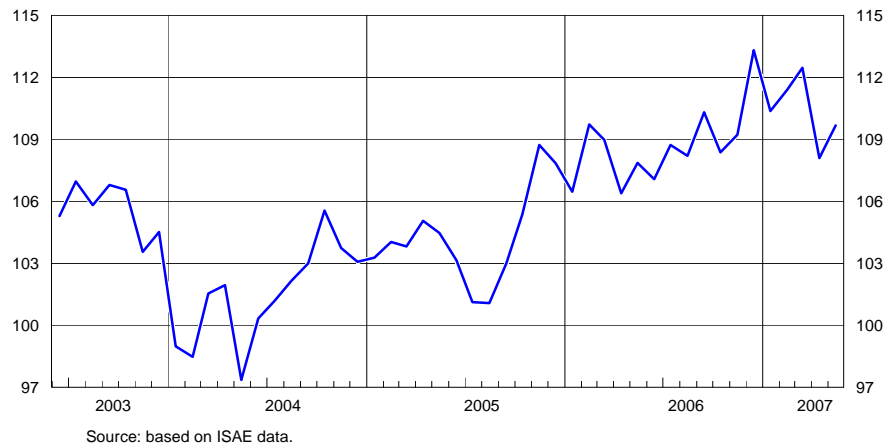
Source: ISTAT.

(1) Including changes in inventories and acquisition less disposals of valuables.

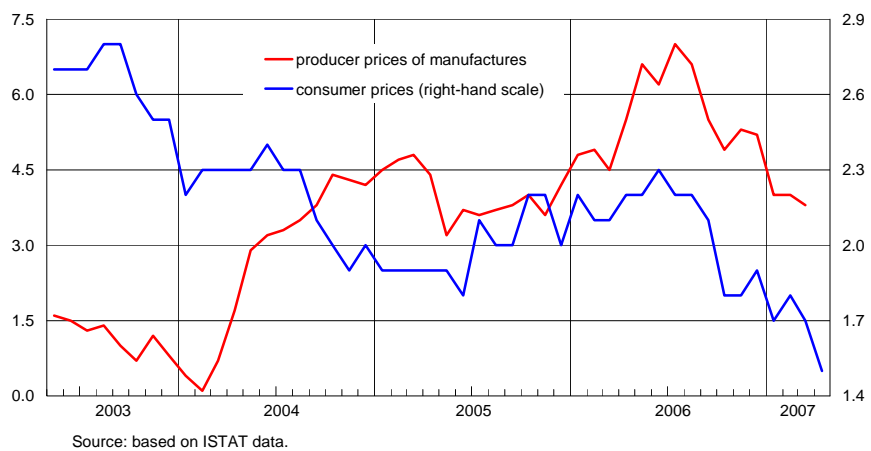
### Industrial production and expected demand manufacturing; seasonally adjusted



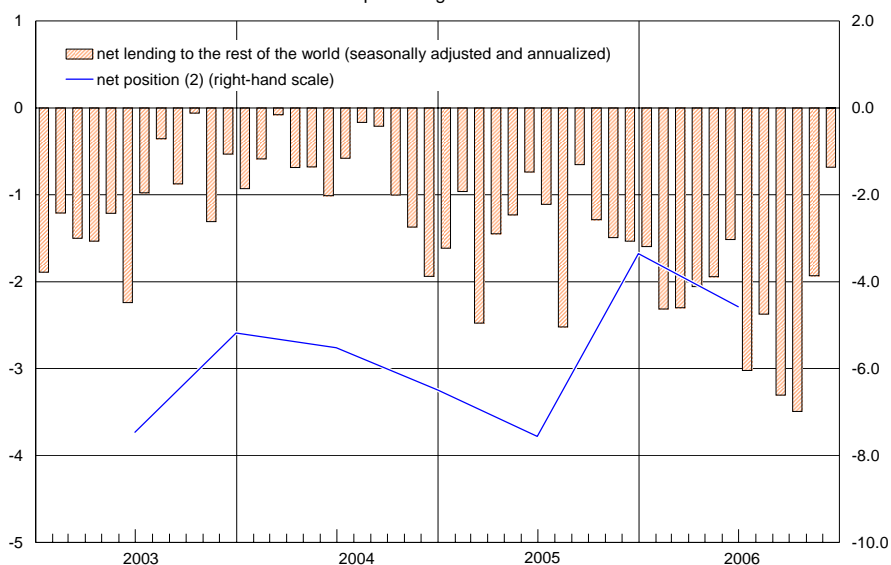
### Household confidence index 1980=100; seasonally adjusted



### Producer and consumer prices percentage changes on year-earlier period



### Net lending to the rest of the world (1) and international investment position percentages of GDP



Source for GDP: ISTAT and government projections.

(1) Sum of the current and capital account.

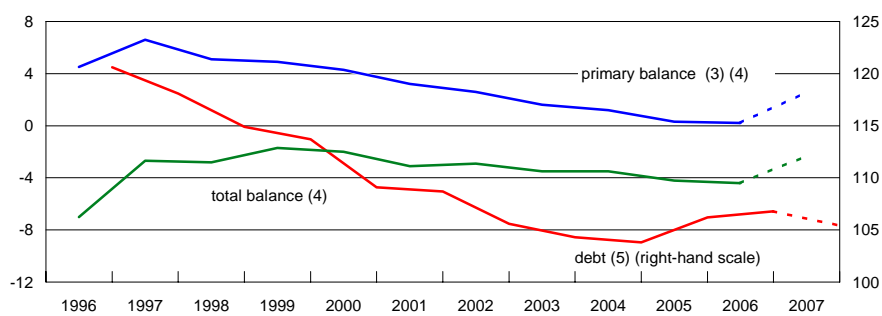
(2) Italy's net investment vis-à-vis the rest of the world, including monetary gold, semi-annual data.

### Balance of payments net balances; billions of Euro

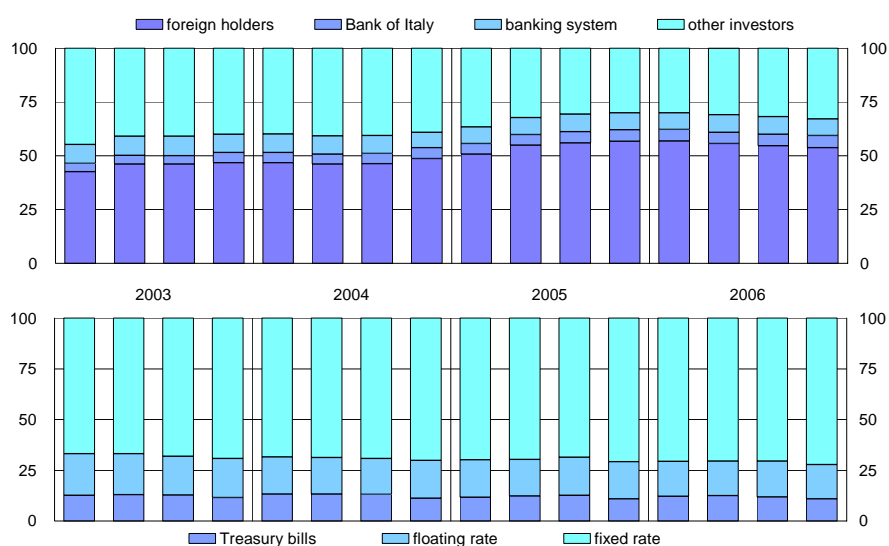
	Current account		Capital account	Net lending to the rest of the world (A+B)	Financial account			Errors and omissions -(A+B+C)
	Total A	of which: Merchandise			Total C	of which: Portfolio investment	Change in reserve assets (1)	
2003	-17.4	9.9	2.3	-15.1	17.3	3.4	-1.4	-2.2
2004	-12.5	8.9	1.8	-10.6	8.2	26.4	2.3	2.4
2005	-21.9	0.5	1.8	-20.1	19.0	43.4	0.8	1.1
2006	-35.2	-9.2	2.7	-32.5	34.3	24.1	0.4	-1.8
2006 Jan.-Feb.	-7.2	-5.1	0.4	-6.9	7.6	14.8	-0.4	-0.7
2007 Jan.-Feb.	-9.2	-4.1	0.5	-8.7	8.3	-5.0	-1.1	0.4
2006 Feb.	-3.2	-2.0	0.3	-2.9	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Mar.	-5.1	-0.8	0.6	-4.4	4.6	7.2	0.5	-0.2
April	-3.3	-1.0	0.0	-3.3	3.6	-10.2	0.2	-0.3
May	-3.2	-0.3	0.1	-3.2	3.4	-6.5	0.8	-0.3
June	-2.2	-0.3	0.0	-2.3	1.5	37.4	-1.2	0.8
July	0.5	1.5	0.1	0.6	-0.3	-7.7	0.4	-0.3
Aug.	-1.7	-1.5	0.1	-1.6	1.0	-17.6	0.0	0.6
Sept.	-4.9	-1.7	0.2	-4.8	5.3	6.1	-0.1	-0.5
Oct.	-3.2	0.1	0.1	-3.1	2.5	-7.8	0.1	0.6
Nov.	-2.9	-0.4	0.1	-2.9	3.6	5.7	-0.7	-0.8
Dec.	-1.9	0.1	1.2	-0.7	1.5	2.6	0.8	-0.8
2007 Jan.	-6.2	-3.4	0.3	-5.9	5.4	-7.7	-0.9	0.6
Feb.	-3.0	-0.7	0.3	-2.8	2.9	2.6	-0.2	-0.2

(1) A minus sign indicates an increase in reserves

### General government total balance, primary balance and debt (1) percentages of GDP (the dotted lines indicate government targets (2))



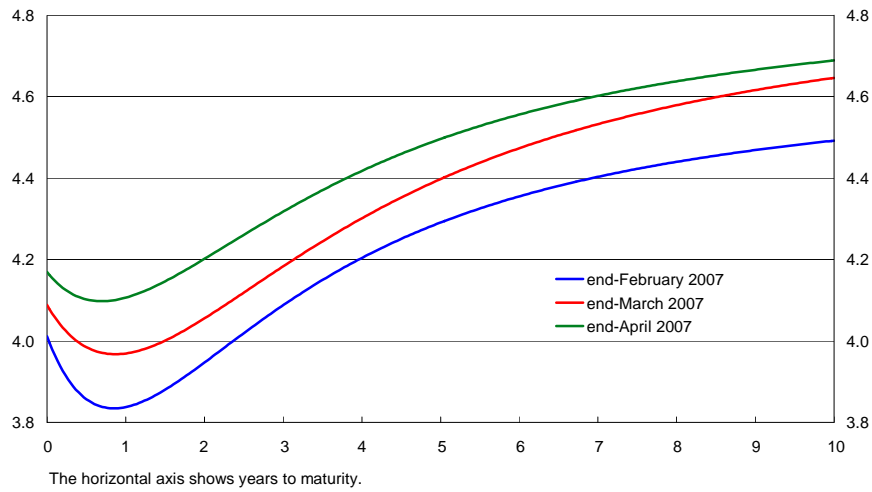
### Stock of government securities by type of investor and security percentages



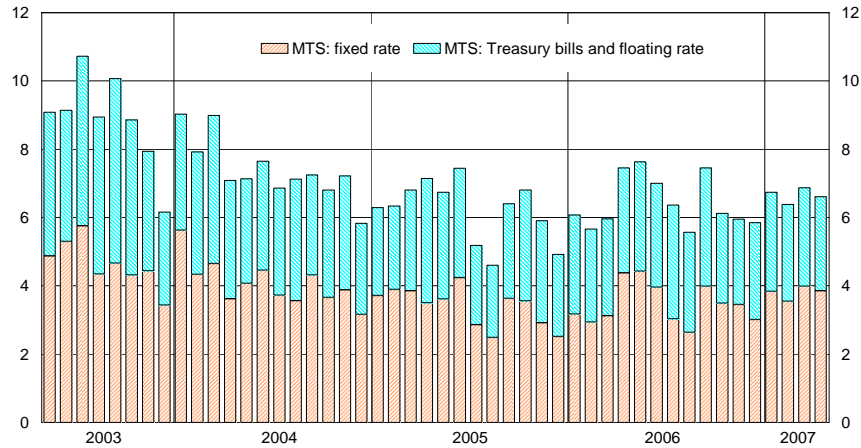
### Government benchmark bonds: gross yields to maturity annual and monthly averages of daily data

	Fixed rate; residual maturity of :					Floating rate
	2 years	3 years	5 years	10 years	30 years	
2003	2.48	2.81	3.36	4.25	5.04	2.36
2004	2.47	2.79	3.34	4.26	4.98	2.19
2005	2.40	2.57	2.90	3.55	4.12	2.30
2006	3.46	3.55	3.71	4.05	4.39	3.31
2006 May	3.48	3.57	3.83	4.28	4.68	3.13
June	3.55	3.62	3.87	4.29	4.70	3.24
July	3.65	3.77	3.92	4.31	4.70	3.39
Aug.	3.64	3.71	3.83	4.17	4.55	3.45
Sept.	3.67	3.69	3.78	4.04	4.36	3.56
Oct.	3.73	3.76	3.85	4.07	4.34	3.67
Nov.	3.76	3.74	3.80	3.97	4.22	3.81
Dec.	3.74	3.81	3.88	4.04	4.28	3.85
2007 Jan.	4.01	3.98	4.07	4.26	4.49	3.93
Feb.	4.02	3.99	4.08	4.28	4.52	4.02
Mar.	4.00	3.97	4.00	4.18	4.47	4.08
April	4.17	4.16	4.20	4.37	4.69	4.15

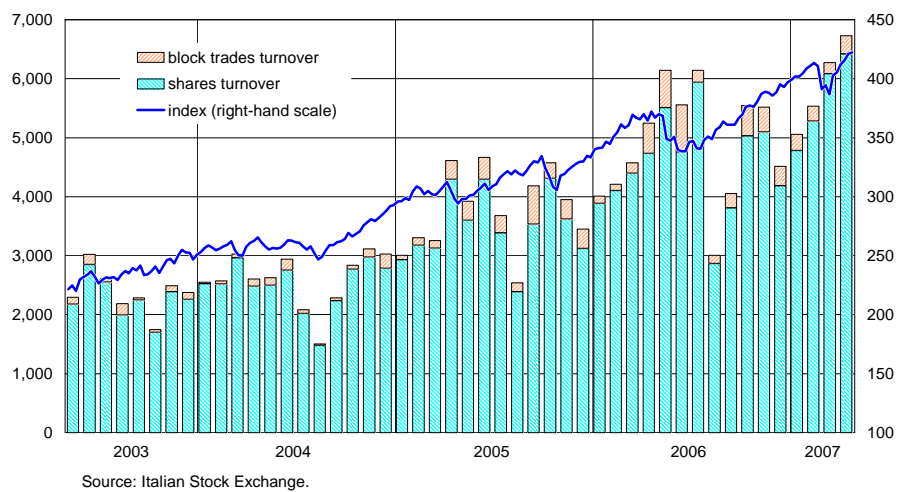
Gross yield curves based on Treasury bonds  
pre-tax yields to maturity on zero-coupon bonds



Turnover in government securities  
monthly averages of daily data; billions of euros



Share prices and daily turnover on the Italian stock exchange  
share price index 31 Dec. 1991=100; turnover in millions of euros



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