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## The Italian economy in brief

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### GDP, national demand, foreign trade

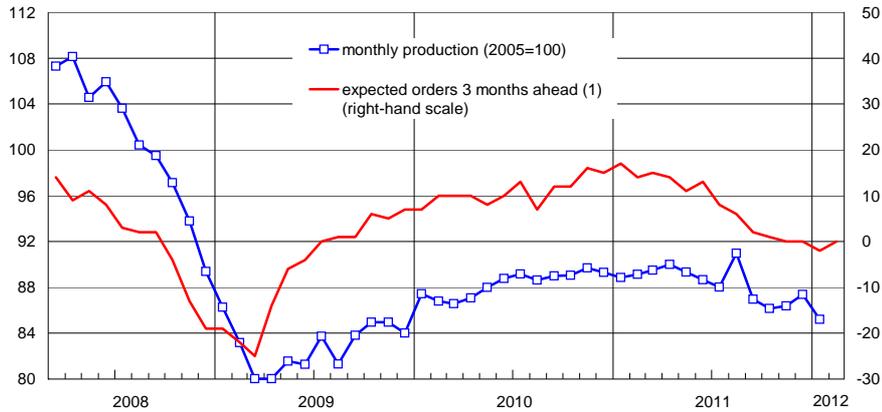
Chained linked volumes; annualized percentage changes on previous period;  
seasonally and working days adjusted for quarterly data.

	Gross domestic product	Gross fixed investment	Households' national consumption	Collective consumption (1)	Total national demand (2)	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services
2008	-1.2	-3.7	-0.8	0.6	-1.2	-2.8	-3.0
2009	-5.5	-11.7	-1.6	0.8	-4.4	-17.5	-13.4
2010	1.8	2.1	1.2	-0.6	2.1	11.6	12.7
2011	0.4	-1.9	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	5.6	0.4
2011 I	0.5	0.1	0.0	1.1	-2.1	0.8	-8.8
II	1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-1.6	-1.2	3.0	-5.6
III	-0.7	-2.6	-1.4	-2.4	-4.2	8.3	-4.6
IV	-2.6	-9.1	-2.8	-2.6	-5.5	0.1	-9.8

Source: ISTAT.

(1) Consumption by general government and non-profit institution serving households. (2) Including changes in inventories and acquisition less disposals of valuables.

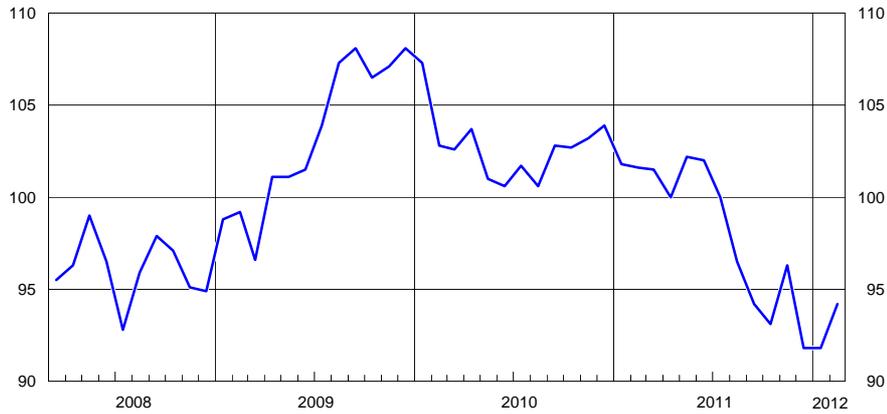
### Industrial production and expected demand manufacturing; seasonally adjusted



Source: based on Istat data.

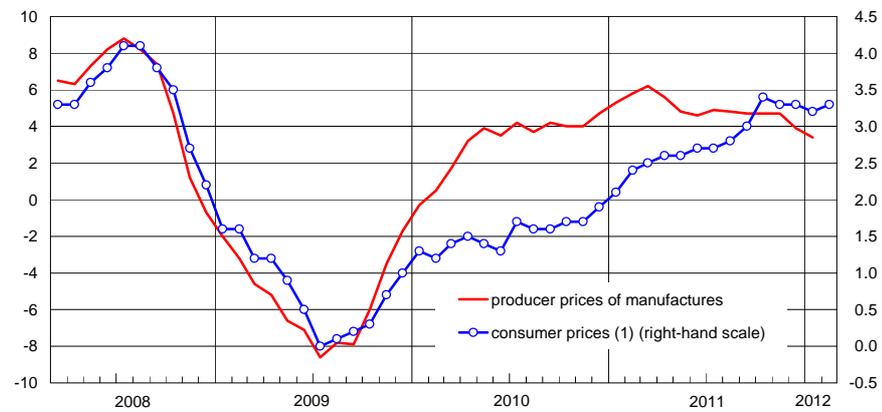
(1) Absolute difference between positive ("increasing") and negative ("decreasing") replies to surveys.

### Household confidence index 2005=100; seasonally adjusted



Source: based on Istat data.

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

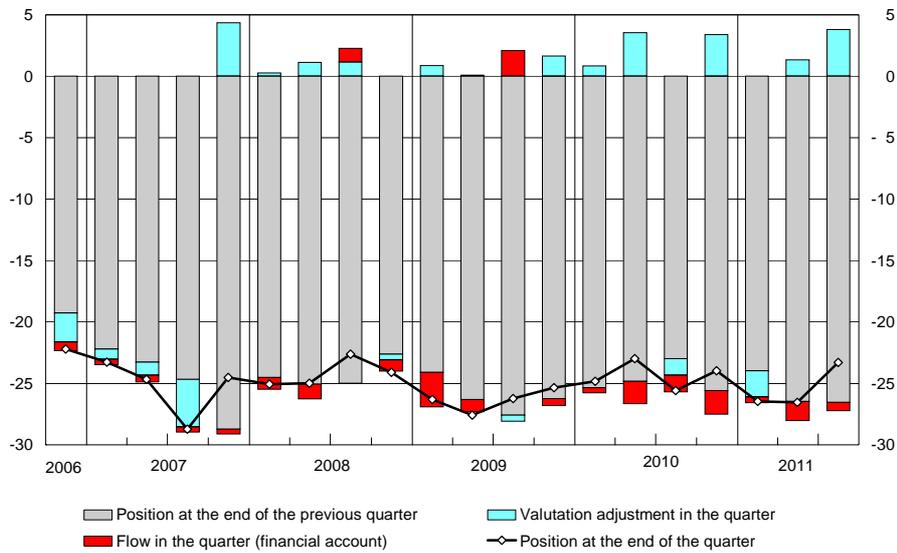


Source: based on Eurostat and Istat data.

(1) For January 2012 provisional data.

## International investment position (1)

percentages of GDP



Source for GDP: ISTAT.

(1) The position at the end of the quarter is equal to the position at the end of the previous quarter adjusted for the flows on the financial account during the quarter and for valuation adjustments.

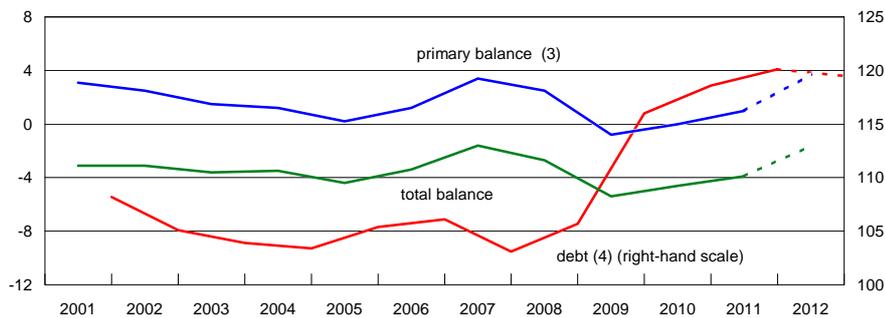
## Balance of payments

net balances; billions of euros

	Current account		Capital account	Net lending to the rest of the world (A+B)	Financial account			Errors and omissions -(A+B+C)
	Total	of which: Merchandise			Total	of which: Portfolio investment	Change in reserve assets (1)	
	A		B		C			
2008	-45.2	-2.1	-0.2	-45.4	31.4	75.2	-5.6	14.0
2009	-30.1	0.8	-0.1	-30.2	37.3	28.1	0.1	-7.2
2010	-54.1	-20.4	-0.6	-54.6	86.7	38.5	-1.0	-32.1
2011	-50.4	-17.7	-1.5	-51.9	56.4	-34.2	-0.9	-4.5
2011 Jan.	-8.7	-5.8	0.0	-8.7	-10.7	7.5	-1.1	19.4
2012 Jan.	-8.0	-4.6	-0.1	-8.1	15.7	18.6	-0.2	-7.6
2011 Jan.	-8.7	-5.8	0.0	-8.7	-10.7	7.5	-1.1	19.4
Feb.	-7.4	-2.8	0.0	-7.5	19.3	8.8	0.4	-11.8
Mar.	-7.2	-3.1	-0.1	-7.4	-0.6	-5.1	-1.3	8.0
April	-5.5	-2.9	-0.3	-5.8	-8.3	-14.2	2.5	14.0
May	-5.2	-1.5	-0.2	-5.4	7.3	3.0	-0.6	-1.9
June	-3.1	-1.1	-0.3	-3.4	25.5	33.0	0.2	-22.1
July	0.7	2.3	-0.2	0.5	-15.9	-19.4	-0.3	15.4
Aug.	-5.0	-2.2	-0.2	-5.2	9.2	-15.8	0.0	-4.0
Sept.	-3.9	-0.9	-0.3	-4.2	17.7	-1.8	-0.4	-13.5
Oct.	-2.1	-0.4	0.1	-2.0	3.5	10.6	0.2	-1.6
Nov.	-3.3	-0.9	0.0	-3.2	14.4	-27.3	0.0	-11.2
Dec.	0.4	1.7	0.0	0.4	-5.1	-13.6	-0.6	4.7
2012 Jan.	-8.0	-4.6	-0.1	-8.1	15.7	18.6	-0.2	-7.6

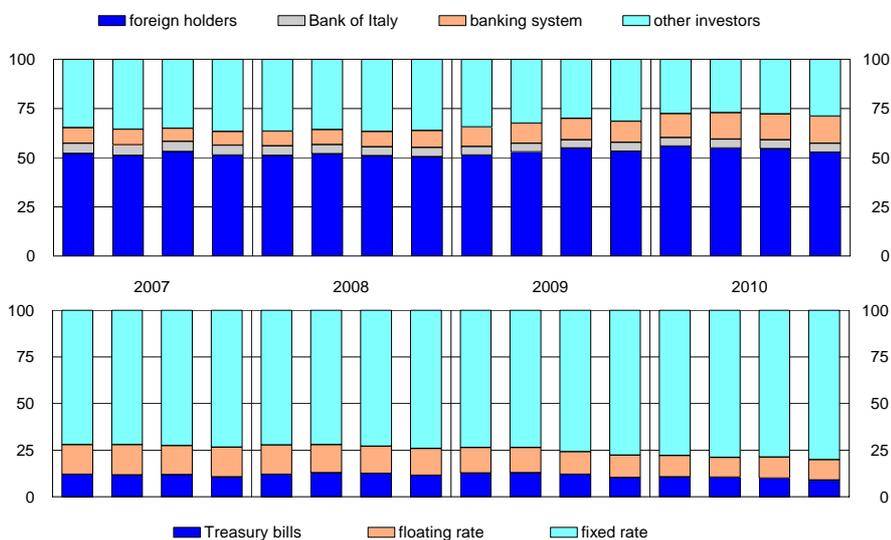
(1) A minus sign indicates an increase in reserves.

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



(1) The data are in accordance with ESA95. (2) Source: Update of the 2011 Economic and Financial document (September). (3) Overall balance net of interest payments. (4) Calculated according to the EU Regulation no. 3605/93.

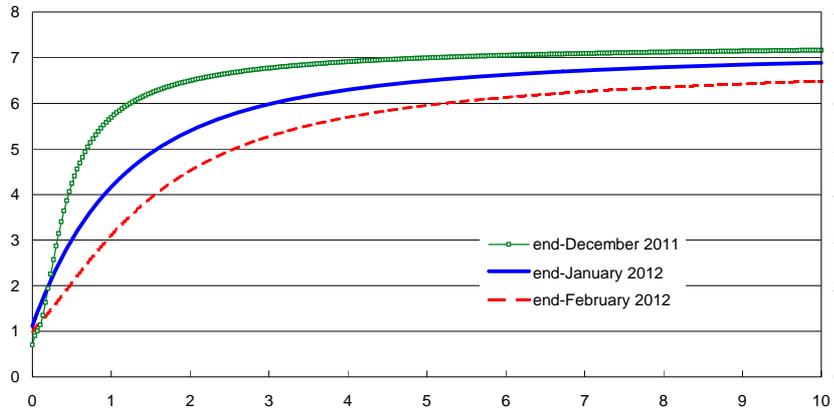
### Stock of government securities by type of investor and security percentages



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

	Fixed rate					Floating rate
	2 years	3 years	5 years	10 years	30 years	
2008	3.99	4.13	4.30	4.69	5.13	4.54
2009	1.77	2.38	3.17	4.31	5.18	1.71
2010	1.84	2.18	2.90	4.03	4.92	1.73
2011	3.80	4.19	4.68	5.43	6.04	4.29
2011 Mar.	2.61	3.11	3.83	4.88	5.60	2.53
April	2.63	3.34	3.89	4.84	5.59	2.57
May	2.99	3.39	3.94	4.76	5.51	2.97
June	3.03	3.48	4.03	4.82	5.59	3.09
July	3.84	4.33	4.85	5.46	6.02	4.16
Aug.	3.74	4.14	4.51	5.27	6.05	4.68
Sept.	4.26	4.57	5.01	5.75	6.50	5.61
Oct.	4.55	4.76	5.38	5.97	6.60	5.89
Nov.	6.49	6.65	6.81	7.06	7.17	7.15
Dec.	5.85	6.10	6.29	6.81	6.80	7.28
2012 Jan.	4.21	5.01	5.54	6.54	6.82	6.86
Feb.	3.24	3.45	4.48	5.55	6.03	5.26

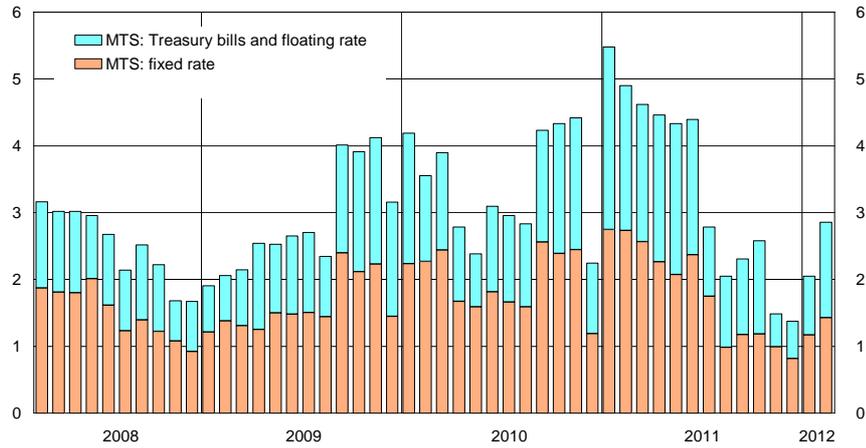
### Zero-coupon yield curve derived from government securities and interbank market interest rates gross yields at maturity



The horizontal axis indicates residual maturity in years. Yields on maturities beyond 1 year are estimated on the prices of BTPs traded on MTS. Yields on maturities shorter than 1 year are estimated from LIBOR rates up to 12 months.

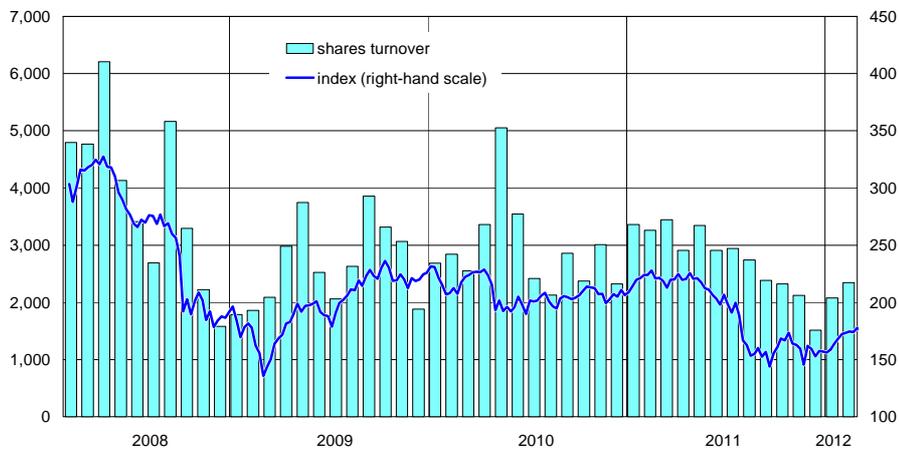
### Turnover in government securities

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



Source: Italian Stock Exchange.

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