

## **Banks and Financial Institutions: Branch Network**

### **Notice to Users**

The *Banks and Financial Institutions: Branch Network* report is the first of the three new stand-alone specialized publications which replaced the Statistical Bulletin over the course of 2017. The new report will be published yearly and contains data on the geographical distribution of the banking and financial system.

Compared with its predecessor, the new publication features additional tables and more information on bank branches.

The report comprises 11 tables (2 of which only in the [Statistical Database \(BDS\)](#)), presenting information that was in part already included in the tables in 'Section A - Structural Information' of the Statistical Bulletin.

A more detailed description of the content of the report and of the sources used is provided in *Banks and Financial Institutions: Branch Network*, Bank of Italy, Statistics, [Methods and Sources: Methodological Notes](#).

In particular, attention is drawn to the following innovations:

- Tables TDB20207 and TDB20212, which are updated yearly, replace their quarterly equivalents TDB10207 and TDB10212, previously included in the Statistical Bulletin. Table TDB20212 is now included in the PDF version of the report, unlike its corresponding table TDB10212, previously only available online in the BDS database. The new table TDB10195 on the number of bank branches by municipality has been included in the BDS database but not in the report in PDF format.
- Table TDB20220 (corresponding to table TDB10220 in the Statistical Bulletin) gives the total number of branches per 100,000 inhabitants, at regional and national level.
- Table TDB10219, previously included in the Statistical Bulletin and broken down by province, was discontinued as of 31 December 2015, and, starting from the data at end-2015, was replaced with table TDB10225 on the number of employees by geographical area and bank size.
- Two new tables were created, both relating to the number of employees: table TDB10222, broken down by geographical area and type of bank, and table TDB10227, broken down by province for all banks combined.
- Tables TDB20210, TDB20225 and TDB20230 replace their quarterly equivalents TDB40210, TDB40225 and TDB40230, previously included in the Statistical Bulletin.

The data on the number of branches provided in the report on *Banks and Financial Institutions: Branch Network* differ from those published at a given moment in the Supervisory Registers and Lists, because the latter are continuously updated while the data in the BDS are static. To download the full list of Italian bank branches for a given period, log on to the [Supervisory Registers and Lists](#) web page and click on 'Branches'. For the most recent list, click on 'Download Page'.

For the conversion between the old and new coding of the tables, see [Banks and Financial Institutions: Branch Network - new codes](#).

To facilitate the correct identification and interpretation of the tables, a map of the concepts illustrated in the report may be downloaded using the following [link](#).

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Moreover, starting from the issue of March 2018, the new table TDB20217 will be published exclusively in the BDS on an annual basis. This table contains the number of banks and other financial institutions broken down by province of the administrative headquarters and indicates, where appropriate, to which of the leading 5 banking groups these belong.