BIS international banking statistics: latest revisions and breaks

The latest BIS locational and consolidated banking statistics refer to end-December 2019. The statistics can be browsed in the BIS Statistics Explorer, searched in the BIS Statistics Warehouse, viewed as PDF tables or downloaded in a single CSV file. Technical terms are explained in the online glossary.

The statistics are subject to revision and are affected by breaks in series – or changes in compilation – over time. Breaks in series may arise from: changes in the population of reporting institutions, including the addition of new reporting countries; changes in reporting practices; or methodological improvements.

Publication dates for revisions and new quarters are announced in the release calendar. Questions about the BIS locational and consolidated banking statistics may be addressed to statistics@bis.org.

Data repeated from previous quarters

The latest statistics include some data repeated from previous quarters, so as to improve the comparability across quarters of aggregates composed of data reported by all countries. The reporting countries for which data are carried forward from the previous quarter are shown in Table 1.

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* indicates data received but not yet processed

For a complete list of countries that report the international banking statistics, see the BIS website.

Revisions and breaks

Significant revisions and breaks reported since the previous publication of the statistics in April 2020 are explained below. For more information about breaks in historical data, see the LBS-break and CBS-break summaries.

Break sizes are shown in the BIS Statistics Explorer under measure B. For example, for break sizes in the LBS and CBS see Table A2 and Table B1, respectively. At the request of reporting countries, the size of some breaks and revisions is not shown for confidentiality reasons (indicated in the published data by ".").
Locational banking statistics: revisions and breaks

After the preliminary release in April 2020, following revisions are included in this release: Bahamas (Q4 2019), Brazil (Q4 2019), Cayman Islands (Q4 2019), China (Q3 2019), Chinese Taipei (Q4 2019), Denmark (Q3/Q4 2019), South Africa (Q4 2019) and Spain (Q2/Q3/Q4 2019). While there are revisions of varying sizes at the granular level, revisions that were larger than $5 billion in the respective country's overall aggregates are listed below.

Spain revised counterparty country breakdown of liabilities by currency (mostly euro denominated vis-à-vis residents of Spain). The total liabilities at aggregate level remains unchanged but counterparty country breakdown of debt securities are now reported against unallocated by location (size between $260 billion to $280 billion).

Consolidated banking statistics: revisions and breaks

No significant revisions and breaks were reported since the previous publication of the CBS in April 2020.