BIS international banking statistics: latest revisions and breaks

The latest BIS locational and consolidated banking statistics refer to end-March 2020. 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.

Note that in September the Bahamas reported data for the missing past periods from Q4 2013.

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Revisions and breaks

Significant revisions and breaks reported since the previous publication of the statistics in July 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 previous release in July 2020, following revisions are included in this release: Austria (Q4 2019), Belgium (Q4 2019), Cayman Islands (Q4 2020), Denmark (Q4 2013-Q4 2019), Finland (Q1 2019-Q4 2019), Hong Kong SAR (Q4 2019), India (Q4 2019), Italy (Q4 2019), Japan (Q1 2019), Macao SAR (Q4 2018-Q4 2019), Malaysia (Q3 2017-Q4 2019), Russia (Q3 2019-Q4 2019), Singapore (Q4 2019), South Africa (Q1 2019-Q4-2019) Switzerland (Q4 2019), Turkey (Q4 2017-Q4 2019) and United Kingdom (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.

Austria reported a break-in-series in the data of Q1 2020 due to changes in the reporting population.

Denmark implemented changes in nationality of reporting institutions in Q4 2013.

Portugal reported a break-in-series in the data of Q1 2020 due to a change/update of nationality of 9 resident banks.

Italy reported a temporary break-in-series in the data of Q4 2019 due to double counting of debt securities liabilities by sector and counterparty country, mostly denominated in domestic currency (euro). The post-break amounts reduced by $410 billion for local liabilities, and by $147 billion for cross-border liabilities.

Malaysia broke out banks from Saudi Arabia in their LBSN reporting starting in Q4 2017.

Turkey broke out banks from Saudi Arabia in their LBSN reporting starting in Q4 2017.

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Denmark reported breaks in Q4 2013, and revised data accordingly for Q4 2013 and subsequent quarters to reflect changes in nationality of reporting institutions.

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