

Statistical release: BIS international banking statistics and global liquidity indicators at end-June 2021

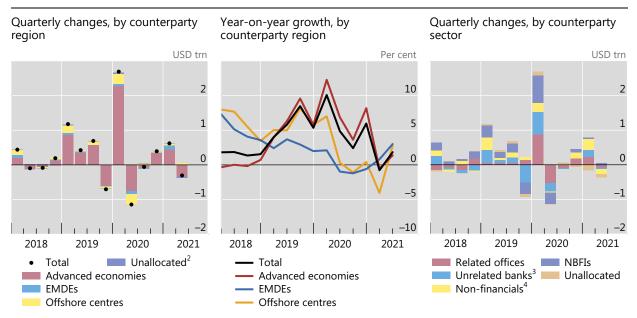
- Banks' cross-border claims declined by \$308 billion during the second quarter of 2021, settling at \$36 trillion. Their year-on-year growth rate edged up to 2%.
- In contrast, cross-border claims on emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) expanded in the second quarter (by <u>\$7 billion</u>), driven by greater credit to the Asia and Pacific region, as well as to Africa and the Middle East.
- Banks' consolidated foreign claims on China alone stood at more than \$970 billion at end-Q2 2021, representing almost 18% of foreign claims on EMDEs.
- The share of *offshore claims* ie claims denominated in a currency foreign to both the lending bank and borrower has continued to fall in major currencies.
- Foreign currency credit growth, an indicator of global liquidity, held up for credit
 to non-residents denominated in US dollars and euros. Yen-denominated credit,
 particularly to EMDEs, slumped. The rate of growth in credit to residents returned
 to pre-pandemic levels while bond financing continued to outpace bank lending.

Cross-border claims decline in the second quarter of 2021

The BIS locational banking statistics (LBS) show that internationally active banks' <u>cross-border claims</u> declined by \$308 billion during the second quarter of 2021 (Graph 1, left-hand panel).¹ This left the stock outstanding at \$36 trillion. Despite the quarterly drop in Q2, the year-on-year (yoy) growth rate of cross-border claims edged up from –1% to +2% due to a positive base effect following the sharp contraction a year earlier at the onset of Covid-19 (centre panel). Claims on EMDEs and offshore centres expanded by 3% yoy each.

The drop in cross-border claims in Q2 2021 was almost entirely due to falling claims on <u>advanced economies</u> (AEs, –\$338 billion) (Graph 1, left-hand panel). Claims on non-banks in AEs fell by \$140 billion, mostly driven by banks located in Japan (–\$150 billion). The drop reported by these banks was mainly vis-à-vis non-bank borrowers in the United States, reflecting recurrent factors. In particular, the decline in Q2 2021 follows an outsized increase during the previous quarter; this pattern, which straddles the fiscal year-end in Japan in March, has been evident for several years.

Claims include loans, holdings of debt securities and derivatives with a positive market value.



¹ Quarterly changes are adjusted for breaks in series and exchange rate fluctuations. The year-on-year growth rates are calculated based on the adjusted changes for the past four quarters. ² Includes international organisations and unallocated claims. ³ Includes central banks and banks unallocated by subsector between intragroup and unrelated banks. ⁴ Includes non-banks unallocated by subsector.

Source: BIS locational banking statistics.

Cross-border claims make up the bulk of international banking activity, which also includes local claims (on residents) in foreign currency.² Examining international claims separately by currency shows the extent to which overall growth is driven by either banks and borrowers located *inside* the respective currency area as opposed to those located *outside*. Graph 2 provides an overview of international claims denominated in three major currencies – the US dollar, the euro and the Japanese yen – and highlights three market segments for each.³

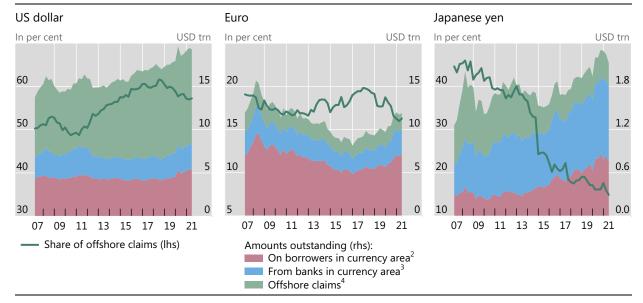
International claims denominated in US dollars reached \$19 trillion at end-Q2 2021 (top left-hand panel), continuing the relatively sustained growth observed since 2011. During much of the past decade, offshore claims – or claims denominated in a currency that is foreign to both the lending bank and the borrower (green area) – drove the overall expansion in dollar-denominated international claims. But since late-2018, cross-border dollar claims on borrowers in the United States (red area) and, to a lesser extent, cross-border claims of banks in the United States on borrowers abroad (blue area), have grown more rapidly. As a result, the share of offshore dollar claims in total dollar international claims has fallen from 62% in mid-2018 to less than 57% in mid-2021 (top left-hand panel).

- International claims comprise cross-border claims in any currency and local claims on residents of BIS reporting countries denominated in currencies foreign to those residents. The BIS aggregate of international claims will understate the global total since (a) some BIS reporting countries do not report local positions in foreign currencies (eg the United States and China); and (b) the BIS statistics do not capture the international claims of banks in non-reporting countries.
- For the US dollar, the three segments are (1) claims of banks in the United States on borrowers abroad; (2) claims of banks outside the United States on US residents; and (3) claims of banks outside the United States on borrowers outside the United States. For a discussion, see "Seven decades of international banking", BIS Quarterly Review, September 2021.

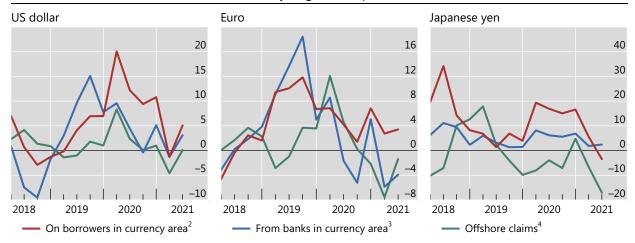
Claims denominated in euros have exhibited a similar pattern in recent years. Euro claims reached \$12 trillion in Q2 2021, up from \$9 trillion in early 2017 (top centre panel). Growth in international euro claims was fuelled by claims on borrowers in the euro currency area (which includes cross-border positions within the euro area). Such claims grew at 3% yoy in Q2 2021 (bottom centre panel), contrasting with negative growth rates in the other market segments. As a result, offshore euro claims fell from 20% of total euro-denominated international claims in mid-2018 to 16% in mid-2021 (top centre panel).

International claims by currency and market segment¹

Graph 2







¹ International claims comprise cross-border claims and local claims (on residents) in foreign currencies. ² Cross-border claims on residents of the currency area reported by banks abroad (in the centre panels, euro-denominated cross-border claims within the euro area are included). Claims are in the domestic currency from the perspective of the borrower. ³ Cross-border claims booked by banks in the currency area on non-resident counterparties outside the currency area. Claims are in a foreign currency from the borrower's perspective. ⁴ International claims booked by banks located outside the currency area on non-residents outside the currency area. Claims are denominated in a currency that is foreign to both the lending bank and the borrower.

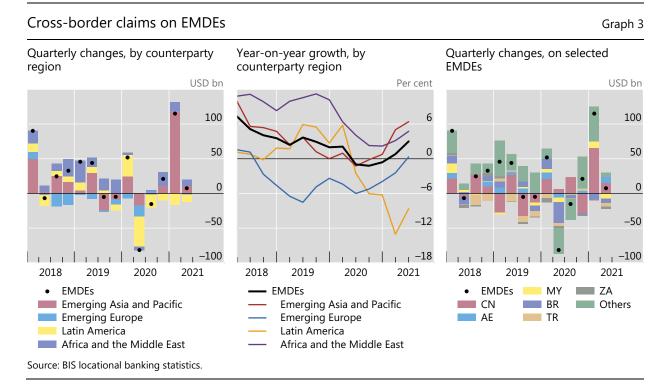
Source: BIS locational banking statistics by residence.

The shift away from offshore claims has been even more pronounced and longer lasting for claims denominated in Japanese yen. Overall, yen-denominated claims grew rapidly since 2015, exceeding \$2 trillion at end-Q2 2021 (top right-hand panel).

This growth has reflected an increase in yen claims of banks located in Japan on borrowers elsewhere, with a sustained expansion observed since at least 2018 (bottom right-hand panel, blue line). The same is true for borrowers in Japan, with a double-digit growth rate recorded in 2020 (red line). By contrast, offshore yen claims have continued to contract, driving the offshore share in the global total to less than 15% by mid-2021, from roughly 40% in the early 2010s.

Claims on China drive overall growth in claims on EMDEs

Banks' cross-border claims on emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) grew modestly (+\$7 billion) in the second quarter of 2021, following a surge in the first quarter (Graph 3, left-hand panel). Cross-border claims on Latin America and emerging Europe contracted modestly in Q2. By contrast, claims on Asia and Pacific and Africa and the Middle East expanded (left-hand and centre panels). Overall, the yoy growth rate of claims on all EMDEs moved further into positive territory (+3%).



Claims on <u>Latin America</u> continued to decline in Q2 2021 (–\$10 billion), albeit by less than in the previous quarter. This brought the total decline for Latin America over the past four quarters to more than \$50 billion, or –9% in terms of yoy growth. Claims on most major countries in Latin America have continued to contract during Q2, including those on Brazil (–\$7 billion), Chile and Colombia (–\$1 billion each), as well as those on Venezuela and Mexico (about –\$0.5 billion each).

Claims on <u>emerging Europe</u> also contracted by \$2 billion, after expanding by more than \$1 billion in the previous quarter. This was due to a drop in claims on Turkey (–\$5 billion) and Russia (–\$2 billion), reported mainly by banks located in the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands. In contrast, claims on both the Czech Republic and Poland expanded by more than \$1 billion.

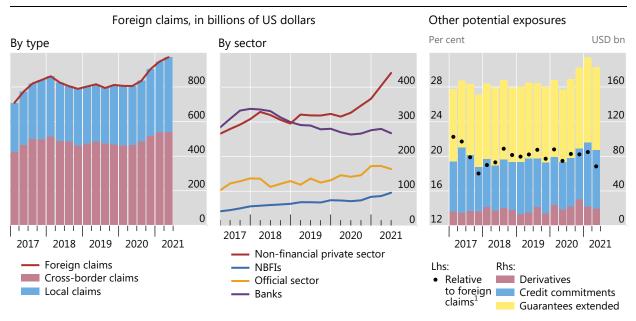
Turning to Africa and the Middle East, the region continued to attract cross-border claims at the rate of 5% yoy, with \$9 billion in new claims in Q2. This expansion was mainly driven by claims on the United Arab Emirates (+\$9 billion) and to a lesser extent on Egypt, Kuwait and Qatar (+\$2 billion each); it was partly offset by a drop in claims on South Africa and Liberia (-\$3 billion each).

Cross-border claims on the <u>Asia and Pacific region</u> grew again during the second quarter (+11 billion, +6% yoy). As in the first quarter, the increase mainly represented new claims on China (+\$15 billion), the largest EMDE borrower by far (Graph 3, right-hand panel). Reporting banks in Macao SAR, Hong Kong SAR and the United Kingdom expanded their claims on China the most (+\$34 billion combined), channelling funds mainly to non-financials. Elsewhere in the region, cross-border claims on Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand declined.

Recent media coverage of Chinese real estate has focused attention on banks' exposures to that sector. The BIS consolidated banking statistics (CBS), which track the globally consolidated exposures of individual banking systems, can shed light on their exposures by sector and type to China (Graph 4), and on which creditor banking systems incurred the largest exposures (Graph 5).⁴

Banks' consolidated foreign claims and other exposures to China

Amounts outstanding Graph 4



¹ Sum of all the bars as a percentage of total foreign claims.

Source: BIS consolidated banking statistics on a guarantor basis (CBS/G).

Global banks' overall consolidated <u>foreign claims on China</u>, which include their cross-border claims as well as local claims booked by their affiliates in China, topped <u>\$970 billion</u> in mid-2021 (Graph 4, left-hand panel). This is more than double the foreign claims on other major EMDEs such as Mexico (about \$400 billion), Brazil and

The CBS capture the worldwide consolidated positions of internationally active banking groups headquartered in reporting countries, which include the claims of banks' foreign affiliates but exclude intragroup positions. The LBS capture unconsolidated positions of internationally active banks located in reporting countries, including intragroup positions between offices of the same banking group. For more details, see "Introduction to BIS statistics", BIS Quarterly Review, September 2015.

Korea (over \$350 billion each). Indeed, claims on counterparties in China accounted for some 18% of reporting banks' total foreign claims on all EMDEs combined.

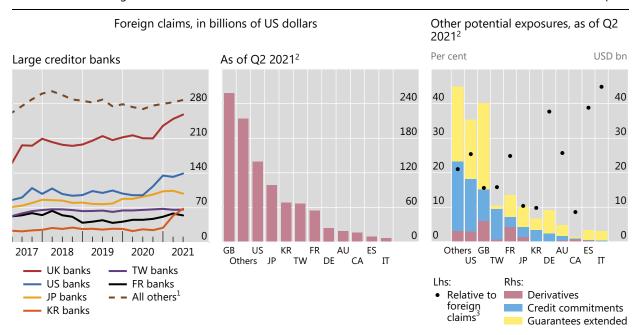
On the borrowing side, global banks have increasingly channelled funds to the non-financial private <u>sector in China</u> (Graph 4, centre panel, red line). Their claims on this sector reached almost \$450 billion, up some 40% since early 2020. Over the same period, their exposures to non-bank financial institutions and to the official sector (which in the CBS includes general government and the central bank) have grown by 31% and 12%, respectively. By contrast, banks' foreign claims on unrelated banks in China (purple line) have trended down, dropping to less than 30% of total foreign claims in Q2, from 40% at end-2017.

Banks also have other potential exposures to China, and these amounted to more than \$180 billion at end-Q2 2021 (Graph 4, right-hand panel). Such exposures include guarantees extended (yellow bars), undisbursed credit commitments (blue bars) and derivatives with positive market value (red bars). Combined, these potential exposures amounted to nearly 20% of banks' total foreign claims on China (black dots).

Exposures to China were concentrated in a handful of <u>banking systems</u> (Graph 5, left-hand panel). UK banks, the largest creditors to China, had exposures of \$258 billion by mid-2021, up by more than 20% since end-2019. Including their other potential exposures to China added another \$40 billion, or 16% to the UK banks' total foreign claims (right-hand panel, "GB" bar). US banks and, to a lesser extent, Japanese banks also reported elevated exposures, amounting to \$139 billion and \$99 billion respectively in on-balance sheet claims alone. Banks headquartered in Korea and Chinese Taipei held \$68 and \$66 billion in foreign claims respectively while French banks reported \$54 billion in foreign claims (centre panel).

Exposures to China by individual banking system

Amounts outstanding Graph 5



¹ Refers to 20 banking systems. ² "Others" refers to 15 banking systems. ³ Sum of all the bars as a percentage of total foreign claims. Source: BIS consolidated banking statistics on a guarantor basis (CBS/G).

Global liquidity indicators at end-June 2021

The BIS global liquidity indicators (GLIs) track credit to non-bank borrowers, covering both loans extended by banks and funding from bond markets. The main focus is on foreign currency credit denominated in three major reserve currencies (US dollar, euro and Japanese yen) to non-residents, ie borrowers outside the respective currency areas. The GLIs monitor growth in this credit relative to that denominated in those same currencies to residents within these currency areas (as reported in national financial accounts).[©]

In the second quarter of 2021, foreign currency credit in US dollars and euros held up while that denominated in Japanese yen slowed. Dollar credit to borrowers outside the United States stood at \$13\$ trillion at end-Q2, up 5% year on year (yoy) (Graph A, left-hand panel). Growth in euro credit to borrowers outside the euro area gathered pace compared with the previous quarter: the 4% yoy expansion brought the stock to 63.6 trillion (equivalent to 43.6 trillion). Meanwhile, growth in yen credit to borrowers outside Japan fell by 10% yoy, reducing the amount outstanding to 43.6 trillion (43.6 trillion).

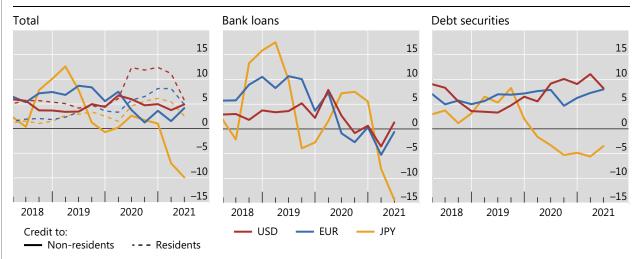
In all three currencies, foreign currency credit from bond markets grew more vigorously than did lending from international banks (Graph A, centre and right-hand panels). Growth in bank credit to non-residents recovered somewhat in Q2 2021, reaching 1% and -1% yoy in dollar and euro lending, respectively (centre panel). Over the same period, bond issuance in US dollars and euros grew strongly at 8% yoy (right-hand panel). While contracting at -3% yoy, net bond issuance in yen was not as weak as bank lending in that currency (-14% yoy). In line with Graph 2 of the previous section, this decline relates mainly to the offshore use of yen, whereas banks' international claims booked in Japan on borrowers elsewhere and claims on borrowers in Japan have continued to grow in recent years.

Turning to credit to residents, the second quarter saw a return to growth rates prevailing before the pandemic, to around 5% yoy for credit in US dollars and euros, and to 3% for that in yen (Graph A, left-hand panel, dashed lines). As a result, credit to resident borrowers has been growing much faster than credit to non-residents in each of the main currencies since early 2020. This was fuelled by a surge in dollar- and euro-denominated government borrowing (Annex Graph C.6). But growth rates converged in Q2 2021 for the dollar and the euro.

Growth of credit in major currencies¹

Year-on-year changes, in per cent

Graph A



¹ For residents, credit in US dollars to borrowers in the US, in euros to borrowers in the euro area, and in Japanese yen to borrowers in Japan. Source: BIS global liquidity indicators.

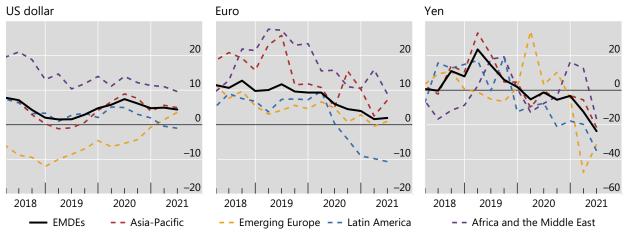
The latest contraction in yen-denominated credit to EMDEs was particularly striking, with credit to non-bank borrowers falling at a rate of 23% yoy (Graph B, right-hand panel). The retreat was evident across regions, including Africa and the Middle East, where yen credit dropped by 17% yoy after two quarters of double-digit growth. Out of the 14 EMDEs for which GLI data are published, only Chile saw positive growth in yen-denominated credit (Table E2-JPY). Meanwhile, growth in dollar and euro credit to EMDEs remained positive in most regions (left-hand and centre

panels). Latin America, however, attracted less dollar and euro credit (-1% and -11% yoy, respectively), with Argentina and Brazil accounting for the largest declines over the past year.

Growth of foreign currency credit to EMDEs

Year-on-year changes, in per cent

Graph B

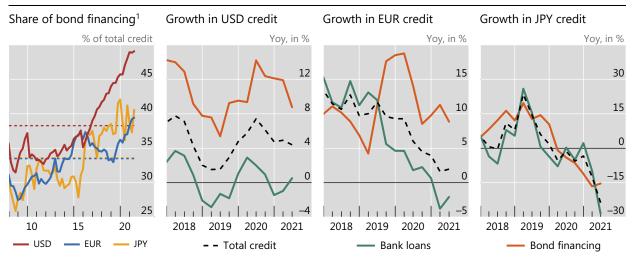


Source: BIS global liquidity indicators.

The share of bond financing to EMDEs is at (or close to) its highest level in all three major currencies (Graph C, left-hand panel), far above the long-term average measured since the start of the Great Financial Crisis (GFC). Bond financing now accounts for almost half (49%) of total dollar credit, up from a 31% low in the GFC (in Q3 2008). Over the past few years, the growth of dollar- and euro-denominated bond issuance has been consistently higher than that of bank loans. In the dollar segment (second panel), debt issuance slowed to 9% yoy in Q2, but still outpaced dollar bank lending. In the case of the euro (third panel), the shift towards bond financing accelerated during the pandemic (third panel). After four consecutive quarters when yen-denominated bond issuance contracted more rapidly than bank lending (fourth panel), Q2 witnessed a reversal: the yoy growth in bank loans fell to $\underline{-28\%}$ while that for bond issuance was $\underline{-15\%}$ yoy.

Foreign currency credit to EMDEs, by instrument

Graph C

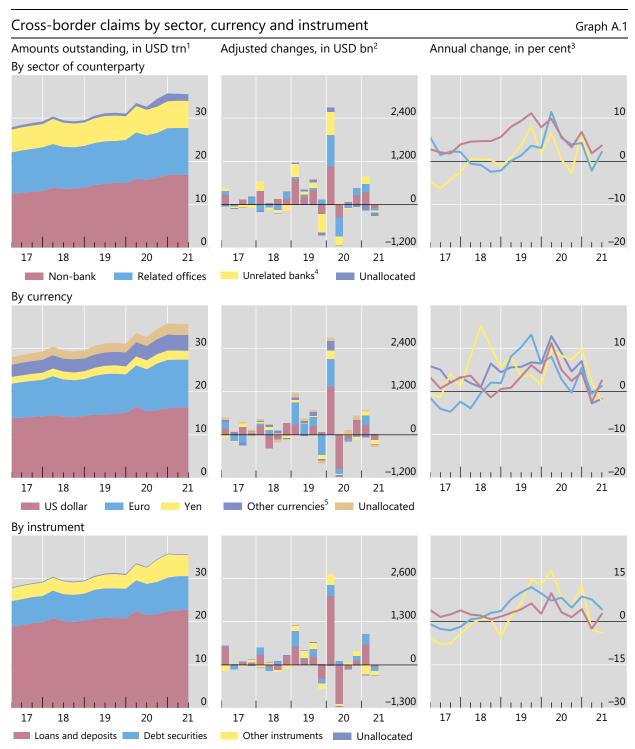


¹ Horizontal dotted lines indicate the long-term average since the GFC (2008 Q3 to 2021 Q2).

Source: BIS global liquidity indicators.

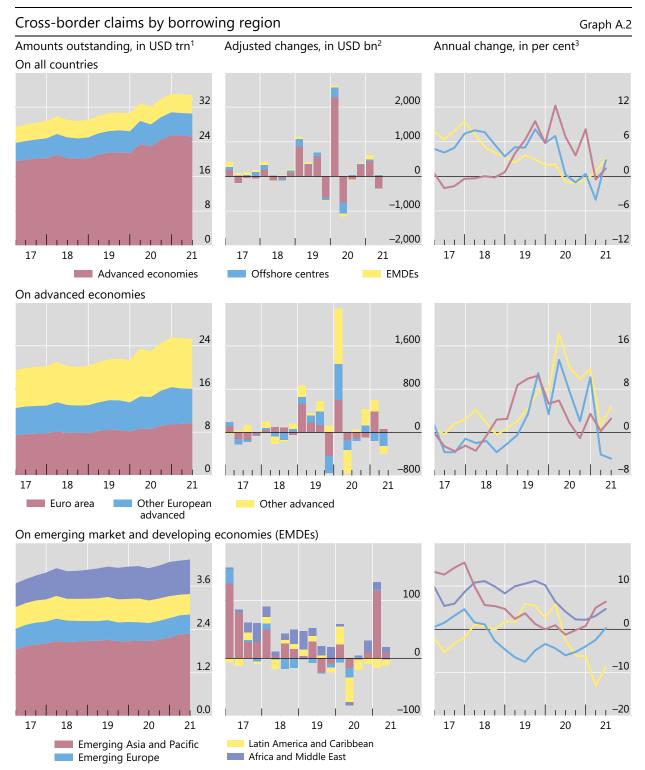
[•] For more details, see the GLI methodology (<u>https://www.bis.org/statistics/gli/gli_methodology.pdf</u>).

Annex A Locational banking statistics graphs



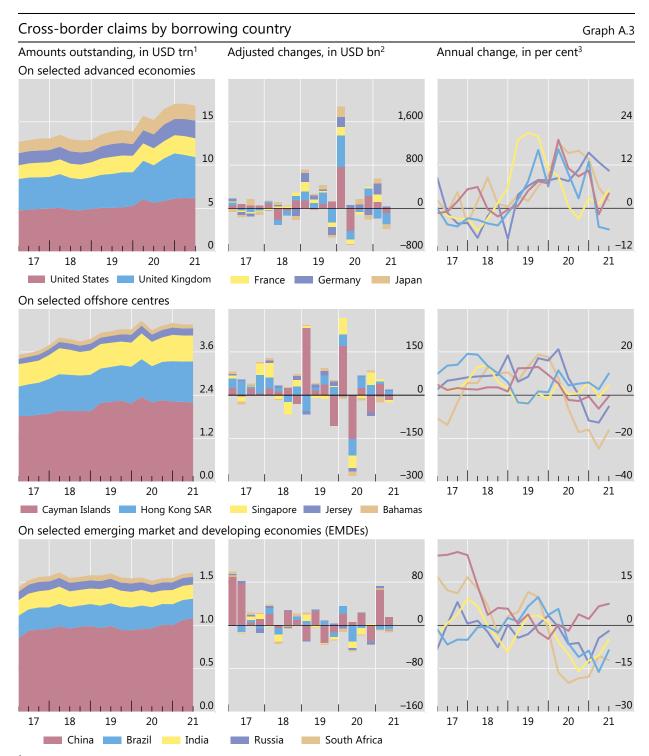
¹ At quarter-end. Amounts denominated in currencies other than the US dollar are converted to US dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the reference date. ² Quarterly changes in amounts outstanding, adjusted for the impact of exchange rate movements between quarter-ends and methodological breaks in the data. ³ Geometric mean of quarterly percentage adjusted changes. ⁴ Includes central banks and banks unallocated by subsector between interoffice and unrelated banks. ⁵ Other reported currencies, calculated as all currencies minus US dollar, euro, yen and unallocated currencies. The currency is known but reporting is incomplete.

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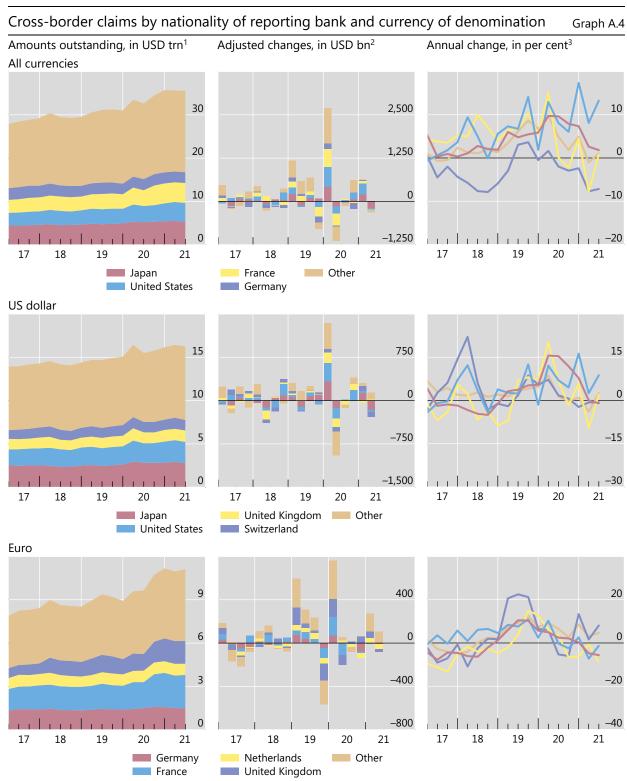
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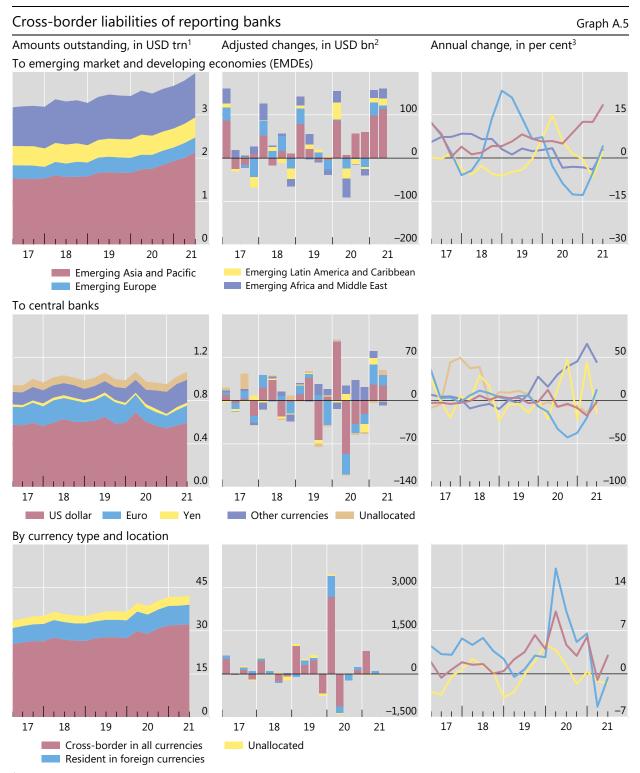
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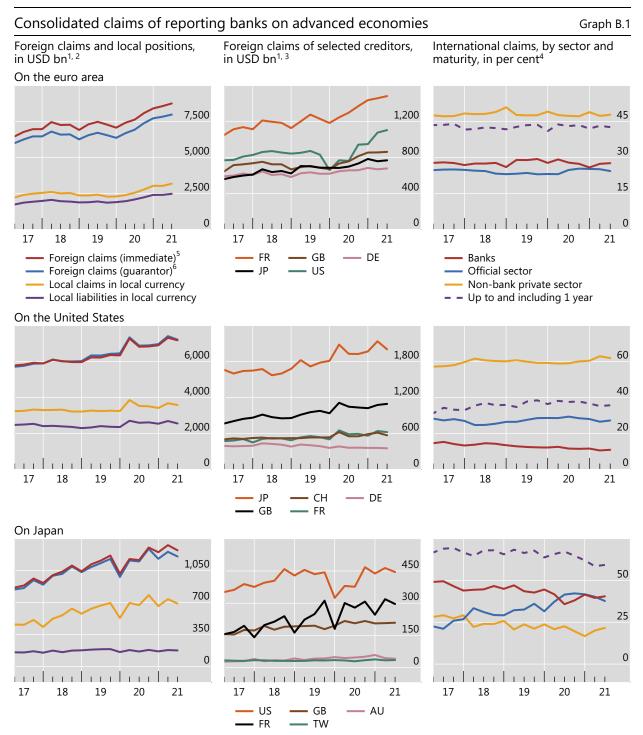
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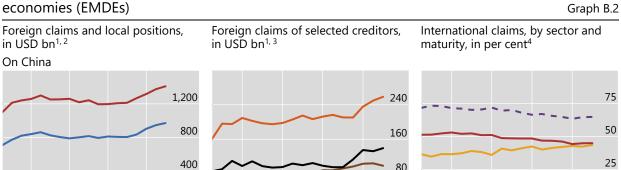
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Annex B Consolidated banking statistics graphs



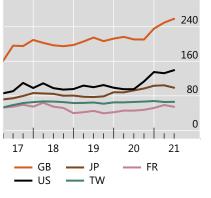
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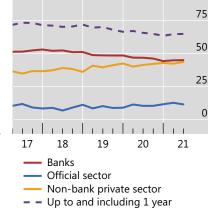
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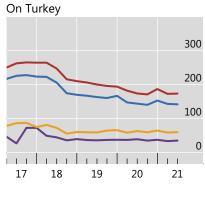


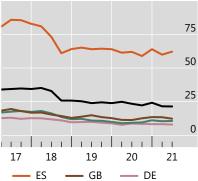
Consolidated claims of reporting banks on emerging market and developing



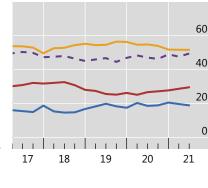


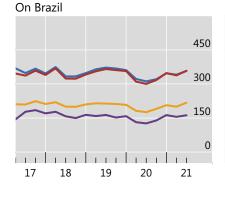


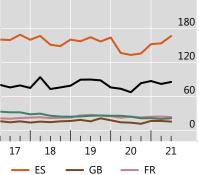




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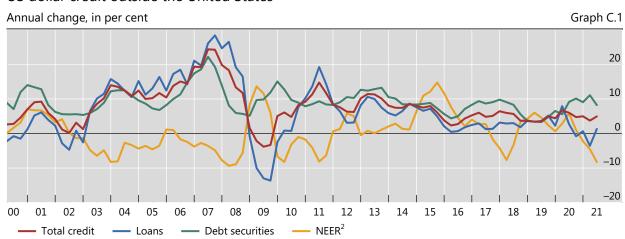
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Annex C Global liquidity indicators graphs

US dollar credit outside the United States¹



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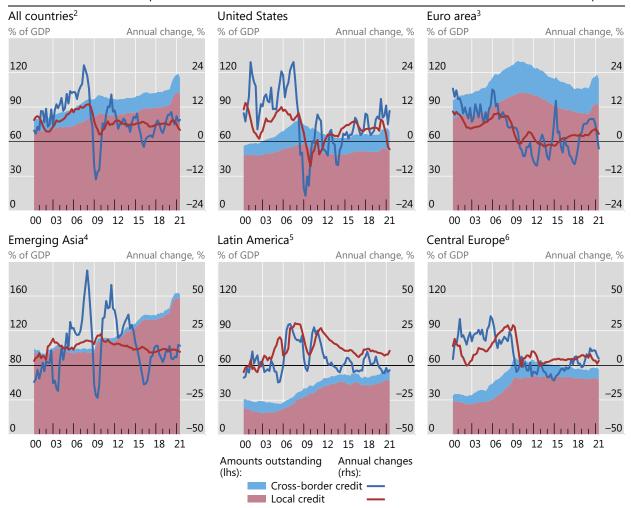
Sources: Datastream; Dealogic; Euroclear; Thomson Reuters; Xtrakter Ltd; national data; BIS locational banking statistics; BIS effective exchange rate statistics; BIS calculations.

¹ Annual growth of US dollar-denominated credit to non-banks outside the United States. ² Annual growth of the US dollar nominal effective exchange rate (NEER). An increase indicates an appreciation of the US dollar NEER.

Global bank credit to the private non-financial sector, by residence of borrower

Banks' cross-border credit plus local credit in all currencies¹

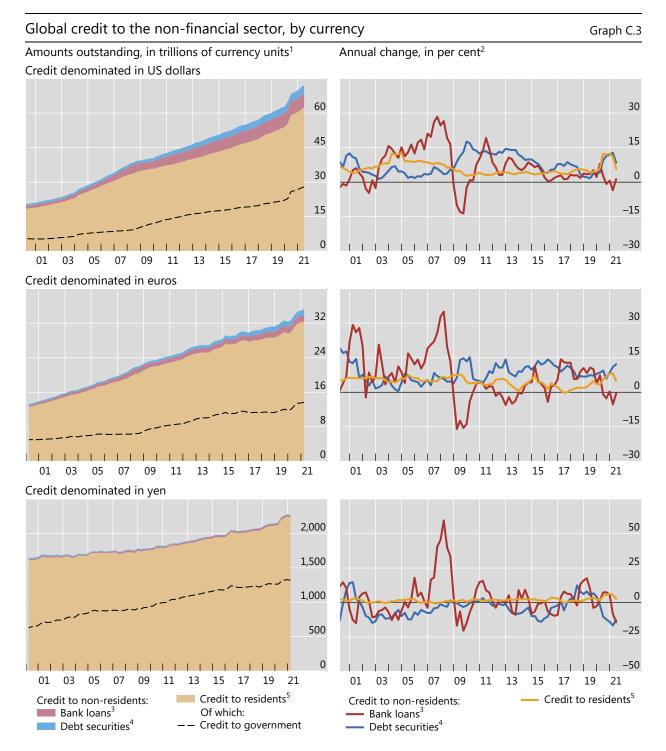
Graph C.2



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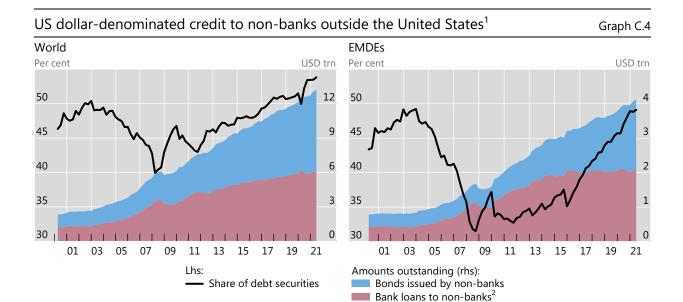
Sources: BIS statistics on credit to the non-financial sector; BIS locational banking statistics (LBS); BIS calculations.

¹ Cross-border claims of LBS-reporting banks to the non-bank sector plus local claims of all banks to the private non-financial sector. Weighted averages of the economies listed, based on four-quarter moving sums of GDP. ² Australia, Canada, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom, plus the countries in the other panels. ³ Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. ⁴ China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. ⁵ Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. ⁶ The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.



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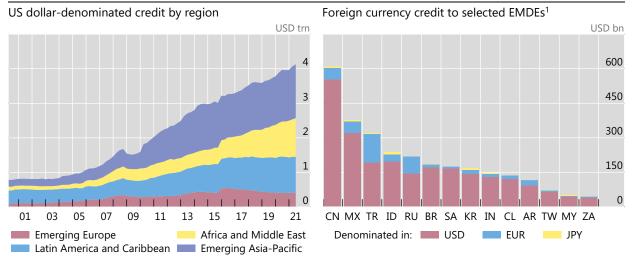
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¹ Non-banks comprise non-bank financial entities, non-financial corporations, governments, households and international organisations. ² Loans by LBS-reporting banks to non-bank borrowers, including non-bank financial entities, comprise cross-border plus local loans.

Foreign currency credit to non-banks in EMDEs

Graph C.5



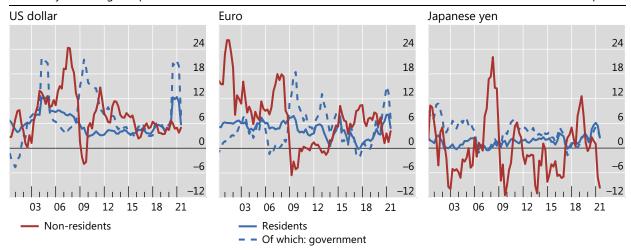
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Credit to non-residents and residents

Year-on-year change, in per cent

Graph C.6



 $\label{lem:continuous} \mbox{Credit to non-resident non-bank sector and resident non-financial sector.}$

Sources: Datastream; Dealogic; Euroclear; Thomson Reuters; Xtrakter Ltd; national data; BIS locational banking statistics (LBS); BIS calculations.

¹ Amounts outstanding for the latest available data.