

Account of monetary policy 2014

Figure 1.1. Development of inflation Annual percentage change







Figure 1.2. GDP Annual percentage change



Figure 1.3. All respondents' expectations of inflation Per cent





Figure 1.4. GDP growth, outcome and forecasts

Annual percentage change



Note. The yellow and blue lines represent the Riksbank's forecasts 2012–2013. The marks show the starting point of each forecast and may therefore deviate from the latest outcome at that point in time.

Sources: Statistics Sweden



Figure 1.5. CPIF, outcome and forecats

Annual percentage change



Figure 1.6. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for CPIF inflation in 2014



Annual percentage change, annual averages



Sources: Respective analysts, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 1.7. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for GDP growth in 2014



Annual percentage change, annual averages



Note. Other analysts refers to HUI Research AB and those specified in Figure 1:6 except the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO).

Sources: Respective analysts, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

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Figure 1.8. Repo rate, forecasts 2014 Per cent



Figure 2.1. Development of inflation



Annual percentage change



Figure 2.2. Inflation in Sweden and abroad Annual percentage change



Note. The CPIF is shown for Sweden and the HICP for the euro area. Others refer to the CPI. KIX Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Eurostat, national sources, is an aggregate of the countries that are important to Sweden's international transactions. Office for National Statistics, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank



Figure 2.3. Unit labour cost Annual percentage change, seasonally- and calendar-adjusted data



Figure 2.4. CPIF and trend in unit labour cost

Annual percentage change



Note. The trend in unit labour cost is calculated using a so-called HP filter and refers to the trend in the Riksbank's forecast in February 2015. Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank



Figure 2.5. GDP in Sweden and abroad

Annual percentage change, seasonally- and calendar-adjusted data



Figure 2.6. Exports, consumption and investments

Annual percentage change



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Source: Statistics Sweden



Figure 2.7. GDP Annual percentage change



Figure 2.8. Labour force, employment and unemployment

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Per cent of the population and per cent of the labour force, aged 15–74, seasonally-adjusted data, three-month moving averages



Figure 2.9. RU indicator, GDP gap and hours gap

Standard deviation and per cent



Note. The RU indicator is normalised so that the mean value is 0 and the standard deviation is 1. GDP gap refers to the GDP deviation from trend, calculated using a production function. The hours gap refer to the deviation of number of hours worked from the Riksbank's assessed trend.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank



Figure 2.10. CPI, outcome and forecasts



Annual percentage change



Note. The yellow and blue lines represent the Riksbank's forecasts 2012–2013. The marks show the starting point of each forecast and may therefore deviate from the latest outcome at that point in time.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.11. CPIF, outcome and forecasts



Annual percentage change



Note. See the note to Figure 2:10. The CPIF is the CPI with a fixed mortgage rate.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.12. GDP abroad, outcome and forecasts

KIX-weighted, quarterly change in per cent, calculated as an annual percentage change, seasonally-adjusted data



Sources: National sources and the Riksbank



Figure 2.13. GDP, outcome and forecasts



Annual percentage change



Note. See the note to Figure 2.10.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.14. Unemployment, outcome and forecasts

Per cent of the labour force, aged 15–74, seasonally-adjusted data



Note. See the note to Figure 2:10. In February 2013, Statistics Sweden changed its method for calculating labour force survey statistics and also updated earlier outcomes. This is why the starting points for the forecasts made in 2012 are at a lower level than the outcomes.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.15. Repo rate, outcome and forecasts



Per cent, quarterly averages



Note. See the note to Figure 2.10.

Source: The Riksbank

Figure 2.16. Unit labour cost, outcome and forecasts





Note. See the note to Figure 2.10.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.17. The Riksbanks' and the markets' shortterm forecasts for CPIF inflation



Annual percentage change



Note. The Riksbank's CPIF forecasts according to the most recently published assessment and market expectations compared with outcomes. The Riksbank's figures are not entirely comparable with market participants' expectations, as the Riksbank's forecasts are often older. Broken lines refer to the highest and lowest forecasts for all forecasters.

Sources: Bloomberg, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank



Figure 2.18. Household debt Per cent of disposable income



Note. Households' total debt as a share of their disposable income. Totalled over the past four quarters.

Figure 2.19. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for GDP growth in 2014



Annual percentage change, annual averages



Note. Other analysts refer to the Swedish Ministry of Finance, HUI Research AB, the National Institute of Economic Research, Nordea, SEB, Svenska Handelsbanken, the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise and Swedbank.

Sources: Respective analysts, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.20. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for unemployment in 2014



Per cent of the labour force, aged 15-74, annual averages



Figure 2.21. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for CPIF inflation in 2014



Annual percentage change, annual averages



Figure 2.22. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for CPI inflation in 2014



Annual percentage change, annual averages



Note. Other analysts refer to the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) and those specified in Figure 2:19.

Sources: Respective analysts, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 2.23. Forecasts 2013 and 2014 for the repo rate at the end of 2014

Per cent



Note. Other analysts are the Ministry of Finance, the National Institute of Economic Research, Nordea, SEB and Swedbank. Market expectations are calculated on the basis of forward rates using interest rates on derivative contracts (RIBA and FRA), adjusted for average risk premiums corresponding to one basis point per month of the maturity period.

Sources: Respective analysts and the Riksbank

Figure 2.24. All respondents' expectations of inflation Per cent





Figure 2.25. CPI and money market agents' expectations of inflation

Annual percentage change and per cent



Sources: Statistics Sweden and TNS Sifo Prospera

Figure 2.26. Inflation 2014 in a number of countries with inflation targets

Per cent



Note. Countries with an inflation target in the form of an interval have their mark in the middle of the interval. Countries with a ceiling for inflation have the ceiling as a mark. Euro area refers to HICP. The CPIF is the CPI with a fixed mortgage rate. Part of the development of inflation in Japan is explained by a VAT increase in April 2014. Sources: OECD and respective central bank

Figure 2.27. HICP inflation in Sweden and Norway

Annual percentage change



Source: Eurostat

Figure 2.28. Output gap according to the IMF and the OECD



Per cent



Note. Refers to IMF WEO October 2014 and OECD Economic Outlook November 2014.



Figure 2.29. Wage increases

Annual percentage change



Note. Broken lines refer to the average for the period 2008–2013.



Figure 2.30. Unit labour cost

Annual percentage change



Note. Data from Norges Bank has been converted from euro to Norwegian kronor. Broken lines refer to the average for the period 2009 Q1–2014 Q2. Sources: ECB, Norges Bank and the Riksbank

Figure 2.31. Policy rates in Sweden and in Norway

Per cent



Sources: Norges Bank and the Riksbank



Figure 2.32. Exchange rate

Index, 1 January 2008 = 100



Note. KIX is an aggregate of the countries that are important to Sweden's international transactions. TWI is an trade-weighted index. Sources: Norges Bank and the Riksbank

Figure 2.33. Inflation expectations in Norway

Per cent



Note. Expectations refers to those of all respondents' in the survey. Broken line refers to Norges Bank's inflation target.

Figure 2.34. Inflation expectations in Sweden

Per cent



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Figure 3.1. The Riksbanks' and the markets' shortterm forecasts for CPIF inflation



Annual percentage change



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Sources: Bloomberg, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank

Figure 3.2. The Economic Tendency Indicator







Figure 3.3. CPIF, forecasts 2014 Annual percentage change



Figure 3.4. Repo rate, forecasts 2014 Per cent





Figure 3.5. All respondants' expectations of inflation Per cent







Figure 3.6. Swedish interest rates



Note. Lending and deposit rates refer to new agreements. The deposit rate is calculated as the banks' average deposit rate, while the lending rate refers to MFIs' average lending rate.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank



Figure 3.7. Lending rates to companies



Note. Lending rates from MFIs to non-financial companies in the case of new agreements with a fixed-rate period up to and including one year.

Sources: Eurostat and Statistics Sweden

Figure 3.8. Lending rates to households



Per cent



Note. Lending rates from MFIs to households with housing as collateral in the Sources: Eurostat and Statistics Sweden case of new loans with a fixed-rate period up to and including one year.



Figure 3.9. Household debt Per cent of disposable income



Note. Households' total debt as a share of their disposable income. Totalled over the past four quarters.

Figure 4.1. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts of various analysts for CPI inflation 2007–2014



Note. FiD = Swedish Ministry of Finance, HUI = HUI Research AB, KI = National Institute of Economic Research, LO = Swedish Trade Union Confederation, RB = the Riksbank, SHB = Svenska Handelsbanken, SN = Confederation of Swedish Enterprise and SWED = Swedbank. See footnote 27 and 28 for information on the data on which the figure is based.

Sources: Respective analyst and the Riksbank



Figure 4.2. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts of various analysts for CPIF inflation 2008–2014



Figure 4.3. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts of various analysts for the GDP growth 2007–2014



Note. See Figure 4:1 for an explanation of the abbreviations. See footnote 27 and 28 for information on the data on with the figure is based on.

Sources: Respective analyst and the Riksbank



Figure 4.4. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts of various analysts for unemployment 2007–2014





Figure 4.5. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts of various analysts for the year-end repo rate 2007–2014



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Figure A1. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts for CPI inflation 2014 of various analysts



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Figure A2. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts for CPIF inflation 2014 of various analysts



Note. See Figure A1 for an explanation of the abbreviations.

Figure A3. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts for the GDP growth 2014 of various analysts



Note. See Figure A1 for an explanation of the abbreviations.

Figure A4. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts for unemployment 2014 of various analysts



Note. See Figure A1 for an explanation of the abbreviations.

Figure A5. Accuracy and systematic errors in forecasts for the year-end repo rate 2014 of various analysts



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Sources: Respective analyst and the Riksbank

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