

Statistics on Credit Institutions

1999 Balance sheet total represented 258 % of EU-15 GDP

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8 330 credit institutions in 1999 in the EU

- There were 8 330 credit institutions in 1999 in the EU (excl. Ireland and 1998 data for Finland) - down 5.4 % compared to 1998 (excl. Ireland and Finland) - of which 48.7 % were co-operative enterprises.
- The EU (excl. Ireland and the Netherlands and 1998 data for Finland) counted 31 credit institutions with a balance sheet total over euro 99 billion.
- On average, there were 25 local units per enterprise in 1999 EU-15 (excl. Ireland and 1998 data for Finland). The number of local units for 1 000 000 inhabitants ranged from 233 in Greece to 1 000 in Spain.

1.8 % of the EU-15 total employment

- In 1999, the banking sector in the EU (excl. Ireland and data 1998 for Finland) employed 2 754 425 persons, which represented around 1.8 % of the total employment. Luxembourg recorded the highest proportion of persons employed in this sector (12 %).
- On average, a credit institution employed 331 persons, while a local unit had a staff of around 14 persons.

Balance sheet of more than euro 20 395 billion in 1999

- The balance sheet total of credit institutions in 1999 in the EU (excl. Ireland and 1998 data for Finland) amounted to euro 20 395 billion, which represented 258 % of EU-15 GDP.

Net interest income 2.3 times higher than Net commission income

- Net interest income in the EU (excl. Ireland and 1998 data for Finland) represented 1.18 % of the balance sheet total ranging from 0.52 % in Luxembourg to 2.28 % in Greece, while Net commission income on Balance sheet total ratio was of 0.51 % going from 0.27 % in Belgium to 1.37 % in Italy. The EU-15 net commission income increased by around 20 % between 1998 and 1999.

More statistics on credit institutions will be found in the comprehensive publication entitled 'Special Feature on Banking, Edition 2001' which will be released in September 2001. This publication will review the situation of the European banking sector through sets of time series - going from 1992 to 1999 - covering topics as demography and structure, performance and competitiveness, internationalisation and employment. Detailed presentation of profit and loss account and of balance sheet data, and methodological notes will be included as well.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION - METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. Eurostat annual collection of statistics on credit institutions

Statistics are collected on a harmonised basis from Central Banks, Financial Supervisory Authorities and National Statistical Institutes in the frame of the European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Regulation No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics (Draft Annex 6 of the SBS Regulation). Data, which are delivered according to either the home or the host country approach, cover credit institutions classified under NACE Rev. 1 class 65.12 (Other monetary intermediation) but also under class 65.22 (Other credit granting). "Other monetary intermediation" includes monetary intermediation services provided by credit granting and deposit taking institutions other than central banks, while "Other credit granting" covers all kinds of credit granting services provided by financial intermediaries other than those offered by credit granting and deposit taking institutions.

2. Concepts and definitions

Population on 1st January: the inhabitants of a given area on 1st January of the year in question (or, in some cases, on 31st December of the previous year). The population is based on data from the most recent census adjusted by the components of population change produced since the last census, or based on population registers. (Eurostat/Demography/Population)

Total employment: total number of persons employed aged of 15 years and over, in all NACE branches (A-Q). (Eurostat/Labour Force Survey/Employment)

Gross Domestic Product at market prices: GDP at market prices is the final result of the production activity of resident producer units (ESA 1995). (Eurostat/National Accounts - Aggregates - Annual Data/GDP/Current Prices)

3. Symbols

The sign ':' stands for not available, while the sign '-' means not applicable.

4. Growth rates and ratios for EU-15, EUR-11 and EEA have been calculated based only on countries that have provided the data needed for calculations.

Statistics in focus

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Structural Data: 8 330 credit institutions in 1999 EU-15

Table 1: Breakdowns of the number of enterprises, 1999

	EU-15 ¹	B ²	DK ³	D	EL	E ⁴	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN ⁵	S ⁶	UK ⁷	IS	N ⁸	CH ⁹
Number of enterprises																			
Total	8 330	89	201	3 055	41	387	1 148	:	876	210	169	870	219	361	212	492	:	216	377
Growth (%) 98-99¹⁰	-5.4	-6.3	0.0	-7.3	-4.7	-4.2	-5.2	-	-4.9	0.5	4.3	-5.9	-3.1	-1.4	1.0	-6.3	-	-1.8	-1.0
Number of enterprises broken down by Nace Rev.1 classes																			
Other monetary intermediation (65.12)	7 396	89	201	2 961	41	290	543	:	876	210	169	840	219	341	124	492	:	152	375
Other credit granting (65.22)	934	0	0	94	0	97	605	:	0	0	0	30	0	20	88	0	:	64	2
Number of enterprises broken down by category of credit institutions																			
Licensed banks	3 740	89	192	:	41	290	:	:	872	210	:	870	219	341	124	492	:	152	377
Specialised credit granting institutions	128	0	9	:	0	96	:	:	0	0	:	0	0	0	23	0	:	64	0
Other credit institutions	90	0	0	:	0	1	:	:	4	0	:	0	0	20	65	0	:	0	0
Number of enterprises broken down by legal status																			
Incorporated enterprises limited by shares	2 460	60	75	178	19	189	811	:	278	138	130	107	45	27	106	297	:	54	270
Cooperative enterprises	4 059	14	25	2 018	13	94	161	:	580	2	2	708	148	292	2	0	:	3	36
Public-law enterprises	917	1	101	578	0	1	34	:	0	2	24	46	6	40	84	0	:	136	29
Branches of non-EEA enterprises	364	14	0	30	9	53	93	:	14	8	11	1	3	1	0	127	:	0	21
Others	530	0	0	251	0	50	49	:	4	60	2	8	17	1	20	68	:	23	21
Number of enterprises broken down by size classes of the balance sheet total																			
> 99 999 Mio	31	2	0	10	0	1	6	:	1	0	:	1	0	0	0	10	:	0	2
10 000 - 99 999 Mio	279	5	10	60	4	17	33	:	37	15	:	7	7	2	11	71	:	4	14
1 000 - 9 999 Mio	1 381	28	10	481	12	103	266	:	145	70	:	38	26	9	23	170	:	26	62
100 - 999 Mio	3 405	39	59	1 619	11	132	457	:	369	96	:	283	34	59	69	178	:	84	188
< 100 Mio	3 065	15	122	885	14	134	386	:	324	29	:	541	152	291	109	63	:	102	111

1) For available data only.

2) Regarding the number of enterprises, it covers the data at the end of year. 93 banks were active in 1999.

3) The number of public-law enterprises includes only savings banks.

4) The number of branches of non-EEA enterprises also includes the branches of EEA enterprises.

5) 1998 data. Growth (%) 97-98.

6) The number of licensed banks includes the branches of foreign banks in Sweden. The number of public-law enterprises includes only savings banks.

7) The number of incorporated enterprises limited by shares includes the UK banks and EEA branches in the UK.

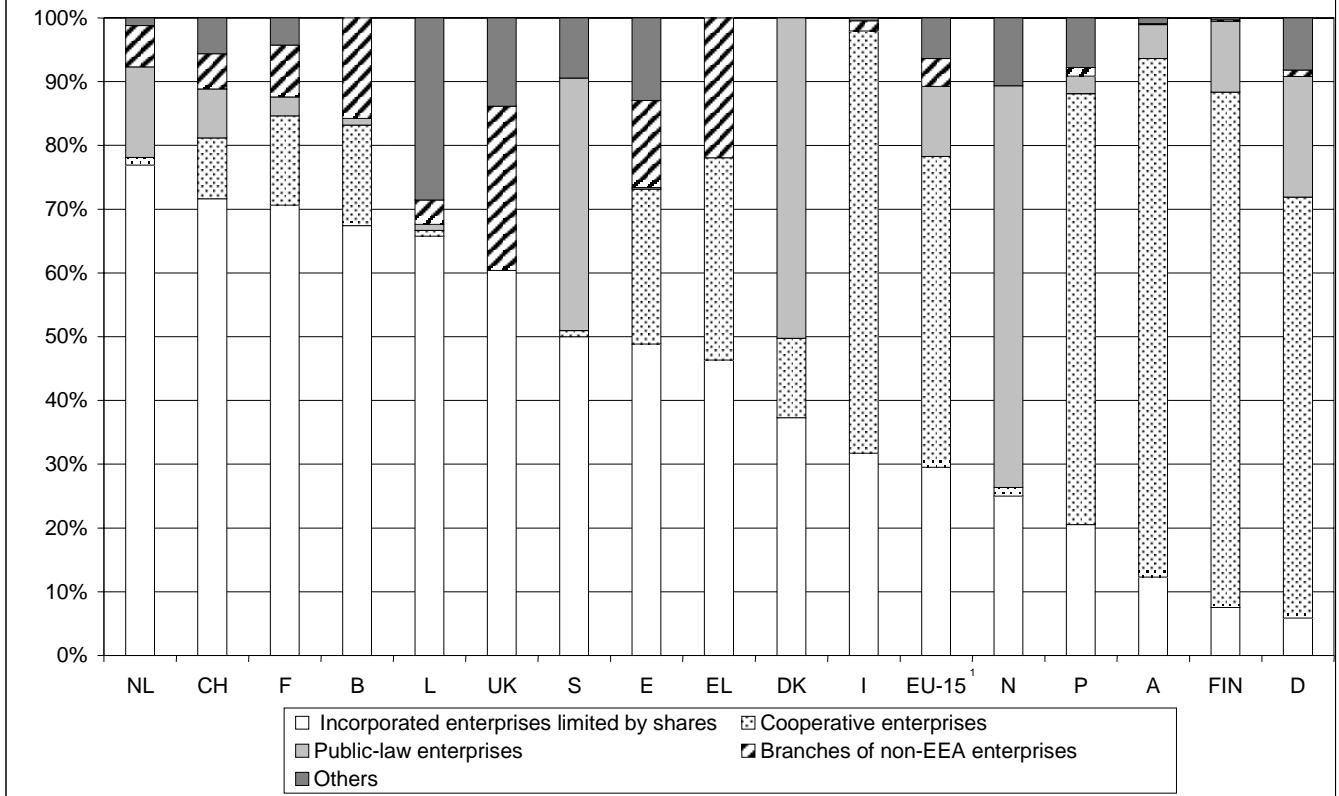
8) The number of incorporated enterprises limited by shares includes the Postal bank. The number of public-law enterprises classified under Nace Rev.1 class 65.12 includes only savings banks. The number of public-law enterprises classified under Nace Rev.1 class 65.22 includes only State lending institutions. The number of enterprises with others legal status includes foreign banks in Norway.

9) The number of branches of non-EEA enterprises also includes 16 EEA branches.

10) Only for countries for which 1998 and 1999 data are available.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.

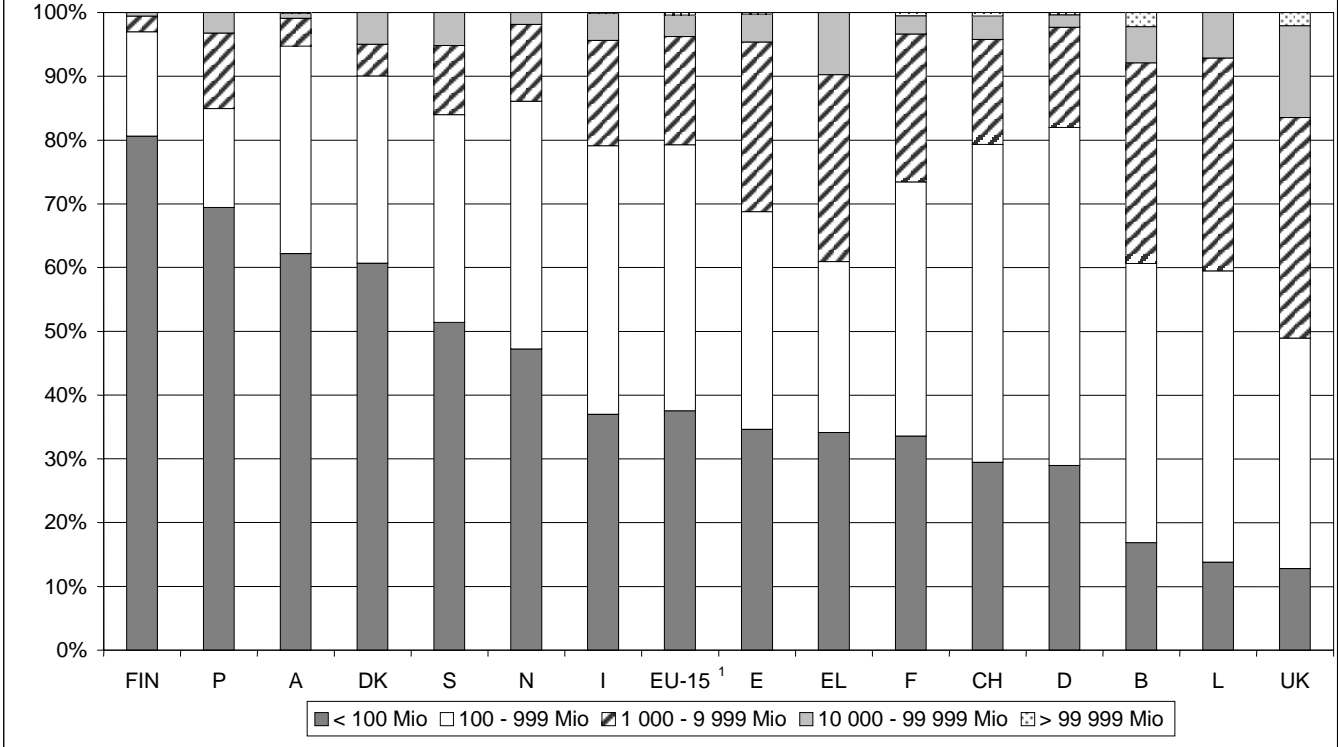
Figure 1: Breakdown of the number of enterprises by legal status (%), 1999



1) For available data only.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat

Figure 2: Breakdown of the number of enterprises by size classes of the balance sheet total (%), 1999



1) For available data only.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat

Table 2: Distribution networks of credit institutions, 1999

	Number of local units	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Number of automatic teller machines (ATM) owned by credit institutions	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Number of local units / Number of enterprises
EU-15 ²	202 370	-0.4	198 313	7.2	25
EUR-11 ²	179 980	-0.3	163 184	7.3	25
B	5 727 ³	0.9	6 323	10.3	64
DK	2 333	6.8	2 641	3.6	12
D	61 587	-2.6	46 200	1.3	20
EL	2 447	1.9	2 977	37.3	60
E	39 376	0.9	41 129	9.4	102
F	26 159	-1.7	18 416	10.2	23
IRL	:	-	:	-	-
I	27 145	3.4	30 298	9.0	31
L	310	7.3	:	-	1
NL	6 830	-0.4	6 673	1.6	40
A	5 391	-1.9	2 570	6.0	6
P	5 491	8.6	8 850	25.0	25
FIN ⁴	1 964	-11.8	2 725 ⁵	1.1	5
S ⁶	2 140	-2.6	2 577	3.7	17
UK	15 470	-2.5	26 934	5.0	31
IS	:	-	:	-	-
N	1 789	-0.9	:	-	8
EEA ²	204 159	-0.4	198 313	7.2	24
CH	2 978	-7.1	5 281 ⁷	2.7	8

1) Only for countries for which 1998 and 1999 data are available.

2) For available data only.

3) Including local units of Belgian credit institutions and non-EU branches established in Belgium, and local units of Belgian credit institutions established abroad.

4) 1998 data. Growth (%) 97-98.

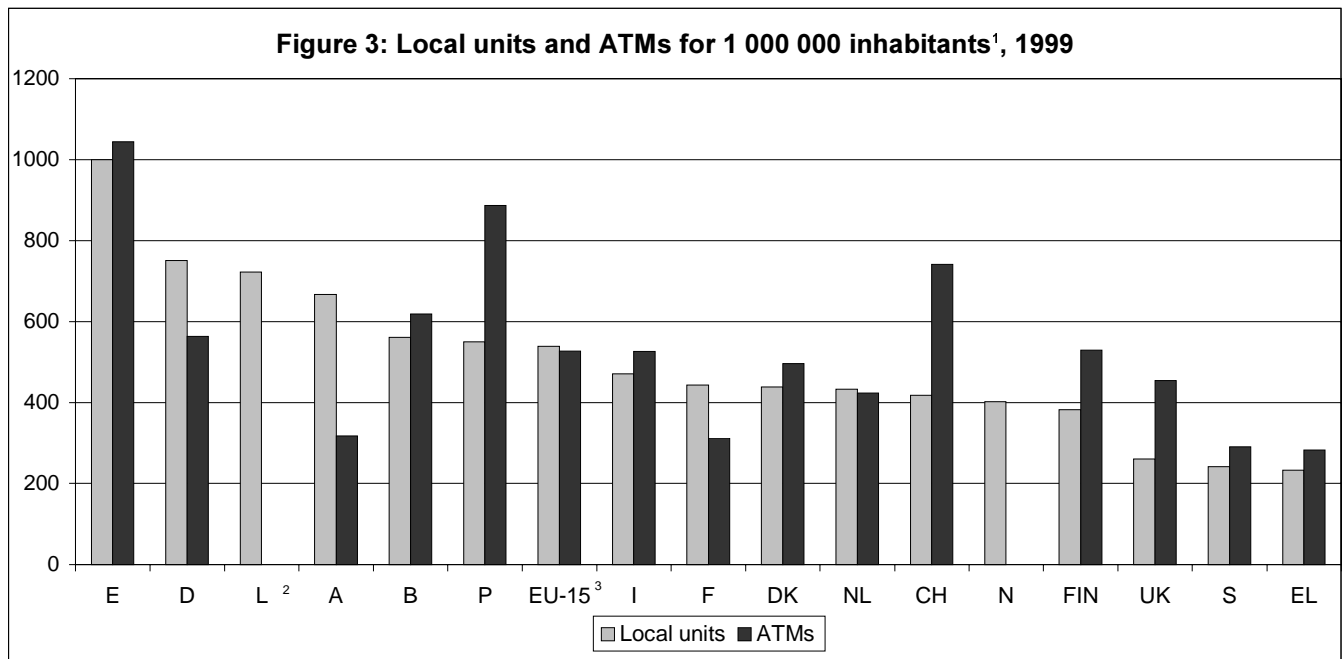
5) In 1998 in Finland not all ATMs were owned by credit institutions. Large amount of cash dispensers were owned by 'Automatia Oy', in turn owned by banks.

The number of Automatia's machines was 2 071. (Source: Automatia Oy and The Finnish Bankers' Association)

6) Data only refer to licensed banks.

7) Including cash dispensers and ATMs of the Bancomat and Postomat systems.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.



1) Figures on Population come from Eurostat/Demography/Population (1st January).

2) The number of local units is 310 and the number of inhabitants is 429 200.

3) For available data only.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.

Employment: 1.8 % of the EU-15 total employment

Table 3: Employment in credit institutions, 1999

	Number of persons employed	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Number of persons employed / Enterprise	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Number of persons employed / Local unit	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Personnel costs (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹
EU-15 ²	2 754 425	2.8	331	8.7	14	1.4	138 385	6.4
EUR-11 ²	2 122 479	0.4	287	6.5	12	0.7	112 538	5.5
B	73 878 ³	0.1	830	6.8	13	-0.8	5 313 ⁴	13.9
DK	48 008	1.0	239	1.0	21	-5.4	2 567	8.0
D	757 495	0.8	248	8.7	12	3.4	39 370	6.7
EL	55 718	1.7	1 359	6.7	23	-0.2	1 966	14.2
E	248 084	0.2	641	4.6	6	-0.7	11 282	3.5
F	390 251	-0.8	340	4.6	15	0.9	21 852	5.4
IRL	:	-	-	-	-	-	:	-
I	345 161	-0.1	394	5.0	13	-3.4	20 190	-0.1
L	21 197	7.0	101	6.5	68	-0.3	1 473	15.5
NL	126 000	4.1	746	-0.2	18	4.5	5 881	15.2
A	73 021	-1.1	84	5.2	14	0.9	4 283	2.4
P	61 113	0.2	279	3.4	11	-7.8	1 995	6.6
FIN ⁵	26 279	-5.9	73	-4.6	13	6.7	899	5.9
S	46 916 ⁶	-0.7	221	-1.6	20 ⁷	1.9	2 588	6.0
UK	481 304	3.7	978	10.7	31	6.4	18 725	11.2
IS	:	-	-	-	-	-	:	-
N	25 568	-0.5	118	1.3	14	0.4	1 410	8.5
EEA ²	2 779 993	2.8	325	8.6	14	1.4	139 794	6.4
CH	120 986	1.1	321	2.2	41	8.8	13 147	28.4

1) Only for countries for which 1998 and 1999 data are available.

2) For available data only.

3) Including persons employed in local units of Belgian credit institutions and non-EU branches established in Belgium as well as persons employed in local units of Belgian credit institutions established abroad.

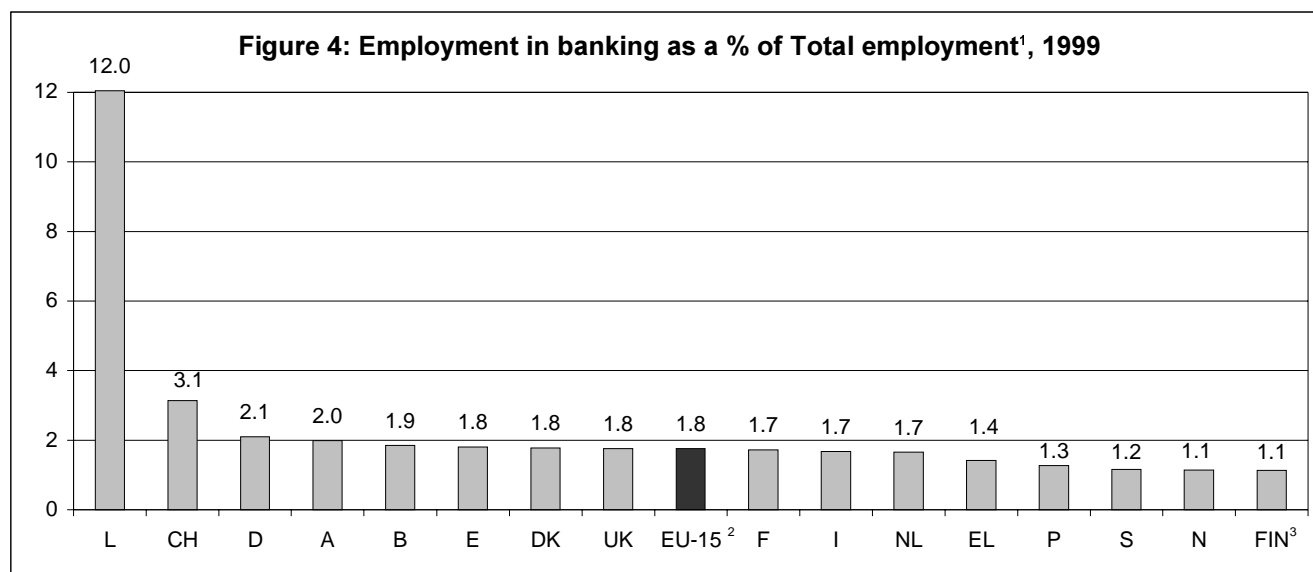
4) Including other personnel costs as well as pensions paid directly by the employers to their employees.

5) 1998 data. Growth (%) 97-98.

6) Number in full-time equivalent unit.

7) Concerns licensed banks.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.



1) Figures on Employment come from Eurostat/Labour Force Survey/Employment.

2) For available data only.

3) 1998 data.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.

Balance Sheet of more than euro 20 395 billion in 1999

Table 4: Main balance sheet items, 1999

	Loans and advances to customers (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Amounts owed to customers (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Total of capital and reserves (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Balance sheet total (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ¹	Balance sheet total as a % of GDP ²
EU-15 ³	10 905 851	8.7	9 828 409	8.4	1 127 271	15.8	20 395 185	9.2	258
EUR-11 ³	6 856 964	10.3	5 692 640	7.5	781 947	14.5	15 253 330	10.6	249
B	257 171	9.1	295 552	7.6	23 623	6.7	732 318	7.7	313
DK	240 556	10.1	102 639	8.8	22 533	5.4	384 534	7.5	233
D	3 187 066	8.3	2 505 126	8.2	204 323	12.8	6 493 520	9.9	328
EL	52 455	24.3	89 756	10.0	12 839	110.4	133 257	22.4	114
E	531 330	13.8	537 825	14.7	80 529	4.8	1 006 155	10.7	179
F	938 420	13.1	813 375	4.2	152 834	26.5	2 858 599	13.6	213
IRL	:	-	:	-	:	-	:	-	-
I	840 895	10.3	607 115	6.5	178 311	11.7	1 718 355	7.1	155
L	117 233	20.2	193 825	1.9	15 042	16.6	598 459	11.4	3 299
NL	522 989	13.9	386 356	8.5	65 579	19.7	904 862	18.0	242
A	252 828	8.3	176 125	14.3	33 958	5.9	515 937	9.3	262
P	122 783	11.0	120 146	-9.1	20 232	27.3	303 150	6.4	283
FIN ⁴	86 250	0.8	57 195	0.4	7 516	-1.3	121 974	-2.8	106
S	246 359	6.4	107 586	5.9	38 624	7.9	393 010	6.1	174
UK	3 509 516	5.6	3 835 788	9.7	271 328	19.2	4 231 053	4.3	313
IS	:	-	:	-	:	-	:	-	-
N ⁵	158 045	10.7	126 703	11.9	16 697	13.6	194 554	11.5	136
EEA ³	11 063 896	8.7	9 955 113	8.4	1 143 968	15.7	20 589 738	9.2	256
CH	580 052	3.5	619 116	11.5	59 463	11.8	1 441 964	10.7	593

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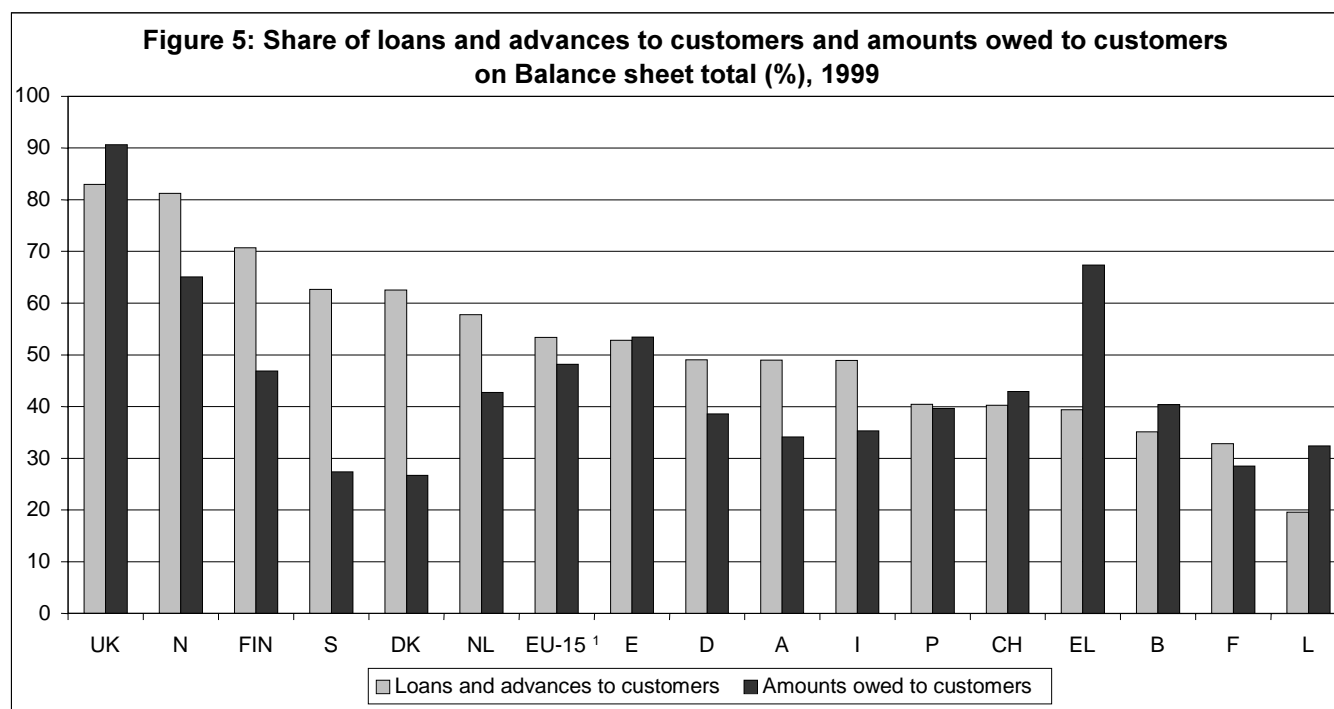
2) Figures on GDP come from Eurostat/National Accounts - Aggregates - Annual data/GDP/Current prices.

3) For available data only.

4) 1998 data. Growth (%) 97-98.

5) Provisional.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.



1) For available data only.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.

Profit and Loss Account: Net interest income 2.3 times higher than Net commission income

Table 5: Profit and loss account: Net interest and Net commission income, 1999

	Net interest income ¹ (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ²	Net interest income as a % of Balance sheet total	Net commission income ³ (Mio euro)	Growth (%) 98-99 ²	Net commission income as a % of Balance sheet total
EU-15 ⁴	241 429	4.6	1.18	104 895	19.8	0.51
EUR-11 ⁴	180 756	0.9	1.19	79 788	19.5	0.52
B	8 944 ⁵	8.5	1.22	1 990	25.7	0.27
DK	5 361	4.3	1.39	1 465	10.4	0.38
D	66 144	1.1	1.02	22 458	15.8	0.35
EL	3 045	25.3	2.28	1 359	71.9	1.02
E	18 878	2.2	1.88	6 577	11.1	0.65
F	25 399	9.0	0.89	14 466	13.2	0.51
IRL	:	-	-	:	-	-
I	33 303	-9.7	1.94	23 533	34.6	1.37
L	3 091	9.3	0.52	2 358	20.0	0.39
NL	12 358	8.1	1.37	4 130	9.8	0.46
A	6 135	-2.1	1.19	2 411	5.8	0.47
P	4 137	3.3	1.36	1 051	13.3	0.35
FIN ⁶	2 368	5.6	1.94	813	2.7	0.67
S	5 266	-0.8	1.34	2 071	11.9	0.53
UK	47 002	20.7	1.11	20 211	20.2	0.48
IS	:	-	-	:	-	-
N ⁷	3 548	17.2	1.82	801	8.9	0.41
EEA ⁴	244 978	4.7	1.19	105 695	19.7	0.51
CH	12 046	3.6	0.84	14 888	10.5	1.03

1) Net interest income = Interest receivable and similar income *minus* Interest payable and similar charge.

2) Only for countries for which 1998 and 1999 data are available.

3) Net commission income = Commission receivable *minus* Commission payable.

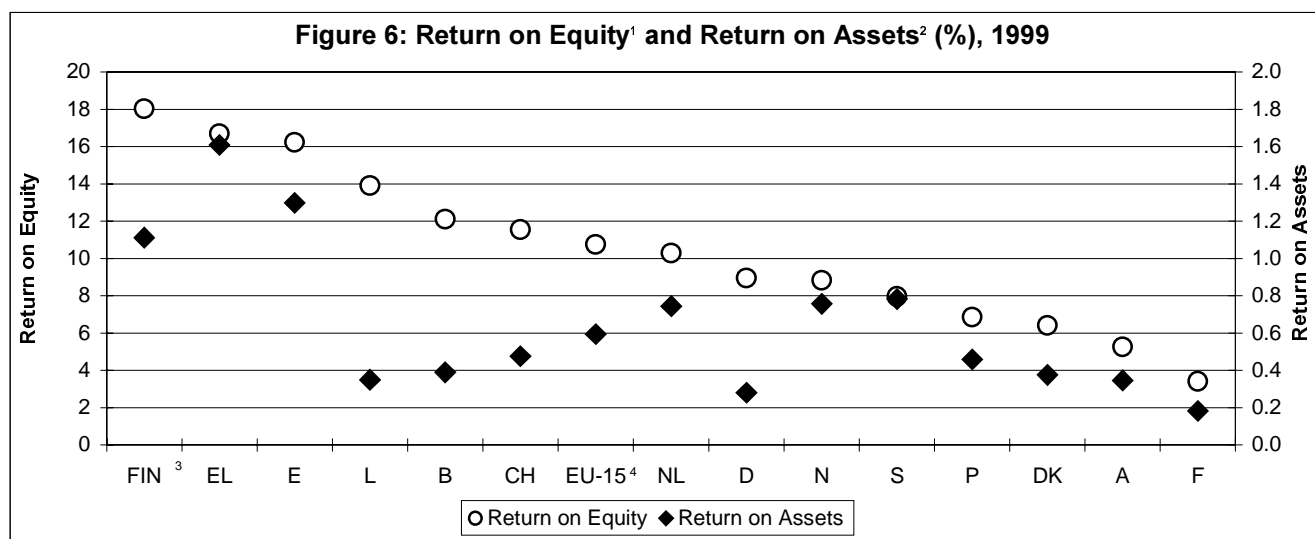
4) For available data only.

5) Including the positive and negative results of derivatives.

6) 1998 data. Growth (%) 97-98.

7) Provisional.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.



1) Return on Equity = (Profit and loss on ordinary activities *minus* All taxes (tax on profit and loss on ordinary activities, tax on extraordinary profit and loss, other taxes) *divided by* Total capital and reserves.

2) Return on Assets = (Profit and loss on ordinary activities *minus* All taxes (tax on profit and loss on ordinary activities, tax on extraordinary profit and loss, other taxes) *divided by* Balance sheet total.

3) 1998 data.

4) For available data only.

Source: Eurostat/SBS/Credstat.

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