

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Quarters							
	2007			2008				
	I	II ^p	III ^p	IV ^p	I ^p	II	III	IV
All countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	5,362,392	5,721,669	6,043,143	6,396,480	6,873,920	...	...	...
Allocated reserves 1/	3,469,079	3,675,241	3,849,064	4,070,116	4,322,311	...	...	...
Claims in U.S. dollars	2,257,764	2,391,313	2,459,044	2,605,857	2,723,029	...	...	...
Claims in pounds sterling	154,960	170,028	182,108	190,315	203,067	...	...	...
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	101,417	100,740	103,844	117,060	134,242	...	...	...
Claims in Swiss francs	6,007	5,800	6,397	6,485	6,552	...	...	...
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	879,752	933,681	1,013,781	1,073,657	1,158,409	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	69,178	73,679	83,890	76,742	97,011	...	...	...
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,893,314	2,046,428	2,194,079	2,326,364	2,551,608	...	...	...
Industrial countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,427,407	1,448,463	1,486,720	1,501,304	1,567,604	...	...	...
Allocated reserves 1/	1,423,618	1,443,989	1,481,727	1,496,188	1,564,069	...	...	...
Claims in U.S. dollars	1,016,352	1,027,616	1,030,661	1,038,941	1,067,040	...	...	...
Claims in pounds sterling	37,374	40,817	44,039	41,300	40,506	...	...	...
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	45,770	44,664	45,903	46,840	53,743	...	...	...
Claims in Swiss francs	3,144	3,104	3,325	2,785	2,117	...	...	...
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	300,899	306,442	333,286	345,402	372,197	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	20,080	21,346	24,513	20,920	28,466	...	...	...
Unallocated reserves 2/	3,789	4,474	4,993	5,116	3,535	...	...	...
Developing countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	3,934,985	4,273,206	4,556,423	4,895,175	5,306,315	...	...	...
Allocated reserves 1/	2,045,461	2,231,252	2,367,337	2,573,928	2,758,242	...	...	...
Claims in U.S. dollars	1,241,413	1,363,698	1,428,384	1,566,916	1,655,989	...	...	...
Claims in pounds sterling	117,586	129,211	138,069	149,014	162,562	...	...	...
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	55,647	56,076	57,941	70,220	80,499	...	...	...
Claims in Swiss francs	2,863	2,696	3,072	3,700	4,435	...	...	...
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	578,853	627,240	680,494	728,255	786,212	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	49,098	52,333	59,377	55,823	68,545	...	...	...
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,889,524	2,041,954	2,189,086	2,321,248	2,548,073	...	...	...

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) (continued)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Quarters							
	2005				2006			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
All countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	3,857,686	3,947,844	4,055,201	4,174,965	4,357,993	4,586,734	4,749,743	5,036,817
Allocated reserves 1/	2,692,537	2,727,264	2,760,844	2,843,400	2,936,753	3,033,734	3,137,285	3,315,317
Claims in U.S. dollars	1,763,451	1,804,906	1,833,801	1,902,484	1,952,973	2,006,151	2,086,968	2,170,973
Claims in pounds sterling	95,738	94,768	99,278	102,243	115,857	126,907	132,305	145,205
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	104,864	102,500	104,498	101,769	97,363	94,442	93,646	102,051
Claims in Swiss francs	4,578	3,633	3,988	4,144	4,711	4,457	4,933	5,685
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	675,432	674,837	670,704	683,731	720,098	750,249	765,601	831,896
Claims in other currencies	48,473	46,619	48,574	49,029	45,751	51,529	53,830	59,506
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,165,149	1,220,580	1,294,357	1,331,565	1,421,240	1,553,000	1,612,459	1,721,500
Industrial countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,310,411	1,303,153	1,291,926	1,301,675	1,302,611	1,333,550	1,359,400	1,403,734
Allocated reserves 1/	1,308,435	1,300,437	1,289,183	1,297,841	1,299,234	1,329,644	1,355,437	1,399,364
Claims in U.S. dollars	935,810	950,229	939,927	947,460	952,443	959,834	982,270	997,531
Claims in pounds sterling	28,208	27,667	27,734	28,305	28,153	31,800	32,715	36,457
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	43,409	43,121	44,163	44,197	45,062	46,900	47,497	49,065
Claims in Swiss francs	2,262	1,685	1,828	1,786	2,601	2,557	2,682	2,981
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	272,110	253,888	252,265	254,717	255,173	271,752	273,256	293,633
Claims in other currencies	26,635	23,848	23,265	21,376	15,802	16,802	17,016	19,698
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,976	2,716	2,743	3,833	3,377	3,906	3,963	4,370
Developing countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	2,547,275	2,644,691	2,763,275	2,873,290	3,055,382	3,253,184	3,390,343	3,633,082
Allocated reserves 1/	1,384,102	1,426,827	1,471,661	1,545,558	1,637,519	1,704,090	1,781,848	1,915,952
Claims in U.S. dollars	827,641	854,677	893,874	955,023	1,000,530	1,046,318	1,104,698	1,173,441
Claims in pounds sterling	67,530	67,101	71,544	73,939	87,704	95,107	99,590	108,749
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	61,455	59,380	60,335	57,572	52,302	47,542	46,149	52,986
Claims in Swiss francs	2,316	1,948	2,160	2,358	2,109	1,900	2,251	2,704
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	403,322	420,949	418,439	429,014	464,925	478,497	492,346	538,263
Claims in other currencies	21,838	22,772	25,309	27,652	29,948	34,727	36,814	39,808
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,163,173	1,217,864	1,291,614	1,327,732	1,417,863	1,549,094	1,608,495	1,717,130

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) (continued)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Quarters							
	2003				2004			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
All countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	2,501,906	2,669,042	2,832,402	3,025,505	3,296,260	3,341,124	3,440,450	3,748,773
Allocated reserves 1/	1,845,484	1,962,998	2,060,428	2,223,110	2,428,940	2,428,096	2,477,250	2,655,070
Claims in U.S. dollars	1,236,585	1,310,666	1,383,814	1,465,752	1,640,718	1,647,771	1,668,495	1,751,012
Claims in pounds sterling	46,678	49,724	49,974	61,655	65,534	66,208	75,968	89,457
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	71,976	70,588	79,012	87,608	97,049	93,553	88,872	101,787
Claims in Swiss francs	4,437	4,080	4,669	5,016	5,464	5,711	4,178	4,419
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	455,218	492,816	506,361	559,246	572,645	569,096	592,089	658,531
Claims in other currencies	30,590	35,124	36,598	43,833	47,530	45,758	47,648	49,865
Unallocated reserves 2/	656,422	706,043	771,974	802,395	867,320	913,027	963,200	1,093,703
Industrial countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	920,200	988,015	1,050,557	1,126,849	1,276,783	1,264,732	1,277,559	1,324,798
Allocated reserves 1/	918,894	985,893	1,049,009	1,124,188	1,275,522	1,263,215	1,275,814	1,321,538
Claims in U.S. dollars	631,674	674,494	730,815	784,845	933,017	927,802	928,180	936,422
Claims in pounds sterling	17,141	17,718	16,636	17,910	17,345	18,790	24,381	25,912
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	36,213	35,527	43,204	42,677	45,526	42,460	41,952	46,850
Claims in Swiss francs	2,328	2,054	2,559	2,735	3,014	3,311	1,645	1,757
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	213,848	235,955	235,274	253,955	252,933	247,785	255,568	282,273
Claims in other currencies	17,689	20,144	20,520	22,067	23,688	23,067	24,088	28,323
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,306	2,122	1,549	2,661	1,260	1,517	1,745	3,260
Developing countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,581,707	1,681,027	1,781,845	1,898,656	2,019,477	2,076,392	2,162,891	2,423,976
Allocated reserves 1/	926,591	977,105	1,011,419	1,098,922	1,153,417	1,164,882	1,201,435	1,333,533
Claims in U.S. dollars	604,911	636,171	652,999	680,907	707,701	719,968	740,315	814,590
Claims in pounds sterling	29,537	32,007	33,338	43,745	48,188	47,418	51,586	63,544
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	35,763	35,061	35,808	44,931	51,524	51,094	46,921	54,936
Claims in Swiss francs	2,109	2,026	2,110	2,280	2,450	2,400	2,533	2,661
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	241,370	256,861	271,087	305,292	319,711	321,310	336,521	376,259
Claims in other currencies	12,901	14,980	16,078	21,766	23,842	22,691	23,560	21,542
Unallocated reserves 2/	655,116	703,922	770,425	799,734	866,060	911,511	961,455	1,090,443

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) (continued)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Quarters							
	2001				2002			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
All countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,932,046	1,934,418	2,028,074	2,049,888	2,082,036	2,237,286	2,307,810	2,408,424
Allocated reserves 1/	1,507,635	1,510,627	1,581,710	1,569,488	1,576,565	1,690,548	1,741,750	1,795,915
Claims in U.S. dollars	1,090,119	1,098,235	1,129,299	1,122,431	1,129,099	1,168,266	1,185,519	1,204,673
Claims in pounds sterling	41,849	40,013	41,590	42,401	42,133	46,140	48,659	50,537
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	83,110	80,913	85,447	79,190	69,125	79,847	79,498	78,145
Claims in Swiss francs	4,131	3,967	4,150	4,372	5,362	5,622	5,998	7,314
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	266,965	266,335	298,986	301,026	310,064	364,280	393,034	427,327
Claims in other currencies	21,461	21,165	22,239	20,069	20,781	26,393	29,042	27,919
Unallocated reserves 2/	424,411	423,791	446,364	480,399	505,471	546,738	566,061	612,509
Industrial countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	762,240	756,232	797,808	793,231	794,836	857,981	887,304	910,641
Allocated reserves 1/	761,632	753,928	796,861	792,137	793,419	856,207	886,245	908,308
Claims in U.S. dollars	560,196	553,968	573,697	572,140	573,398	598,099	615,768	619,350
Claims in pounds sterling	16,074	15,076	15,601	15,583	15,604	17,379	18,852	19,742
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	44,581	45,115	46,860	43,445	33,721	39,403	38,953	38,848
Claims in Swiss francs	2,472	2,329	2,773	2,454	3,498	4,183	4,572	5,282
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	125,615	125,752	144,973	145,931	154,422	181,511	190,930	209,067
Claims in other currencies	12,694	11,687	12,956	12,584	12,776	15,632	17,170	16,020
Unallocated reserves 2/	608	2,304	947	1,094	1,417	1,775	1,059	2,334
Developing countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,169,806	1,178,186	1,230,266	1,256,657	1,287,199	1,379,305	1,420,506	1,497,782
Allocated reserves 1/	746,003	756,700	784,849	777,351	783,146	834,342	855,504	887,607
Claims in U.S. dollars	529,923	544,266	555,602	550,291	555,701	570,166	569,751	585,323
Claims in pounds sterling	25,775	24,937	25,988	26,818	26,530	28,761	29,807	30,795
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	38,529	35,797	38,587	35,745	35,404	40,444	40,545	39,298
Claims in Swiss francs	1,659	1,638	1,377	1,917	1,864	1,439	1,425	2,032
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	141,350	140,583	154,013	155,096	155,642	182,769	202,104	218,261
Claims in other currencies	8,766	9,477	9,283	7,485	8,005	10,761	11,872	11,898
Unallocated reserves 2/	423,803	421,487	445,417	479,305	504,053	544,963	565,002	610,175

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) (continued)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Quarters							
	1999				2000			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
All countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,606,057	1,646,331	1,713,768	1,782,136	1,808,880	1,853,084	1,874,330	1,936,516
Allocated reserves 1/	1,239,415	1,273,725	1,324,245	1,379,705	1,400,590	1,441,915	1,465,550	1,518,244
Claims in U.S. dollars	882,325	918,685	936,039	979,783	1,000,859	1,038,479	1,059,574	1,079,916
Claims in pounds sterling	34,015	35,574	37,029	39,827	40,923	39,789	39,999	41,798
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	74,773	71,674	82,726	87,939	88,759	86,467	94,180	92,078
Claims in Swiss francs	3,571	3,092	3,193	3,172	3,590	2,925	3,279	4,087
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	224,936	223,854	242,702	246,950	245,173	252,549	248,757	277,693
Claims in other currencies	19,795	20,846	22,555	22,034	21,285	21,705	19,760	22,672
Unallocated reserves 2/	366,642	372,606	389,524	402,431	408,290	411,170	408,780	418,272
Industrial countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	644,897	659,732	699,910	729,599	728,329	759,899	763,290	786,251
Allocated reserves 1/	643,778	658,300	698,015	724,790	727,783	759,670	762,973	783,483
Claims in U.S. dollars	459,558	476,065	501,864	529,270	536,582	565,038	564,541	566,526
Claims in pounds sterling	14,185	14,592	15,073	16,012	16,236	16,045	16,176	16,298
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	41,712	40,242	45,976	48,016	48,196	47,394	50,258	49,386
Claims in Swiss francs	911	541	529	573	1,813	1,250	1,625	1,962
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	116,057	115,606	122,041	119,864	112,952	117,746	119,079	136,102
Claims in other currencies	11,355	11,254	12,532	11,055	12,004	12,197	11,295	13,208
Unallocated reserves 2/	1,119	1,432	1,896	4,809	546	230	317	2,768
Developing countries								
Total foreign exchange holdings	961,160	986,599	1,013,858	1,052,537	1,080,551	1,093,185	1,111,040	1,150,265
Allocated reserves 1/	595,637	615,425	626,230	654,915	672,806	682,245	702,576	734,761
Claims in U.S. dollars	422,767	442,621	434,175	450,513	464,277	473,442	495,034	513,390
Claims in pounds sterling	19,830	20,982	21,956	23,815	24,687	23,744	23,823	25,501
Claims in Deutsche mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in French francs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in Japanese yen	33,062	31,432	36,750	39,922	40,563	39,073	43,922	42,692
Claims in Swiss francs	2,660	2,551	2,664	2,599	1,777	1,675	1,654	2,124
Claims in Netherlands guilder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in ECUs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Claims in euros	108,878	108,248	120,661	127,086	132,221	134,803	129,678	141,590
Claims in other currencies	8,441	9,592	10,023	10,978	9,281	9,508	8,465	9,463
Unallocated reserves 2/	365,522	371,174	387,628	397,622	407,744	410,940	408,464	415,504

Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) (concluded)

(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Annual			
	1995	1996*	1997	1998
All countries				
Total foreign exchange holdings	1,389,801	1,566,257	1,616,248	1,643,957
Allocated reserves 1/	1,034,175	1,224,464	1,271,982	1,282,406
Claims in U.S. dollars	610,337	760,071	828,887	888,724
Claims in pounds sterling	21,874	32,883	32,856	34,142
Claims in Deutsche mark	163,088	179,916	184,349	176,951
Claims in French francs	24,361	22,638	18,314	20,814
Claims in Japanese yen	70,071	82,307	73,487	80,029
Claims in Swiss francs	3,464	3,705	4,435	4,237
Claims in Netherlands guilder	3,306	2,935	4,461	3,489
Claims in ECUs	88,288	86,837	77,322	16,637
Claims in euros	...	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	49,387	53,172	47,871	57,383
Unallocated reserves 2/	355,626	341,794	344,266	361,551
Industrial countries				
Total foreign exchange holdings	660,205	726,889	708,980	677,065
Allocated reserves 1/	653,526	710,910	694,297	669,226
Claims in U.S. dollars	341,359	406,726	408,562	450,138
Claims in pounds sterling	13,881	15,042	14,033	14,276
Claims in Deutsche mark	109,104	114,464	114,320	91,638
Claims in French francs	15,398	12,419	6,257	7,945
Claims in Japanese yen	43,363	40,262	40,493	45,755
Claims in Swiss francs	1,106	903	1,074	1,140
Claims in Netherlands guilder	1,583	1,241	1,544	1,381
Claims in ECUs	88,116	86,655	76,931	15,333
Claims in euros	...	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	39,618	33,199	31,083	41,620
Unallocated reserves 2/	6,678	15,979	14,683	7,839
Developing countries				
Total foreign exchange holdings	729,596	839,368	907,268	966,892
Allocated reserves 1/	380,649	513,554	577,685	613,180
Claims in U.S. dollars	268,978	353,346	420,325	438,586
Claims in pounds sterling	7,993	17,841	18,823	19,866
Claims in Deutsche mark	53,984	65,452	70,029	85,312
Claims in French francs	8,963	10,219	12,057	12,869
Claims in Japanese yen	26,708	42,046	32,994	34,275
Claims in Swiss francs	2,357	2,802	3,360	3,096
Claims in Netherlands guilder	1,724	1,693	2,917	2,108
Claims in ECUs	172	182	391	1,304
Claims in euros	...	...	...	...
Claims in other currencies	9,770	19,972	16,788	15,763
Unallocated reserves 2/	348,948	325,814	329,583	353,712

Source: IMF Statistics Department COFER database

Note: In the data above, the coverage of countries classified into the developing and industrial country groups have been revised consistent with a recent change in country classification in *International Financial Statistics*.

* Countries with sizable reserves either joined (began reporting) the sample or left (stopped reporting) the sample.

p = Preliminary

(...) Not applicable.

1/ This line shows reserves data, whose currency composition has been identified.

2/ This line is the difference between total foreign exchange reserves and the allocated reserves.