

Announcements on Methodological Changes

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Securities statistics were revised to align with the international methodology set by the G20 Data Gaps Initiative as well as to enrich the information content. The statistics in the new format and new content were published beginning with the data of 13 August 2021. The time series of the statistics start from 11 September 2020. Following the revision, time series complied with pre-revision methodology are moved to the Archives section of the Electronic Data Delivery System (EVDS).

The revisions are summarized as follows:

1. Improvements in the sector classification:

- a. The sector classification is expanded for both issuer and holder sectors.
- b. Sector classification and definitions are harmonized with international handbooks.

2. **Improvements in the definition of ownership:** International methodology¹ recommend that securities statistics shall be compiled on economic ownership basis. With the pre-revision exercise, domestic issues were compiled based on legal ownership while issues abroad were compiled based on economic ownership. The revision ensures compliance with the economic ownership definition for Government Domestic Debt Securities (GDDS). While those transactions in which non-resident holders' legal ownership changes but their economic ownership does not change (such as repo, collateral and borrowing/lending transactions) are published for informative purposes, the relevant amounts are accepted to be held by residents in the subsequent tables.

3. Improvements in the calculation method:

- c. Reporting institutions started to report the values of FX-denominated securities in the original currency, thereby the valuation effect arising from the use of different exchange rates are eliminated.
- d. The market and exchange rate movements-adjusted amount of net flows for securities held by non-residents are started to be calculated based on weekly price and exchange rate averages as required by international standards, instead of the values of the last business day of the week.

4. Improvements in the presentation and information content:

- a. Stock and net transaction values for the GDDS transactions between residents and non-residents are started to be published with the details of outright purchase, reverse repo, collateral, and borrowing transactions.
- b. For debt securities issued abroad, the holder information are also classified according to the underlying currency of the security.
- c. Maturity breakdowns are e-arranged to be "by original maturity and remaining maturity" separately, as short and long, in line with international practices.
- d. Debt securities issued in the domestic market are published in Turkish lira, and debt securities issued abroad are published in US dollars.
- e. The tables published on the website include data for the last 5 weeks, instead of 13 weeks. Time series data are available as time series in the EVDS.

¹ Handbook on Securities Statistics published by the BIS – ECB – IMF.