CENTRAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REPORT



SUMMARY1

From the second half of 2005 onwards, export growth slowed down, whereas import gained pace. The said tendency continued in the first quarter of 2006 as well. During this period, annual increases in exports and imports were realized as 4.3 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively. Hence, the foreign trade deficit, which was USD 6.2 billion in the January-March period of 2005, within the framework of the balance of payments definition, reached USD 8.7 billion in the same period of 2006. The low rate of increase in tourism revenues during the said period limited the decreasing effect of this item on the current account deficit.

The slowdown in exports mainly stemmed from the 4.9 percent decline in the textile and clothing sector, which has the largest share in overall exports, in the first quarter of the year. Nevertheless, exports of motor vehicles failed to display high performance during this period, thus realizing at a level close to that of the previous year. On the other hand, exports of machinery-equipment, which had significantly increased in 2005, maintained its growth during the January-March 2006 period and the rise in exports of the sector became 15 percent.

Imports of capital and consumption goods, which sustained their high-rated increases as of August 2005, rose by 18.2 percent and 36.3 percent, respectively, on an annual basis in the first quarter of 2006. On the other hand, the rate of increase in imports of intermediate goods slowed down and grew by 8.7 percent in the January-March period. Imports of mineral fuels and oils under this item became the sub-items that made the highest contribution to overall import growth owing to price increases.

Starting from the last quarter of 2005, the contribution of export prices to nominal exports is reduced. In the first quarter of 2006, the exports unit value index declined by 0.9 percent. During this period, import prices rose by 2 percent. The increase in import prices mainly resulted from the 40.1 percent rise in prices of the mining and quarrying sector that includes crude oil and natural gas. Meanwhile, import prices in the manufacturing industry fell by 3.1 percent in the January-March period. Adjusting for the price effect, annual increases in exports and imports during this period were seen to have realized as 2.9 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

Excluding IMF loans and official reserve changes (CBT + banks), capital inflows became USD 15.4 billion in the first quarter of 2006. In this period, direct investments, portfolio investments, long-term credits used by the private sector and banks and trade credits became the primary determinants of the financing structure. In this period, net long-term and short-term capital inflows, excluding portfolio, direct investments and IMF loans, were realized as USD 9.5 and USD 1.1 billion, respectively. Besides, the item of net errors and omissions was positive, amounting to USD 1 billion.

As a result of these developments, Central Bank reserves increased by USD 7.1 billion, whereas the banks' reserves decreased by USD 1.1 billion in the first quarter of 2006.

¹ In this Report, 'Balance of Payments Developments and Statistics" announced on 9 May 2006 were used.

Balance of Payments

(billion, USD)

illion, USD)		Jan-Mar		lan t	Mar (12-m	onth)
	2005	2006	% change	2005		% change
Current Account	-6.2	-8.6	,, o o a go	-16.4	-25.5	,, o o
Goods	-6.2	-8.7		-25.1	-35.2	
Exports	18.0	18.9	5.5	70.6	77.9	10.3
Exports (fob)	17.2	18.0	4.3	66.9	74.2	10.8
Shuttle trade	0.7	1.0	33.4	3.7	3.7	-0.1
Imports	-24.2	-27.6	14.3	-95.7	-113.1	18.2
Imports (cif)	-25.7	-29.1	13.2	-102.4	-119.9	17.2
Coverage adjustment	1.5	1.5		6.1	6.8	
Services	1.2	1.2		13.0	13.9	
Tourism (net)	1.3	1.4	9.0	13.5	15.4	13.9
Credit	2.0	2.0	0.4	16.2	18.2	12.3
Debit	-0.7	-0.6	-16.3	-2.6	-2.8	4.3
Other services revenues (net)	-0.1	-0.3	10.5	-0.5	-1.5	
Income	-1.4	-1.4		-5.5	-5.7	
Direct investment income (net)	-0.1	-0.1		-0.8	-0.9	••
Portfolio investment income (net)		-0.1			-0.9	
• •	-0.4			-1.0		•
Other investment income (net)	-0.9	-0.9		-3.8	-4.0	
Interest income	0.2	0.3	58.3	0.7	1.1	52.6
Interest expenditure	-1.1	-1.2	10.2	-4.5	-5.1	14.0
Current transfers	0.2	0.3		1.1	1.5	
Workers remittances	0.2	0.2	26.0	8.0	0.9	13.4
Capital and financial account	5.7	7.6		12.6	22.6	
Financial account (excl. reserve assets)	8.9	14.7		16.9	44.3	
Direct investment (net)	0.6	1.2		2.0	9.3	
Abroad	-0.1	0.2		-0.8	-0.7	
In Turkey	0.7	1.1		2.8	10.0	
Portfolio investment (net)	3.8	3.6		9.0	13.2	
Assets	-1.1	-0.3		-2.7	-0.4	
Liabilities	4.9	3.9		11.7	13.6	
Equity securities	1.9	0.6		2.8	4.5	
Debt securities	3.1	3.2		8.9	9.2	
Non-residents' buyings in Turkey	1.7	0.9		5.5	5.2	
Eurobond issues of Treasury	1.8	2.3		3.7	4.0	
Borrowing	3.3	2.4		6.3	5.6	
Repayment	-1.5	-0.1		-2.6	-1.6	
Other investments (net)	4.5	9.9		5.8	21.8	
Assets	4.2	0.9		-3.9	-3.1	
Trade credits	0.7	0.0		-0.6	-0.3	
Credits	-0.1	-0.3		0.2	0.1	
Banks FX assets (- increase)	3.6	1.1		-3.5	-2.8	•
Liabilities	0.4	9.0		9.8	24.8	•
Trade credits	0.7	0.5		3.9	3.4	••
Credits	-0.2	8.9		5.4	20.9	
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Central Bank	-1.0	0.0		-4.3	-1.9	
General Government	-0.4	-2.0		-0.1	-6.2	
IMF	0.0	-1.8		1.0	-4.3	
Long-term	-0.4	-0.2		-1.1	-2.0	
Banks	0.8	2.1		5.8	10.4	
Long-term	-0.1	1.0		2.2	7.5	
Short-term	0.8	1.1		3.6	3.0	
Other sectors	0.5	8.8		4.0	18.6	
Long-term	0.6	8.8		3.9	18.1	
Short-term	-0.1	-0.1		0.1	0.4	
Deposits of non-residents	-0.1	-0.3		0.3	0.3	
In CBT	-0.1	-0.2		-0.3	-0.9	
In banks	0.0	-0.1		0.6	1.2	
Change in official reserves (- increase)	-3.3	-7.1		-4.3	-21.7	
Net errors and omissions	0.5	1.0		3.8	2.9	

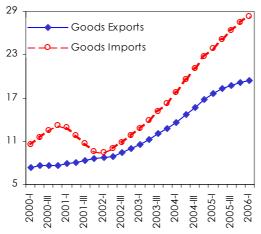
Source: CBT.

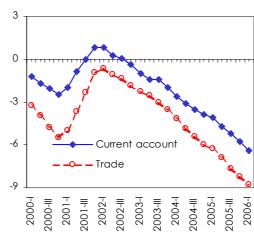
Goods Exports and Imports

(12-month ave., billion US dollars)

Trade and Current Account

(12-month ave., billion US dollars)



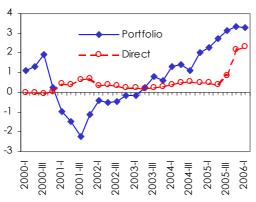


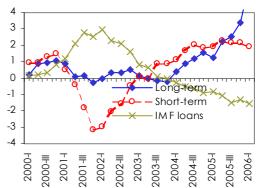
Direct and Portfolio Investments

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Term Structure of Capital Flows

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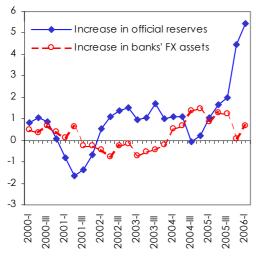


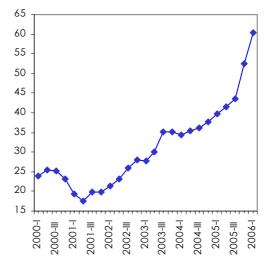
Reserves

(12-month ave., billion US dollars)

CBT International Reserves

(billion US dollars)





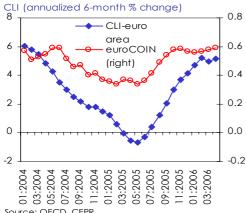
Source: CBT, TURKSTAT.

I. EXTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

- 1. Despite natural disasters and high oil prices, the world economy continued to grow at high rates in 2005. It is observed that the strong growth tendency of the world economy still continues in the first quarter of 2006. The USA and China became the determinants of growth in this period.
- 2. In general, uncertainties about oil prices and international liquidity conditions are the leading risks for the growth of the world economy in 2006. Increased demand due to high global growth and the uncertainties in Iran and Nigeria led to record levels of increase in oil prices in April. In the meantime, capital outflows are expected in emerging markets due to rising long-term interest rates stemming from ongoing interest rate increases in the USA, Euro Area and Japan.

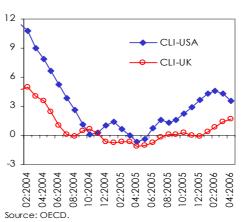


€COIN (3-month % change),



USA and **UK** Leading indicators:

CLI (annualized 6-month % change)



- 3. The US economy, which slowed down in the last quarter of 2005, grew by 1.7 percent on an annual basis, registering its lowest level of growth since early-2003. The slowdown in private consumption and investments in the said period due to rising oil prices after Hurricane Katrina are the factors that lie behind sluggish growth performance. Nevertheless, an economic revival was observed in the first quarter of 2006 and the US GDP grew by 5.3 percent on an annual basis. This growth, which was the highest rate of growth in recent years, stemmed from the high rated increases mainly in durable consumption goods, as well as private consumption, investment and public expenditures following Hurricane Katrina. The CLI index, the leading indicator relating to economic activity, which is compiled by the OECD, reveals that the economic revival in the USA still continues in April, albeit at a sluggish pace.
- 4. In the Euro zone, growth slowed down in the last quarter of 2005 due to high oil prices and low foreign demand. However, this slowdown became temporary and the Euro zone GDP increased by 2 percent on an annual basis in the first quarter of 2006. Despite the ongoing uncertainties and the strengthening of the possibility of further interest rate rises by the ECB against increasing inflationary risks, growth is expected to strengthen and reach its potential level throughout 2006. The ECOIN index, which is the leading indicator of the Euro zone related to economic activity, points to a recovery in the zone.
- 5. The Japanese economy, which had experienced high growth throughout 2005, displayed a growth performance beyond expectations in the first quarter of 2006 as well. It is strongly predicted that both the domestic demand-led growth and upward pressure on prices will continue throughout 2006. Meanwhile, the Chinese economy maintained its strong growth in the first quarter of 2006. It is observed that the growth, which was realized as 10.2 percent compared to the same period of the previous year, stems from the rapid increase in fixed investments and industrial production.
- 6. These developments are believed to point to a foreign demand structure that will support Turkey's exports throughout 2006.

II. CURRENT ACCOUNT

- 7. The upward trend in the current account deficit continued in the first quarter of the year, as well. Hence, the current account registered a deficit of USD 25.5 billion in the first quarter of 2006.
- 8. As of the first quarter, the current account deficit widened compared to 2005, due to the increase in imports and decrease in export performance. Thus, the ratio of exports to imports and to short-term foreign debt stock fell to the levels of 0.69 and 1.96, respectively. Meanwhile, the indicators that are based on the Central Bank reserves continue to convey positive information on the sustainability of the current account deficit. In the first quarter, the ratio of reserves to short-term foreign debt stock and to imports increased, compared to 2005. In addition, the ratio of Central Bank reserves to current account deficit and to the financing requirement, made up of the current account deficit plus the net errors and omissions item, also increased.

Selected indicators related to the current account deficit and financin	a structure.

Exports / Imports 0.58 0.90 0.85 0.79 0.74 0.70 0.69 Exports / Short-Term External Debt 1.09 2.10 2.44 2.23 2.06 2.01 1.96 Exports / External Debt Service 1.40 1.40 1.39 1.84 2.20 2.11 2.23 Tourism Revenues / Trade Balance 0.35 2.17 1.16 0.94 0.67 0.55 0.52 CBT Reserves / Short-Term External Debt 0.82 1.21 1.71 1.53 1.16 1.37 1.52 CBT Reserves / Financing Requirement 1.84 - 19.97 11.71 2.82 2.54 2.67 CBT Reserves / Current Account Balance 2.36 - 18.42 4.38 2.41 2.27 2.37 CBT Reserves / Imports 0.44 0.52 0.59 0.54 0.41 0.48 0.53		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006**
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	CBT Reserves / Imports	0.44	0.52	0.59	0.54	0.41	0.48	0.53

Source: CBRT, TURKSTAT.

Exports of Goods

9. According to the exports data issued by TURKSTAT (Turkish Statistical Institute), exports (FOB) increased by 4.3 percent in the first quarter of 2006. In addition to this, revenues from shuttle trade rose by 33.4 percent. Thus, the growth in total exports of goods became 5.5 percent. Meanwhile, in the first quarter of 2006, the effect of price movements stood as a negative factor in the nominal growth of exports. As a matter of fact, according to index data issued by TURKSTAT, the exports unit value index declined by 0.9 percent in the January-March period of 2006, compared to the same period of the previous year. Despite the decline in export prices, the real increase in exports was recorded as 2.9 percent.

Exports (billion US dollars) 2.0 19.0 Exports (fob) ttle Trade (riaht) 1.5 15.5 1.0 12.0 0.5 8.5 5.0 0.0 2004-11 2001-IV 2003-11 2003-IV

(2003=100)

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Real Exports

Export prices

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Rource: TURKSTAT.

Exports - Real and Unit Value

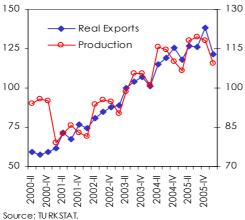
10. Increases in productivity became one of the main determinants of the boost in exports, by means of reducing the unit real labor costs to give way to external competitive

Source: CBT, TU RKSTAT

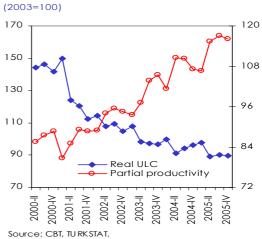
^{* 12-}month data as of March.

advantage besides offsetting the unfavorable impact of the strong position of the New Turkish lira (YTL) on external competitiveness.

Production and Exports in Manufacturing Industry (2003=100)



Real ULC and Productivity Indices



11. Analyzing export developments for the first quarter of 2006 by sub-items, it is observed that refined petroleum and its products and machinery-equipment continued to contribute to the total growth in exports, as the share of motor vehicles and food products/beverages in total exports declined. In addition, our attention is drawn to the rising shares of exports of plastic and rubber products, electrical machinery and appliances, and radio, TV, communication equipment and apparatus in the January-March period of 2006. Sectors recording an increase in exports above, contributed to the 4.3 percent growth in exports by a total of 2.9 points in the first quarter of 2006, compared to the same period of the previous year. In other words, USD 0.5 billion of the USD 0.7 billion net growth came from these sectors. Nevertheless, the drop in exports of textile and clothing products, which makes up a substantial part of exports, made a negative contribution of about -1.3 points to total exports.

Exports (million US dollar)

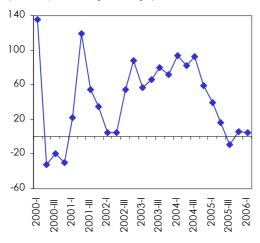
	January-March							
	2005	2006	% Change %	Contrib.	\$ Contrib			
Total	17241	17985	4.3					
Capital Goods	2023	1905	-5.8	-0.7	-118.0			
Intermediate Goods	7126	7706	8.1	3.4	580.0			
Consumption Goods	8034	8122	1.1	0.5	88.8			
Other	59	252	328.6	1.1	193.3			
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):								
Agriculture and farming of animals	719	804	11.8	0.5	85			
Food products and beverages	963	981	1.9	0.1	18			
Textiles	1992	1959	-1.6	-0.2	-33			
Wearing apparel	2607	2415	-7.4	-1.1	-192			
Petroleum products and nuclear fuel	554	668	20.6	0.7	114			
Chemicals and chemical products	643	703	9.3	0.3	60			
Rubber and plastic products	534	611	14.5	0.4	77			
Other non-metallic minerals	613	593	-3.2	-0.1	-19			
Manufacture of basic metals	1727	1828	5.9	0.6	101			
Manufacof fabricated metal prod(exc machir	593	662	11.7	0.4	69			
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	1023	1176	15.0	0.9	153			
Electrical machinery and apparatus	437	508	16.3	0.4	71			
Communication and apparatus	683	770	12.7	0.5	87			
Motor vehicles and trailers	2579	2584	0.2	0.0	5			
Other transport	414	580	40.0	1.0	166			

12. Although, in general, the greatest contribution to total export growth in 2005 came from motor vehicles, exports in this sector deteriorated in the second half of the year. The

poor export performance of the sector carried on in the January-March period of 2006. Meanwhile, automobile exports, which dropped considerably in the third quarter of 2005, resumed their upward trend from the last quarter of 2005 onwards and increased by 4.2 percent in the first quarter of 2006, compared to the same period of the previous year. Despite the 55.6 percent increase in automobile imports during this period, the sector occupied the position of net exporter.

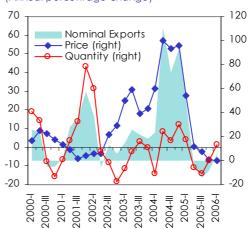
Automobile Exports

(Annual percentage change)



Basic Metal Industry Exports





Exports – Unit Value Indices (2003=100)

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		Ш	III	IV	I	%
Total	125.4	123.4	120.9	119.8	124.3	-0.9
Capital Goods	115.3	113.2	110.9	108.5	111.8	-3.0
Intermediate Goods	131.1	130.4	127.9	127.9	129.1	-1.5
Consumption Goods	123.8	122.4	121.5	117.6	123.0	-0.7
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):						
Agriculture and farming of animals	165	174	174	161	163	-1.7
Food products and beverages	130	130	133	132	131	1.3
Textiles	119	115	111	111	115	-3.0
Wearing apparel	125	121	118	117	127	1.7
Petroleum products and nuclear fuel	143	163	183	176	179	25.7
Chemicals and chemical products	121	120	120	119	122	0.4
Rubber and plastic products	120	11 <i>7</i>	113	115	120	0.0
Other non-metallic minerals	117	119	123	124	126	7.1
Manufacture of basic metals	160	158	148	151	148	-7.3
Manufacof fabricated metal prod(exc machi	nery) 132	132	131	132	136	2.5
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	118	115	114	114	116	-2.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus	124	127	126	129	137	10.4
Communication and apparatus	93	85	75	75	77	-16.8
Motor vehicles and trailers	117	113	111	108	112	-4.8

Source: TURKSTAT.

13. The leading export sectors of textile and clothing displayed a low performance in exports throughout 2005 and recorded a marked drop in the last quarter. Textile and clothing

exports continued to decline in annual terms in the first quarter of 2006 and were realized as 1.6 and 7.4 percent, respectively. The difficulty in competing with countries like China and India, that especially dominate the US market in terms of exports of textile and clothing owing to their low labor costs, was the main development leading to loss of performance in the sector. As a result of these developments, the share of exports of textile and clothing exports in total exports, which was 27.4 percent in 2004, declined to 24.3 percent in the January-March period.

- 14. The decline in exports of the basic metal industry from the second quarter of 2005 onwards halted in the first quarter of 2006, and the sectors' exports rose by 5.9 percent in annual terms. The fall in prices was influential in this rise. The 7.3 percent decline in basic metal industry prices, in the January-March period, led to a 13.2 percent increase in the sector.
- 15. While export prices fell by 0.9 percent in annual terms in the first quarter of 2006, the exports quantity index rose by 2.9 percent. Analysis by sectors reveals the dissimilarity among the changes in export prices. As export prices recorded increases in sectors such as refined petroleum products, other non-metallic mineral products, electrical machinery and appliances, they went down in sectors such as the basic metal industry, radio, TV, communication equipment and apparatus, and motor vehicles and trailers.

Exports – Quantity Indices (2003=100)

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Total	116.4	123.4	124.9	138.6	119.7	2.9
Capital Goods	161.6	166.9	149.0	179.3	155.6	-3.7
Intermediate Goods	117.6	128.6	123.6	135.8	125.9	7.1
Consumption Goods	107.6	112.0	122.0	133.7	106.6	-0.9
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):						
Agriculture and farming of animals	83	67	90	135	91	9.7
Food products and beverages	112	111	121	142	107	-4.8
Textiles	98	104	118	122	98	0.0
Wearing apparel	102	99	103	98	91	-11.1
Petroleum products and nuclear fuel	162	146	154	170	138	-14.4
Chemicals and chemical products	111	125	126	126	118	6.5
Rubber and plastic products	122	149	160	147	138	13.0
Other non-metallic minerals	116	130	130	116	102	-12.2
Manufacture of basic metals	111	124	101	122	126	13.2
Manufacof fabricated metal prod(exc machin	nery) 119	134	139	144	128	7.2
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	111	135	139	147	129	15.8
Electrical machinery and apparatus	115	127	128	124	118	2.4
Communication and apparatus	151	154	184	310	204	35.3
Motor vehicles and trailers	161	178	151	176	170	5.1

Source: TURKSTAT.

16. Analyzing exports developments by country groups, it is observed that growth in exports to EU countries, which comprises the largest share in total exports, remained below the growth in total exports. Depending on this, the share of this item in total exports dropped by 1.3 points. Effective in this development, continuing from 2005 onwards, was the weak domestic demand tendency prevailing in EU countries throughout 2005, despite having partially recovered in the first quarter of 2006. Likewise, the share of exports to Middle Eastern countries also dropped. Exports to the said countries fell by 4.6 percent. Our attention is drawn to the decline in exports to these countries, the oil revenues of which have been rapidly on the rise. Meanwhile, exports to non-member European countries and East Asia rose by 20.3 percent and 20 percent, respectively, in the first quarter of 2006. Analyzing by country, the decline in exports to Germany and Holland, and the improvement in exports to Italy, the UK, the USA and Russia are noteworthy.

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Exports – Country Decomposition (million US dollar)

		January-March					
	200	5	2006		% Change	% Contrib.	\$ Contrib.
	Value St	nare (%)	Value Sh	nare (%)	70 Change	70 COTTINID.	ф Соппію.
Total	17241		17985		4.3		
EU countries	9547	55.4	9735	54.1	2.0	1.1	188
EU 15	8963	52.0	9079	50.5	1.3	0.7	116
EU 10	584	3.4	656	3.6	12.4	0.4	73
Other countries	6992	40.6	7647	42.5	9.4	3.8	655
Other European	1830	10.6	2202	12.2	20.3	2.2	372
East Asian	629	3.7	755	4.2	20.0	0.7	126
Other	4533	26.3	4690	26.1	3.5	0.9	158
Free Zones in Turkey	702	4.1	603	3.4	-14.1	-0.6	-99
Selected countries and cou	ntry groups						
OECD	10,935	63.4	11,393	63.3	4.2	2.7	457
Germany	2,341	13.6	2,169	12.1	-7.3	-1.0	-172
UK	1,333	7.7	1,474	8.2	10.6	0.8	141
USA	1,126	6.5	1,364	7.6	21.2	1.4	238
Italy	1,375	8.0	1,634	9.1	18.8	1.5	259
France	960	5.6	1,040	5.8	8.3	0.5	80
Spain	745	4.3	750	4.2	0.7	0.0	5
Netherlands	714	4.1	549	3.1	-23.0	-1.0	-164
Other OECD	2,341	13.6	2,412	13.4	3.0	0.4	71
Middle East countries	2,238	13.0	2,136	11.9	-4.6	-0.6	-102
Russian Fed.	504	2.9	606	3.4	20.1	0.6	101

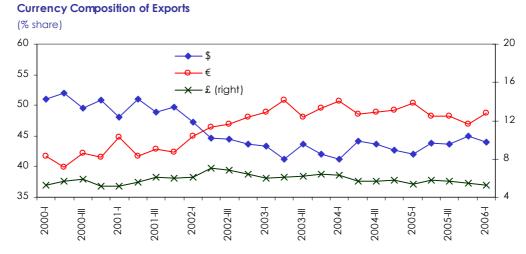
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17. In terms of the foreign exchange composition of exports, the share of the euro declined in 2005, while that of the US dollar increased. This situation was reversed in the first quarter of 2006, with the share of euro rising to 48.7 percent from its previous value of 46.9 percent and that of USD falling to 44 percent from its previous 44.9 percent. In case the upsurge in exports to non-member European countries continues, the share of the euro is believed to retain its higher level compared to that of the US dollar. No remarkable change

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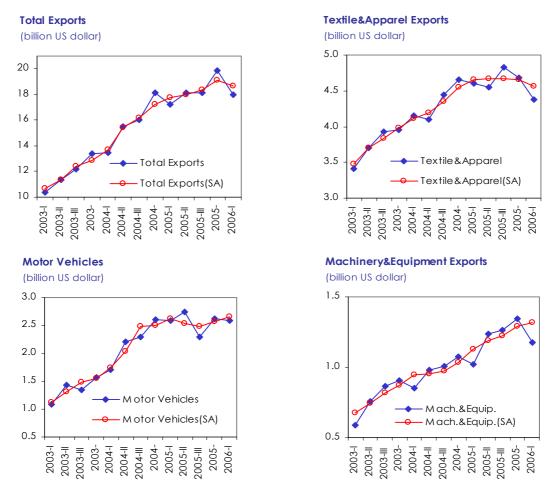
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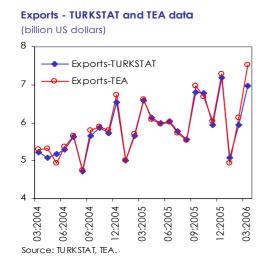


18. According to seasonally adjusted (SA) data, US dollar-denominated nominal exports decreased by 2.5 percent in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the previous quarter.

Seasonally adjusted nominal exports of the textile and clothing sector – one of the leading export sectors – followed course and fell by 2 percent over the previous period, while the seasonally adjusted nominal exports of motor vehicles and machinery-equipment rose by 3.4 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively.



19. Data announced by the Turkish Exporters Assembly (TEA) on exports in April and May 2006 show that exports increased by 5.96 and 22.17 in the said months, respectively. According to data by TEA, the growth in exports will be 9.95 percent for the January-May period of 2006.



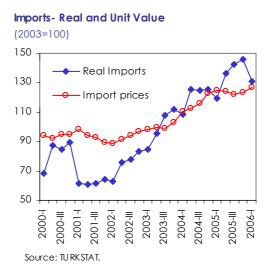


20. Indicators in the April Business Tendency Survey for exports in the upcoming period show that orders received from the exports market will drop in the next quarter, but growth in the volume of domestic market sales will continue.

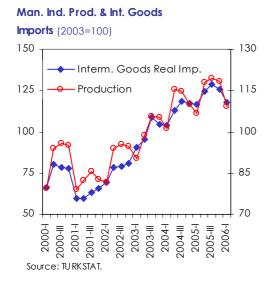
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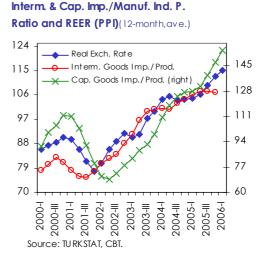
21. Imports, as announced by TURKSTAT (including freight and insurance cost), increased by 13.2 percent in the first quarter of 2006. With the addition of the "other goods" item related to freight and insurance revenues and financial leasing, the rate of growth for the total imports of goods amounts to 14.3 percent. In the January-March period of 2006, price movements continued to be effective in the nominal growth of imports, but became less significant. According to the foreign trade index data released by TURKSTAT, the imports unit value index rose by 7.1 percent on average in 2005; the said increase being a mere 2 percent in annual terms for the January-March period of 2006. According to the quantity index excluding price movements, the real increase in imports in the first quarter of the year was 10 percent.





22. Pursuing strong position of YTL together with the increase in industrial production was instrumental in the growth of imports of intermediate goods, which comprise 71 percent of total imports. The growth rate of intermediate goods imports dropped in the first quarter of 2006, as a result of the slowdown in industrial production. As a matter of fact, the annual growth rates of total industrial production and manufacturing industry production, which were realized as 5.5 percent and 4.9 percent in 2005 respectively, became 3.1 percent and 2.5 percent in the January-March period of 2006.

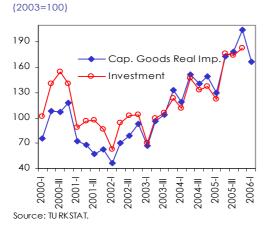




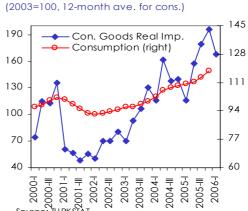
23. Although the growth rate of imports of intermediate goods declined, with the impact of the rise in price, this group of goods made the largest contribution to the increase in total imports in the January-March period. The capital goods imports, with their high-rated upsurge, left their mark on 2005 and also continued to increase at a rate higher than the

increase in imports of intermediate goods in the first quarter of 2006. This development shows that investment expenditures are upheld in the first quarter of the year, as well. However, the striking development in the first quarter of 2006 is that of consumer goods imports - recording an increase of 36.3 percent, which is above not only the intermediate, but also the capital goods imports.

Invest. Expend. & Cap. Goods Imp.



Consum. Exp. & Con. Goods Imp.

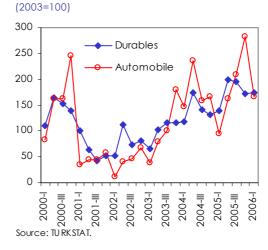


- 24. Analyzing quantity indices, imports of automobiles, which takes up an important share of the imports of consumer goods, dropped by 35.9 percent in the first quarter of 2005, whereas they surged by 76.9 percent in the first quarter of 2006. Meanwhile, imports quantity indices of durable and semi-durable consumer goods, which had increased by 17.0 and 12.9 percent, respectively, in the first quarter of 2005, rose by 25.7 percent and 36.5 percent in the first quarter of 2006.
- 25. Analyzing by consumption tendencies, consumer confidence indices compiled by the CBT and TURKSTAT (CBT/TURKSTAT indices), as well as that of CNBCe have followed a downward trend in the first three quarters of 2005. However, in the January-March period of 2006, the CBT/TURKSTAT indices point to a rising tendency in consumer confidence, while the indices prepared by CNBCe point to a downward tendency. In April 2006, both the CNBCe and the CBT/TURKSTAT consumer confidence indices are in an upward trend.

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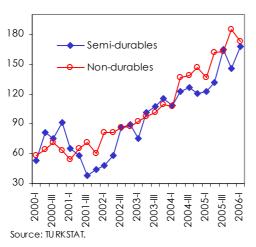
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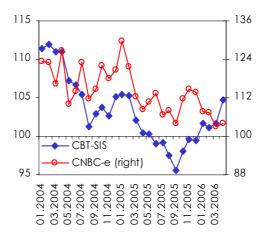


Semi and non-durables Imp.

(2003=100)



Confidence Index



Source: CBT, TU RKSTAT, NTV MSNBC.

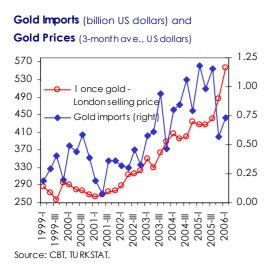
26. In the January-March period of 2006, the mining and quarrying sector, including crude oil, and motor vehicles-and-trailers with refined petroleum products, made the biggest contribution to the increase in imports. Imports of the basic metal industry, which had recorded a significant rise since the last quarter of 2004, increased by 22.4 percent in 2005, but declined by 11.5 percent in the first quarter of 2006. Domestic construction activities, which stagnated seasonally throughout the January-March period, are believed to be effective in the decline of basic metal industry imports. Besides, the 3.4 percent rise observed in imported metal prices contributed to the 14.9 percent decline in real imports of the sector.

Imports (million US dollars)

	January-March							
_	2005	2006	% Change %	% Contr.	\$ Contr.			
Total	25731	29123	13.2					
Capital Goods	4031	4766	18.2	2.9	735.0			
Intermediate Goods	18990	20653	8.8	6.5	1662.6			
Consumption Goods	2653	3617	36.3	3.7	963.3			
Other	56	87	55.3	0.1	31.0			
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):								
Mining and Quarrying	3316	4719	42.3	5.5	1403.2			
Crude oil	1590	1984	24.7	1.5	393.5			
Natural gas	1307	2206	68.8	3.5	899.5			
Textiles	914	913	-0.1	0.0	-1.1			
Paper and paper products	479	514	7.5	0.1	35.8			
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	957	1585	65.5	2.4	627.5			
Chemicals and chemical products	4212	4339	3.0	0.5	126.7			
Rubber and plastic products	474	541	14.1	0.3	67.0			
Manufacture of basic metals	3512	3109	-11.5	-1.6	-402.7			
Man. of fabricated metal prod(exc mach)	407	475	16.6	0.3	67.4			
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	2554	2826	10.6	1.1	271.3			
Electrical machinery and apparatus	895	1182	32.1	1.1	287.2			
Communication and apparatus	1098	1124	2.4	0.1	26.4			
Medical, precision and opt. instr., watches	551	640	16.2	0.3	89.1			
Motor vehicles and trailers	2347	2865	22.1	2.0	517.9			
Other transport	287	332	15.5	0.2	44.5			
Waste and scrap (Wholesale and retail)	947	775	-18.2	-0.7	-171.9			

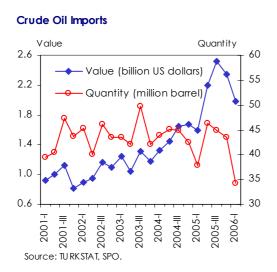
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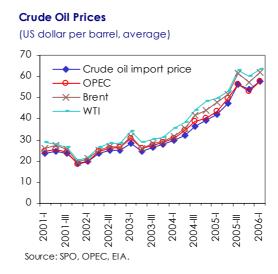
- 27. Imports of motor vehicles continued to be important within total imports. Compared to the first quarter of 2005, imports of motor vehicles increased by 22.1 percent in the first quarter of 2006. In the said period, automobile imports rose by 55.6 percent, whereas imports of transport vehicles' spare parts increased by 5.9 percent.
- 28. In the January-March period of 2006, the 65.5 percent increase in imports of refined petroleum products is remarkable. The said sector made a 2.4 point-contribution to the total import growth.
- 29. Gold imports, which had recorded high-rated growth since 2002, maintained their upward trend in the first nine months of 2005, however they rolled back in the last quarter of 2005 compared to the same period of the previous year. In the first quarter of 2006, imports of gold continued to decline. Hence, imports of gold, which increased by 11.1 percent throughout 2005, dropped by 38.1 percent in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, gold prices that displayed a rapid increase from the third quarter of 2005 onwards, rose by 30.2 percent in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same period of the previous year.





30. In the first quarter of 2006, higher international demand as a result of the high level of global growth and the uncertainties related to Iran and Nigeria caused crude oil prices, which had decreased at the end of 2005, to resume their ascent. In the first quarter of 2006, although the crude oil import quantity index declined by 9.6 percent compared to the same period of 2005, imports of crude oil increased by 24.7 percent in value, due to the fact that the crude oil import price per barrel rose by 39.1 percent.





31. In addition, severe winter conditions in the first quarter of the year pushed up the demand for natural gas. In this period, imports of natural gas increased by 68.8 percent. In the same period, prices of the mining and quarrying sector rose by 40.1 percent compared to the same period of the previous year. Hence, in the first quarter of 2006, the said sector made a contribution of 5.5 points (USD 1.4 billion) to the 13.2 percent-total growth in imports (USD 3.4 billion). 1.5 points (USD 0.4 billion) of this contribution came from crude oil, while 3.5 points (USD 0.9 billion) was derived from natural gas.

Imports-Unit Value Indices (2003=100)

		200	5		2006	
	I	П	Ш	IV	I	%
Total	124.6	123.9	122.4	123.3	127.1	2.0
Capital Goods	110.0	106.9	103.2	100.4	100.1	-9.0
Intermediate Goods	130.9	131.8	131.5	134.6	139.3	6.5
Consumption Goods	117.6	112.1	108.1	106.4	109.4	-6.9
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):						
Food products and beverages	105.3	107.9	102.7	98.1	103.2	-2.0
Textiles	114.7	118.2	110.2	110.5	112.0	-2.4
Paper and paper products	117.1	115.0	112.0	111.4	113.6	-3.0
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	153.2	166.2	185.3	198.9	197.7	29.1
Chemicals and chemical products	124.3	120.6	113.4	113.9	115.8	-6.8
Rubber and plastic products	122.2	117.4	116.4	115.3	117.0	-4.2
Manufacture of basic metals	148.4	147.4	134.6	137.7	153.6	3.5
Man. of fabricated metal prod(exc mach)	123.2	122.5	118.3	115.6	119.3	-3.2
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	110.1	108.6	105.2	102.1	100.1	-9.1
Electrical machinery and apparatus	99.5	95.5	94.3	94.3	96.8	-2.7
Communication and apparatus	112.3	104.0	94.9	94.9	94.1	-16.2
Medical, precision and opt. instr., watches	108.1	102.4	104.1	103.7	103.3	-4.4
Motor vehicles and trailers	112.8	107.2	104.5	103.7	106.5	-5.6
Waste and scrap (Wholesale and retail)	175.5	168.8	149.4	165.7	155.2	-11.5

Source: TURKSTAT.

- 32. In addition to the import prices of basic metals and crude oil, the import prices of refined petroleum products also increased. Especially the price increase in the refined petroleum products sector is remarkable. Meanwhile, import prices in sectors that have important shares in imports decreased in general, and those of chemical substances and products, radio, TV, communication equipment and apparatus, machinery-equipment, waste and scrap recorded high-rates of decrease.
- 33. When the import quantity indices of the sectors are analyzed as of the first quarter of 2006, the levels of imports are seen to have gone up, despite price decreases in the said sectors. The rates of growth in the import quantity indices were realized above 20 percent for electrical machinery, motor vehicles, refined petroleum products, radio, TV, communication equipment and apparatus, medical and optical devices, and machinery-equipment sectors. Meanwhile, the increase in import prices of the basic metal industry caused the quantity of imports of the sector to drop by 14.9 percentage points.
- 34. Compared to the first quarter of 2005, the total share of imports from the EU, which has increased at a level below the total growth in imports, decreased. On the other hand, non-member European countries and Asian and Middle Eastern countries made a significant contribution to the growth in imports. When analyzing on a country basis, the high-rated increases in imports from Russia and China attract particular attention. The increase in imports from these countries made a contribution of 3.8 points and 3.2 points to the total growth in imports, respectively. In addition to Russia and China, the large share of Germany continued, while imports from France, the UK and Spain recorded high-rated increases. However, the decline in imports especially from Switzerland, Ukraine and the USA is also noteworthy.

Imports-Quantity Indices (2003=100)

		200)5		2006	
_	ļ	Ш	Ш	IV	I	%
Total	119.1	136.3	142.5	145.6	131.1	10.0
Capital Goods	129.4	172.9	178.6	204.5	167.2	29.2
Intermediate Goods	116.7	124.5	128.9	126.0	118.0	1.2
Consumption Goods	115.5	157.1	179.0	196.1	168.0	45.5
Selected Items (ISIC Rev.3):						
Food products and beverages	109.2	123.4	135.6	129.8	115.7	6.0
Textiles	103.0	111.0	120.8	117.5	103.8	8.0
Paper and paper products	124.0	135.9	134.6	137.2	136.9	10.4
Coke, petroleum products and nuclear fuel	88.3	113.0	120.1	115.0	108.2	22.6
Chemicals and chemical products	120.6	134.7	137.7	132.7	131.6	9.1
Rubber and plastic products	108.2	133.6	132.0	132.3	128.4	18.6
Manufacture of basic metals	129.6	128.3	145.1	121.6	110.3	-14.9
Man. of fabricated metal prod(exc mach)	116.7	150.0	155.4	149.4	139.7	19.7
Manufacture of machinery and equipment	113.9	142.9	149.1	157.2	137.0	20.2
Electrical machinery and apparatus	176.8	211.5	213.1	260.2	239.1	35.3
Communication and apparatus	129.1	141.7	146.8	183.9	157.1	21.7
Medical, precision and opt. instr., watches	141.9	178.0	180.7	193.7	171.2	20.7
Motor vehicles and trailers	129.8	182.1	186.0	223.8	167.2	28.8
Waste and scrap (Wholesale and retail)	105.8	92.8	113.7	87.4	97.9	-7.5

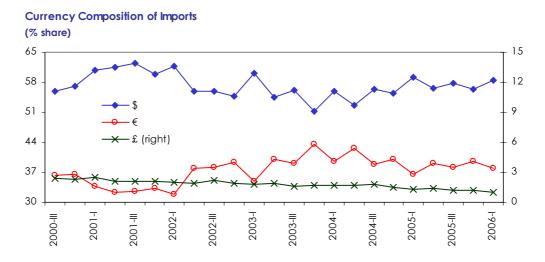
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Imports - Country Decomposition (million US dollars)

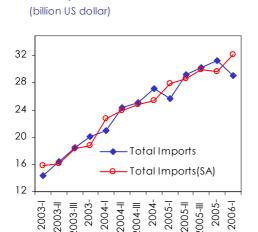
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	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	% Change	% Contrib.	\$ Contrib.
Total	25731		29123		13.2		
EU countries	10742	41.7	11847	40.7	10.3	4.3	1105
EU 15	9921	38.6	10916	37.5	10.0	3.9	995
EU 10	821	3.2	931	3.2	13.4	0.4	110
Other countries	14821	57.6	17113	58.8	15.5	8.9	2291
Other European	5693	22.1	6039	20.7	6.1	1.3	347
East Asian	4272	16.6	5520	19.0	29.2	4.8	1248
Other	4857	18.9	5553	19.1	14.3	2.7	697
Free Zones in Turkey	168	0.7	163	0.6	-2.6	0.0	-4
Selected countries and count	ry groups						
OECD	14,837	57.7	15,537	53.3	4.7	2.7	700
Germany	3,015	11.7	3,290	11.3	9.1	1.1	275
Italy	1,614	6.3	1,793	6.2	11.1	0.7	179
France	1,267	4.9	1,387	4.8	9.5	0.5	120
USA	1,257	4.9	1,230	4.2	-2.1	-0.1	-27
İngiltere	1,061	4.1	1,188	4.1	12.0	0.5	127
Switzerland	1,234	4.8	734	2.5	-40.6	-1.9	-501
Spain	677	2.6	817	2.8	20.7	0.5	140
Japan	635	2.5	678	2.3	6.7	0.2	43
Korea	765	3.0	788	2.7	3.1	0.1	24
Other OECD	3,312	12.9	3,632	12.5	9.6	1.2	319
Middle East countries	1,613	6.3	1,907	6.5	18.2	1.1	294
Russian Fed.	2,656	10.3	3,631	12.5	36.7	3.8	975
China	1,280	5.0	2,105	7.2	64.5	3.2	825
Ukraine	799	3.1	645	2.2	-19.2	-0.6	-153

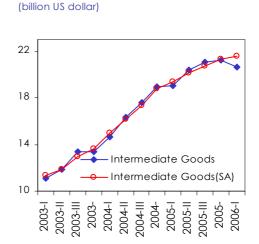
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35. The share of US dollar imports, which dropped in the 2002-2003 period, resumed an upward trend as of 2004, whereas the share of euro imports has been in decline. Accordingly, the share of US dollar imports in the total, which was 55.0 percent in 2004, rose to 57.5 percent in 2005 and was realized as 58.4 percent in the first quarter of 2006. The share of euro imports in total, which was 40.3 percent in 2004 dropped to 38.4 percent in 2005 and became 37.9 percent in the first quarter of 2006. Meanwhile, the share of Sterling in total imports continues to decline steadily. The share of sterling imports that stood at 1.7 percent in 2004 dropped to 1 percent in the first quarter of 2006.



36. According to the seasonally adjusted data, nominal imports in terms of USD increased by 8.0 percent in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the previous quarter. When analyzed in terms of sub-items, the said increase is seen to have realized as 1.3 percent in intermediate goods imports, 10.4 percent in capital goods imports and 8.6 percent in consumer goods imports.



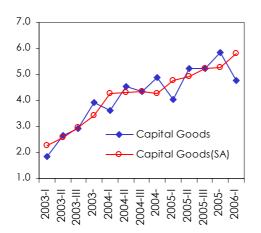


Intermediate Goods Imports

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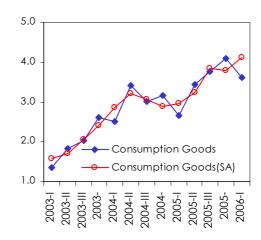
Capital Goods Imports

(billion US dollar)

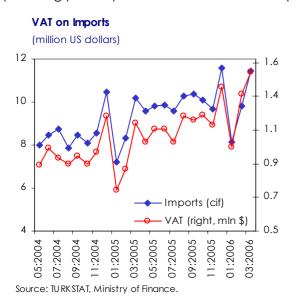


Consumption Goods Imports

(billion US dollar)

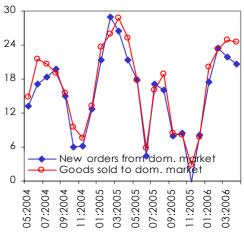


- 37. The VAT on imports has been rising rapidly since the beginning of 2006 and the VAT rates on imports that declined during the last months of 2005 are seen to have been offset.
- 38. In the Business Tendency Survey for April, the indicators related to imports in the upcoming period point to a decline in the import tendency.



Import Expectations

Next 3 months (optimists-pessimists)



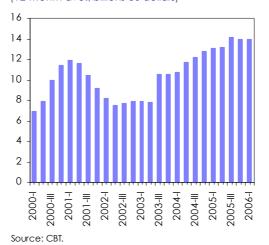
Source: CBT Business Tendency Survey.

Services Balance

- 39. Due to the slowdown observed in the growth of tourism revenues, the services balance in the first quarter of 2006 was realized close to the level recorded in the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, revenues from the construction services and transportation costs decreased during this period.
- 40. According to the data released by TURKSTAT, tourism revenues increased by 0.4 percent in Q1-2006. During this period, despite the 4.2 percent decline in the number of foreign visitors departing from Turkey, average spending per tourist increased by 4.8 percent and curbed the negative impact of the decline in the number of tourists. Meanwhile, tourism expenditures decreased by 16.3 percent in the same period, which resulted in a 9 percentrise in net tourism revenues.

Services

(12-month ave., billions US dollars)



Services Balance (million US dollars)

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Source: CBT.

Tourism Statistics

	2005				
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Tourism Revenues (million US dollars)	1995	3760	8817	3580	2002
Departing foreigner visitors (x1000)	2376	5340	8452	4355	2138
Departing citizen visitors (x1000)	480	546	1826	750	597
Tourism Expenditures (million US dollars)	-678	-678	-763	-751	-568
Arriving citizen visitors (x1000)	889	1159	1045	1137	905

Source: TURKSTAT, CBT.

41. The April 2006 data released by TURKSTAT show that there has been no significant change – compared to the same month of the previous year – in the number of foreign visitors departing from Turkey upon which the calculation of tourism revenues is based on.

<u>Investment Revenues Account</u>

- 42. The investment revenues account yielded a deficit of USD 1.4 billion in the first quarter of the year. The determinant of this deficit was interest expenditures. Although the interest expenditures of banks and the private sector increased compared to the same period of the previous year, those of the Central Bank and the General Government decreased. Consequently, there has been no significant change in the investment revenues deficit compared to the same period of last year.
- 43. Portfolio revenues rose by 11.5 percent and portfolio expenditures increased by 3 percent in Q1-2006; thus, the portfolio revenues deficit narrowed during this period. This trend is expected to continue with growing revenues from Eurobonds throughout 2006.

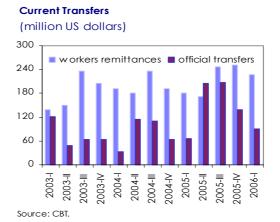
Investment Revenues Account (million US dollars)

		2006			
	1	Ш	III	IV	1
Income (net)	-1402	-1643	-1345	-1354	-1388
Total income	1084	742	1046	812	1263
Total Expenses	-2486	-2385	-2391	-2166	-2651
Direct investment	-101	-456	-123	-139	-144
Credit	83	123	43	28	59
Debit	-184	-579	-166	-167	-203
Portfolio investment	-405	-143	-198	-178	-347
Credit	814	436	687	465	908
Debit	-1219	-579	-885	-643	-1255
Other investment	-896	-1044	-1024	-1037	-897
Interest income	187	183	316	319	296
interest expenses	-1083	-1227	-1340	-1356	-1193
Long-term	-974	-1099	-1174	-1206	-1052
Monetary A.	-262	-201	-394	-192	-186
Gen. Gov.	-372	-510	-374	-509	-359
Banks	-42	-40	-77	-98	-109
Other sector	-298	-348	-329	-407	-398
Short-term	-109	-128	-166	-150	-141

Source: CBT.

Current Transfers

44. The current transfers item composed of workers' remittances and official transfers increased by 29.1 percent in Q1-2006 and yielded a surplus of USD 319 million.



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III. CAPITAL MOVEMENTS

- 45. The external financing requirement, which is defined as the sum of the current account item and net errors and omissions, became USD 7.6 billion in Q1-2006. Despite the fact that the net errors and omissions item was realized as a credit item of USD 1 billion, the widening of the current account deficit compared to the same period of last year has raised the financing requirement. When the financing structure is analyzed, it is observed that there has been a significant rise in long-term credits utilized by other sectors. In addition to long-term credits, the financing requirement was met by portfolio investments and direct investments.
- 46. Accordingly, Central Bank reserves increased by USD 7.1 billion in the first quarter and reached USD 60.5 billion by the end of March. Meanwhile, the FX assets of banks dropped by USD 1.1 billion in the first quarter of the year.

External Financing Requirements and Sources (billion US dollar)

i os dollarj	2004	2005			2006		
			ı	200 II	III	IV	1
1. Current Account	-15.6	-23.1	-6.2	-7.0	-2.7	-7.2	-8.6
2. Net Errors and Omissions	2.3	2.4	0.5	2.8	-0.6	-0.3	1.0
I. Total Financing Requirement (=1+2)	-13.3	-20.6	-5.7	-4.2	-3.3	-7.6	-7.6
II. Total Financing (=1+2+3)	13.3	20.6	5.7	4.2	3.3	7.6	7.6
1. Capital Flows (net)	23.6	44.2	6.4	12.0	10.9	15.0	15.4
Direct Investment (net)	2.0	8.6	0.6	0.1	2.3	5.6	1.2
Portfolio Investment (net)	8.0	13.4	3.8	3.1	2.1	4.5	3.6
General Gov. Eurobond Issues	2.0	3.4	1.8	0.2	0.3	1.2	2.3
Nonresidents' Security Buyings in Turkey	7.5	11.6	3.5	2.8	2.1	3.2	1.6
Residents' Security Buyings Abroad	-1.4	-1.2	-1.1	0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.3
Credit Drawing (excl. IMF loan, net)	13.8	20.7	1.5	7.7	5.3	6.3	11.1
General Government	-1.2	-2.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2
Banks	5.7	9.1	8.0	4.1	2.0	2.3	2.1
Long-term	2.4	6.4	-0.1	4.0	1.1	1.5	1.0
Short-term	3.3	2.7	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.1
Other Sector	9.3	13.8	1.1	4.2	3.7	4.8	9.2
Long-term	4.7	9.9	0.6	2.5	2.2	4.6	8.8
Short-term	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.8	-0.7	-0.1
Trade Credits	4.2	3.6	0.7	1.3	0.7	8.0	0.5
Deposits	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.7	1.0	-1.1	-0.3
in Central Bank	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
in banks	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.9	1.3	-0.9	-0.1
Other	-0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
2. IMF Loans	-3.5	-5.4	-1.0	-1.5	-2.3	-0.6	-1.8
Central Bank	-4.4	-2.9	-1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.3	0.0
General Government	0.9	-2.5	0.0	-0.6	-1.7	-0.3	-1.8
3. Change in Reserves (- increase)	-6.8	-18.2	0.3	-6.3	-5.4	-6.8	-6.0
Banks' FX assets	-6.0	-0.4	3.6	-2.9	-3.5	2.4	1.1
Official Reserves	-0.8	-17.8	-3.3	-3.4	-1.9	-9.3	-7.1

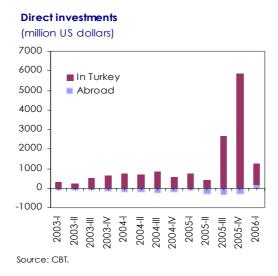
Source: CBT.

Direct Investments

47. Net direct investments increased substantially in 2005 and reached 2.4 percent of the GNP. The historic highs observed in direct investments stemmed mainly from privatization and mergers. In the first quarter of 2006, the amount of net direct investment inflow to Turkey became USD 1.2 billion. The inflow in question can be mainly attributed to non-residents' real

estate purchases in Turkey. Provided that mergers, the privatization program and payments continue, direct investments are expected to increase substantially throughout 2006 and reach a record level.

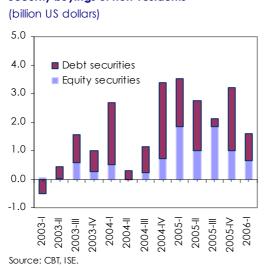
- 48. Non-residents purchased real estate in Turkey to the value of USD 0.8 billion and made USD 0.3 billion-worth of direct capital investment in Q1-2006, and 57.6 percent of the direct capital investment of the said period went to the services sector.
- 49. In the first quarter of 2006, residents liquidated net USD 0.2 billion of net direct investments abroad, which represented the same amount of direct investment inflow to Turkey.



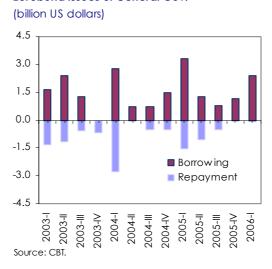
Portfolio Investments

50. Non-residents continued to purchase equities and government securities in the ISE in the first two months of the year. However, the ECB's and FED's decisions to raise interest rates in March and expectations for further increments in interest rates led to exits from emerging markets. Parallel to this development, non-residents sold USD 23 million-worth of equities and USD 130 million-worth of government papers in March. Thus, non-residents purchased USD 0.6 billion net-worth of equities and USD 0.9 billion net-worth of government papers in the first quarter. Meanwhile, the Treasury borrowed USD 2.4 billion via bond issues and paid back USD 0.1 billion in the same period. Consequently, capital inflows through portfolio investments became net USD 3.6 billion in Q1.

Security buyings of non-residents

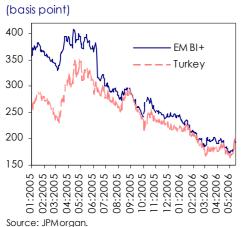


Eurobond issues of General Gov.



- 51. In January 2006, the Treasury issued USD 1.5 billion-worth of bonds with a maturity of 30 years. In February, the Treasury made a second issue with a maturity of 10 years, amounting to Euro 750 million. Favorable developments in the Turkish economy in recent years were reflected in the costs of bond issues. As a matter of fact, the bond issue in January is that with the longest maturity among the bonds currently available, as well as possessing the lowest coupon rate among the USD-denominated bonds. Moreover, the coupon rate and rate of return of the issue in February were realized as having the lowest rates among Euro-denominated bonds with matching maturities.
- 52. In the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on 27 April 2006, under the assumption that oil prices remain the same and the economy is not exposed to a large-scale exogenous shock in the upcoming period, it was foreseen that inflation would assume a downward tendency in the medium term. Accordingly, the MPC decided to cut the CBT short-term interest rate applicable to the Interbank Money Market and the ISE Repo/Reverse Repo Market by 0.25 point each. Thus, as of 27 April 2006, overnight borrowing and lending interest rates came down to 13.25 percent and 16.25 percent, respectively.
- 53. The Federal Reserve continued to raise indicative interest rates in 2006 as well. The FED raised interest rates three times consecutively on 31 January, 28 March and 10 May 2006, each time by 25 basis points and interest rates became 5.0 percent. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) raised lending interest rates to 2.5 percent with increases of 0.25 point on 6 December 2005 and 8 March 2006. The Bank of England cut lending interest rates by 0.25 point on 4 August 2005 and has since made no further changes in interest rates. In the meantime, the Bank of Japan, which was foreseen to raise interest rates in the upcoming period, decided not to change overnight interest rates at its Monetary Policy Committee meeting held in May, and kept them at 0 percent.
- 54. Comparative analysis of developing countries demonstrates that despite yield spreads narrowed and interest rates fell throughout 2005, portfolio investments continued to be in the form of inflows. This shows that, besides interest rate differentials, sustained economic stability as a result of structural reforms and positive expectations about the future have an important impact on the investments in question. As for the first quarter of 2006, the narrowing of yield spreads continued, albeit at a lower pace. In recent periods, the change observed in international liquidity conditions and uncertainties about tax rates applicable to securities in Turkey had an adverse effect on portfolio investments.

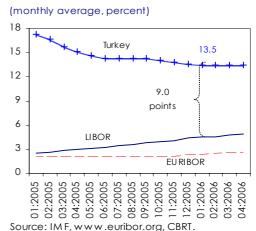
Secondary Market Spreads



LIBOR: Interest rate for 1-month US dollar deposit EURIBOR: Interest rate for 1-month Euro deposit

Turkey: Overnight interest rate in the Interbank Money Market

Interest rates



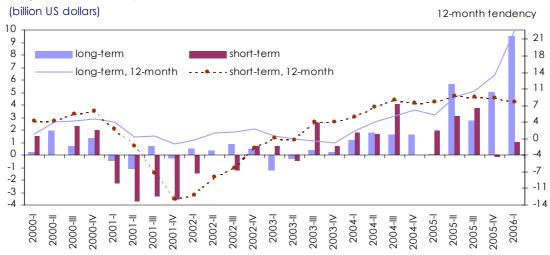
Spread: Difference between government paper yields of countries and US Treasury bond yields.

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Other Investments

- 55. There has been capital inflow of net USD 9.9 billion in the January-March period of 2006, registered under the other investments item. The main source of this inflow was the net USD 9.8 billion worth of long-term foreign credits obtained by the private sector and the banks in Turkey. In this period, short-term credits used by the private sector and the banks amounted to net USD 1 billion. Again in this period, net USD 0.5 billion worth of short-term commercial credits, originating from forward imports, were utilized.
- 56. Long-term credits, the share of which increased significantly in the overall financing in 2005, continued to increase in the first quarter of 2006. Foreign credits obtained by the private sector for privatization payments became the determinant of long-term credit utilization in the said period. The banking sector used net USD 1 billion-worth of long-term credits and net USD 1.1 billion-worth of short-term credits during this period. The private sector was a net payer of short-term credits in the first quarter of the year.





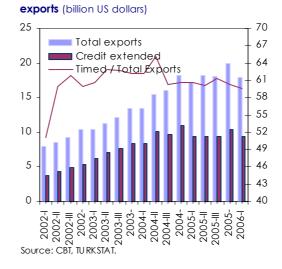
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Note: Excluding direct and portfolio investment, IMF loans and banks' FX assets

Trade credit drawings and imports



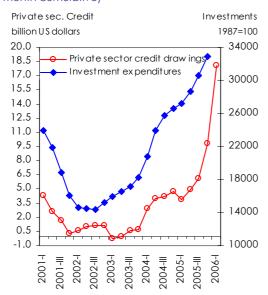
Trade credits extended abroad &

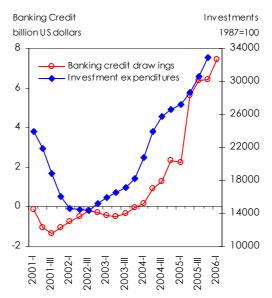


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- 57. In line with the continued increase in imports in the first quarter of the year, forward imports and commercial credit utilization increased by 41.9 percent and 29.1 percent, respectively, compared to the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, due to the slowdown in exports, there has been a decline in the commercial credits extended abroad.
- 58. Parallel to the 7.4 percent growth in the GDP and the 23.6 percent increase in private sector investment expenditures in 2005, long-term credit utilization also displayed a substantial increase. The continued rise in long-term credit utilization in the first quarter of 2006 confirms that the upward trend in investment expenditures continued in the same period.

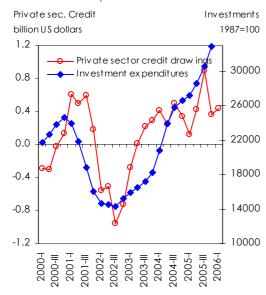
Long term net credit use and private sector investment expenditures (12-month cumulative)

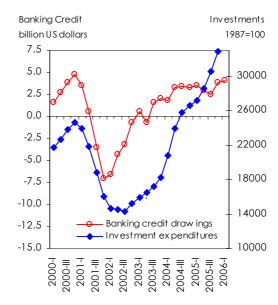




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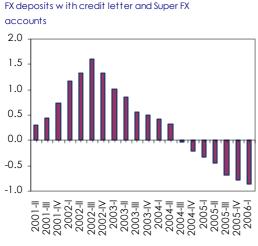


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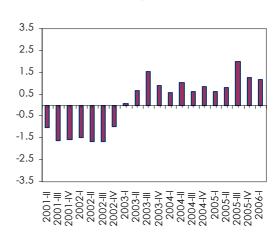
59. As of end-2005, the Central Bank repaid all IMF credits that were extended in 2001 and before. Meanwhile, the Treasury continued to repay IMF credits and repaid IMF credits totaling USD 1.8 billion in the first quarter of the year 2006.

- 60. Since April 2003, there has been an outflow from long-term FX deposit accounts with credit letters and super FX accounts opened at the Central Bank by Turkish workers abroad. Outflows from short-term accounts, which started in the second quarter of 2004, also continue. Accordingly, said deposits within the Central Bank dropped by net USD 184 million in the first quarter of 2006. The outflows are attributed to the gradual interest rate cuts in both FX deposit accounts with credit letters and super FX accounts. Hence, while interest rates of the euro-denominated super FX accounts with 1, 2 and 3-year maturities were 8, 9 and 10 percent, respectively, the said rates were reduced to 2.25, 3.25 and 3.75 percent, respectively, as of 6 March 2006.
- 61. FX deposits of non-residents in domestic banks, which increased by USD 1.3 billion in 2005, dropped by USD 98 million in the first quarter of 2006.

Deposit belonging to non-residents (12-month, million US dollar)



Non-residents' short-term deposits in banks



- Source: CBT, TURKSTAT.
- 62. As of end-2005, total external debt stock became USD 170.1 billion. While the medium and long-term external debt decreased by 1 percent compared to end-2004, short-term debt rose by 1.2 percent. The increase in short-term debt stock stemmed from the rise in commercial credits utilized by the private sector, short-term credits utilized by the banks and the increase in deposits of foreign banks.
- 63. The improvement in external debt indicators continued in 2005, as well. Despite the current account deficit, which was USD 23.1 billion in 2005, the ratio of external debt stock to GDP decreased to 47.1 percent as of year-end. However, the ratio of external debt stock to exports declined in 2005.

External debt ratios (Percentage)

		200)4	2005					
_	I	II	Ш	1	II III		IV		
External Debt Stock / GDP	55.1	53.4	53.2	54.0	51.7	50.0	48.2	47.1	
External Debt Stock / Exports*	287.8	270.1	260.5	256.8	240.4	234.5	232.8	231.7	
Debt Service / GDP	11.4	10.7	10.5	10.1	9.7	10.2	10.1	10.1	
Memo:									
External Debt Stock (billion \$)	145.0	147.5	152.2	162.2	160.9	163.0	166.8	170.1	
GDP (billion \$)	263.1	276.3	285.7	300.6	311.2	326.2	346.3	361.5	

^{*} Excluding shuttle trade and other goods.

Source: TURKSTAT, Undersecretariat of Treasury.

VI. APPENDIX

CURRENT ACCOUNT (USD million)

Current Account

	Current Account											
	Net		Foreig	ın Trade		Serv	vices	Inco	ome	Tran	sfers	
		Net	Exports (FOB)	Shuttle Trade	Imports (CIF)	Net	Travel Revenues	Net	Interest Expenditu	Net	Workers Remittan	
					(annual)			re		290	
2000	-9821	-21959	27775	2946	-54503	11366	7636	-4002	-4825	4774	4560	
2001	3392	-3733	31334	3039	-41399	9132	8090	-5000	-5497	2993	2786	
2002	-1524	-7283	36059	4065	-51554	7879	8479	-4556	-4416	2436	1936	
2003*	-8036	-14010	47253	3953	-69340	10504	13203	-5557	-4579	1027	729	
2004	-15604	-23878	63167	3880	-97540	12784	15888	-5637	-4343	1127	804	
2005	-23091	-32779	73390	3473	-116537 (c	13964 Juarterly)	18152	-5744	-5006	1468	851	
2005 I	-6195	-6235	17241	713	-25732	1195	1995	-1402	-1083	247	181	
II	-6959	-8448	18139	942	-29274	2755	3760	-1643	-1227	377	171	
III	-2690	-9481	18130	813	-30227	7682	8817	-1345	-1340	454	247	
IV	-7247	-8615	19880	1005	-31304	2332	3580	-1354	-1356	390	252	
2006 I	-8622	-8704	17985	951	-29123	1151	2002	-1388	-1193	319	228	
						monthly)						
2005 Apr	-2539	-2561	6128	329	-9595	547		-602		77	59	
May	-2311	-2944	5977	308	-9812	1037		-611	-557	207	58	
Jun	-2109	-2943	6034	305	-9867	1171	1500	-430		93	54	
Jul	-1126	-3058	5764	204	-9596	2143		-380		169	78	
Aug	-1202	-3793	5552	307	-10270	3033		-594		152	85	
Sep	-362	-2630	6814	302	-10361	2506		-371	-388	133	84	
Oct	-881	-2340	6771	366	-10068	1649	1899	-328	-410	138	93	
Nov	-2615	-2832	5935	328	-9646	630		-510	-525	97	74	
Dec	-3751	-3443	7174	311	-11590	53	737	-516	-421	155	85	
2006 Jan	-2266	-2442	5077	238	-8138	378	722	-322	-315	120	77	
Feb	-3298	-3018	5933	328	-9796	258	549	-629	-502	91	68	
Mar	-3058	-3244	6975	385	-11189 (1:	515 2-month)	731	-437	-376	108	83	
2005 Apr	-17224	-25700	67960	3687	-104014	13018	16257	-5690	-4543	1148	788	
May	-18196	-26784	68767	3626	-105835	13044	16492	-5734	-4653	1278	782	
Jun	-18822	-27496	69517	3615	-107234	13208	16660	-5763	-4722	1229	782	
Jul	-19192	-28374	69649	3572	-108102	13601	17107	-5690	-4761	1271	790	
Aug	-20414	-29911	70494	3510	-110489	13877	17536	-5696		1316	792	
Sep	-20865	-30575	71652	3455	-112363	14150	17815	-5775	-4892	1335	792	
Oct	-21565	-31533	72556	3461	-114343	14324	17985	-5760	-4993	1404	827	
Nov	-22250	-32349	72757	3478	-115421	14377	18073	-5693	-4965	1415	830	
Dec	-23091	-32779	73390	3473	-116537	13964	18152	-5744	-5006	1468	851	
2006 Jan	-23892	-33642	73470	3505	-117462	13889	18184	-5638	-5044	1499	868	
Feb	-24924	-34725	73751	3597	-118935	13947	18185	-5666	-5050	1520	878	
Mar	-25518	-35248	74134	3711	-119928	13920	18159	-5730	-5116	1540	898	

Source: CBT.

^{*} Due to the change in definition, 2003 travel revenues revised upward, while workers' remittances revised downward. Since this change is not applied to previous years, travel revenues and workers remnitances should not be compared.

CAPITAL and FINANCIAL ACCOUNT (USD million)

Capital and Financial Account

-	Net							-	Financial A	Account								
		Net	Foreign		Portfolio In	Investment Other Investment												
			Direct	Net	Assets	Liabi		Net	Currency				Liabil					
			Investment			Equity Securities	Debt Securities		and Deposits	Net	Trade Credits	14	Cred		OH	Depo	Banks	
						3econnes	3econnes				Credits	Monetary Authority	General Gov.	Banks	Other Sectors	Monetary Authority	Banks	
	10501	10501	110	1000	500	400	1107	11001	(annual)	10740	005			1070				
2000	12581	12581	112	1022	-593	489	1126	11801	-1690	13740	805	3348	117	4378	5025	622	-642	
2001	-1633	-1633	2855	-4515	-788	-79	-3648	-2667	927	-2066	-1930	10229	-1977	-8076	438	736	-1568	
2002	1406	1406	962	-593	-2096	-16	1519	7190	594	7967	2483	-6138	11834	-1028	371	1336	-988	
2003	3095	3095	1253	2465	-1386	905	2946	3424	724	4410	2181	-1479	-765	1975	1022	497	871	
2004	13336	13336	1978	8023	-1388	1427	7984	4159	-5965	11114	4201	-4414	-267	5708	5081	-209	856	
2005	20645	20645	8638	13437	-1233	5669	9001	16417	-397	16174	3549	-2881	-4637	9116	10225	-787	1276	
2005 I	5671	5671	610	3796	-1138	1851	3083	4540	(quarterly) _ 3572	383	650	-1008	-381	754	458	-113	11	
II	4155	4155	127	3062	90	991	1981	4345	-2949	6962	1347	-945	-1189	4055	2893	-191	870	
 III	3263	3263	2341	2062	-335	1828	569	767	-3460	4261	729	-603	-1983	1978	2940	-269	1310	
IV	7556	7556	5560	4517	150	999	3368	6765	2440	4568	823	-325	-1084	2329	3934	-214	-915	
2006 I	7627	7627	1236	3578	-307	641	3244	9921	1149	9049	459	0	-1993	2074	8783	-184	-98	
2000 1	7027	7027	1250	3370	-307	041	5244	//21		7047	437	0	-1773	2074	0700	-104	-70	
2005 4	2457	2457	72	-125	-256	311	-180	1744	(monthly) _ -696	2356	792	-159	-329	572	839	-53	676	
2005 Apr			-40	978	-236 428	96	-160 454	-322	-076 -1741	1248	792 408	-139 -450	-329 -722	559	925	-53 -83	558	
May	1366 332	1366 332	- 4 0 95	2209	-82	584	1707	2923	-512	3358	147	-336	-138	2924	1129	-os -55	-364	
Jun	1313	1313	1103	1025	-o2 -715	571	1169	2923	-312	2285	108	-153	-136	292 4 879	1469	-30	205	
Jul	602	602	489	-619	-/13	501	-1089	-1523	-2291	514	352	-114	-1388		785	-118	789	
Aug														150				
Sep	1348	1348	749	1656	411	756	489	87	-852	1462	269	-336 0	-347	949 -799	686	-121	316	
Oct	891	891	273	-244	-162	-174	92	3847	4836	-703	519		-621		181	-73	69	
Nov	1087	1087	3118	2471	326	977	1168	-698	-1312	88	-145	0	-1712	1743	1588	-63	-1322	
Dec	5578	5578	2169	2290	-14	196	2108	3616	-1084	5183	449	-325	1249	1385	2165	-78	338	
2006 Jan	2158	2158	681	2069	-151	465	1755	1356	-2272	3058	-462	0	-305	-234	4763	-50	-654	
Feb	3384	3384	244	1211	284	199	728	5940	1854	4078	305	0	-1407	1291	3079	-55	864	
Mar	2085	2085	311	298	-440	-23	761	2625	1567 (on iki aylık)	1913	616	0	-281	1017	941	-79	-308	
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May	14293	14293	1886	9802	-2823	3338	9287	5108	-5425	10194	4301	-4294	-1581	5999	4573	-408	1386	
Jun	14506	14506	1680	10875	-2760	3791	9844	8582	-5191	13040	4080	-4173	-1395	8606	5351	-444	779	
Jul	14055	14055	2469	11959	-3295	4272	10982	10583	-3997	13826	3494	-4170	-2120	9149	6338	-510	1386	
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Nov	17172	17172		13224	-1275	5947	8552	12934	578	11700	3855	-3035	-6111	8065	8426	-726	914	
Dec	20645	20645	8638	13437	-1233	5669	9001	16417	-397	16174	3549	-2881	-4637	9116	10225	-787	1276	
2006 Jan	20388	20388	9177	12438	-528	5281	7685	16478	-3535	19554	3307	-2719	-4809	8494	15097	-800	673	
Feb	22021	22021	9095	12170	-290	4954	7506	23057	-2073	24897	3842	-2222	-6084	10327	17898	-826	1652	
Mar	22601	22601	9264	13219	-402	4459	9162	21798	-2820	24840	3358	-1873	-6249	10436	18550	-858	1167	
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