

Swedish Banks and Credit Institutions since 1870

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Introduction

This chapter contains data on, and describes the evolution of, Swedish bank and credit institutions since 1870. Though banks may have had different characteristics in different countries during different periods of time, they have some features in common regardless of time and space. Banks play a critical role in the economic development of a country due to their role as intermediaries of funds as well as their function as payment system providers (Kock 1930, p. 34; Nygren 1985, p. 12). Without banks it is hard for entrepreneurs, governments and home owners to get access to external funding, and harder for investors to match return and risk preferences. During the heavy industrialization of the late 19th century in Sweden, funding via banks was of fundamental importance for everything from the development of saw mills and the expansion of railway networks to housing construction during urbanization and growth of Stockholm and other large cities. Banks also played a central role for the rapid growth of the chemical and electrical industries from the 1890s up until World War One and were often direct or indirect owners of the companies they provided finance for.

While Swedish banks have developed side-by-side with industry during periods of growth and expansion, they have also played a lead role in the governance and restructuring of Swedish enterprise during periods of less new corporate establishment. Particularly, the deep deflation crisis during the 1920s forced banks to become the main owners of much of Swedish industry. This bank-based ownership structure of Swedish enterprise largely continued after the 1920s crisis. The large banks, such as *Stockholms Enskilda Bank*, *Handelsbanken* and *Skandinaviska Banken*, acted as house banks for companies belonging to their own power spheres as well as for industrial dynasties and other companies not directly controlled by the banks. Besides commercial banks, *sparbanker* have also been an important force on the Swedish credit market since the 19th century. During the 20th century they increasingly competed with commercial banks, as did agricultural cooperative banks (*jord-*

brukskasor/föreningsbanker), and legislation was successively altered to level the playing field.

In addition to banks, there have been other important credit providers during the modern economic history of Sweden as well, particularly mortgage institutions for farming and housing. For instance, during the 19th Century, *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* played a key role in investment in agriculture, while *Stadshypotekskasan* from 1909 and bank-owned housing mortgage institutes like *Spintab*, *Sigab* and *Svensk fastighetskredit* from the 1950s, were important for funding in the housing market during the 20th century. There were also mortgage institutions for municipalities, shipping and other industries. Additionally, insurance companies extended considerable amounts of credit up to at least the early 1990s, while so called *finansbolag*, a diverse group of credit companies within corporate and consumer finance, grew in importance during the 1970s and 1980s.

Though banks and other credit institutions without doubt have been crucial for long-run economic development of Sweden, they have also been involved in credit expansion during asset market bubbles which after bursting have contributed to deep economic recessions. Credit provided by banks and other creditors to the general public has been identified as a significant factor during such crises (Jordà et al. 2013). This is also valid in the case of Sweden (Ahnland 2015). In line with the recommendations of The European Systemic Risk Board, ESRB, the Riksbank has emphasized the need to address the problem of rising household debt. However, a historical perspective shows that not only household debt, but also corporate debt, may pose a macroeconomic problem. For instance, financial turmoil tied to industrial companies in the 1920s and real estate companies in the 1990s caused credit losses among Swedish banks during these decades. Drawing from the history of Swedish banking since the 1870s, a tentative conclusion may be that banks have been a force of both creation and destruction during the period of investigation – or perhaps a force of “creative destruction”, echoing the famous wording of Joseph Schumpeter (1994[1942], pp. 82–83).

This chapter presents annual data on commercial banks (*enskilda banker* and *aktiebanker*), *sparbanker*, *folkbanker*, *jordbrukskasor/föreningsbanker*, as well as insurance companies, credit companies, mortgage institutions and *finansbolag* in Sweden. Additionally, the chapter contains monthly data on commercial bank credit to and deposits from the general non-bank public in total (Swedish and foreign) currency values (Ahnland [Forthcoming]). Monthly data is not available for any other bank type or credit institute for the period as a whole. The dataset presented in this chapter also contains annual data on return-on-equity (ROE), credit losses, capital-asset ratios, market concentration and other key figures and financial ratios for commercial banks during the period of investigation. Reclassification of banks and changes in the reporting of types of credit by Statistics Sweden and other sources have complicated the reconstruction of the data and necessitated adjustments of the time series. Furthermore, some missing observations have been estimated due to lack of

data. Overall, however, missing data have been a minor problem, especially for commercial banks, the largest creditor group in the material.

Earlier studies of Swedish banks and credit institutions

Earlier studies of Swedish banking since 1870 includesd Brisman (1934) and Nilsson (1988), both providing accounts of the development of the Swedish banking system during the second half of the 19th century, Kock (1930), Olson (1939) and Sjögren (1989) on Swedish banking in the interwar years. Hortlund (2005) explores a number of aspects of Swedish banking in the 1870–2001 period, such as the long-run relationship between capital and earnings in banking and the impact of inflation and taxation on bank leverage. Larsson and Sjögren (1995) investigates the transformation of the Swedish banking market between 1969 and 1994.

Some literature studies banking as part of a particular branch of finance. In this category we find Gårdlund (1947), a study of Swedish 19th century industrial finance until World War One, and Cramér and Fredricsson (1942), an investigation of real estate finance up to 1941. There are also studies of varying scope of the Swedish capital market in general, such as Thunholm (1966), an account of the prevailing state in the mid-1960s, Hagström (1968), where the Swedish credit market in 1919 to 1964 is explored empirically, and Nygren (1985) a very long-run account of the Swedish credit market from the 17th century up to 1985. Ögren (2003) contains empirical studies of the Swedish credit market in the 19th century and up to 1913, including thorough accounts of Swedish banking regarding, for instance, credit losses. A recent addition is also Ögren (Ed.) (2010), a comprehensive study of the radical modernization of the Swedish financial system in the late 19th century. The Swedish financial system in the late 20th century, 1945 to 1990, is well covered in Werin (1993), with an emphasis on the policy of the Riksbank. The disposition is thematic rather than chronological, with chapters on both segments and functions of the credit market as well as chapters on policy areas. Another angle on banking history is that of financial crises, in which banks generally tend to play an important role. Boksjö and Lönnborg-Andersson (1994) is such a study, discussing Swedish financial crises during the 19th and 20th centuries, but also containing an investigation of the Swedish credit market in general and the banking market in particular before, during and after the crises. Larsson and Söderberg (2017) focus on the changing institutional framework for banks and financial markets in general from 1900 to 2015.

In addition to the general and aggregated research there are of course also a number of bank monographies, of which several are on *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* (such as Frölander 1906; Gasslander 1956 and 1959; Lindorm 1956; and Lindgren 1986). Another rich source on the history of *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* is Gårdlund (1976) a biography of Marcus Wallenberg, son of the founder André O. Wallenberg. *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* and its successor *Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken* is also depicted in Olsson (1997). Other noteworthy monographies are that of Söderlund (1964 and

1978) on *Skandinaviska Banken*, Hildebrand (1971), on *Handelsbanken*, and that of Eliasson and Larsson (1992) on *Nordbanken* and its predecessors.

On the purely statistical side, Adams et al. (2009) presents credit data for the period from 1830 to 1998 using data on commercial bank balance sheets. A more up to date database is that of Jordà et al. (2017) which contains historical international macroeconomic data from numerous sources, including unpublished data on Swedish commercial bank credit from 1871 to 2016 from the Riksbank. Another relevant statistical source is that of Waldenström (2016, 2017), which contains data on household assets and liabilities in banks as well as in other forms from 1810 to 2016. The most recent data on the Swedish credit market, which is also regularly updated, can be found in the international quarterly database on credit to the non-financial sector from Bank for International Settlements (2020), which contains data on Sweden since 1961.

Hagström (1968) contains an extensive sectoral composition of lenders and borrowers from 1919 to 1964, including both regular bank credit/deposits and the bond market. Werin (1993, p. 54), presents sectoral data on deposits from 1945 to 1990 based on financial accounts after 1970 and a reassessment by Olsson (1993) for previous years. The early figures are here based on estimates and extrapolations, and are therefore of poorer quality. Werin (1993, pp. 67–95) also contains data on loans and other assets, plus liabilities, of insurance companies, other financial institutions, the foreign sector and non-financial company sectors between 1945 and 1990. Boksjö and Lönnborg-Andersson (1994) present statistical data on commercial banks before and after the crises accounted for. Specifically, the study contains data from the Riksbank and the bank summaries of Statistics Sweden on the change in lending from commercial banks based around the time of the financial crises, along with data on credit losses and some other key figures. Ahnland (2015) focus on the formation of private credit in general in Sweden between 1900 and 2013, and is until now perhaps the most comprehensive compilation of this sort. It includes data on lending from commercial banks, *sparbanker*, *jordbrukskasor/föreningsbanker*, credit companies, mortgage institutions and *finansbolag*. Ahnland (Forthcoming) presents the monthly commercial bank data since 1875 occurring in the present study.

Sources for Swedish bank and credit institution statistics

Statistics Sweden and the reporting supervisory authorities have provided a rich source of data for Swedish bank statistics historically. Particularly this applies to bank balance sheets, including credit to and deposits from the general public. The general public is here defined as non-financial corporations, households, and the public sector, in accordance with the classifications of Statistics Sweden. Since the Riksbank was heavily involved in the credit market during the 19th century, it is also included in the statistics on annual credit. For annual deposits however, there is no distinction in the sources between deposits from the general public and banks. In

order to create coherent series, annual deposits by the Riksbank are therefore left out of the study. In addition to banks, insurance companies, mortgage institutions and *finansbolag* are also included in the series on annual credit, but not deposits, since the credit side of the balance sheet is composed differently for these relative to banks. Particularly, as banks are defined as deposit taking institutions, insurance companies, mortgage institutions and *finansbolag* do not qualify as banks, even when the word “bank” appears in the name (as is the case with for instance *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* and *Sveriges Investeringsbank*).

Credit to and deposits from the general public are not of equal amount in the balance sheets even within each category, as there are several items not reported in this chapter, such as securities and credit to and deposits from other banks (in order to eliminate double counting). There are also significant differences between individual banks in this regard. For instance, some banks with a more international orientation, such as *Stockholms Enskilda Bank*, have traditionally had more lending to and borrowing from foreign banks than most other banks. Moreover, under some periods, certain forms of funding have been more prevalent than others. For instance, capital notes (a bond-like security) have been a popular way of relieving banks under stress during some crises historically (Kock 1930, pp. 64–65), while the floating of shares has been a more common way of strengthening bank equity during other times. Reserve requirements have also altered over time.

The reporting often changes over time, so that new types of credit and deposits, or creditors and debtors, appear, disappear, are split, merged and/or change name. Accounting has also changed as a consequence of the evolution of the credit market in particular and the macroeconomy in general. When required, breaks in earlier observations have been adjusted to newer ones by applying the relative difference in the break-date between the two series, in Table A3.1a. These differences are however minor (see below), and the raw data are reported in a supplementary table, Table A3.1b, with breaks occurring when the new data appears. Moreover, for some creditor categories, most notably insurance companies, *folkbanker*, and to some extent also for *sparbanker*, it has been necessary to fill in missing observations with the aid of interpolation (see below), in Tables A3.1a (for credit) and A3.2a (for deposits), but not in Tables A3.1b (for credit) and A3.2b (for deposits), where only the raw data are presented. Annual credit and deposits are measured in both nominal values and as a ratio to GDP (not present in the dataset, only in the chapter) in the study, with data on GDP (from the user side) from Edvinsson (2005, and 2016) in the 1870–1950 period and from Statistics Sweden (2022b) after that (the earlier series adjusted to the newer one). For 2020 the annual figure is equal to the sum of the four quarters (2022c).

In addition to the annual data, the dataset also includes monthly data for commercial banks, as well as key statistics from the annual income statements for commercial banks. The dataset also contain data on the number of commercial, savings and agricultural cooperative banks.

Commercial banks



Late 19th century bank palaces on Kungsträdgårdsgatan in downtown Stockholm. SEB and Svenska Handelsbanken, two of the three largest commercial banks in Sweden today, still have their headquarters located here.

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stockholm_Kungstr%C3%A4dg%C3%A5rdsgr%C3%A5tan_\(1890-1900\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stockholm_Kungstr%C3%A4dg%C3%A5rdsgr%C3%A5tan_(1890-1900).jpg)

Much like banks in other countries, early Swedish commercial banks specialized in attracting short-term deposits from the public for funding of short-term operations in industry and trade (Kock 1930, p. 34). Over time however, the scope of operation of commercial banks in Sweden increased, and from early on they are better described as universal banks that provide a wide range of financial services – both commercial bank services including deposit taking and loan extension, as well as investment bank services in corporate finance. Swedish commercial banks have traditionally also been central to the national payment system, through deposits in checking and giro accounts, as well as for foreign payments and for securities trade in secondary markets (Thunholm 1966, pp. 42–43).

In the second half of the 19th century there were two main groups of commercial banks – *enskilda banker* with the shared ownership liability right to issue their own

bank notes as legal tender, and *aktiebanker*, with limited liability but without rights to issue notes. The distinction regarding note issuance disappeared as a result of the Riksbank monopoly in 1904, but the legal difference concerning liability and some other aspects continued and reporting in the bank summaries is categorized accordingly until 1935.

From June 1974, *Postbanken* is included in the commercial bank summaries due to the merger with *Kreditbanken*. This creates a break in the series, where the new values for June are 22 per cent higher compared to the value without *Postbanken*. This break remains unadjusted for, and *Postbanken* data appears in a separate category before 1974 (see below).

Data on credit and deposits are based on the official summaries for the commercial banks from 1870 to 1997, from Statistics Sweden (2012, [1866–1911]), and the Bank inspection board (Kungl. Bank- och fondinspektionen 1912–1953, 1954–1967; Kungl. Bankinspektionen 1968–1983; Bankinspektionen 1985–1994; Finansinspektionen 1995–1996; the Riksbank 1996–1997). From 1998, the data are from Statistics Sweden (2022f).

When it comes to credit from and deposits to commercial banks, data is however only available on a monthly basis from 1875. Credit and deposits separately for the Swedish and the foreign public, as well as the total, is available monthly from March 1990. For banks in total, including *sparbanker* and *kreditkassor/föreningsbanker*, separate data on credit to and deposits from the foreign and Swedish non-financial sectors have been available annually since 1975, from Statistics Sweden (2022d). In order to calculate credit to and deposits of the general Swedish public for non-commercial banks, the annual data for all banks is subtracted from the annual data for commercial banks. The assumption that foreign bank affairs pertain to commercial banks and not to *sparbanker* and *kreditkassor/föreningsbanker* is realistic considering the local character of the latter two types of banks. The adjustment arguable produces a much more realistic dataset, presented in Table A3.1a, particularly since the amount of foreign credit and deposits was very small (0.7 per cent of Swedish general public bank credit and 0.2 per cent of Swedish general public bank deposits) in 1975 but grew substantially up until 1990 (to 14.6 per cent of Swedish general public bank credit and 17.7 per cent of Swedish general public bank deposits). Table A3.1b contains the unadjusted, total, data. From December 1993, the data includes foreign banks and large savings banks. From January 1998 to and until November 2001, due to lack of disaggregation in the sources, data on lending to non-EU non-financial sector foreign recipients is calculated as 64 per cent of the total non-EU recipients, which is the average (and stable share) for the 2002–2020 period.

Only the sum total value is reported in the dataset, but the reported items change considerably over time. Between 1870 and 1968, included outstanding loans for *enskilda banker* and *aktiebanker* consists of domestic and foreign bills of exchange, current credit accounts, outstanding loans, as well as letters of credit – short-term loans for funding payments in travel and current expenses, and construction work.

Credit due to different types of collateral is reported in the bank summaries on outstanding loans from 1875 to 1911, and from 1912 to 1968 on outstanding loans, granted current accounts and letters of credit. There are separate entries for *aktiebanker* for so called amortization loans in 1875 to 1903, and for terminable loans for *aktiebanker* from 1888 to 1903. The small item of documentary credit, a type of fixed payments contracts guaranteed by a bank and often used in foreign trade, appears in the data from 1947 to 1979. From 1969 to 1979, loans to the public includes domestic and foreign commercial bills of exchange, regular loans, advances on documentary credit, and credit in accounts (including advances on current accounts, cheque and giro accounts, letters of construction credit, and revolving current accounts secured by bills, notes and other assets). This chapter contains a series with the disaggregated data on different types of credit for every ten years from 1870 to 1970, plus 1979, on display in Figure 3.8. The main items are bills of exchange, which are agreements where one party is bound to pay a sum of money to another party on demand or on a predetermined date, regular loans against different kinds of collateral (labeled “long-term loans”), and credit in accounts/letters of credit used to pay for bills associated with for instance construction costs during the construction of a house (labeled “short-term loans”). After 1979 the commercial bank summaries no longer contain this level of disaggregation. Between 1980 and 1986 however, some new items appear in the statistics – loans to the general public now includes short term loans, housing credits (with some variation in the reporting), plus “other” loans in Swedish and foreign currency. From 1987 there is no longer any disaggregation of types of credit in the summaries.

Deposits by the general public in *enskilda banker* and *aktiebanker* include several types of accounts with different liquidity, accessibility and amount restrictions (see Kock 1930, pp. 66–80 for further details) – giro- and checking accounts, savings accounts, revaluation and depreciation reserve accounts, depository accounts and capital accounts. For *enskilda banker* savings accounts are only reported from 1897, and deposits through giro- and checking accounts are reported only from 1914 to 1934, and from 1935 only checking accounts. From 1912 to 1926 the statistics for *enskilda banker* and *aktiebanker* are merged, containing deposits via revaluation and depreciation reserve accounts, current accounts (a vista and terminable), savings accounts and depository accounts and capital accounts. From 1927 the current accounts a vista item no longer appears in the data. Of particular interest is the entry of accounts for payments in salaries and wages as well as foreign currency accounts, which both appear in the summaries from December 1968, as these two new types of accounts reflect structural changes in the Swedish payments system at the time. Sometimes the number of entries decline, either due to the merger of certain entries, or the disappearance of certain forms of deposits. For instance, in January 1980 ten entries are merged into five, but after that a number of new accounts are reported for, such as lottery and tax savings accounts. From January 1987 however, all accounts are merged into one category only.

The chapter also contains annual data on a range of other key performance indicators for Swedish commercial banks, such as equity, untaxed reserves, net interest revenues, taxes paid, costs, profits (net income), capital, return-on-equity, capital-asset ratios and credit losses. The data are from an unpublished dataset by Hortlund (n.d.) up to 2005, originally from the consolidated statement of income is from Statistic Sweden's summaries for the commercial banks, and from Statistics Sweden (2022a; and 2022g) up to 2020. Return-on-equity (ROE), a measure of profitability, is calculated with the conventional formula “ $ROE = \text{profits} / \text{average equity}$ ”, where profits is equal to gross income minus use of capital, operating costs and depreciation, and the average equity is the average of the current and the past year. The data on key performance indicators for commercial banks are presented in Figures 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7.

Data on the number of commercial banks are from the summaries for the commercial banks until 1992 (Statistics Sweden 2012 [1866–1911]; Kungl. Bank- och fondinspektionen 1912–1953, 1954–1967; Kungl. Bankinspektionen 1968–1983; Bankinspektionen 1985–1994) and after 1992 the data comes from the corporate registry of the Financial Supervisory Authority (Finansinspektionen 2022).

Other banks and credit institutions

For a long part of the period, only commercial banks operated commercially, while the interest of the members was the primary objective for *sparbanker*, *folkbanker* and *jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker*. Members of these non-commercial banks were both owners and customers, and these banks had to cater to this double stakeholder role of members. During the course of the 20th century however, *sparbanker* and *jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker* increasingly began to compete with commercial banks, and in the bank act of 1969 this was also acknowledged legally, creating a level playing field for all banks. *Folkbanker*, a small group of banks with unlimited liability but without the right to issue banknotes and with the main purpose of providing working and investment capital for their shareholders, disappeared as a result of the banking reform of 1903 (enforced in 1904). From 1977, there is no longer a distinction between different banks in the national financial accounts, and they are summed up accordingly from this year in the present study too.

During the 19th century, the Riksbank was an important credit provider to everything from construction of churches and channels to small-scale farmers, civil servants and merchants (Nygren 1985, p. 41), and also provided loans to the private *filialbanker*, which extended loans commercially. After 1870 however, this function waned. *Filialbanker* ceased to operate during the 1870s, and commercial lending by the Riksbank was totally abandoned in 1897, although its lending continued as a supportive feature mostly for the banking system.

In addition to banks, other actors on the Swedish credit market during the late 19th century included trading houses, insurance companies, rich industrialists and other individuals engaged in formal or informal lending activities. Later on, other

creditors joined in on the credit market, such as site-leasehold right funds, government funds, investment companies, and *finansbolag*. Of these creditors, there are data available for insurance companies and *finansbolag*.

Sparbanker

Early data on the annual credit and deposits of *sparbanker* is from Statistic Sweden's summaries from 1870 to 1907. Observations for the 1870 to 1892 period are computed based on annual data of the funds of the banks, adjusted according to statements on credit-to-funds ratios, which are available on five-year interval basis in 1876 to 1892. In the primary dataset, observations are only given for years for which there is a ratio, while missing observations of the credit-to-funds ratios are inter- and extrapolated in the secondary dataset. Since the share of *sparbanker* out of total private credit was fairly large – between 10 and 15 per cent – this brings potential uncertainty to the dataset. However, a robustness check is used as well, where the ratio is calculated with a fixed credit-to-funds ratio based on the average of the obser-



Interior from the savings bank in the town of Gävle.

Source: <https://digitaltmuseum.se/021016737220/gefle-stads-sparbank-startades-1824-for-att-forvalta-mindre-bemedlade-arbetares>

vations. The difference between the two methods is only 2.3 per cent. Since the first method (with interpolation) is considered superior, the primary dataset is preferred and reported in Table A3.1a, and the raw data without estimated values are reported in Table A3.1b. From 1893, annual credit is based on loans to municipalities and municipal associations as well as on collateralized loans to individuals. After 1907 and until 1992, data are collected from the yearbooks of Statistics Sweden (1914–1994) including loans to municipalities, municipal associations and individuals (from 1927 described as “municipality loans” and “loans due to collateral”, from 1959 only described as “loans” or “lending”), and data on the funds of depositors at year end. Data from 1993 to 1995 is acquired from the Financial Supervisory Authority (Finansinspektionen 1995–1996) and the Riksbank (1996–1997), but only for the largest *sparbanker*. Data since 1996 is acquired from Statistics Sweden annual summaries for financial companies (2022a). Data on the number of *sparbanker* are from Statistics Sweden’s yearbooks until 1992 (1914–1994), and from the corporate registry of the Financial Supervisory Authority (Finansinspektionen 2022) after 1992.

Jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker

After a parliamentary decision in 1915, agricultural cooperative banks (*jordbrukskassor*, renamed *föreningsbanker* in 1974) were formed to provide farmers with enhanced funding opportunities for agriculture. From the beginning these loans were mostly for current operations rather than for agricultural real estate, although it is hard to draw a line between the two (Kock 1930, p. 184). From the 1930s, real estate loans became more common. Both credit and deposits have been arranged primarily via district credit associations, on which the data are collected. Data on annual credit (exchange loans, real estate loans and other loans) from *jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker* comes from the yearbooks of Statistic Sweden (1923–1994), until 1992 when they merged into *Föreningsbanken AB*. Until 1973, the available entry in the sources is that of lending to members, while lending to the general public is used from 1974. The deposits of the *jordbrukskassor* is recorded as deposits from members and from other individuals until 1974, and from the general public after that. Data on the number of *jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker* are from Statistics Sweden’s yearbooks (1914–1994).

Folkbanker

Annual data for *folkbanker* are included in the summaries for *sparbanker* from Statistic Sweden (Statistics Sweden (2008 [1895–1903], 1914). A few missing annual observations (1894, 1906, and 1907) are filled in using linear interpolation. Bills of exchange, “claims” and unpaid interest are included in both credit and deposits and “other debt”, are included in deposits. Both credit and deposits for *folkbanker* were very small – only a few per cent of the equivalent for *sparbanker*.



Exhibition in a savings bank in Örebro in 1941, advising people to save 5 percent of their income.

Source: <https://digitaltmuseum.se/0210111674911/orebro-sparbank-staller-ut-1941>

Postsparsbanken/Postbanken

For the government-owned *Postsparsbanken* – renamed *Postbanken* in 1960, data are reported separately from that of other *sparbanker*. There have been annual data on depositor funds in the yearbooks of Statistics Sweden (1914–1973) since the agency's inauguration in 1884 and until 1973. In 1974 the bank, renamed *Postbanken* in 1960, was merged with *Sveriges Kreditbank* and formed a new and government-owned commercial bank – PK-banken, for which data are reported in the commercial bank statistics. Corresponding data have been reported separately for *Postgirot*, a cash-less payment service provider and a subsidiary of *Postsparsbanken* since its establishment in 1925. Regarding the years 1888 to 1922, there are data on loans to municipalities and real estate loans in the summaries of *Postsparsbanken* (2008 [1890–1893], 2008 [1895–1912], 1912–1923). From 1923 data have been collected from the postal authority (Kungl. Generalpoststyrelsen 1924–1940), of which *Postsparsbanken* became a part in that year. This source also contains data on municipality and mortgage loans from *Postgirot*. The statistical yearbooks of the Riksbank (1909–1978, 1979–2001), contain ready and accessible tables for credit extended by *Postsparsbanken/Postbanken* and *Postgirot* from 1939 and until the merger with *Sveriges Kreditbank* in 1974, which are used in this study. In 1960, the reporting on *Postban-*

ken and *Postgirot* was merged. With this reporting merger there is an unexplained break in the series, where the newer series is 15 per cent lower than the older one. The break is unadjusted for. The sum total of *Postsparkbanken/Postbanken* and *Postgirot* credit and deposits is reported in the final dataset.



The punching of punched cards in 1960, for the calculation of interest payments.

Source: Postmuseum, <https://digitalmuseum.se/021018543370/stansning-av-halkort-som-skall-anvandas-vid-ranteutrakning-dora-johansson>

The Riksbank and filialbanker

Data on credit from the Riksbank is reported in the same way as for commercial banks until 1975, in the official summaries of Statistics Sweden (2019 [1870–1913]), the yearbooks of Statistics Sweden (1914–2014) and from 1995 the financial accounts by sector in the online database of Statistic Sweden (2022e). Data on foreign bills are included up to 1969. From 1975, the data on credit to the general public have been reported in aggregate form. For the *filialbanker*, which were dismantled by parliamentary decision from 1864 to 1875, there are data on credit and deposits up to 1874 in the official summaries of Statistics Sweden (2019 [1875]).

Insurance companies

The earliest data on credit extended by insurance companies is from Nygren (1985, p. 140) from 1875 to 1910, where data occurs every five years. In the secondary series, missing observations are inter- and extrapolated. From 1912, data are from the summaries for insurance companies from the Insurance Company Inspection Board until 1989 (Kongl. Försäkringsinspektionen 1913–1916; Försäkrings-inspektionen 1917–1984, 1985–1991) and from the Financial Supervisory Authority (Finans-inspektionen 1992–1996) after that. Credit is here defined as mortgage loans, municipality loans, and loans against collateral in insurance agreements and securities. Included insurance companies in 1912 to 1931, when there are no aggregated values, are mutual and incorporated life-, fire-, and capital and interest rate-insurance companies, which together account for 96.5 per cent of all credit from insurance companies registered in 1931 and subsequent summaries. The older data is adjusted to the newer data in Table A3.1a, whereas the newer data are counted from the subsequent year in Table A3.1b. From 1995, the data are from the online database of Statistics Sweden (2022e).

Finansbolag

When it comes to credit given by *finansbolag* – a diverse group of creditors with credit primarily for financing of consumer purchases as an explicit business concept – the earliest data available is in the national financial accounts from 1977, but the companies existed before that. This type of lending emerged on a small scale in the 1950s as a response to the growth in sales of consumer durables in the consumption boom after World War Two, and the sector organization *Finansbolagen* was founded in 1960. In the 1970s, *finansbolag* became major actors in the credit market as competitive alternatives to banks, which were limited by extensive credit regulations. Although *finansbolag* did participate on the credit market prior to 1977, data availability only permits them to be included from that year. Data on credit to the general public from 1977 to 1995 have been retrieved from the national financial accounts while data since 1996 come from the annual summaries of financial companies in the Statistics Sweden online database (2022a) (labeled as “other credit market companies”).

Housing mortgage institutions

From 1909, city mortgage societies had their funding organized by *Stadshypotekskassan*, and both new and old bonds were placed on its balance sheet. Since there are no data on credit extended by mortgage institutions, neither from *Stadshypotekskassan* nor *Bostadskreditkassan*, in general before 1941, the deposits of such institutions by issuance of bonds, appearing in the statistical yearbooks of Statistics Sweden (1914–1941) are used as a proxy. From 1941, data on credit are from the statistical year-

books of the Riksbank (1942–1978), from the statistical yearbooks of Statistics Sweden (1979–1996) and the financial accounts by sector in the online database of Statistic Sweden (2022e). A comparison between the amounts lent and borrowed in 1941, appearing in the statistical yearbooks of the Riksbank (1942) shows that the discrepancy is rather small – credit from *Stadshypotekskassan* to city mortgage societies was 6.7 per cent smaller than the amount of outstanding bonds from *Stadshypotekskassan*, while credit from *Bostadskreditkassan*, a new institute formed in 1929 and with data recorded from 1930, to residential credit societies was 6.3 per cent smaller than the amount of outstanding bonds from *Bostadskreditkassan*.

From 1962 to 1970 there are separate data on credit from housing credit companies in the statistical yearbooks of the Riksbank (1909–1978 and 1979–2001). Data prior to that are obtained from Hagström (1968), with observations in 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1959 and 1961. Missing observations are interpolated linearly, in Table A3.1a. During these years, the average share of credit of housing credit companies out of the total housing mortgage credit amounts to 13 per cent according to these estimations. The raw data are provided in Table A3.1b.

From 1975, there are data on credit to the Swedish general public, excluding in particular the domestic financial sector and the foreign sector. In 1975, the older series is 10.3 per cent lower. In Table A3.1a, the older data are adjusted to the newer, and in Table A3.1b, the raw data is presented. From 1996, the data are from the annual summaries of Statistics Sweden (2022a).

Other mortgage institutions

For agricultural mortgage, the main mortgage segment during the late 19th Century in Sweden, there are data on *hypoteksföreningar*, mortgage societies, from 1870, but with a five year interval up to 1910, from which there are annual data from Statistics Sweden (1960). Missing data are interpolated linearly in the main series, in Table A3.1a, while raw data are provided in Table A3.1b. From 1941 there are annual data on lending from *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* from the statistical yearbooks of *The Riksbank* (1942–1978) which supplied the *hypoteksföreningar* with credit. This causes a minor and unadjusted break in the series, where lending from *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* is 6 per cent larger than that of mortgage societies the same year, possibly due to a time lapse between borrowing to and lending from *hypoteksföreningar*.

For *Skeppshypotekskassan*, the main mortgage institution for the shipping industry, the amount of loans granted was on the other hand 9.4 per cent less than the amount of outstanding bonds of *Skeppshypotekskassan*. In absolute numbers however, *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* was a much larger institution than *Skeppshypotekskassan*. Credit data on *Skeppshypotekskassan* are from the statistical yearbooks of Statistics Sweden from 1913 to 1940 (1914–1940), and from 1941 and until 1988 from the statistical yearbooks of the Riksbank (1942–1978, and 1979–1989).

From 1962 to 1970, there are separate data on credit from industrial credit com-

panies in the statistical yearbooks of the Riksbank (1963–1978, and 1979–1980). Earlier data is obtained from Hagström (1968), with observations in 1939, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1959 and 1961. Missing observations are interpolated linearly. Based in these estimations, the average share of credit of industrial credit companies out of the total mortgage credit other than to housing amounts to 3.0 per cent. The raw data are provided in a separate series.

The yearbooks of the Riksbank (1963–1978, and 1979–1989) also contain data on credit from *Sveriges Investeringsbank*, a government mortgage issuing institution for industrial funding formed in 1967, from 1970 to 1979, after which it is included in business mortgage institutions. The yearbooks also contain data on credit from municipal mortgage institutions and credit companies from 1962 to 1988. From 1989, data on non-housing mortgage institutions and credit companies appear in aggregate form in the yearbooks of the Riksbank (1990–1989) and in the financial accounts in the online database of Statistic Sweden (2022e).

Excluded creditors

Difficulties in obtaining data have led to the exclusion of credit extended by trading companies, private bankers, wholesale merchants, site-leasehold right funds, *Järnkontoret* (an association of the Swedish steel industry, which both accepted deposits and extended loans to its members), government funds (particularly *Allmänna Pensionsfonden*), investment companies, and other non-financial companies and individuals. In particular, there is a lack of data on credit extended by government funds, investment companies and foreign lenders prior to 1977, when it appears in the financial accounts for the first time. Available data on credit from *Allmänna Pensionsfonden*, although limited, suggests that it was insignificant (Ahnland 2015).

The evolution of banking and credit institutions in Sweden since 1870

1870–1905: Financial modernization

The foundation for a private banking market in Sweden was laid by the parliamentary decision in 1824 allowing for private banks with note-issuing rights. The banks accepted deposits from the public, but the law prohibiting usury by limiting interest rates made deposits relatively unattractive. In the mid-19th century the main source of funding for Swedish commercial banks was instead the issuance of bank notes (Lilja 2010, p. 47), which generated seigniorage, foregone interest payments by the note holders. The bank notes were redeemable in the Riksbank notes until 1874, and then in gold, and the maximum note issue was regulated in relation to equity, reserves and credit lines.

During most of the 19th century banks only supplied a minor share of companies' external capital. The credit market was dominated by *hypoteksföreningar*, bond-emitting farming and building societies, which were centralized in *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank* in 1861 (for further discussion see Chapter 2 in this volume). From the 1870s, however, there was a boom in bank funding for industry, especially in the cities (Gårdlund 1947, p. 129). With the Bank Act of 1864, the cap on interest rates was removed, and together with an increase in household incomes, this led to a rapid increase in deposits (Jonung 2007 [1988]) which provided easier access to funding. Companies could acquire larger loans, with collateral in shares, real estate mortgage or simply security based on name. Bills of exchange, functioning both as means of payment and as credit notes, also gained wide spread use (Gårdlund 1947, pp. 130–136). The growth in deposits led to a corresponding decrease in the issuance of private bank notes (Brisman 1931, p. 204).

The Bank Act of 1864 also standardized bank charters and made prolongation of these charters a formality, as well as made it possible to establish banks as stock companies with limited liability. Additionally, in 1864 it became possible to issue a portion of shares with limited liability even for *enskilda banker*, and reserve requirements were further reformed. The new laws led to a boom in new bank establishments, but many of them were merged (Wallerstedt 1995, p. 29). Some of the most important Swedish banks founded during this period were the *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* in 1856 by André O. Wallenberg, and the banking stock companies *Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget* in 1864 (renamed *Skandinaviska Banken* in 1938), and *Stockholms Handelsbank* in 1871. The Bank Act of 1864 also dismantled the *filialbanker*, though gradually.

The 19th century also saw the formation of the Swedish local *sparbanker* for the promotion of savings as a security for times of economic hardship, and as such had an important role in introducing banking in the everyday life of Swedes. Although *sparbanker* formed as early as in the 1820s, it was not until 1875 that their activities were regulated by law (Statistics Sweden 1893–1903). Although not of primary importance to industrial finance, their credit to corporations was not negligible. Some companies received loans of considerable size from *sparbanker* (Gårdlund 1947, p. 139). During the 1890s, the focus of *sparbanker* shifted increasingly towards financing real estate (Nygren 1985, pp. 42–65). From the 1870s *folkbanker* provided local alternatives for partners in need of investment funds. Compared to other banks however, *folkbanker* were very small. Insurance companies such as *Skandia* and *Thule* also engaged in lending activities in order to generate returns on insurance funds.

The reform of 1864 was timely. As the export industry of ore and wooden products grew in importance at the expense of agriculture, the demand for external funding increased. Commercial banks, with an orientation towards industry, surpassed the mostly rural mortgage institutions as the greatest source of credit. They also replaced wealthy individuals and trading companies as fundraisers for industry. As

industrial companies started to concentrate their financial activities to just one bank, an intimate relationship built on trust often evolved between industrialists and bankers (Gårdlund 1947, p. 136–138).

The latter half of the 19th century, especially from the 1870s, saw a rapid increase in the money supply (Edvinsson and Ögren 2014, p. 318) and a simultaneous growth in the scale and scope of financial services. This financial development provided the means necessary for the industrial investment of entrepreneurs, as well as for infrastructure and urbanization, and was an important prerequisite for the acceleration of Sweden's industrial development occurring at this time (Ögren 2010, pp. 1–10). The expansion of the financial sector also made the economy more vulnerable. The international financial crisis which began in 1873 did not start to affect Sweden until 1878, and though it hit the banks hard, it made the commercial banks stronger in the long run. Many trading companies engaged in credit finance were allowed to go bankrupt, while banks in trouble were saved by the government, mainly through the establishment of a lender of last resort facility (*Jernvägshypoteksfonden*) for high-risk railway bonds. This meant an enhanced market share for the latter (Schön 2000, p. 190).

The system with *enskilda banker* issuing their own bank notes appeared unsustainable in the wake of the financial crisis of 1878, and in a new banking law in 1897, the banks lost this right to the Riksbank monopoly (though with a transition period until 1904, when it was fully enforced). The reform also imposed higher capital requirements. In return, the commercial banks were given the right to rediscount bank-papers at the Riksbank, which officially became a lender of last resort, and the Riksbank ceased to operate commercially on the credit market. For one thing, the structure of the banking market changed – *folkbanker* could no longer sustain their operations as banks, and *enskilda banker* and the banking corporations were set on equal footing (and are hence from here on jointly termed as commercial banks). Overall, the private banking sector had already, gradually, replaced the Riksbank as the primary banking institution of the country – by the turn of the century credit originating from the Riksbank was less than a tenth of that coming from private banks – and the new law established the modern division of labor between the central bank and commercial banks in Sweden.

Meanwhile, big savings surpluses and newly established contacts with foreign credit markets made Swedish commercial banks ready to finance the new innovation-based startups that came to be the backbone of Swedish industry in the 20th century (Nygren 1985, pp. 54–57). The banking industry experienced a rapid expansion, with the number of commercial banks almost doubling between the mid-1890s and the peak in 1908/1909. The boom was also apparent in the stock market. In 1901 the Stockholm stock exchange went through an important reorganization which facilitated bidding and opened up for an increased use of bank loans with stocks as collateral. Large loans were also issued with industrial real estate as security (Nygren 1985, p. 60). The heavy firm commitment of banks to new industrial com-

panies often took the form of consortia or stock emission companies (*emissionsbolag*), which were formally owned by bank board members or individuals closely affiliated with the banks. In 1899 *Providentia*, a company affiliated to *Stockholms Enskilda Bank*, was formed with the purpose of providing corporate finance, and in 1907 the *emissionsbolag Svenska Emissions AB* was formed by the management of *Stockholms Handelsbank*. Later these corporate finance entities became known as investment companies, which still to this day comprise a central ownership group within Swedish enterprise.

1905–1939: Booms and busts

Soon the boom turned into excess, and from the early 1900s a surge of speculation inflated the stock market. The ratio of private debt to GDP grew sharply, mainly due to credit from the commercial banks. Conditions were similar in the US and when another bank panic hit New York in October 1907, the shockwaves soon reached Sweden. Several banks had become dependent on foreign loans, especially from London. The distrust in the US financial system translated into higher international interest rates, which exposed weak spots in the Swedish banking sector. All in all, seven commercial banks experienced what can be described as bank crashes. Credit losses were however not as widespread as during later financial crises, and the banks were soon on track to expand once again. A notable bank deal at this time was the merger of the two largest credit institutions – *Skånes Enskilda Bank* and *Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget* in 1910. In the same year, cooperation among the commercial banks in relation to the government and to the general public was strengthened with the formation of the banking sector organization *Svenska bankföreningen* (Thunholm 1966, p. 56).

Social concerns further developed the credit market. The high interest rate emanating from the international financial crisis of 1907 combined with urban immigration and a shortage of housing in the cities, led to centralization of urban mortgage societies and the establishment of *Stadshypotekskassan* in 1909. The new central organ had political backing from a government-guaranteed fund.

A new bank law in 1911, which with some amendments was in force until 1955 (Wallerstedt 1995, p. 39), allowed the banks to, to a limited extent, own stocks themselves. Together with expanded liquidity due the savings rates before World War One, this paved the way for banks to become heavily involved in business life during the war. Simultaneously new *emissionsbolag* were formed, among them Investor, founded by the Wallenberg family in 1916. The dynamic financial environment was also exemplified by the establishment of new banks as well as in a wave of mergers and acquisitions in the Swedish banking market. An important deal was the acquisition of *Norrlandsbanken* by *Stockholms Handelbank* in 1917, giving the latter access to a wide network of bank offices in the north of the county. Another large deal was the merger between *Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget* and *Sveriges Privata*

Centralbank, a central bank for the larger regional banks, in 1918. In nominal terms, credit from banks surged as the public once again used bank loans to speculate in the stock market. However taking the war-led inflation into account, the outstanding debt to the public actually contracted in real terms.

When the Swedish parliament decided to aim for price stability and a return to the gold standard after the war, in 1920, the extremely tight monetary policy provoked a severe economic contraction and a wave of bank failures stemming from unprecedented credit losses. The 1920s deflation crisis hit industry hard, and in order to save their investments, banks bought much of the plummeting industrial stocks via their emission companies. The task to save industry was not easy for the banks, however, and, like in the late 1870s, the government had to step in. It formed *Kreditkassan*, which, acting as a bail-out fund, bought *Göteborgs Handelbank* and *Jordbruksbanken*. Moreover, the crisis meant a further increase in banking concentration, and the control of big commercial banks over Swedish industry tightened in the attempt to save failing companies that they were committed to. In retrospect, the 1920s constitutes a watershed in the ownership structure of Swedish industry, with its heavy involvement of bank ownership. Particularly, the Wallenberg-owned *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* emerged as a power house.

At the same time however, commercial bank credit declined both relative to GDP and relative to other credit providers. Instead, *sparbanker* (including *Postsparsbanken*) and insurance companies increased their market share. Moreover, *jordbrukskassor* emerged as a new but small category of banks after the parliament allowed for their establishment in 1916. In 1930 *Svenska Jordbrukskreditkassan* was founded as their sector organization. The same year *Bostadskreditkassan* was created to further facilitate credit for housing purposes, and the year before *Svenska Skeppshypotekskassan* was founded as a provider of credit to the shipping industry. A few years later, in 1934, *AB Industrikredit* was formed for the same purpose but for the industrial sector. Thus, the increased concentration among commercial banks was to some extent countered by slightly more diversification on the credit market in general.

As the recession in the early 1920s was an international phenomenon, the same was true for the recovery. It paved the way for the next crisis. The Wall Street crash in 1929 transformed into a European bank panic which hit Austria, Germany and the UK hard, and led to a collapse in the recently revived gold standard. In Sweden on the other hand, the hardships were relatively mild, at least partly due to an early abandonment of the gold standard and the kind of “hard currency policy” which had catapulted the country into depression in the previous decade. Even so, lending from banks to the public had increased notably through the 1920s, and the Swedish economy was not unscathed by the unfolding events. In 1932, the apparent suicide in Paris of Ivar Krueger, the notorious industrialist who had expanded his operations fast in the 1920s with the help of first domestic and then international credit, caused the downfall of the stock-holders and creditors of his empire. *Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget*, one of the largest banks in the country and with strong connection to the

Kreuger empire, had to be bailed out by the government with long-term loans. The ratio of private debt to GDP dropped, and in real terms, private credit continued to drop until 1939 and the outbreak of the Second World War. While the crash of 1929, the breakdown of the Gold standard, and the ensuing Great Depression led to a gradual macroeconomic policy shift towards general government intervention in economies worldwide during the 1930s (Forsyth and Notermans 1996, pp. 1–17), the new economic ideas only affected fiscal policy in Sweden. John Maynard Keynes' thoughts on the flaws of capitalism and the boons of government intervention had a Swedish equivalent in the Stockholm school of economic thought (Barber 2008, p. xi.). Financial regulation however, extensively enforced in the United States, Germany and elsewhere in the 1930s, was relatively absent in Sweden – with a few exceptions: The ability of banks to trade in stocks and to use them as collateral was carefully restricted, but the measure was largely bypassed through the formation of ownership through foundations. The rules for accounting and revision were also upgraded (Wendschlag 2018). Also in 1935, remaining *enskilda banker* were required to reform into *aktiebanker*, in reality a mere formality (Kock 1930, p. 36; Olsson 1939, pp. 39–40).

1939–1980: Government control

Sweden is however no exception to the rule of extensive financial regulation in the post-World War Two era, and a foretaste of the interventionism came during the war. During most of 1940 the market ceased to function altogether (Nygren 1985, p. 94). However, the government took a firm grip on the economy, and introduced a currency regulation in 1939, ordered a stop on prices, interest rates, wages and dividends in 1942 and engaged in heavy spending. The stimulus seems to have worked: Private credit returned to positive numbers, mainly due to increased activity in commercial banking from the end of the war. Even so, the shrinking market during the war thinned out the ranks of the banking industry, and consolidated the market yet again. *Handelsbanken* and *Skandinaviska banken* replaced several large regional banks in the 1940s. In 1942 *Sparbankernas Bank*, a central bank for *sparbanker*, was founded in order to strengthen cooperation and sustainability among *sparbanker*.

After the war, the Keynesian paradigm reached true dominance, internationally embodied in the Bretton Woods treaty of 1944, and Sweden joined the new monetary system in 1951 after a major devaluation relative to the dollar. This, and the need to rebuild Europe after the war paved way for the high growth rate in the following decades. In spite of the consensus spirit of *Saltsjöbaden* the agenda of containment of finance gained ground in post-war Sweden too. As in many other countries, the war time capital controls were maintained, and the use of credit controls and of market regulation in general was extensive. Immediately after the war it was justified by the fear of a post-war recession (Magnusson 1999, pp. 410–413), but soon became

a tool for social engineering and economic planning. There was a consensus in keeping the interest rate low to promote housing construction, but in order for the cheap money to go where intended, more control was enforced. This fostered a shift in the Swedish financial regulatory regime (Larsson and Söderberg 2017, p. 11).

In 1951 the parliament legislated to control bond emissions, which from now on had to gain approval of the Riksbank, and from 1952 onwards the government could direct the credit supply of commercial banks to treasuries and housing mortgage bonds through liquidity quotas. Measures were also taken to hinder the expansion of car- and other consumption credit in the wake of the inflationary trade boom after the Korea war (Nygren (1985), pp. 96–97). As a consequence, credit from banks decreased in relation to national output during the remainder of the decade, and out of commercial bank credit, the share of short-term construction credit as well as the use of real estate as collateral, increased. For industrial companies, the traditional client group for commercial banks, the priority of funding for housing meant a shrinking share of the credit market, and the corporate sector had to rely more on retained earnings when seeking funds for investment (*Ibid.* 101). The ambition to use credit for political planning became more straight-forward in 1962 with the introduction of a duty for all investors to place a portion of their assets in treasuries and housing bonds. In time, a range of control mechanisms would emerge, such as credit ceilings, penal interest rates, cash ratios, regulation for deposits in the central bank, and agreements to obstruct lending to non-prioritized areas (Nygren (1985), pp. 84–85). But whereas credit from, and deposits to, banks stagnated, housing mortgage credit boomed from about 1960, and particularly so from 1965 following the launch of the massive *Miljonprogrammet* housing construction program by the social democratic government, with the goal of building one million new homes over the next decade. Much of the funding, as a buyer of housing bonds, came from the public pension fund *Allmänna Pensionsfonden*, launched in 1960 (Ahnland 2020).

Policy was not completely guided by a containment and regulation agenda. It had become increasingly obvious that commercial banks, *sparbanker*, and *jordbrukskassor* were more or less operating on the same market. This led to a harmonization of bank regulation in 1955, and in 1969 all banks were granted the same rights in the credit market. The reform facilitated competition further, but also made it easier for the government to impose new rules on all banks (Nygren, p. 98). Also in 1969, the banks regained the right to buy stocks.

The policy to stimulate housing credit also made the banks interested in housing mortgage. *Handelsbanken* formed *Sigab*, while other commercial banks formed *Svensk fastighetskredit*. The savings banks converted their old mortgage company into *Spintab* to better accommodate the growing market (Nygren 1985, p. 126).

Meanwhile, the concentration of banks continued. *Skandinaviska Banken* bought several banks in western Sweden, and *Handelsbanken* took over banks in Stockholm, Norrland and Gotland. *Jordbrukskrets Bank* was established as a central bank for the *jordbrukskassor* in 1958, though the structure with larger district credit associations

facilitating local farming societies was maintained. The wave of mergers and acquisitions halted briefly in 1950 when the government stopped a merger between two banks controlled by the Wallenberg family, but particularly in the 1970s, the banking industry went through another period of consolidation. In 1971, *Götabanken* was formed through the fusion of *Göteborgs Bank* and *Smålandsbanken*, and the following year, a very large merger took place between *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* and *Skandinaviska Banken*. The new bank was named *Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, S-E-Banken*. The government had an active role in the bank market as well. The market share of *Postbanken* was rising and in 1951 the government-owned bank *Jordbruksbanken* took over parts of *Göteborgs Handelsbank* and was renamed *Sveriges Kreditbank*. Two decades later, in 1974, *Postbanken* and *Sveriges Kreditbank* merged into the biggest commercial bank in the country – *PK-Banken*. The concentration of the banking industry was considered problematic, and the new bank was meant to be an alternative to the big private banks (Nygren 1985, pp.110–111).

Outside the banking control mechanisms, other credit companies entered the scene. Most of these activities were forbidden for banks and their subsidiaries (Werin 1993, p. 75.) These types of companies emerged as part of the consumption boom from the 1950s, and established the trade association *Finansbolagen* in 1960. Most of these companies were formed by car manufacturers or retail companies, but corporate credit services, such as factoring and leasing have also been among the services provided by *finansbolag*. The market broadened further during the 1960s with the formation of a number of business, agriculture and municipality mortgage institutions, such as *AB Företagskredit*, *Lantbruksnäringarnas Primärkredit AB*, *Kommunkredit AB* (associated with the *sparbanker*) and *Kommunlåneinstitutet AB* (owned jointly by the commercial banks) (Thunholm 1966 pp. 173–186). In 1962 the commercial banks and the Swedish government jointly formed *Svensk Exportkredit* to finance long-term export investment, and in 1967 the government formed *Sveriges Investeringsbank* as part of its industrial policy commitments. Insurance companies on the other hand decreased their market share of direct credit to the public.

Though loopholes became increasingly evident, bank regulation and suppression of bankers were not a hinder to economic growth, which flourished during the 1950s and 1960s. But in the 1970s the success story came to an end. The Bretton Woods system has often been depicted as a symbol for the high growth and stability of the post-World War Two-era, and its breakdown in the early 1970s coincided with a deep economic downturn. The problems of high inflation and/or large budget- and current account deficits in the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy were largely absent in Sweden in the 1960s. However, the unwillingness to follow the restrictive monetary policy of the German Bundesbank combined with expansive fiscal policy and high wage increases created similar problems in Sweden in the 1970s and led to successive devaluations and high inflation expectations (Wihlborg 1993, pp. 212–244).

1980–2020: Deregulation and internationalization

As the economic crisis provoked a macroeconomic policy and financial regulatory regime shift in several leading economies around 1980 – much like the Great Depression and the crisis for the Gold standard provoked a policy shift in the early 1930s – the transition took longer time in Sweden (Forsyth and Notermans 1997, pp. 1–17). In hindsight however, the shift away from Keynesianism, full employment, and financial regulation towards monetarism, price stability and financial deregulation is as clear in Sweden as it is elsewhere (Larsson and Söderberg 2017, pp. 99–111). After a final large devaluation in 1982 Sweden committed to a hard currency policy line in order to break the cycle of devaluations and inflation – a policy that utterly failed in the years to come. Simultaneously, the government started deregulating the financial markets. Englund (1990) lists 18 deregulations from the mid-1970s to the late 1980s, including a deposit interest rate deregulation in 1978, a permission for foreign banks to start branches in Sweden from 1985, the abolition of the currency regulation from 1986 to 1989, and the abolishment of liquidity quotas favoring credit for housing construction and public expenditures in 1989. Besides the abolition of credit controls, one of the most important reforms was the lifting of credit limits for banks in 1985.

Heavy regulation and the comparatively low growth rates had an impact on Swedish banks, and credit remained stagnant relative to GDP during the 1970s. In the meantime, financial companies expanded their market share of credit to the public rapidly. As inflation rose, interest rates lagged behind. The result was greatly reduced real interest rates and thus lower deposit costs. The unregulated market thrived as the regular market struggled under the burden of regulation and stagnation. This financed both consumer and corporate credit (Nygren 1885, pp. 106–107; and Werin 1993, p. 333). At the same time, the big corporations could increasingly bypass both Swedish regulation and bank dependence through access to international capital markets (Larsson and Sjögren 1995, p. 203). Indeed, the 1970s saw an internationalization of Swedish banking not seen before. After experiencing a current account deficit in 1974, the Swedish government opened up the foreign credit market for Swedish firms and banks. Coupled with the growth of the Eurodollar market, this led to an increase in foreign refinancing of Swedish commercial banks, and an increase in foreign branches (Nygren 1985, pp. 104–105).

The inefficiency of the credit regulation had been obvious for some time when the credit ceiling for banks was removed in 1985. Simultaneously there was a new generation of economists within the government with a more favorable stance towards the price mechanism of a self-regulating market (Jonung 1993, p. 334). Policy makers expected the effect of the deregulation to be modest, but seriously misjudged the situation (Wohlin 1998, p. 30). All categories of credit providers expanded their lending massively due to the credit deregulation. *Sparbanker* and *föreningsbanker* were determined to challenge the position of the commercial banks and engaged heavily in corporate finance. The largest banks lost in terms of market

power, and for the financial companies in particular, the 1980s were their heyday when it comes to market share. Their aggressive presence on the market influenced banks as well, and the new competitive environment fostered a strong sales culture in the whole financial sector. The nature of credit also changed. The traditional and rigorous risk assessment, a legacy of the Kreuger-crash, was scrapped in favor of high risk and high yield contracts (Larsson and Sjögren 1995, pp. 1984–1987). The rate of return on bank equity reached record heights. The main effect of the credit expansion was the emergence of a real estate bubble towards the end of the decade. Although foreign banks had been allowed to operate in Sweden in 1985, their share of direct credit to the Swedish public was very small. Their indirect lending grew substantially on the other hand. While deposits in Swedish commercial banks only increased from SEK 262 billion to SEK 442 billion between 1985 and 1990, or about 60 per cent, their net lending from foreign banks increased from SEK 63 billion to SEK 315 billion during the same period, equal to 400 per cent (Statistics Sweden 1992).

The fixed exchange rate made monetary policy ineffective, and fiscal policy proved insufficient to cool down the overheating. Without wage restraint, inflation soared and the competitiveness of Swedish industry suffered. During the autumn of 1989, there were signs that the commercial real estate market had reached its peak and stock prices began to fall. The bubble started to burst in 1990 as the global economy went into recession. Several policy failures contributed to the sharpness of the decline. The tax reform of 1990/1991 reduced the right to deduct interest payments radically, leading to higher interest costs and a further reduction in property values. A number of real estate companies failed, and bank credit losses mounted – starting at *Nordbanken* and *Första Sparbanken* in August 1990. Furthermore, the complete removal of capital controls in 1989 opened up for massive currency outflows in the early 1990s, and the bank crisis soon turned into a currency crisis for the Swedish krona. The commitment to the “hard currency line” and a reorientation of policy goals to price stability caused the Riksbank to raise the marginal interest rate to a staggering 500 per cent in order to keep the krona exchange rate intact, only to fail and having to let the krona float in November 1992. The shock to the Swedish economy was severe. Unemployment went from about 2 per cent in 1990 to over 10 per cent two years later.

The recession meant a huge deleveraging of outstanding bank credit, and relative to GDP, it continued to decline until 1996, when it hit its lowest mark for the whole period. As in the 1920s the crisis led to a consolidation within the banking industry. In 1990, *Wermlandsbanken* and *Skaraborgsbanken* merged with *Gotabanken*, and formed *Gota Bank*. *Nordbanken*, the result of a merger between *Uplandsbanken* and *Sundsvallsbanken* in 1986, was bought by *PK-banken* in 1990 with the new bank being named *Nordbanken*. *Nordbanken* in turn acquired *Gota Bank* in 1993. In addition, in 1991, *Jordbruks Bank* merged with *Sveriges Föreningsbank*, and *Skånska Banken* merged with *Svenska Handelsbanken*.

It was mainly foreign banks that were liquidated, even though the Swedish bank *Sveabanken*, formed in 1984, also succumbed (Wallerstedt 1995, p. 48). Eventually, the government had to come to the rescue – through the massive bail-out funds of the Swedish bank support authority *Bankstödsnämnden*, which had had the same role as *Kreditkassan* had during the 1920s, and worsening the already ballooning budget deficit further. Most of the bail-out money went to *Nordbanken*, where illiquid assets were placed in *Securum*, owned by the Swedish government. In a similar deal, the illiquid assets of *Gota Bank* were also taken over by the government, making way for the acquisition of *Gota Bank* by *Nordbanken*. *Securum* had liquidated most of its assets by 1994 and was shut down in 1997 (Bergström et al. 2002, pp. 1–8). *Första Sparbanken*, the largest of the *sparbanker*, also ran into problems during the banking crisis of the early 1990s. To save the bank, the ten largest regional *sparbanker* merged into a new commercial bank, *Sparbanken Sverige*. In 1992 12 regional *föreningsbanker* merged into *Föreningsbanken*. The concentration also comprised the mortgage institutions. In 1992, *Stadshypotekskassan* and the local city mortgage societies merged into *Stadshypotek* – in turn acquired by *Handelsbanken* in 1997.

The business cycle picked up in the mid-1990s and would turn into excess towards the end of the decade with the formation of the Swedish version of the dot.com bubble. This time, the money did not come primarily from Swedish banks: credit from banks only experienced a moderate increase during the second half of 1990s. Instead, the country gained the attention of big US investment banks and associated funds. Swedish IT-companies were the favorites of international finance, and foreign ownership quickly rose on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The dot.com stock market crash in 2000 did not lead to a deep recession in the way previous asset market busts had in Sweden. The level of private debt was considerably lower compared to ten years earlier, and the free-floating krona devalued sharply. International interest rate cuts also helped the economy.

The wave of consolidation of the Swedish banking industry regained momentum in the latter half of the 1990s, and paved the way for the international expansion of Swedish commercial banks. Particularly during the international credit boom leading up to the Global Financial Crisis in 2008, Swedish banks expanded considerably overseas. In 1997 and in 1998 *Nordbanken* merged with the Finnish bank *Merita*, and the new bank was soon renamed *Nordea*. *Sparbanken Sverige* and *Föreningsbanken* merged into *Föreningssparbanken* in 1997 and now had the muscles to expand operations into the Baltic States, and a decade later into Ukraine, under the new label of *Swedbank*. One of the largest acquisitions was that of the Estonian bank *Hansabank*, completed in 2005. *SEB*, having changed its name from *S-E-Banken* in 1998, joined the race to the east as well, and by 2000 had completed the purchase of three Baltic banks. The same year, *SEB* expanded into Germany as well, with a complete acquisition of *BfG Bank*. Plans to merge with *Föreningssparbanken* in 2001 were stopped due to difficulties in obtaining EU-approval for the deal.

To a lesser extent, internationalization also meant an expansion of foreign bank-

ing in Sweden. When *Danske Bank* bought the small commercial bank *Östgöta Enskilda Bank* in 1996 it became the first foreign bank to have a network of bank offices in the country. The bank offers a range of retail banking services to both households and companies. Most other foreign banks focus on either corporate finance, such as *DNB*, *HSBC*, *Citibank*, *Deutsche Bank*, *BNP Paribas*, and *Bank of China*, or consumer loans (often unsecured), such as *Santander* and *Bigbank*. Additionally, there are a number of foreign investment banks without traditional credit services, of many of which opened offices in Stockholm during the dot.com bubble in the late 1990s, such as *Morgan Stanley* and *Goldman Sachs*.

Competition on the Swedish banking market also increased with the advent of Swedish niche banks around this time, particularly in the consumer credit market. In many cases, new banking operations were established by finance, insurance and retail companies with a large consumer base. *Skandianbanken* and *Länsförsäkringar Bank* are two examples of banks originating from insurance industry, both established in the mid-1990s. The government-owned *SBAB Bank*, formerly a housing mortgage institute, became a bank in 2010. In the retail segment, *Ikano Bank* is one of the earlier examples, founded by *IKEA* in 1995. *ICA Bank* and *MedMera Bank* are examples of banks founded by large supermarket chains in the 2000s. Other consumer credit banks were transformed *finansbolag*, such as *Volvo Finans Bank*, emanating from the car purchase finance company *Volvo Finans* from 1959. Noteworthy is also *Resurs Bank*, which through its collaboration with many retail companies has become a large consumer credit provider since its establishment in 2001.

As the global credit market expanded during the first half of the 2000s, the ROE for Swedish commercial banks once again reached extreme levels, especially in 2004 and 2006. However, when the bursting of the U.S. sub-prime housing bubble evolved into a full-blown global banking panic during the fall of 2008, Swedish banks were hit severely. Like elsewhere in the world, household debt tied to housing price hikes had increased rapidly in Sweden in the preceding years. As a ratio to GDP, outstanding bank credit reached an even higher level than it had done during the 1980s. The main source of distress for Swedish banks was however neither the high levels of Swedish household debt, nor exposure to the asset-backed securities of the U.S. market for housing finance, but instead their overseas offices across the Baltic Sea. In 2008 and 2009, *Swedbank* and *SEB* in particular saw their prospects deteriorate rapidly due to their market dominance in the Baltic countries. At the same time, Swedish banks were highly reliant on wholesale funding and therefore vulnerable to the rapidly deteriorating conditions in international financial markets at the time. The distress in the banking sector spilled over to worsening credit conditions for firms, of which many reported deteriorating access to external finance (Konjunkturinstitutet 2009). In combination with the breakdown in international trade during the crisis and the high dependence of foreign exports for Swedish enterprise, this caused an increased rate of bankruptcies which further impacted the Swedish credit market (Amberg et al. 2021). The rate of ROE dropped to alarmingly low

levels for Swedish banks. Yet, thanks to rescue operations issued by the Riksbank, such as extended lending facilities and relieved lending standards (resulting in SEK 450 billion in loans from the Riksbank to the commercial banks during the second half of 2008 alone) (Molin 2010), as well as the massive international fiscal and monetary expansion, stability was restored. These factors, along with the absence of a large and durable drop in housing prices in Sweden, may also help explain the relatively low credit losses among Swedish banks during the crisis.

In the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis and the ensuing Euro-crisis, Sweden experienced relative financial tranquility. Still however, concerns over inflated housing prices and rising household debt levels made economists at government agencies and in academia debate whether Sweden yet again was experiencing a housing bubble, and measures such as amortization requirements and tougher demands for credit granting were taken to reduce the risks in the banking system.

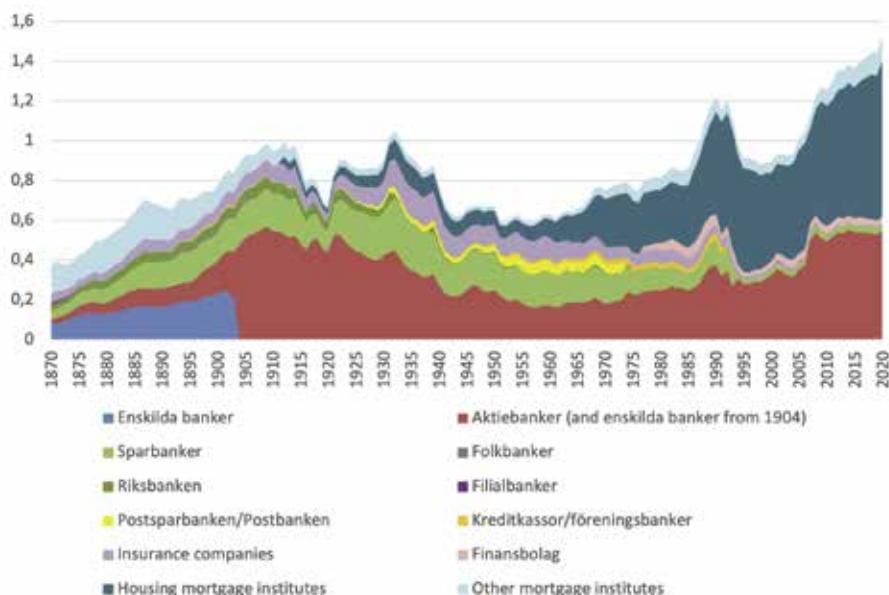
In 2020, the ratio of private credit to GDP reached its highest level ever since 1870. Both bank loans and housing mortgage contributed to this, but while housing credit had largely gone to the construction of dwellings during the 1960s, it did not fund residential investment to a corresponding degree during the 2000s and 2010s (Ahnland 2020). To a larger extent, housing loans fueled price increases in the existing stock of dwellings (Dermani et al 2016; Asal 2018). Other segments of the credit market had grown since the 1990s as well. In particular, although a lot smaller than housing or corporate credit markets, consumer credit has grown considerably. Not least since the imposition of a cap on housing loans of a maximum of 85 per cent of the purchase in 2010 – a measure to curb rising housing prices – the demand for unsecured loans has risen dramatically, providing a growing market for a wide range of credit providers (Finansinspektionen 2019). Meanwhile, the concentration of the Swedish banking market had decreased somewhat due to the increased presence of foreign bank branches and the establishment of niche banks. Even so, *Nordea* (In 2018, *Nordea* moved its headquarters to Finland, but its Swedish branch was still the fourth largest bank in Sweden), *Handelsbanken*, *SEB* and *Swedbank* (from 2006 the new name of *Föreningsbanken*) still accounted for over 80 per cent of the aggregated bank balance sheet – an extreme level in historical comparison. Internationalization was also present in ownership of Swedish bank stocks, with fund managers such as *Vanguard* and *Blackrock* being among the largest shareholders in *SEB*, *Swedbank* and *Handelsbanken* towards the end of the period. Meanwhile, while returns on equity on banking were lower than during the peaks in 2004 and 2006, they were still considerably higher than their historical average.

Main trends in Swedish bank and credit institution activities, 1870 to 2020

This section contains a quantitative account of some of the main trends in Swedish banking activities during the period of study, including trends in credit not only from banks, but also from other creditor categories. A division of different types of banks as debtor groups, vis à vis the Swedish public, is also described. This section also contain data on, and an analysis of, the number of banks – commercial banks, *sparbanker* and *jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker*.

Credit and deposits of Swedish banks and credit institutions

Figure 3.1: Credit/GDP of Swedish banks and credit institutions to the Swedish general public , 1870–2020



In Figure 3.1 the development of the credit-to-GDP ratio for all creditors in the study is displayed. One of the most salient features of Figure 3.1 is the fast growth of credit from commercial banks from 1870 to the outbreak of World War One, and the succeeding rapid decline after the financial crisis of the early 1930s. Together with the increase in credit from especially *sparbanker*, the growth in commercial bank lending led to a massive and steady expansion of bank credit to the Swedish general public, relative to GDP, until World War One. The initial and rapid increase in the overall credit-to-GDP ratio continued until the late 1880s, when it declined

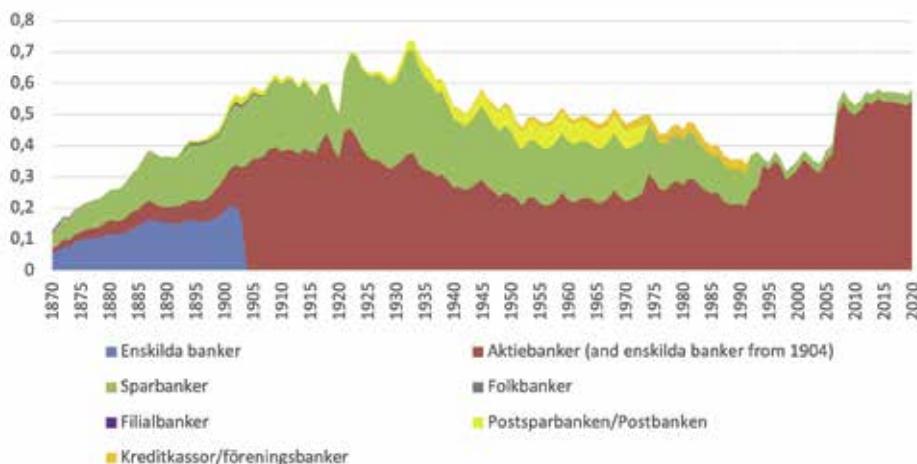
due to the relative decrease in agricultural mortgage credit from *hypoteksföreningar* and *Sveriges Allmänna Hypoteksbank*. Agricultural mortgage credit became less important as the economy went through a structural change from agriculture to industry throughout the rest of the period of study.

After a marked drop during World War One the credit-to-GDP ratio rose again during the 1920s and early 1930s – with the largest increases in credit during the two depressions and associated drops in GDP in the beginning of each of those decades. From the peak in 1932, overall credit from Swedish credit institutions declined relative to GDP until the 1950s. Credit from commercial banks in particular fell during this period. While credit from private *sparbanker* went in to a secular decline after the 1930s, *Postsparbanken/Postbanken* increased its market share until it merged with *Kreditbanken* in 1974. Commercial banks increased their market share somewhat during the subsequent two decades, but remained at a rather low level. The most salient development during the late 1950s and onwards, however, was the increase in housing mortgage credit, depicting the government's policy priority for funding housing construction. Even when this policy came to an end in the 1970s, the ratio of housing mortgage relative to GDP was still substantial, and increased both during the housing bubble during the late 1980s as well as during the house price boom during the 2000s and 2010s. The credit from insurance companies to the public in Sweden, which had been relatively steady in relation to GDP since at least the 1920s diminished quickly during the 1980s and was practically non-existent during the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s. *Finansbolag* credit increased during the 1970s and 1980s, and decreased after that. Overall, these companies remained a relatively small creditor category.

The credit expansion in the late 1980s, and the succeeding credit contraction in the 1990s, is clear and present in the data both when it comes to commercial bank credit and housing mortgage credit. The 1980s also display a marked growth in credit from *finansbolag*. Credit from insurance companies on the other hand, dropped from the mid-1980s. After the decline in overall credit in the mid-1990s, the stock of private credit to the public started to increase, and rapidly so between 2003 and 2008, when it reached a plateau. The last year of the period of study, 2020, saw the highest level of aggregated credit from credit institutions to the Swedish public.

Overall, Figure 3.1 shows that banks in general accounted for between three quarters and 90 per cent of all credit to the Swedish public during the period of study. Banks saw an increasing market share from 1870 until a peak in 1920, and the outbreak of the deflation crisis in the early 1920s. After that, the role of banks decreased somewhat as insurance companies, in search of returns on their assets saw their market share rise. The sharp decline in credit from insurance companies during the 1980s was to some extent replaced by credit from *finansbolag*.

Figure 3.2: Deposits/GDP of banks 1870–2020



A few differences are apparent in Figure 3.2, depicting deposits of Swedish banks (except for the Riksbank and its affiliated *filialbanker*) from the general public. These deposits were higher in the 1920s than they were during the decade preceding World War One, in contrast to the situation for credit in the same period. This cannot be explained by the credit of non-bank creditors (i.e. insurance companies). Another difference is what happened in the early 1980s, when there was a marked decline in bank deposits from the public in Sweden. Yet again, deposits increased dramatically in the 2000s and 2010s, whereas the level of credit was relatively stable during the 2010s.

The number of banks

To a large extent, the story of the Swedish banking market is a story about capital concentration, where banks have merged or where larger banks have bought smaller ones in order to achieve economies of scale and/or larger market share. On the other hand, the establishment of new banks has contributed to an opposite movement. At least from the mid-20th century, concentration was the most dominant trend among both commercial banks (*enskilda banker* and *aktiebanker*), *sparbanker* and *kreditkassor/föreningsbanker*. Legal and organizational differences between these different segments meant that the Swedish banking sectors was divergent for a long time, but towards the end of the period of study there was operational and legal convergence. This homogenization is also reflected in the number of banks in Sweden, grouped in these three main categories of banks during the investigated period, as displayed in Figure 3.3.

Figure 3.3: Number of commercial banks

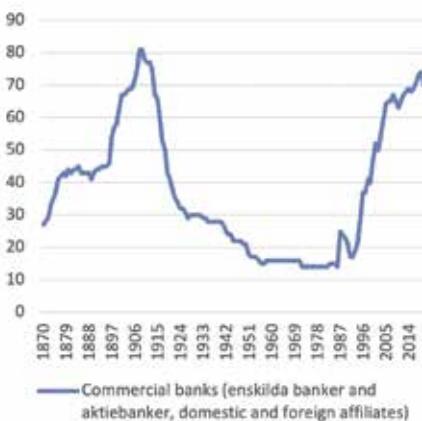


Figure 3.4: Number of sparbanker and jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker



As the Swedish banking market grew until the beginning of the 20th century, so did the number of commercial banks, as depicted in Figure 3.3. Though mergers occurred, the expanding market created more opportunities for all. The 1870s and the period from the mid-1890s to about 1910 were periods in which many new commercial banks emerged. This does not necessarily mean a market characterized by competition, as the market was highly regionalized with many towns and regions having their own commercial banks. Correspondingly, savings banks were even more local. During the 1910s a wave of mergers and acquisitions swept through the Swedish commercial banking market, lasting to the mid-1920s. To some extent, the formation of *sparbanker* shows a similar development in Figure 3.4 up to about 1910, with a rapid increase during the 1870s and 1900s. During World War One, consolidation within Swedish commercial banking was mostly due to expansion, while it was the need to save banks that drove concentration during the deflation crisis of the early 1920s (Kock 1930, p. 37). A similar development occurred during the crisis of the early 1930s. *Sparbanker* continued to increase in number up to the mid-1920s, when consolidation also reached the market for *sparbanker*. The consolidation movement increased in intensity for commercial banks and carried on until the mid-1950s. In the 1970s there was additional concentration, with two big mergers in particular – between *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* and *Skandinaviska Banken* forming *S-E-banken* on the one hand and between the government owned banks *Postbanken* and *Kreditbanken* forming *PK-banken* on the other hand. There was also a slow decline in the number of *sparbanker* until about 1960, when a sudden drop indicates strong consolidation.

Legal reform allowing foreign banks to establish branches in Sweden as well as the credit deregulation created opportunities for new banks to enter the market in the

second half of the 1980s. The 1990s crisis on the other hand saw a consolidation of the market. However, from the mid-1990s, the establishment of both foreign banks as well as niche banks increased the number of banks once again. The number of *sparbanker* continued to decrease for the remainder of the period of study. Also displayed in Figure 3.4, from a relatively quiet establishment period after 1915, up until the end of the 1920s, the number of *föreningsbanker* increased rapidly during the 1930s, and then decreased at a steady pace until the merger resulting in *Föreningsbanken AB* in 1992.

In-depth account of commercial banks

This section is an in-depth account of the main trends for commercial banks in particular, based mainly on income statements. Only a selection of items of the dataset is presented in graphical form, and commented on. Data on nominal values of assets, equity, untaxed reserves, net interest revenues, revenues, taxes, costs, profits, capital, and credit losses, are found in Table 3.8 in the dataset.

Return-on-equity for commercial banks

Return-on-equity (ROE) is a measure of profitability and is traditionally measured as the ratio of profits to the average of the equity value of the current and the previous year. This key value for Swedish commercial banks between 1870 and 2020 is presented in Figure 3.5.

Figure 3.5: Return-on-equity for commercial banks, 1871–2020

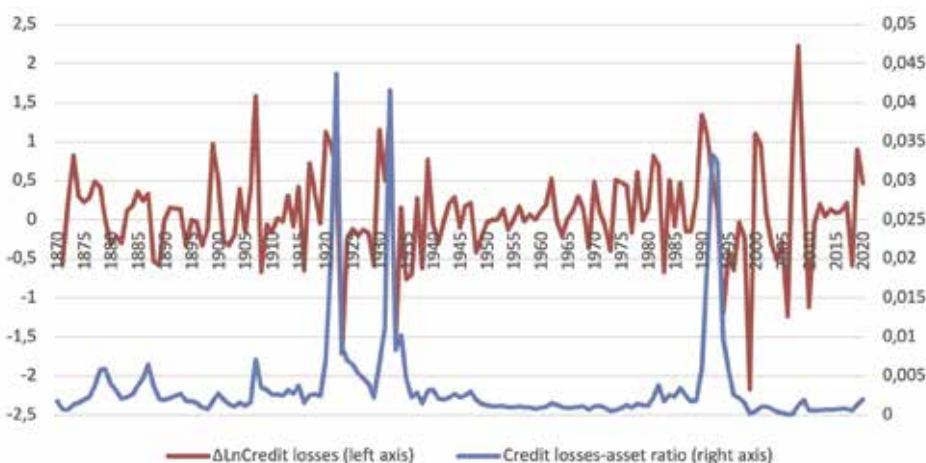


Figure 3.6 shows that ROE was more or less steady until the mid-1970s. After that, the average level increased considerably, though with a higher volatility. The peak was reached in 1987 during the 1980s real estate bubble. Hardly surprising, the ROE for Swedish commercial banks was low during financial crises, most notably 1922, 1932, and 1992–1993.

Credit losses for commercial banks

Losses due to loans not being paid is a measure of the risk of banking activity. The credit loss to asset ratio is another such measure, and it is shown for Swedish commercial banks between 1870 and 2020 in Figure 3.6.

Figure 3.6: Credit losses for commercial banks, 1870–2020



As is displayed in Figure 3.6, the worst credit losses relative to assets among commercial banks occurred during the financial crises in 1921–1922, 1931–1932 and in 1991–1993, which are the same as the lowest values for banks' return-on-equity. These crises stand out relative to other peaks in the measure, and other crises – such as the 1879 or 1907 crises, but also the Global Financial Crisis in 2008–2009 appears as very mild in comparison. Measured in first differences of the natural logarithm however, both in 1907 and 2008 credit loss increases exceeded one per cent, as they did in 1920, 1930, 1932, 1990, 1991, and also during the dot.com crisis in 2000. Measured in this way the financial crisis in 2008 actually appear to be the most severe crisis during the period of study. However, the fairly large credit losses in 2008 should be related to the large bank assets that year, which indicates a high level of financial stability in the Swedish banking system during this crisis.

Capital-Asset Ratios for commercial banks

Though the issue of what is bank capital is a complex one, subject to different definitions and regulations that change over time, it approximately equals equity plus untaxed reserves. The capital-asset ratio shows the level of resources banks have had in order to cover credit losses and to stay solvent. Legally, a bank's capital is a margin to which creditors are covered if the assets of a bank are liquidated. Figure 3.7 displays the development of the aggregate capital-asset ratio for Swedish commercial banks between 1870 and 2020.

Figure 3.7: Capital-Asset Ratios for commercial banks, 1870–2020



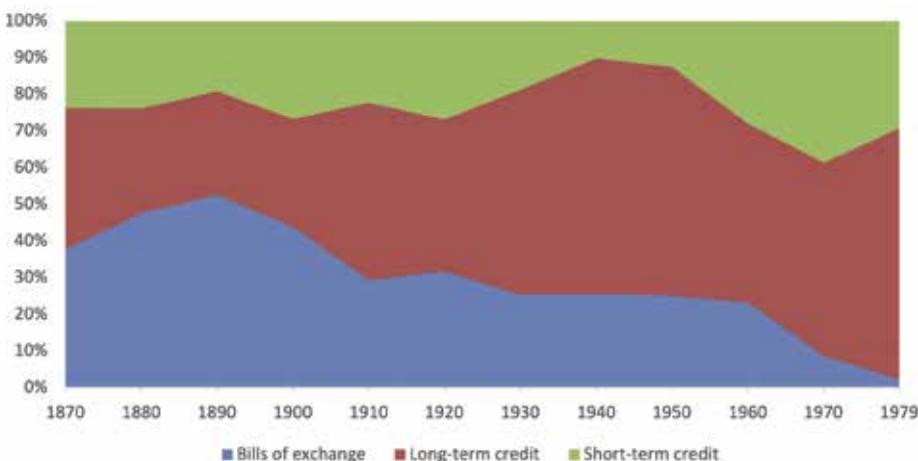
The data in Figure 3.7 show that the capital-asset ratio declined considerably from 1870 to about 1980, from between 15 and 30 per cent during the first 40 years of the period, to about 5 per cent in the 1980 to 2020 period, with a somewhat increasing trend towards the end. According to this measure, commercial banks in Sweden seems to have been less ready to tackle solvency issues due to credit losses. A possible explanation may be the lender of last resort function of the central bank and/or any special governmental bodies designed for this purpose.

Credit of commercial banks, disaggregated

The most extensive part of the dataset presented in this chapter is that of monthly data on credit from and deposits to commercial banks, published in Ahnland (Forthcoming). Presented graphically, these data obviously look very much the same as the annual data and there are no monthly data on GDP to compare with. Hence these data are not depicted in figures in the chapter. The dataset also contain data on the composition of different types of commercial bank credit, but these are only avail-

able up to 1979. These data are presented in Figure 3.8 and show not only that the amount of credit has changed over time, but also that the structure of credit has undergone change.

Figure 3.8: Composition of types of commercial bank credit, 1870–1979



Out of the total loan portfolio of commercial banks, Figure 3.8 shows that bills of exchange were the largest group in the beginning of the period, but decreased relatively from around 1890. Long-term loans, with collateral in mainly shares, bonds, mortgages but also against the name of the debtor, grew in importance on the other hand, and had their largest share around 1940. After that, short-term loans increased as a share of the total until 1970, reflecting an increased use of short-run credit due in particular to the construction of dwellings during this period. Bills of exchange declined considerably towards the end of the recorded period, and had almost disappeared by 1979.

Concluding remarks

Both the structure and the scope of the Swedish banking market has changed considerably during the almost 150 years covered by this study. The institutional setting is perhaps the most obvious source of change. In particular, legal reforms have changed the game rules for the Swedish banking sector significantly. The Bank Act of 1864, occurring just before the start of the period of investigation, may be considered a starting point for modern banking in Sweden. In particular, its abolishment of usury law which made it possible for banks to attract deposits and finance industrialization and urbanization, was an important development. The reform enforced in 1904 imposing a modern division of labor between commercial banks and the Riksbank

was also of considerable importance. Another notable game changer occurred with the regulatory fervor starting in the 1950s, when a range of new regulations increased the role of government credit allocation and put commercial banks under pressure. The 1980s constitutes another structural break, with a reversal of financial regulation. Perhaps most importantly, the deregulation of the credit market in the late 1980s spurred intense competition for market share, a rapid expansion of private debt and a dramatic real estate bubble. The removal of capital controls during the latter half of the 1980s was also important.

When it comes to the rigidness of financial regulations in general, it is possible to talk about a wave-like movement, with a more liberal legal framework in place until World War Two, a heavily regulated credit market up to the 1980s, and again a more liberal legislation from the 1980s. This wave-like movement is in accordance with changes in the ruling macroeconomic policy regime, where government interference in the overall economy has been more or less present. Liberal financial regulations have prevailed during periods when price stability has had priority over full employment in macroeconomic policy. Conversely, more rigid financial regulations have been in place during periods in which full employment has had priority over price stability. The Swedish development in this regard is very much in line with the international development.

Relative to GDP, deposits into the Swedish banking system have also experienced a wave-like movement, resembling that of the changes in the financial regulatory regime but with a somewhat different chronology. The deposit-to-GDP ratio increased until the early 1930s and decreased until the early 1950s, after which it remained on a relatively stable level until about 1980. During the 1980s the ratio decreased again until the early 1990s crisis, when there was a brief hike. After the 1990s crisis, bank deposits grew relative to GDP throughout the rest of the period.

The credit-to-GDP ratio had a somewhat different development due to the inclusion of credit from particularly mortgage institutions. After rapid growth during the 1870s and 1880s, the ratio was rather volatile over the next fifty years, particularly during World War One, though the trend was fairly constant. The credit-to-GDP ratio went into a steep decline with World War Two and remained at a lower level until about 1960, when it started to rise again due to mortgage institution funding of the massive residential housing construction projects of the social democratic government. Looking solely at the credit-to-GDP ratio of the banking sector however, its development is quite similar to that of the deposit-to-GDP ratio, as well as the wave-like movement experienced by the financial regulatory regime and the international macroeconomic policy regime. The rise of the overall credit-to-GDP ratio from the 1960s was thus due to a political priority of funding housing construction rather than an endogenous mechanism inherent to the private credit market as such, and can be explained by the very regulatory changes that the new regime entailed. The impact of the financial deregulations of the 1980s, especially the credit deregulation,

lation of 1985, is also visible in the data, as a sharp increase in the credit-to-GDP ratio.

The divergent trends of bank credit and housing mortgage credit turned into convergence from this point onwards. The 1990s saw a fast decline in all creditor categories, but both bank and housing mortgage credit increased again up to the Global Financial crisis in 2007. The growth in the credit-to-GDP ratio after that was almost totally due to the increase in housing mortgage credit.

To a considerable degree the amount of credit from, and deposits to, banks coincides with the degree of financial regulation, or repression. Liberal regulation has been associated with a high level of private debt emanating mainly from banks, relative to GDP, while extensive regulation correspondingly has been associated with a lower level of credit from bank, relative to GDP. Furthermore, spikes in credit losses, however measured also occurred during the more liberal eras of financial regulation.

For housing mortgage, the picture is different. During the regulated period from the 1950s until the 1980s growth in housing mortgage credit coexisted with relative financial stability, but the corresponding growth during the deregulated era, during the 1980s boom and since the mid-1990s, was arguably not associated with such financial stability. Another difference between the regulated and the deregulated eras is that the relative growth of housing mortgage credit during the former era was associated with a massive increase in housing construction, whereas the latter was not. Rather, housing mortgages was largely used to finance price increases in an already existing stock of residential houses during the 2000s and 2010s.

It is possible to discern other more or less continuous long-run, secular, trends in the development of Swedish bank and credit institutions as well. From a market with increasing competition until the early 1900s, concentration increased gradually until the early 1980s, when the establishment of foreign and Swedish niche banks started to intensify competition. Financial crises have often forced the banking industry to consolidate and provoked concentration, particularly during and after the crises of the 1920s, 1930s and 1990s. Even so, mergers and acquisitions have also occurred during the dynamic environment of financial booms and even during periods of relative economic stability. Some of the most notable mergers during the period of study are those between *Stockholms Enskilda Bank* and *Skandinaviska Banken* to form *Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken* in 1972, two government-owned banks leading to the foundation of *PK-banken* in 1974, and *Sparbanken Sverige* and *Föreningsbanken* forming *Föreningsparbanken* in 1997.

A related trend is the convergence of the Swedish banking market. The division between *enskilda banker* with the right to emit their own notes on the one hand, and *aktiebanker* on the other hand, ceased to exist in practice after the Bank Act of 1903. Furthermore, the disappearance of *filialbanker* and *folkbanker* underscores the remarkable success of *aktiebanker* as an organizational form. Succeeding legal harmonization was enforced in 1955 and 1969 so that *sparbanker*, *föreningsbanker* and commercial banks could compete on equal terms on the credit market, and in 1985

it became possible also for foreign banks to establish bank offices in Sweden on similar terms to those of Swedish banks. Mergers and acquisitions have blurred the line between different forms of banks even more and exacerbated the trend of convergence. Most of the former *sparbanken* movement as well as the *föreningsbanker* are today part of the commercial bank *Swedbank*, one of the “big four” Swedish banks in recent decades.

Another trend is internationalization. Even though the Swedish credit market has a long tradition of close ties to foreign credit markets, particularly from the mid-19th century and the first two decades of the 20th century, the 1970s saw an unprecedented internationalization. The financial deregulations of the 1980s gave additional force to this trend, as seen in the increase in funding of Swedish bank credit by foreign banks after 1985. The complete removal of capital controls in 1989 was an even more decisive move towards internationalization. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the internationalization of Swedish banks gained momentum again with expansion mainly into the Baltic States. Simultaneously, foreign banks increased their presence in Sweden as niche banks, though their market shares have stayed on a very low level. Competition has however increased somewhat from nice banks started by Swedish retail companies as well.

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Table A3.2a. Swedish bank deposits by bank category, 1870–2020, Million SEK

Year	Enskilda banker	Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)	Spar- banker	Folk- banker	Filial- banker	Postsparken/ Postbanken	Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker	Banks in total
1870	61	13	57	5				136
1871	73	21	71	5				171
1872	96	35	87	4				222
1873	115	30	106	3				253
1874	146	38	124	2				309
1875	152	41	133					325
1876	169	47	143					359
1877	166	50	145					361
1878	159	48	139					346
1879	163	57	135					355
1880	179	67	146					393
1881	186	69	160					415
1882	186	69	173					428
1883	208	82	190					481
1884	221	90	204					515
1885	231	87	219					537
1886	240	88	231					559
1887	244	88	240					572
1888	249	84	253		1			587
1889	254	83	268		1			607
1890	262	90	275		2			629
1891	276	96	284		3			659
1892	277	103	291		5			675
1893	285	105	308	14		8		720
1894	296	111	324	16		13		761
1895	306	121	339	17		16		800
1896	310	135	360	17		20		841
1897	341	161	384	17		23		927
1898	393	188	403	19		30		1033
1899	439	250	415	20		38		1163
1900	498	274	437	22		50		1281
1901	537	301	467	23		58		1386
1902	522	352	496	25		64		1460
1903	473	442	531	25		60		1531
1904		957	568	22		56		1604
1905		1042	602	18		54		1716
1906		1174	645	15		54		1888
1907		1314	682	12		54		2062
1908		1395	714	9		55		2173
1909		1414	760	10		55		2240

<i>Year</i>	<i>Enskilda banker</i>	<i>Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)</i>	<i>Spar- banker</i>	<i>Folk- banker</i>	<i>Filial- banker</i>	<i>Postsparsbanken/ Postbanken</i>	<i>Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker</i>	<i>Banks in total</i>
1910		1465	809	12		54		2340
1911		1516	857	12		51		2436
1912		1602	904	13		46		2566
1913		1692	953			45		2690
1914		1794	987			46		2827
1915		1998	1065			47		3111
1916		2497	1207			48		3752
1917		3221	1382			48		4651
1918		4502	1624			45		6171
1919		5018	1871			48	2	6938
1920		5095	2024			54	2	7175
1921		4854	2130			64	3	7051
1922		4325	2243			75	3	6646
1923		3869	2359			83	3	6314
1924		3675	2399			84	3	6162
1925		3494	2489			100	4	6087
1926		3453	2621			119	4	6197
1927		3484	2706			135	5	6330
1928		3431	2793			149	6	6379
1929		3481	2884			172	7	6544
1930		3631	2961			206	7	6805
1931		3554	3051			231	8	6844
1932		3556	3142			256	9	6964
1933		3630	3206			324	12	7172
1934		3553	3312			393	18	7276
1935		3632	3351			439	23	7445
1936		3833	3402			527	32	7794
1937		3999	3523			486	48	8056
1938		4260	3685			509	61	8516
1939		4401	3679			603	69	8751
1940		4321	3596			561	77	8554
1941		4879	3807			700	98	9484
1942		5157	4137			623	113	10030
1943		5762	4611			840	134	11347
1944		6378	5106			966	163	12613
1945		6847	5606			1091	193	13737
1946		7113	6034			1329	235	14711
1947		7506	6357			1614	274	15752
1948		7640	6751			1830	306	16527
1949		8399	7231			2093	361	18084
1950		8930	7619			2381	404	19334

Year	Enskilda banker	Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)	Spar- banker	Folk- banker	Filial- banker	Postsparsbanken/ Postbanken	Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker	Banks in total
1951		10513	8060			2714	456	21743
1952		10358	8703			2998	556	22615
1953		11839	9343			3269	617	25068
1954		12727	9978			3408	710	26823
1955		12609	10696			3748	797	27850
1956		13090	11509			4289	868	29756
1957		14263	12459			4611	948	32281
1958		15987	13442			4932	1010	35371
1959		18950	14337			5176	1096	39559
1960		18524	15403			5462	1236	40625
1961		19415	16391			5920	1376	43102
1962		22080	17699			6311	1575	47665
1963		24410	18957			6616	1797	51780
1964		26649	20531			6898	2162	56240
1965		27731	22263			7866	2551	60411
1966		30303	24511			8237	2921	65972
1967		35017	27000			8770	3350	74137
1968		41235	29476			9377	3733	83821
1969		41050	31283			10096	4263	86692
1970		43098	32712			10858	4747	91415
1971		47493	35629			11849	5525	100496
1972		54426	38781			12666	6217	112090
1973		63419	42680			13594	7318	127011
1974		89878	46907				8815	145600
1975		98224	52224				10421	160869
1976		99984	56554				11871	168409
1977		108458	61857				13496	183811
1978		129658	69751				15405	214814
1979		150194	78453				17824	246471
1980		161895	86508				19859	268262
1981		190657	95707				22519	308883
1982		207118	103059				24695	334872
1983		215414	108500				26565	350479
1984		229761	113709				28813	372283
1985		240385	116956				30262	387603
1986		267627	127979				33897	429503
1987		258470	135113				36480	430063
1988		266381	145601				41028	453010
1989		295311	155530				45690	496531
1990		328606	170544				54774	553924
1991		340101	164255				58682	563038

<i>Year</i>	<i>Enskilda banker</i>	<i>Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)</i>	<i>Spar- banker</i>	<i>Folk- banker</i>	<i>Filial- banker</i>	<i>Postsparsbanken/ Postbanken</i>	<i>Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker</i>	<i>Banks in total</i>
1992		417024	194446					611470
1993		437827	191128					628955
1994		597675	41658					639333
1995		614557	41512					656069
1996		684569	59576					744145
1997		683950	56336					740286
1998		622273	63423					685696
1999		691219	67032					758251
2000		777816	66392					844208
2001		884088	70203					954291
2002		889972	75163					965135
2003		866731	74896					941627
2004		890496	82054					972550
2005		1036362	88753					1125115
2006		1162518	98531					1261049
2007		1667313	110777					1778090
2008		1839862	127125					1966987
2009		1695350	133394					1828744
2010		1779035	113202					1892237
2011		1912427	116091					2028518
2012		2020757	120570					2141327
2013		2032871	127957					2160828
2014		2203739	121531					2325270
2015		2297995	131726					2429721
2016		2386294	146410					2532704
2017		2486155	154039					2640194
2018		2586900	161894					2748794
2019		2671639	166726					2838365
2020		2706901	178494					2885395

Table A3.2b. Swedish bank deposits by bank category, 1870–2020, unadjusted/unestimated, Million SEK

Year	Enskilda banker	Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)	Spar- banker	Folk- banker	Filial- banker	Postsparken/ Postbanken	Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker	Banks in total
1870	61	13	57		5			136
1871	73	21	71		5			171
1872	96	35	87		4			222
1873	115	30	106		3			253
1874	146	38	124		2			309
1875	152	41	133					325
1876	169	47	143					359
1877	166	50	145					361
1878	159	48	139					346
1879	163	57	135					355
1880	179	67	146					393
1881	186	69	160					415
1882	186	69	173					428
1883	208	82	190					481
1884	221	90	204					515
1885	231	87	219					537
1886	240	88	231					559
1887	244	88	240					572
1888	249	84	253			1		587
1889	254	83	268			1		607
1890	262	90	275			2		629
1891	276	96	284			3		659
1892	277	103	291			5		675
1893	285	105	308	14		8		720
1894	296	111	324	16		13		761
1895	306	121	339	17		16		800
1896	310	135	360	17		20		841
1897	341	161	384	17		23		927
1898	393	188	403	19		30		1033
1899	439	250	415	20		38		1163
1900	498	274	437	22		50		1281
1901	537	301	467	23		58		1386
1902	522	352	496	25		64		1460
1903	473	442	531	25		60		1531
1904		957	568	22		56		1604
1905		1042	602	18		54		1716
1906		1174	645	15		54		1888

<i>Year</i>	<i>Enskilda banker</i>	<i>Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)</i>	<i>Spar- banker</i>	<i>Folk- banker</i>	<i>Filial- banker</i>	<i>Postsparkbanken/ Postbanken</i>	<i>Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker</i>	<i>Banks in total</i>
1907		1314	682	12		54		2062
1908		1395	714	9		55		2173
1909		1414	760	10		55		2240
1910		1465	809	12		54		2340
1911		1516	857	12		51		2436
1912		1602	904	13		46		2566
1913		1692	953			45		2690
1914		1794	987			46		2827
1915		1998	1065			47		3111
1916		2497	1207			48		3752
1917		3221	1382			48		4651
1918		4502	1624			45		6171
1919		5018	1871			48	2	6938
1920		5095	2024			54	2	7175
1921		4854	2130			64	3	7051
1922		4325	2243			75	3	6646
1923		3869	2359			83	3	6314
1924		3675	2399			84	3	6162
1925		3494	2489			100	4	6087
1926		3453	2621			119	4	6197
1927		3484	2706			135	5	6330
1928		3431	2793			149	6	6379
1929		3481	2884			172	7	6544
1930		3631	2961			206	7	6805
1931		3554	3051			231	8	6844
1932		3556	3142			256	9	6964
1933		3630	3206			324	12	7172
1934		3553	3312			393	18	7276
1935		3632	3351			439	23	7445
1936		3833	3402			527	32	7794
1937		3999	3523			486	48	8056
1938		4260	3685			509	61	8516
1939		4401	3679			603	69	8751
1940		4321	3596			561	77	8554
1941		4879	3807			700	98	9484
1942		5157	4137			623	113	10030
1943		5762	4611			840	134	11347
1944		6378	5106			966	163	12613
1945		6847	5606			1091	193	13737
1946		7113	6034			1329	235	14711
1947		7506	6357			1614	274	15752

Year	Enskilda banker	Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)	Spar- banker	Folk- banker	Filial- banker	Postsparsbanken/ Postbanken	Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker	Banks in total
1948		7640	6751			1830	306	16527
1949		8399	7231			2093	361	18084
1950		8930	7619			2381	404	19334
1951		10513	8060			2714	456	21743
1952		10358	8703			2998	556	22615
1953		11839	9343			3269	617	25068
1954		12727	9978			3408	710	26823
1955		12609	10696			3748	797	27850
1956		13090	11509			4289	868	29756
1957		14263	12459			4611	948	32281
1958		15987	13442			4932	1010	35371
1959		18950	14337			5176	1096	39559
1960		18524	15403			5462	1236	40625
1961		19415	16391			5920	1376	43102
1962		22080	17699			6311	1575	47665
1963		24410	18957			6616	1797	51780
1964		26649	20531			6898	2162	56240
1965		27731	22263			7866	2551	60411
1966		30303	24511			8237	2921	65972
1967		35017	27000			8770	3350	74137
1968		41235	29476			9377	3733	83821
1969		41050	31283			10096	4263	86692
1970		43098	32712			10858	4747	91415
1971		47493	35629			11849	5525	100496
1972		54426	38781			12666	6217	112090
1973		63419	42680			13594	7318	127011
1974		89878	46907			15327	8815	160927
1975		98573	52224			16045	10421	177263
1976		100653	56554			17793	11871	186871
1977		109235	61857			20378	13496	204966
1978		130286	69751				15405	215442
1979		151640	78453				17824	247917
1980		164523	86508				19859	270890
1981		195618	95707				22519	313844
1982		212155	103059				24695	339909
1983		225214	108500				26565	360279
1984		250364	113709				28813	392886
1985		257804	116956				30262	405022
1986		291882	127979				33897	453758
1987		291708	135113				36480	463301
1988		317215	145601				41028	503844

<i>Year</i>	<i>Enskilda banker</i>	<i>Aktiebanker (plus enskilda banker from 1904 and sparbanker from 1993)</i>	<i>Spar- banker</i>	<i>Folk- banker</i>	<i>Filial- banker</i>	<i>Postsparkassen/ Postbanken</i>	<i>Kreditkassor/ föreningsbanker</i>	<i>Banks in total</i>
1989		362986	155530				45690	564206
1990		328606	170544				54774	553924
1991		340101	164255				58682	563038
1992		417024	194446					611470
1993		437827	191128					628955
1994		597675	41658					639333
1995		614557	41512					656069
1996		684569	59576					744145
1997		683950	56336					740286
1998		679192	70852					750044
1999		729545	67253					796798
2000		772142	57317					829459
2001		839646	65191					904837
2002		879611	71328					950939
2003		896340	74092					970432
2004		922784	77761					1000545
2005		1026164	85989					1112153
2006		1167698	96320					1264018
2007		1324775	111531					1436306
2008		1476041	122381					1598422
2009		1536916	134489					1671405
2010		1642558	119788					1762346
2011		1753976	128212					1882188
2012		1884624	139339					2023963
2013		1976210	145143					2121353
2014		2149066	134979					2284045
2015		2333702	147816					2481518
2016		2527046	162013					2689059
2017		2735464	174449					2909913
2018		2904311	185822					3090133
2019		3117097	191542					3308639
2020		3678136	215228					3893364

Table A3.3. Number of commercial banks, sparbanker and jordbrukskassor/föreningsbanker, 1870–2020

Year	Commercial banks (enskilda banker and aktiebanker)	Sparbanker	Jordbrukskassor/ föreningsbanker
1870	27	234	
1871	28	254	
1872	29	258	
1873	33	263	
1874	35	296	
1875	37	315	
1876	41	325	
1877	42	327	
1878	43	338	
1879	42	343	
1880	44	340	
1881	43	347	
1882	44	351	
1883	44	358	
1884	45	374	
1885	43	373	
1886	43	376	
1887	43	375	
1888	43	374	
1889	41	377	
1890	43	378	
1891	44	376	
1892	44	378	
1893	45	377	
1894	45	374	
1895	45	372	
1896	46	371	
1897	54	375	
1898	57	376	
1899	58	384	
1900	63	388	
1901	67	390	
1902	67	394	
1903	68	404	
1904	69	409	
1905	69	415	
1906	71	422	
1907	75	426	
1908	81	428	
1909	81	431	
1910	78	436	

<i>Year</i>	<i>Commercial banks (enskilda banker and aktiebanker)</i>	<i>Sparbanker</i>	<i>Jordbrukskassor/ föreningsbanker</i>
1911	77	438	
1912	77	438	
1913	75	440	
1914	67	443	
1915	66	444	
1916	59	455	71
1917	53	461	84
1918	50	464	80
1919	43	477	83
1920	41	485	113
1921	38	487	117
1922	35	491	120
1923	34	492	121
1924	32	494	119
1925	32	496	118
1926	31	497	139
1927	29	496	144
1928	30	488	153
1929	30	488	164
1930	30	482	177
1931	30	481	280
1932	30	480	456
1933	29	481	604
1934	29	479	699
1935	28	478	768
1936	28	476	786
1937	28	476	785
1938	28	476	765
1939	28	476	758
1940	28	472	751
1941	27	471	744
1942	25	468	736
1943	24	463	727
1944	24	463	707
1945	22	459	685
1946	22	458	647
1947	22	458	644
1948	22	456	636
1949	21	453	634
1950	21	451	631
1951	18	451	621
1952	17	450	609
1953	17	449	606
1954	17	448	605

Year	<i>Commercial banks (enskilda banker and aktiebanker)</i>	<i>Sparbanker</i>	<i>Jordbrukskassor/ föreningsbanker</i>
1955	16	447	600
1956	15	444	593
1957	15	442	583
1958	16	440	581
1959	16	440	575
1960	16	434	572
1961	16	425	566
1962	16	419	558
1963	16	408	554
1964	16	398	545
1965	16	386	531
1966	16	362	525
1967	16	351	513
1968	16	326	508
1969	16	296	494
1970	16	273	477
1971	16	249	468
1972	14	233	458
1973	14	231	453
1974	14	226	444
1975	14	216	440
1976	14	206	437
1977	14	188	434
1978	14	185	428
1979	14	175	426
1980	14	164	420
1981	14	162	409
1982	14	160	399
1983	15	155	395
1984	15	149	391
1985	15	139	389
1986	14	119	389
1987	25	115	388
1988	24	110	391
1989	23	109	383
1990	21	104	373
1991	17	101	332
1992	17	91	
1993	19	90	
1994	22	90	
1995	29	90	
1996	37	88	
1997	37	87	
1998	41	85	

<i>Year</i>	<i>Commercial banks (enskilda banker and aktiebanker)</i>	<i>Sparbanker</i>	<i>Jordbrukskassor/ föreningsbanker</i>
1999	40	85	
2000	47	79	
2001	52	77	
2002	50	77	
2003	54	76	
2004	59	76	
2005	64	71	
2006	65	68	
2007	65	65	
2008	67	53	
2009	65	53	
2010	63	50	
2011	65	49	
2012	67	49	
2013	68	49	
2014	69	48	
2015	68	47	
2016	69	47	
2017	71	47	
2018	73	47	
2019	74	45	
2020	70	45	

Table A3.5. *Credit from commercial banks, 1875–2020, Million SEK***Panel A.** Monthly observations, 1875:01–1990:02

<i>Year:Month</i>	<i>Total credit</i>						
1875:01	260	1879:08	257	1884:03	390	1888:10	401
1875:02	260	1879:09	261	1884:04	391	1888:11	402
1875:03	255	1879:10	265	1884:05	388	1888:12	402
1875:04	267	1879:11	264	1884:06	389	1889:01	398
1875:05	265	1879:12	264	1884:07	375	1889:02	403
1875:06	266	1880:01	267	1884:08	387	1889:03	410
1875:07	264	1880:02	269	1884:09	393	1889:04	408
1875:08	267	1880:03	275	1884:10	394	1889:05	413
1875:09	269	1880:04	278	1884:11	397	1889:06	418
1875:10	273	1880:05	277	1884:12	397	1889:07	419
1875:11	269	1880:06	278	1885:01	395	1889:08	419
1875:12	265	1880:07	278	1885:02	402	1889:09	423
1876:01	268	1880:08	281	1885:03	409	1889:10	422
1876:02	275	1880:09	286	1885:04	409	1889:11	426
1876:03	280	1880:10	287	1885:05	406	1889:12	426
1876:04	281	1880:11	283	1885:06	408	1890:01	425
1876:05	281	1880:12	282	1885:07	405	1890:02	432
1876:06	263	1881:01	284	1885:08	405	1890:03	438
1876:07	277	1881:02	290	1885:09	414	1890:04	440
1876:08	278	1881:03	299	1885:10	414	1890:05	436
1876:09	286	1881:04	300	1885:11	403	1890:06	440
1876:10	290	1881:05	303	1885:12	405	1890:07	437
1876:11	290	1881:06	305	1886:01	383	1890:08	441
1876:12	290	1881:07	305	1886:02	407	1890:09	447
1877:01	297	1881:08	307	1886:03	409	1890:10	448
1877:02	306	1881:09	312	1886:04	409	1890:11	445
1877:03	313	1881:10	316	1886:05	403	1890:12	445
1877:04	311	1881:11	318	1886:06	372	1891:01	446
1877:05	310	1881:12	318	1886:07	396	1891:02	453
1877:06	320	1882:01	321	1886:08	396	1891:03	458
1877:07	310	1882:02	330	1886:09	404	1891:04	459
1877:08	307	1882:03	340	1886:10	402	1891:05	460
1877:09	310	1882:04	341	1886:11	399	1891:06	461
1877:10	312	1882:05	339	1886:12	398	1891:07	464
1877:11	305	1882:06	342	1887:01	398	1891:08	464
1877:12	299	1882:07	338	1887:02	397	1891:09	468
1878:01	294	1882:08	340	1887:03	398	1891:10	470
1878:02	292	1882:09	346	1887:04	398	1891:11	472
1878:03	294	1882:10	345	1887:05	394	1891:12	475
1878:04	292	1882:11	342	1887:06	394	1892:01	483
1878:05	292	1882:12	343	1887:07	390	1892:02	490
1878:06	289	1883:01	346	1887:08	404	1892:03	498
1878:07	284	1883:02	355	1887:09	392	1892:04	501
1878:08	289	1883:03	362	1887:10	388	1892:05	501
1878:09	295	1883:04	363	1887:11	384	1892:06	500
1878:10	294	1883:05	364	1887:12	382	1892:07	496
1878:11	290	1883:06	368	1888:01	386	1892:08	495
1878:12	282	1883:07	364	1888:02	392	1892:09	499
1879:01	276	1883:08	367	1888:03	396	1892:10	500
1879:02	276	1883:09	373	1888:04	397	1892:11	499
1879:03	264	1883:10	374	1888:05	398	1892:12	499
1879:04	260	1883:11	373	1888:06	401	1893:01	498
1879:05	265	1883:12	375	1888:07	396	1893:02	503
1879:06	263	1884:01	377	1888:08	401	1893:03	506
1879:07	259	1884:02	382	1888:09	403	1893:04	507

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total credit</i>						
1953:05	9946	1958:05	11478	1963:05	18274	1968:05	31441
1953:06	9821	1958:06	11569	1963:06	18382	1968:06	31489
1953:07	9791	1958:07	11638	1963:07	18823	1968:07	32057
1953:08	9774	1958:08	11560	1963:08	18964	1968:08	32053
1953:09	9929	1958:09	11687	1963:09	19037	1968:09	33076
1953:10	9882	1958:10	11527	1963:10	19041	1968:10	32704
1953:11	9900	1958:11	11649	1963:11	19471	1968:11	33725
1953:12	9932	1958:12	11692	1963:12	19348	1968:12	34000
1954:01	9971	1959:01	11788	1964:01	19676	1969:01	34553
1954:02	10133	1959:02	11798	1964:02	19796	1969:02	34870
1954:03	10463	1959:03	12032	1964:03	20296	1969:03	34316
1954:04	10509	1959:04	12156	1964:04	20218	1969:04	34809
1954:05	10652	1959:05	12443	1964:05	20639	1969:05	35939
1954:06	10742	1959:06	12613	1964:06	20498	1969:06	36612
1954:07	10770	1959:07	12723	1964:07	20791	1969:07	36160
1954:08	10731	1959:08	12780	1964:08	20759	1969:08	35648
1954:09	10940	1959:09	13029	1964:09	21247	1969:09	35841
1954:10	11007	1959:10	12849	1964:10	20998	1969:10	35047
1954:11	11159	1959:11	12998	1964:11	21462	1969:11	34729
1954:12	11092	1959:12	13125	1964:12	21334	1969:12	34171
1955:01	11164	1960:01	13053	1965:01	21653	1970:01	35060
1955:02	11227	1960:02	13009	1965:02	21741	1970:02	35205
1955:03	11387	1960:03	13471	1965:03	22326	1970:03	35357
1955:04	11474	1960:04	13632	1965:04	22466	1970:04	35181
1955:05	11469	1960:05	13879	1965:05	23155	1970:05	34886
1955:06	11070	1960:06	13950	1965:06	23318	1970:06	34274
1955:07	10865	1960:07	14240	1965:07	23397	1970:07	34420
1955:08	10889	1960:08	14147	1965:08	23071	1970:08	34336
1955:09	10951	1960:09	14312	1965:09	23460	1970:09	34293
1955:10	10592	1960:10	14169	1965:10	23416	1970:10	34281
1955:11	10634	1960:11	14357	1965:11	23929	1970:11	34518
1955:12	10530	1960:12	14091	1965:12	24008	1970:12	34860
1956:01	10503	1961:01	14241	1966:01	24585	1971:01	34818
1956:02	10496	1961:02	14306	1966:02	24807	1971:02	34800
1956:03	10643	1961:03	14646	1966:03	25441	1971:03	35168
1956:04	10726	1961:04	14681	1966:04	25352	1971:04	35036
1956:05	10972	1961:05	14981	1966:05	26162	1971:05	36180
1956:06	10861	1961:06	14690	1966:06	26029	1971:06	36529
1956:07	10847	1961:07	14708	1966:07	26266	1971:07	36591
1956:08	10563	1961:08	14619	1966:08	26007	1971:08	36726
1956:09	10825	1961:09	14952	1966:09	26243	1971:09	37384
1956:10	10635	1961:10	14722	1966:10	25760	1971:10	37387
1956:11	10742	1961:11	14795	1966:11	26091	1971:11	38038
1956:12	10638	1961:12	14541	1966:12	25835	1971:12	38676
1957:01	10669	1962:01	14638	1967:01	25880	1972:01	39903
1957:02	10678	1962:02	14753	1967:02	25643	1972:02	40171
1957:03	10909	1962:03	14926	1967:03	26332	1972:03	40908
1957:04	10869	1962:04	15006	1967:04	26362	1972:04	41532
1957:05	11193	1962:05	15397	1967:05	27115	1972:05	41944
1957:06	11137	1962:06	15366	1967:06	27198	1972:06	42621
1957:07	11053	1962:07	15623	1967:07	27836	1972:07	43130
1957:08	10810	1962:08	15552	1967:08	27461	1972:08	43258
1957:09	10939	1962:09	16034	1967:09	28366	1972:09	44071
1957:10	10779	1962:10	15832	1967:10	27993	1972:10	44125
1957:11	10874	1962:11	16325	1967:11	28694	1972:11	44581
1957:12	10826	1962:12	16196	1967:12	29019	1972:12	44748
1958:01	10713	1963:01	16449	1968:01	29204	1973:01	45321
1958:02	10768	1963:02	16686	1968:02	28985	1973:02	46183
1958:03	11127	1963:03	17550	1968:03	30157	1973:03	46648
1958:04	11202	1963:04	17622	1968:04	30359	1973:04	47318

Panel B. Yearly observations, 1975–1989

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total credit</i>	<i>Credit to the Swedish public</i>	<i>Credit to the foreign public</i>
1975	78712	77890	822
1976	88576	86983	1593
1977	102955	101028	1927
1978	115552	113207	2345
1979	133920	130717	3203
1980	150847	147005	3842
1981	171743	165472	6271
1982	201425	190408	11017
1983	221073	207052	14021
1984	248917	232306	16611
1985	257574	242873	14701
1986	292781	278056	14725
1987	344023	325653	18370
1988	461047	422054	38993
1989	587721	514781	72940

Panel C. Monthly observations, 1990:03–2020:12

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total credit</i>	<i>Credit to the Swedish public</i>	<i>Credit to the foreign public</i>
1990:03	625292	534320	90972
1990:04	642133	545023	97110
1990:05	665172	561994	103178
1990:06	684385	573680	110705
1990:07	676881	564834	112047
1990:08	678555	566538	112017
1990:09	692168	576408	115760
1990:10	705833	588737	117096
1990:11	707034	586783	120251
1990:12	678285	572236	106049
1991:01	691233	571184	120049
1991:02	704718	578927	125791
1991:03	714014	578841	135173
1991:04	703919	572393	131526
1991:05	707616	577865	129751
1991:06	718991	589796	129195
1991:07	700520	573526	126994
1991:08	695638	563669	131969
1991:09	694111	559795	134316
1991:10	684520	549539	134981
1991:11	681501	548857	132644
1991:12	654393	525695	128698
1992:01	642592	509350	133242
1992:02	641221	507237	133984
1992:03	642885	507910	134975
1992:04	641086	507491	133595
1992:05	643033	509709	133324
1992:06	644519	512802	131717
1992:07	637477	506691	130786
1992:08	662845	536893	125952
1992:09	669765	541726	128039
1992:10	666028	535791	130237
1992:11	698562	553009	145553
1992:12	699220	569661	129559
1993:01	691956	546070	145886
1993:02	700118	551619	148499
1993:03	679337	534171	145166
1993:04	663487	524012	139475
1993:05	645432	513429	132003
1993:06	638923	510528	128395
1993:07	634637	503060	131577
1993:08	631417	498986	132431
1993:09	613093	487737	125356
1993:10	609547	483397	126150
1993:11	607834	478300	129534
1993:12	566060	447720	118340
1994:01	685154	548707	136447
1994:02	684942	554607	130335
1994:03	667615	544311	123304
1994:04	669627	544263	125364
1994:05	670642	544788	125854
1994:06	660935	541084	119851

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total credit</i>	<i>Credit to the Swedish public</i>	<i>Credit to the foreign public</i>
1994:07	662127	541088	121039
1994:08	663564	547221	116343
1994:09	649516	540639	108877
1994:10	650571	541918	108653
1994:11	665974	543344	122630
1994:12	658389	543027	115362
1995:01	675934	552686	123248
1995:02	678248	546227	132021
1995:03	671788	547524	124264
1995:04	680444	547621	132823
1995:05	673844	544952	128892
1995:06	685382	554903	130479
1995:07	673945	543467	130478
1995:08	676031	541768	134263
1995:09	669824	537286	132538
1995:10	664009	540816	123193
1995:11	659074	532012	127062
1995:12	650869	534608	116261
1996:01	666717	537386	129331
1996:02	675300	542573	132727
1996:03	665184	536959	128225
1996:04	667033	536327	130706
1996:05	665830	532778	133052
1996:06	665982	530816	135166
1996:07	650961	525273	125688
1996:08	644592	528159	116433
1996:09	658812	534772	124040
1996:10	667233	537754	129479
1996:11	665809	530881	134928
1996:12	677878	547052	130826
1997:01	687631	542472	145159
1997:02	696673	542912	153761
1997:03	702133	543350	158783
1997:04	704437	539885	164552
1997:05	714111	543605	170507
1997:06	731132	557981	173151
1997:07	727489	547024	180466
1997:08	748003	563142	184861
1997:09	763409	576254	187156
1997:10	754714	565857	188856
1997:11	773723	578608	195115
1997:12	785161	594715	190446
1998:01	863456	627097	236359
1998:02	862623	626887	235736
1998:03	872070	641986	230084
1998:04	889705	649843	239862
1998:05	915796	669223	246573
1998:06	918817	685138	233679
1998:07	920720	677084	243636
1998:08	923765	670235	253530
1998:09	904871	686116	218755
1998:10	913473	696395	217078
1998:11	941673	716917	224756
1998:12	906010	685696	220314

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1999:01	950941	705526	245415
1999:02	965834	726165	239669
1999:03	945730	729236	216494
1999:04	968560	736653	231907
1999:05	998112	750961	247151
1999:06	962343	745359	216984
1999:07	968270	734309	233961
1999:08	992708	749566	243142
1999:09	976033	751353	224680
1999:10	1010593	755776	254817
1999:11	1012673	754318	258355
1999:12	994152	758251	235901
2000:01	1060789	784326	276463
2000:02	1060939	782967	277972
2000:03	1049143	786641	262502
2000:04	1081674	792824	288850
2000:05	1079612	796460	283152
2000:06	1074360	808017	266343
2000:07	1109164	814004	295160
2000:08	1142100	835028	307072
2000:09	1133740	833223	300517
2000:10	1179243	843363	335880
2000:11	1181407	850605	330802
2000:12	1177711	844208	333503
2001:01	1202574	861069	341505
2001:02	1235218	885119	350099
2001:03	1250602	900225	350377
2001:04	1295283	920215	375068
2001:05	1294242	923152	371090
2001:06	1266404	924530	341874
2001:07	1270701	925020	345681
2001:08	1250485	933246	317239
2001:09	1304543	956033	348510
2001:10	1303079	962061	341018
2001:11	1315195	960169	355026
2001:12	1304869	954290	350579
2002:01	1326982	957668	369314
2002:02	1324224	958925	365299
2002:03	1354967	973613	381354
2002:04	1353712	961585	392127
2002:05	1325746	943590	382156
2002:06	1320525	955692	364833
2002:07	1326539	951797	374742
2002:08	1328594	956422	372172
2002:09	1321360	962843	358517
2002:10	1333947	962775	371172
2002:11	1349482	978677	370805
2002:12	1320061	965134	354927
2003:01	1292409	944832	347577
2003:02	1303360	951321	352039
2003:03	1302927	946723	356204
2003:04	1318163	948237	369926
2003:05	1307851	950409	357442
2003:06	1312511	948914	363597

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2003:07	1312127	938594	373533
2003:08	1309269	945739	363530
2003:09	1277309	935696	341613
2003:10	1303135	943558	359577
2003:11	1291292	935905	355387
2003:12	1275227	941625	333602
2004:01	1261581	926382	335199
2004:02	1280400	944203	336197
2004:03	1305951	952624	353327
2004:04	13117034	947982	369052
2004:05	13116712	943307	373405
2004:06	1314331	950919	363412
2004:07	1324779	944021	380758
2004:08	1343647	950576	393071
2004:09	1359857	950888	408969
2004:10	1367355	953504	413851
2004:11	1368221	962699	405522
2004:12	1370615	972549	398066
2005:01	1387534	972928	414606
2005:02	1388662	981519	407143
2005:03	1440088	1010517	429571
2005:04	1483119	1027581	455538
2005:05	1498215	1037374	460841
2005:06	1514928	1055283	459645
2005:07	1542742	1056600	486142
2005:08	1536628	1055102	481526
2005:09	1593680	1092835	500845
2005:10	1627579	1090763	536816
2005:11	1637653	1095813	541840
2005:12	1657923	1125114	532809
2006:01	1679509	1120240	559269
2006:02	1725914	1149908	576006
2006:03	1761472	1165329	596143
2006:04	1772090	1190080	582010
2006:05	1826496	1221139	605357
2006:06	1837082	1227524	609558
2006:07	1881633	1237715	643918
2006:08	1902320	1239833	662487
2006:09	1868853	1243259	625594
2006:10	1907787	1256128	651659
2006:11	1920811	1267702	653109
2006:12	1926178	1261048	665130
2007:01	2003500	1303038	700462
2007:02	2028636	1306130	722506
2007:03	2085744	1328363	757381
2007:04	2077078	1346498	730580
2007:05	2137869	1390181	747688
2007:06	2110155	1391257	718898
2007:07	2152591	1413476	739115
2007:08	2152833	1431622	721211
2007:09	2173763	1457252	716511
2007:10	2451332	1717562	733770
2007:11	2494908	1735697	759211
2007:12	2578636	1778087	800549

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2008:01	2617032	1813913	803119
2008:02	2627721	1817271	810450
2008:03	2645005	1854645	790360
2008:04	2716803	1891069	825734
2008:05	2749345	1893157	856188
2008:06	2805253	1931468	873785
2008:07	2810534	1928228	882306
2008:08	2770994	1913544	857450
2008:09	2869046	1997350	871696
2008:10	2923424	1986778	936646
2008:11	2955044	1998211	956833
2008:12	2912778	1966989	945789
2009:01	2944448	1970237	974211
2009:02	3056231	2010916	1045315
2009:03	3003246	1993459	1009787
2009:04	2975336	1967027	1008309
2009:05	2948913	1947351	1001562
2009:06	2925697	1933747	991950
2009:07	2858581	1909738	948843
2009:08	2827703	1906383	921320
2009:09	2820233	1892387	927846
2009:10	2818306	1886930	931376
2009:11	2781298	1877408	903890
2009:12	2732037	1828742	903295
2010:01	2772613	1854996	917617
2010:02	2752164	1854913	897251
2010:03	2758819	1860093	898726
2010:04	2753795	1853858	899937
2010:05	2787061	1863863	923198
2010:06	2773877	1862288	911589
2010:07	2761051	1876436	884615
2010:08	2760889	1876689	884200
2010:09	2733525	1893168	840357
2010:10	2785800	1920360	865440
2010:11	2842700	1962605	880095
2010:12	2750898	1892237	858661
2011:01	2802410	1931422	870988
2011:02	2789100	1937271	851829
2011:03	2817009	1967758	849251
2011:04	2831779	1965919	865860
2011:05	2851041	2004043	846998
2011:06	2853107	2013044	840063
2011:07	2891924	2019594	872330
2011:08	2878664	2022658	856006
2011:09	2910955	2042576	868379
2011:10	2922256	2039188	883068
2011:11	2960995	2054331	906664
2011:12	2912943	2028517	884426
2012:01	2991640	2076402	915238
2012:02	2999791	2074864	924927
2012:03	3035792	2093218	942574
2012:04	3102476	2112900	989576
2012:05	3156661	2130319	1026342
2012:06	3092530	2121494	971036

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2012:07	3089657	2116564	973093
2012:08	3094200	2125104	969096
2012:09	3094076	2138597	955479
2012:10	3088111	2122664	965447
2012:11	3174423	2187328	987095
2012:12	3112054	2141328	970726
2013:01	3148788	2174208	974580
2013:02	3130455	2166633	963822
2013:03	3160596	2202002	958594
2013:04	3211300	2201690	1009610
2013:05	3218535	2200670	1017865
2013:06	3213294	2199103	1014191
2013:07	3196116	2197560	998556
2013:08	3205762	2203467	1002295
2013:09	3200579	2212241	988338
2013:10	3219067	2212462	1006605
2013:11	3247641	2213556	1034085
2013:12	3199008	2160828	1038180
2014:01	3252748	2199923	1052825
2014:02	3269467	2212533	1056934
2014:03	3288802	2216595	1072207
2014:04	3412028	2237846	1174182
2014:05	3473832	2266234	1207598
2014:06	3452458	2263506	1188952
2014:07	3459265	2263027	1196238
2014:08	3483789	2276541	1207248
2014:09	3480754	2271829	1208925
2014:10	3503415	2285980	1217435
2014:11	3521911	2326644	1195267
2014:12	3544536	2325270	1219266
2015:01	3617966	2329760	1288206
2015:02	3641446	2345288	1296158
2015:03	3664686	2357744	1306942
2015:04	3712925	2375257	1337668
2015:05	3724927	2385943	1338984
2015:06	3701806	2397179	1304627
2015:07	3737646	2407105	1330541
2015:08	3736299	2415756	1320543
2015:09	3720582	2422413	1298169
2015:10	3712381	2440494	1271887
2015:11	3737210	2452702	1284508
2015:12	3685952	2429720	1256232
2016:01	3714772	2429469	1285303
2016:02	3752061	2460014	1292047
2016:03	3790821	2492969	1297852
2016:04	3825079	2505148	1319931
2016:05	3828215	2480734	1347481
2016:06	3837470	2513316	1324154
2016:07	3840212	2520626	1319586
2016:08	3841294	2527866	1313428
2016:09	3891748	2552175	1339573
2016:10	3925165	2551046	1374119
2016:11	3936997	2543924	1393073
2016:12	3876736	2532703	1344033

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2017:01	5168859	2561439	2607420
2017:02	5253114	2581232	2671882
2017:03	5193061	2595202	2597859
2017:04	5140995	2625431	2515564
2017:05	5172642	2638212	2534430
2017:06	5130347	2650935	2479412
2017:07	5080598	2669132	2411466
2017:08	5034160	2644353	2389807
2017:09	5109077	2658367	2450710
2017:10	5104940	2673344	2431596
2017:11	5035573	2635845	2399728
2017:12	4967442	2640194	2327248
2018:01	5061975	2654769	2407206
2018:02	5200664	2667387	2533277
2018:03	5310646	2694056	2616590
2018:04	5292693	2682454	2610239
2018:05	5379535	2706946	2672589
2018:06	5489243	2725097	2764146
2018:07	5445393	2718736	2726657
2018:08	5555640	2734950	2820690
2018:09	5552918	2754220	2798698
2018:10	4294482	2758667	1535815
2018:11	4307972	2767304	1540668
2018:12	4035183	2748792	1286391
2019:01	4075208	2756704	1318504
2019:02	4134893	2788963	1345930
2019:03	4166100	2799570	1366530
2019:04	4228008	2810690	1417318
2019:05	4283116	2835399	1447717
2019:06	4292761	2844112	1448649
2019:07	4273843	2829419	1444424
2019:08	4324208	2841071	1483137
2019:09	4312393	2824371	1488022
2019:10	4316851	2840418	1476433
2019:11	4328609	2848652	1479957
2019:12	4315908	2838366	1477542
2020:01	4353782	2859011	1494771
2020:02	4359050	2878056	1480994
2020:03	4422313	2924621	1497692
2020:04	4414550	2939215	1475335
2020:05	4431043	2955113	1475930
2020:06	4396466	2933200	1463266
2020:07	4322783	2940894	1381889
2020:08	4309872	2930780	1379092
2020:09	4260230	2893931	1366299
2020:10	4182452	2885715	1296737
2020:11	4215367	2910843	1304524
2020:12	4128709	2885394	1243315

Table A3.6. Commercial bank deposits, 1875-2020, Million SEK**Panel A.** Monthly observations, 1875:01-1990:02

Year:Month	Total deposits						
1875:01	193	1879:08	212	1884:03	305	1888:10	339
1875:02	192	1879:09	210	1884:04	311	1888:11	337
1875:03	189	1879:10	217	1884:05	311	1888:12	333
1875:04	194	1879:11	218	1884:06	317	1889:01	341
1875:05	194	1879:12	220	1884:07	315	1889:02	343
1875:06	195	1880:01	211	1884:08	315	1889:03	338
1875:07	193	1880:02	233	1884:09	311	1889:04	338
1875:08	193	1880:03	232	1884:10	312	1889:05	342
1875:09	188	1880:04	235	1884:11	314	1889:06	346
1875:10	191	1880:05	240	1884:12	311	1889:07	348
1875:11	192	1880:06	244	1885:01	313	1889:08	345
1875:12	193	1880:07	254	1885:02	319	1889:09	341
1876:01	218	1880:08	256	1885:03	321	1889:10	338
1876:02	220	1880:09	250	1885:04	321	1889:11	337
1876:03	220	1880:10	249	1885:05	322	1889:12	337
1876:04	219	1880:11	251	1885:06	323	1890:01	341
1876:05	220	1880:12	247	1885:07	329	1890:02	346
1876:06	219	1881:01	250	1885:08	331	1890:03	346
1876:07	216	1881:02	252	1885:09	328	1890:04	344
1876:08	220	1881:03	250	1885:10	330	1890:05	345
1876:09	219	1881:04	248	1885:11	321	1890:06	342
1876:10	220	1881:05	249	1885:12	318	1890:07	344
1876:11	219	1881:06	252	1886:01	319	1890:08	347
1876:12	216	1881:07	260	1886:02	323	1890:09	347
1877:01	222	1881:08	261	1886:03	322	1890:10	348
1877:02	224	1881:09	259	1886:04	325	1890:11	351
1877:03	228	1881:10	256	1886:05	323	1890:12	352
1877:04	229	1881:11	255	1886:06	327	1891:01	363
1877:05	230	1881:12	255	1886:07	330	1891:02	366
1877:06	229	1882:01	250	1886:08	332	1891:03	368
1877:07	234	1882:02	252	1886:09	328	1891:04	370
1877:08	234	1882:03	250	1886:10	328	1891:05	372
1877:09	234	1882:04	248	1886:11	329	1891:06	372
1877:10	229	1882:05	249	1886:12	328	1891:07	375
1877:11	221	1882:06	252	1887:01	334	1891:08	373
1877:12	217	1882:07	260	1887:02	336	1891:09	368
1878:01	214	1882:08	261	1887:03	335	1891:10	368
1878:02	217	1882:09	259	1887:04	333	1891:11	369
1878:03	214	1882:10	256	1887:05	331	1891:12	372
1878:04	213	1882:11	255	1887:06	331	1892:01	357
1878:05	212	1882:12	255	1887:07	336	1892:02	361
1878:06	212	1883:01	283	1887:08	337	1892:03	363
1878:07	216	1883:02	286	1887:09	332	1892:04	366
1878:08	218	1883:03	285	1887:10	330	1892:05	373
1878:09	214	1883:04	287	1887:11	332	1892:06	375
1878:10	216	1883:05	289	1887:12	332	1892:07	380
1878:11	214	1883:06	292	1888:01	340	1892:08	380
1878:12	208	1883:07	294	1888:02	342	1892:09	380
1879:01	205	1883:08	294	1888:03	336	1892:10	382
1879:02	210	1883:09	290	1888:04	334	1892:11	384
1879:03	208	1883:10	290	1888:05	332	1892:12	380
1879:04	207	1883:11	291	1888:06	328	1893:01	390
1879:05	210	1883:12	290	1888:07	335	1893:02	392
1879:06	211	1884:01	299	1888:08	340	1893:03	389
1879:07	212	1884:02	303	1888:09	341	1893:04	391

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>						
1893:05	397	1898:05	534	1903:05	899	1908:05	1356
1893:06	396	1898:06	538	1903:06	898	1908:06	1360
1893:07	401	1898:07	548	1903:07	898	1908:07	1373
1893:08	397	1898:08	555	1903:08	915	1908:08	1371
1893:09	396	1898:09	559	1903:09	909	1908:09	1377
1893:10	397	1898:10	572	1903:10	922	1908:10	1391
1893:11	396	1898:11	577	1903:11	915	1908:11	1393
1893:12	390	1898:12	581	1903:12	915	1908:12	1395
1894:01	399	1899:01	611	1904:01	931	1909:01	1430
1894:02	398	1899:02	608	1904:02	923	1909:02	1423
1894:03	398	1899:03	611	1904:03	928	1909:03	1409
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1976:08	99078	1981:08	160557	1986:08	250660		
1976:09	101383	1981:09	172348	1986:09	267347		
1976:10	99315	1981:10	172536	1986:10	264646		
1976:11	101043	1981:11	172794	1986:11	267134		
1976:12	100653	1981:12	195618	1986:12	291882		
1977:01	107296	1982:01	198941	1987:01	292020		
1977:02	106221	1982:02	197211	1987:02	291444		
1977:03	103477	1982:03	196234	1987:03	278944		
1977:04	106221	1982:04	197203	1987:04	286942		
1977:05	103477	1982:05	187488	1987:05	291688		
1977:06	100535	1982:06	194614	1987:06	295954		
1977:07	103833	1982:07	187335	1987:07	268587		
1977:08	99888	1982:08	185834	1987:08	267989		
1977:09	105015	1982:09	184848	1987:09	268961		
1977:10	104868	1982:10	187863	1987:10	267163		
1977:11	109658	1982:11	189582	1987:11	276669		
1977:12	109235	1982:12	212155	1987:12	291708		
1978:01	117393	1983:01	219040	1988:01	294851		
1978:02	113278	1983:02	218873	1988:02	295882		
1978:03	120589	1983:03	218704	1988:03	296410		
1978:04	120408	1983:04	215015	1988:04	290995		

Panel B. Yearly observations, 1975–1989

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total credit</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
1975	98573	98224	349
1976	100653	99984	669
1977	109235	108458	777
1978	130286	129658	628
1979	151640	150194	1446
1980	164523	161895	2628
1981	195618	190657	4961
1982	212155	207118	5037
1983	225214	215414	9800
1984	250364	229761	20603
1985	257804	240385	17419
1986	291882	267627	24255
1987	291708	258470	33238
1988	317215	266381	50834
1989	362986	295311	67675

Panel C. Monthly observations, 1990:03–2020:12

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
1990:03	388785	297652	91133
1990:04	395202	294352	100850
1990:05	389862	291856	98006
1990:06	395249	295190	100059
1990:07	392784	289126	103658
1990:08	392750	288978	103772
1990:09	409972	288977	120995
1990:10	397499	286065	111434
1990:11	407568	299252	108316
1990:12	423760	328606	95154
1991:01	435987	324560	111427
1991:02	449721	332023	117698
1991:03	447842	326140	121702
1991:04	431662	314677	116985
1991:05	447645	325380	122265
1991:06	465867	336230	129637
1991:07	453736	329498	124238
1991:08	434878	320118	114760
1991:09	448798	327091	121707
1991:10	448806	324600	124206
1991:11	452945	333243	119702
1991:12	464314	340101	124213
1992:01	475158	343091	132067
1992:02	458726	333124	125602
1992:03	455973	337572	118401
1992:04	461816	329175	132641
1992:05	464027	332930	131097
1992:06	465481	335564	129917
1992:07	457751	329993	127758

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
1992:08	446095	325833	120262
1992:09	424172	315262	108910
1992:10	414330	313056	101274
1992:11	456594	345544	111050
1992:12	505172	417024	88148
1993:01	514658	422068	92590
1993:02	520151	418838	101313
1993:03	510273	415032	95241
1993:04	503352	403405	99947
1993:05	500824	408578	92246
1993:06	496837	410097	86740
1993:07	515789	416503	99286
1993:08	508991	413243	95748
1993:09	505345	415595	89750
1993:10	515329	422964	92365
1993:11	524327	424413	99914
1993:12	532123	437827	94296
1994:01	690759	591275	99484
1994:02	683581	584340	99241
1994:03	660402	576681	83721
1994:04	665759	573513	92246
1994:05	681940	591732	90208
1994:06	692348	601390	90958
1994:07	688059	596181	91878
1994:08	667962	578264	89698
1994:09	678073	591796	86277
1994:10	669105	582155	86950
1994:11	683947	588095	95852
1994:12	684814	597675	87139
1995:01	713266	592183	121083
1995:02	702619	575903	126716
1995:03	684948	579343	105605
1995:04	683331	576984	106347
1995:05	670862	571215	99647
1995:06	690745	582483	108262
1995:07	684280	577598	106682
1995:08	696687	581034	115653
1995:09	701834	590983	110851
1995:10	701513	592302	109211
1995:11	712599	600545	112054
1995:12	712251	614557	97694
1996:01	737038	620351	116687
1996:02	725289	613521	111768
1996:03	747849	638894	108955
1996:04	753023	640179	112844
1996:05	759090	644893	114197
1996:06	758410	648760	109650
1996:07	762353	650309	112044
1996:08	759583	649315	110268
1996:09	768684	662249	106435
1996:10	758175	652479	105696
1996:11	783235	669429	113806
1996:12	794131	684569	109562
1997:01	802799	666604	136195

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
1997:02	793700	657258	136442
1997:03	804159	672070	132089
1997:04	795498	655738	139760
1997:05	803923	658486	145437
1997:06	824672	669830	154842
1997:07	808175	653543	154631
1997:08	831961	667840	164121
1997:09	836665	666672	169994
1997:10	833761	664421	169340
1997:11	848626	670172	178455
1997:12	851100	683950	167150
1998:01	899011	717522	181489
1998:02	872405	696872	175533
1998:03	875787	702669	173118
1998:04	890917	705931	184986
1998:05	894446	703942	190504
1998:06	909832	725423	184409
1998:07	928495	731792	196703
1998:08	905755	728498	177257
1998:09	916179	748608	167571
1998:10	914705	754655	160050
1998:11	921727	757000	164727
1998:12	919331	750043	169288
1999:01	955929	774295	181634
1999:02	967706	766024	201682
1999:03	930446	776620	153826
1999:04	936253	769977	166276
1999:05	922110	762268	159842
1999:06	932683	769824	162859
1999:07	924169	771113	153056
1999:08	922770	782505	140265
1999:09	927112	789910	137202
1999:10	960110	805683	154427
1999:11	929582	795338	134244
1999:12	938182	796797	141385
2000:01	993105	817901	175204
2000:02	993202	812157	181045
2000:03	1012429	816176	196253
2000:04	1033138	823405	209733
2000:05	1021054	821298	199756
2000:06	1008080	808465	199615
2000:07	1000965	798752	202213
2000:08	1030297	805738	224559
2000:09	1037745	823902	213843
2000:10	1059589	820786	238803
2000:11	1081034	833996	247038
2000:12	1076891	829460	247431
2001:01	1091874	824407	267467
2001:02	1078566	816411	262155
2001:03	1106559	831305	275254
2001:04	1104206	841314	262892
2001:05	1114773	844906	269867
2001:06	1110365	870401	239964
2001:07	1089294	840249	249045

<i>Year:Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
2001:08	1102105	852593	249512
2001:09	1112489	866018	246471
2001:10	1125761	877510	248251
2001:11	1149034	891167	257867
2001:12	1163761	904838	258923
2002:01	1150215	895409	254806
2002:02	1148242	883596	264646
2002:03	1176528	889040	287488
2002:04	1181162	902694	278468
2002:05	1175650	882314	293336
2002:06	1177400	906762	270638
2002:07	1181905	895465	286440
2002:08	1184860	901175	283685
2002:09	1186014	919618	266396
2002:10	1179670	914346	265324
2002:11	1208385	932735	275650
2002:12	1227931	950937	276994
2003:01	1216283	948852	267431
2003:02	1221363	937612	283751
2003:03	1199583	920012	279571
2003:04	1206792	923389	283403
2003:05	1209161	928470	280691
2003:06	1201683	939453	262230
2003:07	1176017	913565	262452
2003:08	1206653	936643	270010
2003:09	1204062	944812	259250
2003:10	1229600	957433	272167
2003:11	1226098	963758	262340
2003:12	1261199	970430	290769
2004:01	1253583	968429	285154
2004:02	1233456	974068	259388
2004:03	1291803	982083	309720
2004:04	1291717	983602	308115
2004:05	1294882	986918	307964
2004:06	1311905	969835	342070
2004:07	1319430	974184	345246
2004:08	1336339	980591	355748
2004:09	1339934	998093	341841
2004:10	1341599	999218	342381
2004:11	1344817	1010811	334006
2004:12	1328866	1000545	328321
2005:01	1355608	1000961	354647
2005:02	1370936	1014624	356312
2005:03	1335619	1013153	322466
2005:04	1380212	1027907	352305
2005:05	1409402	1037644	371758
2005:06	1431123	1080264	350859
2005:07	1429197	1068983	360214
2005:08	1412639	1061349	351290
2005:09	1414458	1070040	344418
2005:10	1449832	1097707	352125
2005:11	1483489	1098514	384975
2005:12	1475550	1112152	363398
2006:01	1491647	1121683	369964

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
2006:02	1493127	1127465	365662
2006:03	1566527	1133810	432717
2006:04	1570052	1158180	411872
2006:05	1595565	1165539	430026
2006:06	1576007	1196126	379881
2006:07	1574656	1181482	393174
2006:08	1603248	1203388	399860
2006:09	1602125	1230066	372059
2006:10	1614709	1226911	387798
2006:11	1648171	1247083	401088
2006:12	1672201	1264019	408182
2007:01	1692872	1263496	429376
2007:02	1697712	1269348	428364
2007:03	1690472	1282394	408078
2007:04	1709193	1312064	397129
2007:05	1731052	1313191	417861
2007:06	1760267	1354697	405570
2007:07	1752623	1332925	419698
2007:08	1794172	1360359	433813
2007:09	1783384	1377775	405609
2007:10	1777330	1380575	396755
2007:11	1824168	1406737	417431
2007:12	1841726	1436308	405418
2008:01	1872339	1447595	424744
2008:02	1860927	1430629	430298
2008:03	1826675	1427203	399472
2008:04	1837536	1457620	379916
2008:05	1811781	1449564	362217
2008:06	1872606	1485935	386671
2008:07	1875389	1503588	371801
2008:08	1869016	1495594	373422
2008:09	1877470	1508602	368868
2008:10	1901000	1500870	400130
2008:11	1901484	1520470	381014
2008:12	1963610	1598422	365188
2009:01	1975833	1611383	364450
2009:02	1974338	1577438	396900
2009:03	2009280	1581358	427922
2009:04	1992754	1571179	421575
2009:05	1992683	1571655	421028
2009:06	2034547	1609955	424592
2009:07	2003935	1598731	405204
2009:08	1994388	1595349	399039
2009:09	2066108	1599833	466275
2009:10	2119355	1609408	509947
2009:11	2058717	1623221	435496
2009:12	2133568	1671404	462164
2010:01	2137900	1672469	465431
2010:02	2099218	1659892	439326
2010:03	2111737	1639220	472517
2010:04	2096253	1653511	442742
2010:05	2100630	1640219	460411
2010:06	2142354	1669006	473348
2010:07	2149211	1691330	457881

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
2010:08	2111390	1680519	430871
2010:09	2146166	1706561	439605
2010:10	2190336	1752914	437422
2010:11	2218102	1757614	460488
2010:12	2201481	1762346	439135
2011:01	2229731	1762010	467721
2011:02	2218397	1735290	483107
2011:03	2271678	1770232	501446
2011:04	2278043	1764833	513210
2011:05	2232309	1741129	491180
2011:06	2335975	1782094	553881
2011:07	2291423	1778116	513307
2011:08	2416221	1780822	635399
2011:09	2491410	1818520	672890
2011:10	2477444	1835305	642139
2011:11	2553240	1850460	702780
2011:12	2573376	1882187	691189
2012:01	2591447	1948428	643019
2012:02	2615811	1926191	689620
2012:03	2544657	1921637	623020
2012:04	2541091	1928837	612254
2012:05	2560932	1885827	675105
2012:06	2630254	1939822	690432
2012:07	2693050	1936407	756643
2012:08	2579586	1938943	640643
2012:09	2698638	1988015	710623
2012:10	2671178	1991744	679434
2012:11	2802969	2005306	797663
2012:12	2702286	2023960	678326
2013:01	2829468	2033952	795516
2013:02	2772346	2001138	771208
2013:03	2771524	2014251	757273
2013:04	2839093	2020401	818692
2013:05	2791796	1998810	792986
2013:06	2786224	2050670	735554
2013:07	2867368	2034299	833069
2013:08	2862443	2036599	825844
2013:09	2895972	2058883	837089
2013:10	2930832	2082804	848028
2013:11	2982621	2111361	871260
2013:12	2880846	2121353	759493
2014:01	3066357	2148121	918236
2014:02	3073726	2128701	945025
2014:03	3022687	2121332	901355
2014:04	3203146	2139711	1063435
2014:05	3195671	2133328	1062343
2014:06	3150367	2182046	968321
2014:07	3231124	2158840	1072284
2014:08	3336278	2162722	1173556
2014:09	3274375	2175645	1098730
2014:10	3468566	2193027	1275539
2014:11	3354423	2215857	1138566
2014:12	3133361	2284045	849316
2015:01	3549250	2261300	1287950

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
2015:02	3599654	2252513	1347141
2015:03	3359079	2255799	1103280
2015:04	3626356	2277750	1348606
2015:05	3731433	2309353	1422080
2015:06	3429766	2377547	1052219
2015:07	3724358	2368424	1355934
2015:08	3767309	2374663	1392646
2015:09	3403927	2408659	995268
2015:10	3738328	2427400	1310928
2015:11	3707635	2459519	1248116
2015:12	3270869	2481520	789349
2016:01	3746855	2525377	1221478
2016:02	3784813	2502010	1282803
2016:03	3597748	2562761	1034987
2016:04	3882636	2573276	1309360
2016:05	3818215	2535906	1282309
2016:06	3664205	2593172	1071033
2016:07	3967227	2616655	1350572
2016:08	3940249	2615108	1325141
2016:09	3723974	2629649	1094325
2016:10	3820869	2664596	1156273
2016:11	3822859	2659437	1163422
2016:12	3572668	2689058	883610
2017:01	5093993	2757756	2336237
2017:02	5180941	2751841	2429100
2017:03	5318632	2771688	2546944
2017:04	5287878	2786829	2501049
2017:05	5424084	2777310	2646774
2017:06	5370848	2840902	2529946
2017:07	5401574	2831657	2569917
2017:08	5430675	2826418	2604257
2017:09	5459745	2860311	2599434
2017:10	5440404	2884103	2556301
2017:11	5341725	2896297	2445428
2017:12	5063357	2909912	2153445
2018:01	5318061	2933412	2384649
2018:02	5344935	2928202	2416733
2018:03	5394913	2953472	2441441
2018:04	5535014	2966313	2568701
2018:05	5386376	2955571	2430805
2018:06	5593994	3016792	2577202
2018:07	5485736	2995616	2490120
2018:08	5600913	2996219	2604694
2018:09	5566287	3043288	2522999
2018:10	4266402	3045816	1220586
2018:11	4306792	3084147	1222645
2018:12	3941743	3090134	851609
2019:01	4117695	3134311	983384
2019:02	4189877	3129940	1059937
2019:03	4100529	3148451	952078
2019:04	4174492	3159516	1014976
2019:05	4157079	3168522	988557
2019:06	4175808	3223853	951955
2019:07	4224184	3234610	989574

<i>Year: Month</i>	<i>Total deposits</i>	<i>Deposits of the Swedish public</i>	<i>Deposits of the foreign public</i>
2019:08	4233545	3249578	983967
2019:09	4227491	3287611	939880
2019:10	4302551	3314661	987890
2019:11	4302942	3315354	987588
2019:12	4200745	3308640	892105
2020:01	4386650	3351716	1034934
2020:02	4415306	3338879	1076427
2020:03	4559758	3468372	1091386
2020:04	4696775	3568364	1128411
2020:05	4841780	3624987	1216793
2020:06	4884896	3700827	1184069
2020:07	4897496	3742198	1155298
2020:08	4877293	3721569	1155724
2020:09	4947638	3763215	1184423
2020:10	4961780	3818145	1143635
2020:11	4928051	3835141	1092910
2020:12	4859158	3893365	965793

Table A3.7. *Composition of types of credit from commercial banks, 1870–1979, Million SEK*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Bills of exchange</i>	<i>Long-term credit</i>	<i>Short-term credit</i>
1870	43	44	27
1880	119	71	59
1890	186	100	67
1900	363	244	221
1910	620	1020	471
1920	1981	2591	1671
1930	1150	2559	850
1940	1148	2871	450
1950	2211	5537	1092
1960	3256	6848	3919
1970	2897	17657	12863
1979	3036	91251	38895