

# Strengthening Consumer Confidence in Housing Finance



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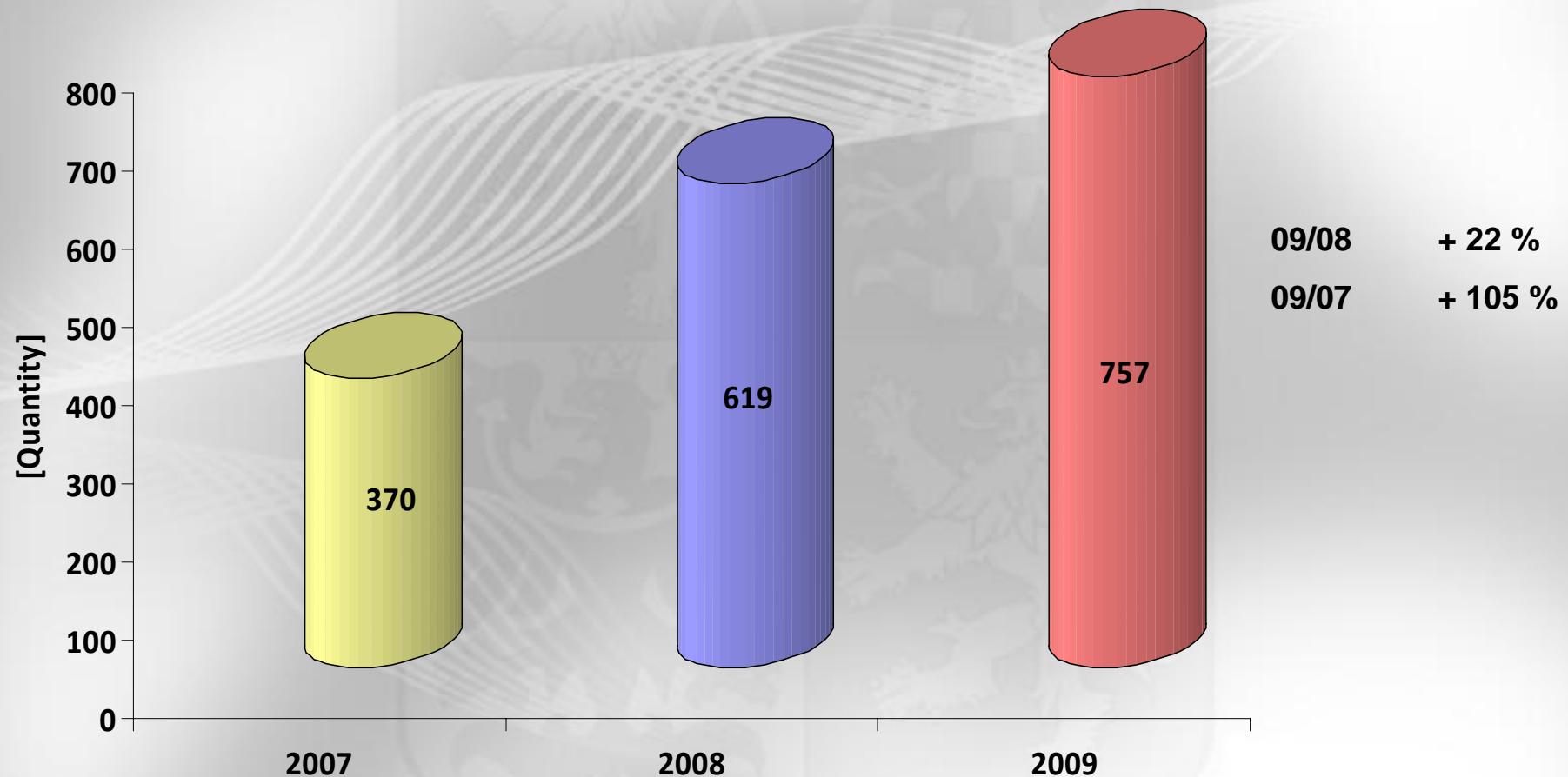
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# The Financial Arbiter of the Czech Republic: The competences and responsibilities

- The Czech Republic has established the Financial Arbiter of the Czech Republic - „FA CZ“ - to handle complaints of bank customers.
- The FA CZ meets the EU requirements for arbitration and ombudsman authorities in the financial services area.
- The FA CZ is responsible for complaints in connection with:
  - payment transactions (cash deposits, account-keeping, money transfers, internet banking, electronic banking etc.)
  - consumer credits, mortgages (from January 2011)
  - the entire financial market (in the future)



# Quantity of complaints



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# Types of complaints - 2009

Complaints (Selection)	Quantity	%
Credits	70	9%
Insurance	46	6%
Debt register	38	5%
Mortgages	34	4%
Bausparen	14	2%
Investment banking	8	1%



# Housing finance

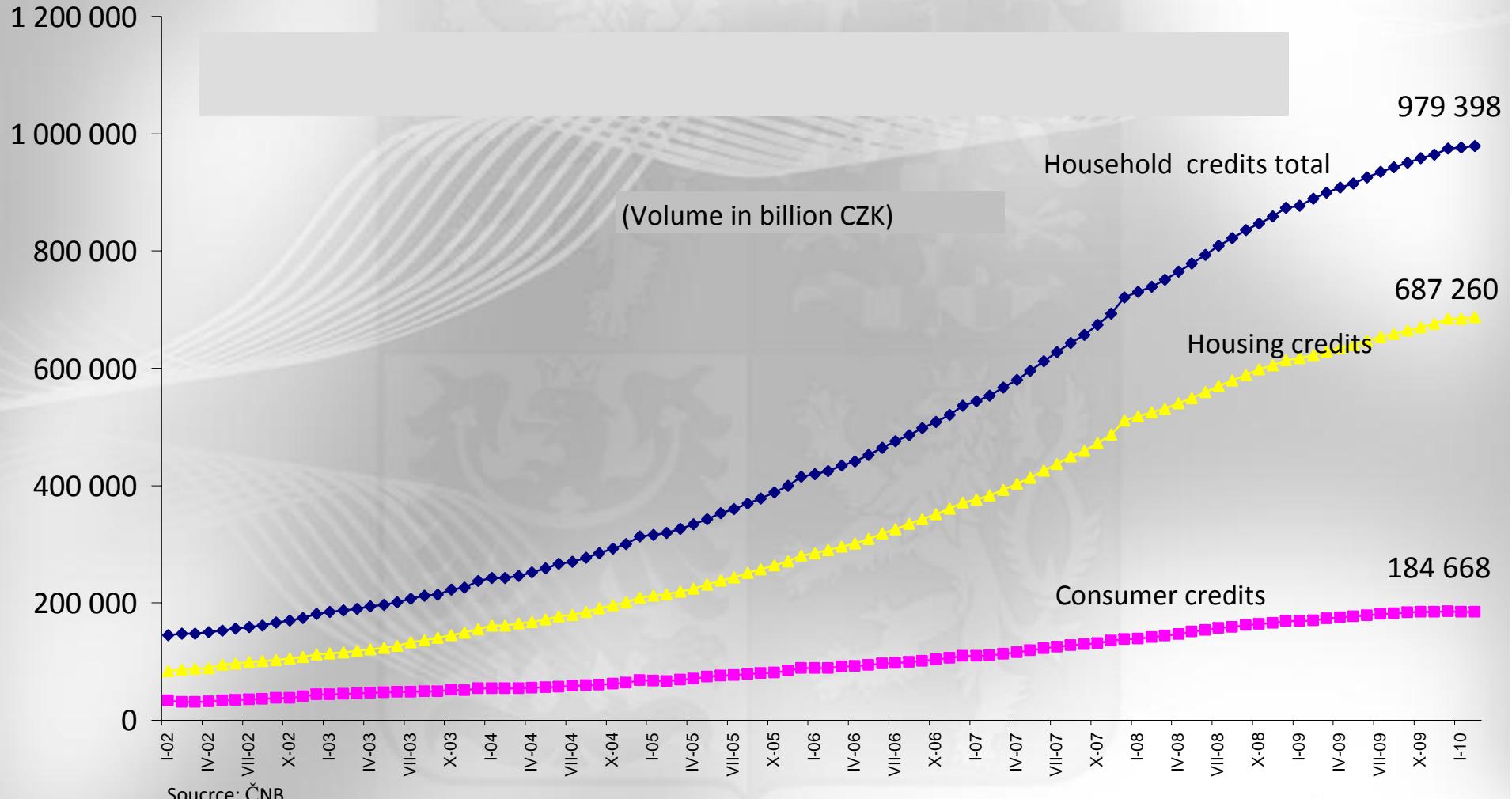
- Mortgages, bausparen, property leasing
  - 39 banks
  - 6 Bausparkassen
  - more than 60 leasing companies

## What actually affects consumer confidence ?

- Sales strategies of financing institutions?
- Economic stability – state, population?
- Price level – interests, property prices ?
- Government regulation – state subsidies for bausparen, mortgages ?
- State supervisory authorities – correct „players in the market“ ?



# Household credits



Source: ČNB



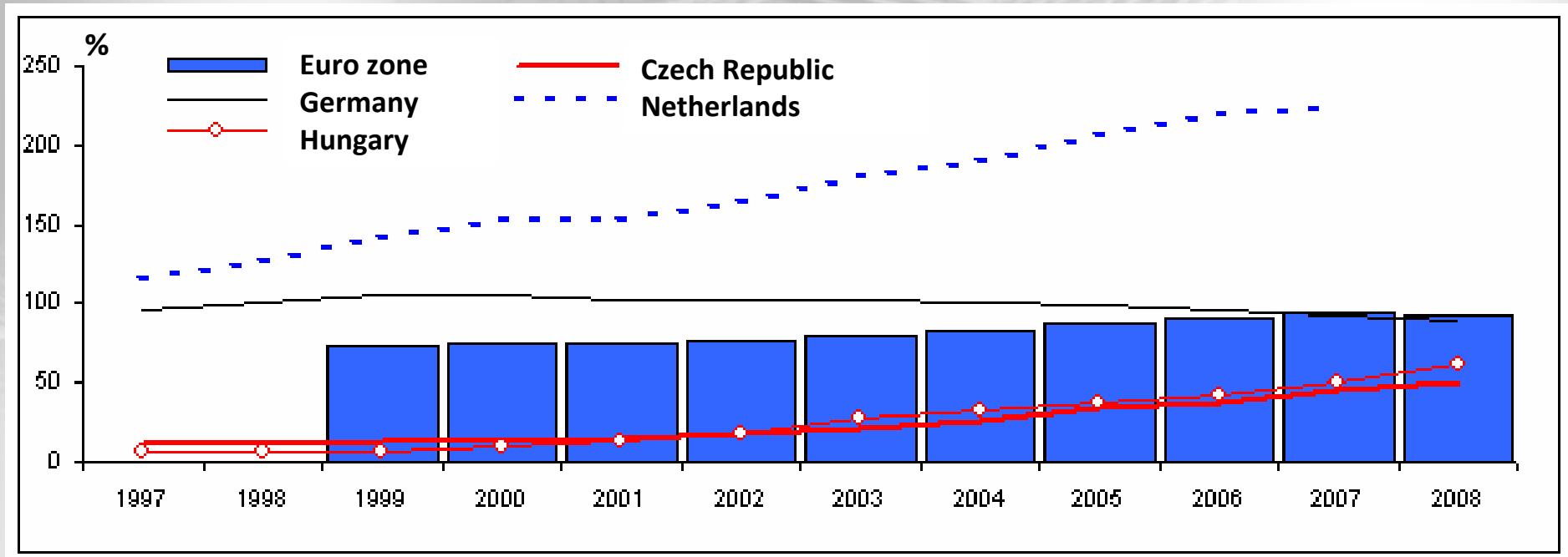
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# Level of indebtedness of households



Source: ČNB



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# Mortgages statistics

—●— Quantity of new contracts (in thousand)    ●— Volume of new contracts (in billion CZK)



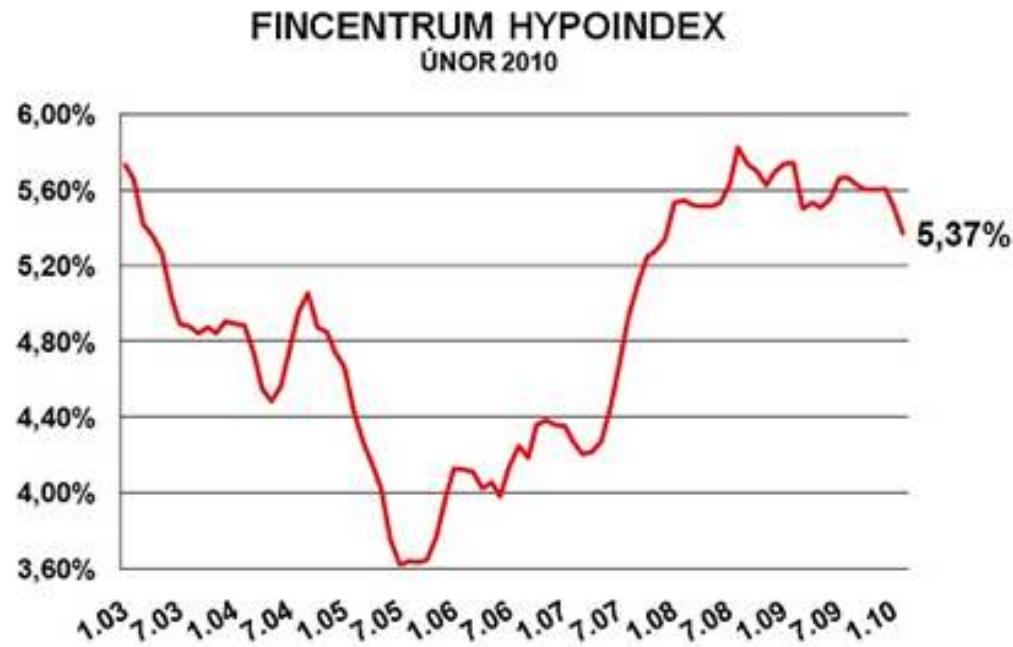
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# Hypoindex statistics



- Mortgage actions !!!
  - Revolutionary mortgage 3,93 % (3,63 % p.a.)

## Household credits „RPSN“

- Consumer credits
  - 15,8 %
- Housing credits
  - 5,57 %
- Average mortgage
  - 1 613 415 CZK



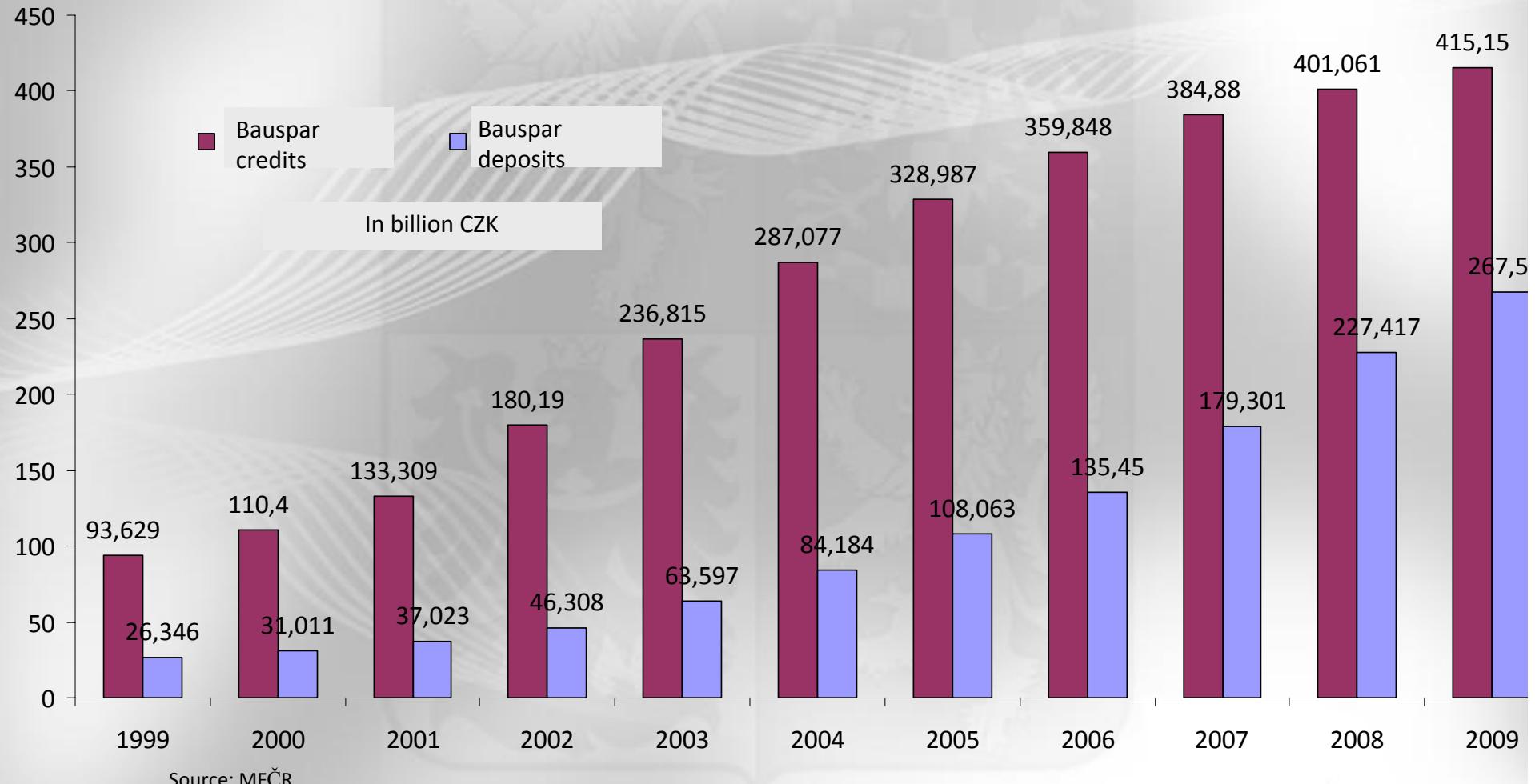
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# Bauspar statistics



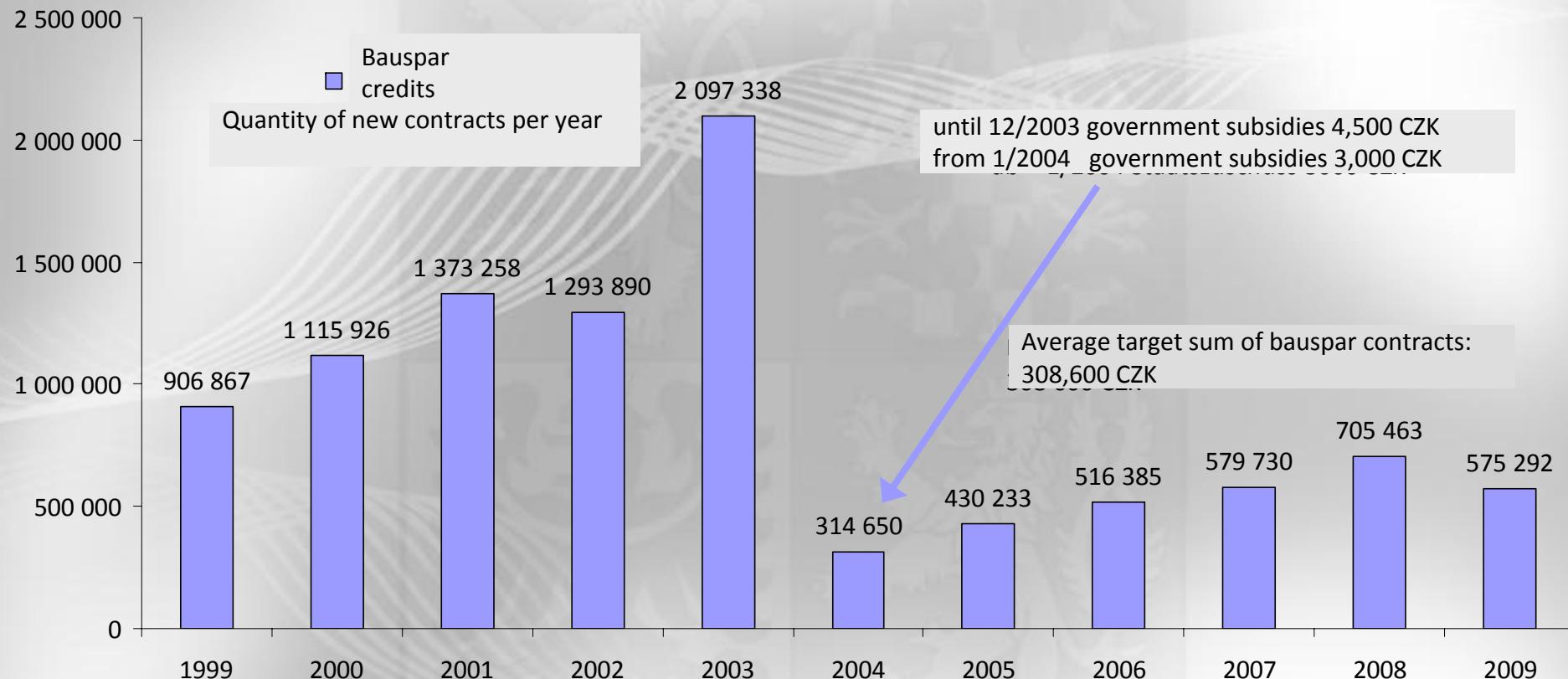
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# Bauspar statistics



Source: MFČR



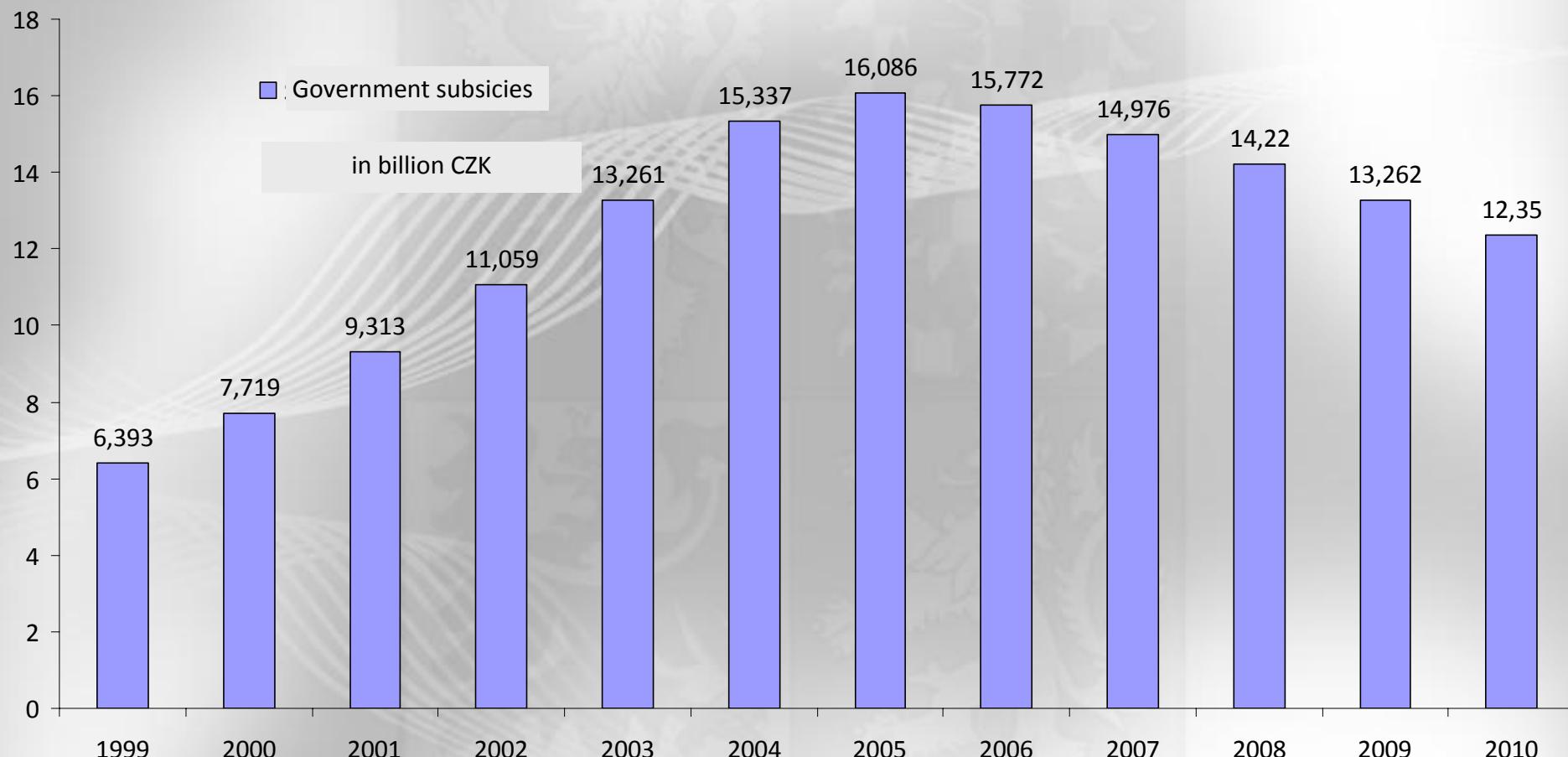
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# Government subsidies statistics



Source: ČNB



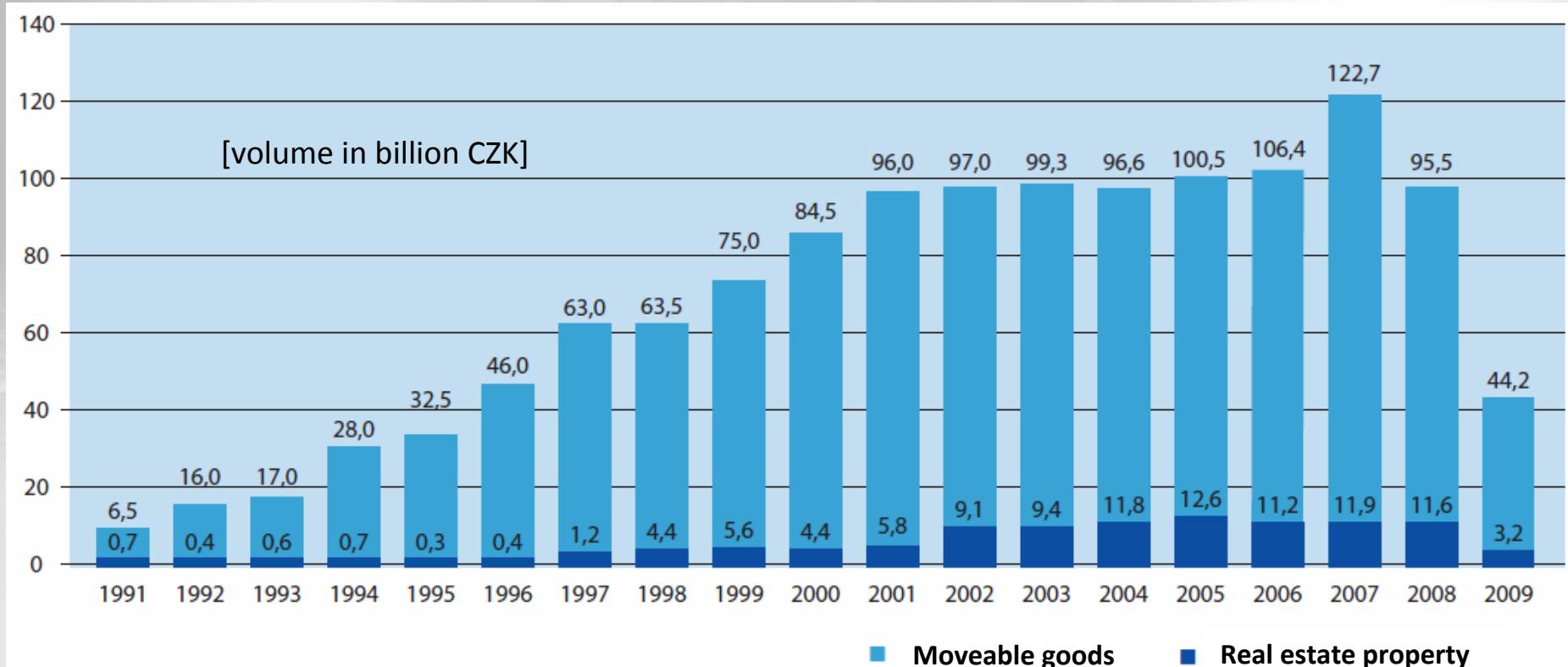
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# Leasing statistics



Source: ČLFA



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# Unemployment



Source: MPSV



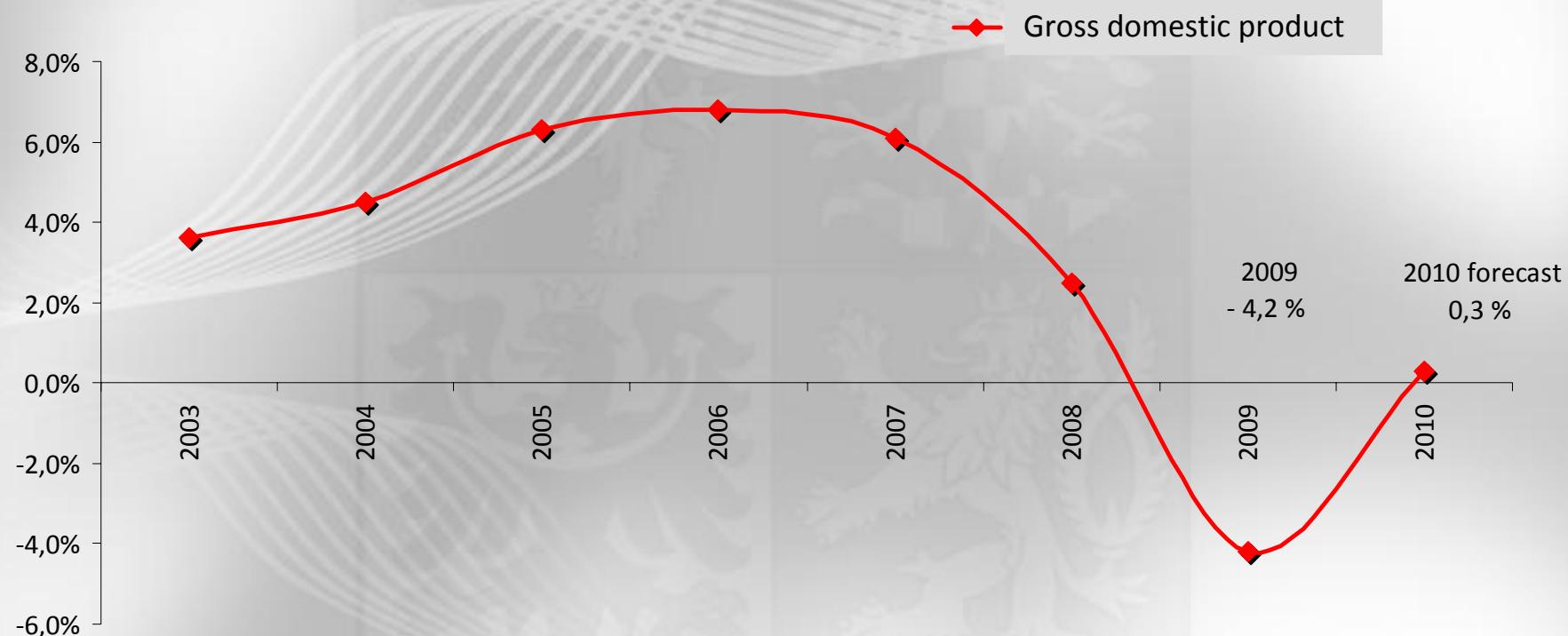
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# Gross domestic product



Source: MPSV



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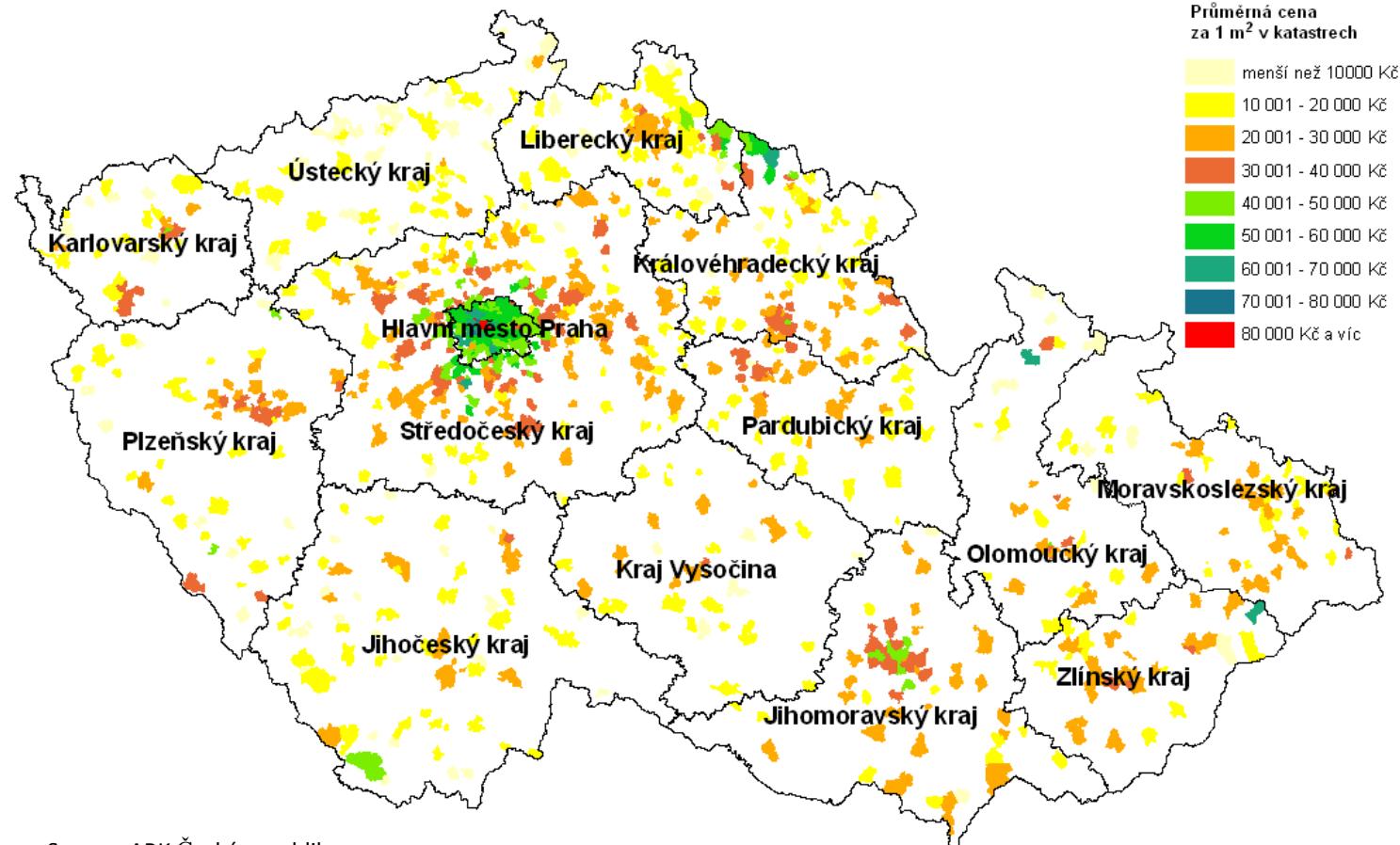


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# Map of market realization - homes

[Price decline on some regions up to 15 %]



Source: ARK Česká republika



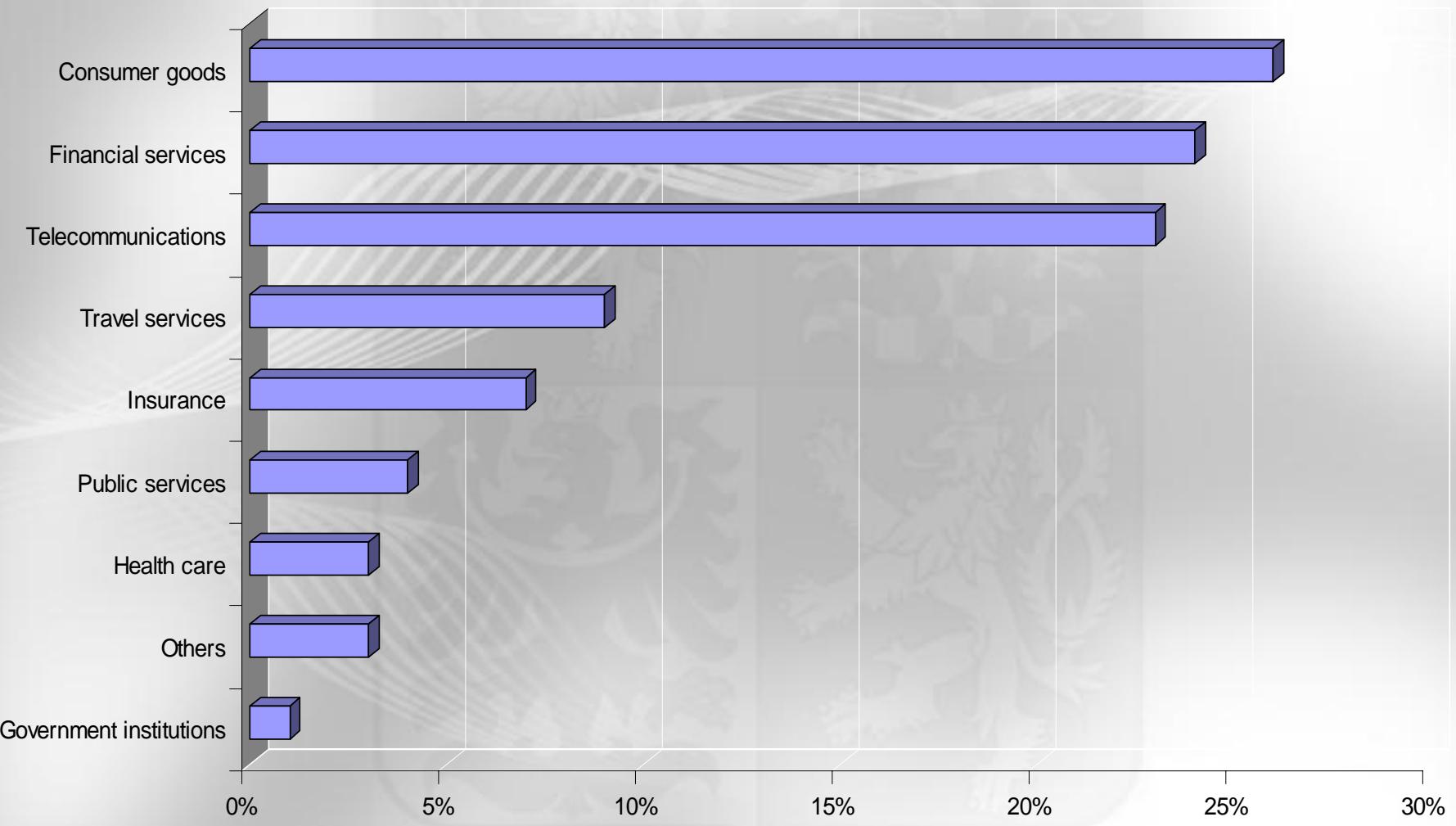
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# Which branch offers the best service quality ?



Source: Research GENESYS



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# Consumer confidence in housing finance: Summary

- Sales strategies of financial institutions
- Economic situation and stability – government, population
- Price level – interests, property prices
- Government regulation – state subsidies for bausparen, mortgages –  
repeal or reduction politically „not feasible“
- Important: The quality, speed and competence of service, people !

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- **I wish good success for all financial institutions and all customers.**
- **The confidence is first of all in your hands !!!**



Thank you for  
your attention.

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