

# Sampling criteria for international banking statistics (RUTS)

The population for reporting of Bank of International Settlements (BIS) international banking statistics (in Sweden called RUTS) consists of internationally active institutions. The sampling criteria is based on BIS Guidelines. Below is a short description of how the sampling is made:

- **Monetary Financial Institutions (MFI) report.** The reporting institutes should have loans and deposits, or close substitutes to deposits, as a significant part of their business. In Sweden, this corresponds to the Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs).
- **Only those MFI:s reporting the MFI-form on a monthly basis may also have to report RUTS.** The Riksbank and Statistics Sweden have decided that only institutions that have a significant effect on the statistics should report RUTS, as reporting of BIS statistics entails extra costs for reporting institution. Therefore, only MFI:s reporting the MFI-form on a monthly basis may also be sampled to report RUTS.
- **The sample is designed to account for 95% of total assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents.** The sample is based on claims and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents and positions against Sweden in foreign currency in the MFI-form. SCB compiles the sum of total claims and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents and positions against Sweden in foreign currency, and selects reporting institutions to cover 95 % of the total assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents. The sample should also be representative of the entire potential reporting population.
- **Sometimes branches of foreign MFI:s are liable to report as to ensure consistency of the international statistics.** Branches to foreign MFI:s that report the MFI-form on a monthly basis may be liable to report even if they do not qualify on the basis of size according to the above criterion. The reason for this is that the reporting population may have to be adapted to achieve consistency when BIS compiles the international statistics.

The Riksbank and Statistics Sweden ensure that the sample remains representative over time, and therefore review the sample made at least once a year. The sampling is made using the values from the MFI form in September.