

Revision of Seasonally Adjusted Data for Currency in Circulation

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The Bank of Japan has revised the seasonally adjusted data for Currency in Circulation. This revision is conducted every year around January, when the final figures for the whole of the previous calendar year become available.

Details of the current seasonal adjustment method are as follows.

1. The Bureau of Census X-12-ARIMA (Version 0.3) is used.
2. A multiplicative model and a logarithmic transformation are adopted for each series. The critical value for additive outliers and temporary changes depends on the length of the time-series data used for seasonal adjustment, which is the most recent 56 years, or 672 months, from January 1960 through December 2015. Seasonally adjusted figures for the months after December 2015 are calculated by applying the predicted seasonal factors, and the figures up to December 1959 remain unchanged.
 - Starting with the 2012 revision, data for the most recent 56 years are used instead of data from the beginning of the series (January 1955) to the most recent December.¹ This is because the number of data from the beginning of the series has reached the program limit with the X-12-ARIMA model.
3. Trading-day effects are adjusted by user-defined, day-of-the-week variables.

Models Used for the Seasonal Adjustment

Indicator	ARIMA model	Level shift and ramp	Trading-day adjustment	Length of the series
Banknotes in circulation (average amount outstanding)	(110)(011)	February 1989 From February through April 2002 From February through April 2005	None	From January 1960 through December 2015
Banknotes in circulation (amount outstanding at end of period)	(212)(011)	March 2002 March 2005	Yes	From January 1960 through December 2015

Notes: 1. The maximum number of data that can be used when conducting the revision of seasonally adjusted data with X-12-ARIMA is 720 (monthly data covering 60 years). Among these, 48 data (monthly data covering four years) are used to compile projected figures.

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