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# Quarterly Financial Accounts

## Publication Notes

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Quarterly financial accounts (QFA) presents a complete and consistent set of financial balance sheet and activity data for all institutional sectors of the Irish economy. These sectors are non-financial corporations (NFCs), financial corporations, general government, and households. In addition, QFA includes a number of sub-sectors within the financial corporations sector and information on the foreign exposures of sectors with non-resident units in the so-called “Rest of the world”.

QFA records the aggregated financial transactions or flows during a quarter as well as the stock amounts of financial assets and liabilities at the end of a quarter, broken down by type of instrument. These instruments include monetary gold and special drawing rights (SDRs); currency and deposits, debt securities, equity and investment fund shares/ units, insurance, pension and standardised guarantee schemes, financial derivatives, and other accounts receivable/payable.

QFA are secondary statistics that combine a range of existing statistical information collected to serve other purposes linking them in a structured and consistent way. The compilation is based on the [European System of Accounts \(ESA 2010\)](#). These internationally agreed statistical standards and classifications ensure comparability across countries and over time.

QFA forms an integral part of Ireland’s system of national accounts by collating the aforementioned financial activities and balance sheet of the Irish economy. QFA sits alongside non-financial accounts, international accounts and annual financial accounts, which are compiled and published by the [Central Statistical Office \(CSO\)](#).

The Central Bank publishes [financial accounts](#) data for Ireland on a quarterly basis with a time lag between the reporting period/date and publication of approximately three and a half months. The whom-to-whom tables provide insight on the financial interactions and relations between the domestic sectors as well as with the rest of the world. Long time series QFA data is available via the [Open Data portal](#).

The forthcoming Irish household wealth publication provides a more comprehensive picture of the household sector. This combines data on households’ financial assets and liabilities derived from QFA with

estimates on housing assets and distributional information. This publication will be available from mid-February 2025 and updated in each subsequent quarter approximately four and half months after the end of the reference period.

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