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## Swiss National Bank publishes historical time series

In 2007, the Swiss National Bank is celebrating its centenary. It is marking this event by launching a new publication series featuring historical statistical data. Topics have been chosen that are (or have been) important when formulating and implementing monetary policy – both now and in the past. Wherever possible, the time series extend back over the past hundred years. The printed publications will contain annual figures, while additional time series and series with shorter intervals (quarterly, monthly, etc.) will be available on the SNB website ([www.snb.ch](http://www.snb.ch)). The publications also include commentaries on the time series, describing the calculation methods as well as, for some topics, the historical and regulatory background. This helps readers understand and interpret the data, and provides the information required when relating different time series to one another.

The publications in the series will be published at quarterly intervals in the SNB's centennial year and intermittently in the years that follow. They will be available in German, French and English.

The first publication in the series is entitled, *The monetary base and the M1, M2 and M3 monetary aggregates*. Further publications on capital markets and the stock exchange, on the Swiss National Bank, and on interest rates and yields are under way.

The printed publications can be ordered free of charge from the SNB. Subscribers to the SNB's *Monthly Statistical Bulletin* will receive them automatically.