



Key figures:

MAS managing director Ravi Menon at the media briefing yesterday. PHOTO: JOYCE FANG

\$157m

Net profit made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) for the year ended March 31. The figure is 44.1 per cent lower than that in the previous year.

\$5.2b

Annual gain from MAS' foreign reserve investments, in constant currency terms. It is down 50 per cent from the previous year as global equity markets declined.

5.3%

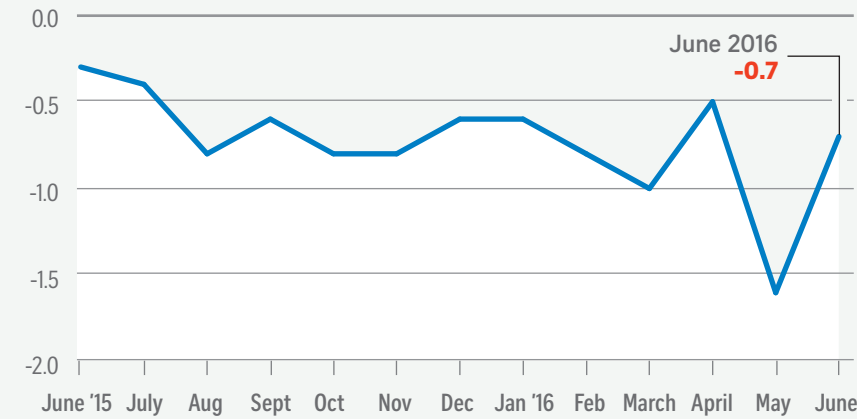
Growth in the financial sector last year.

4,500 jobs

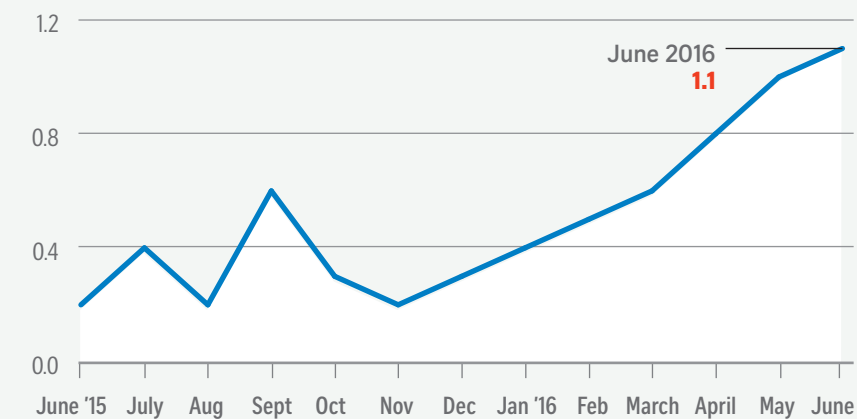
The net total of jobs created in the financial services sector last year, with a shift towards front office and higher value-added jobs.

NOTE: The MAS manages Singapore's official foreign reserves.

Overall inflation edging out of negative territory



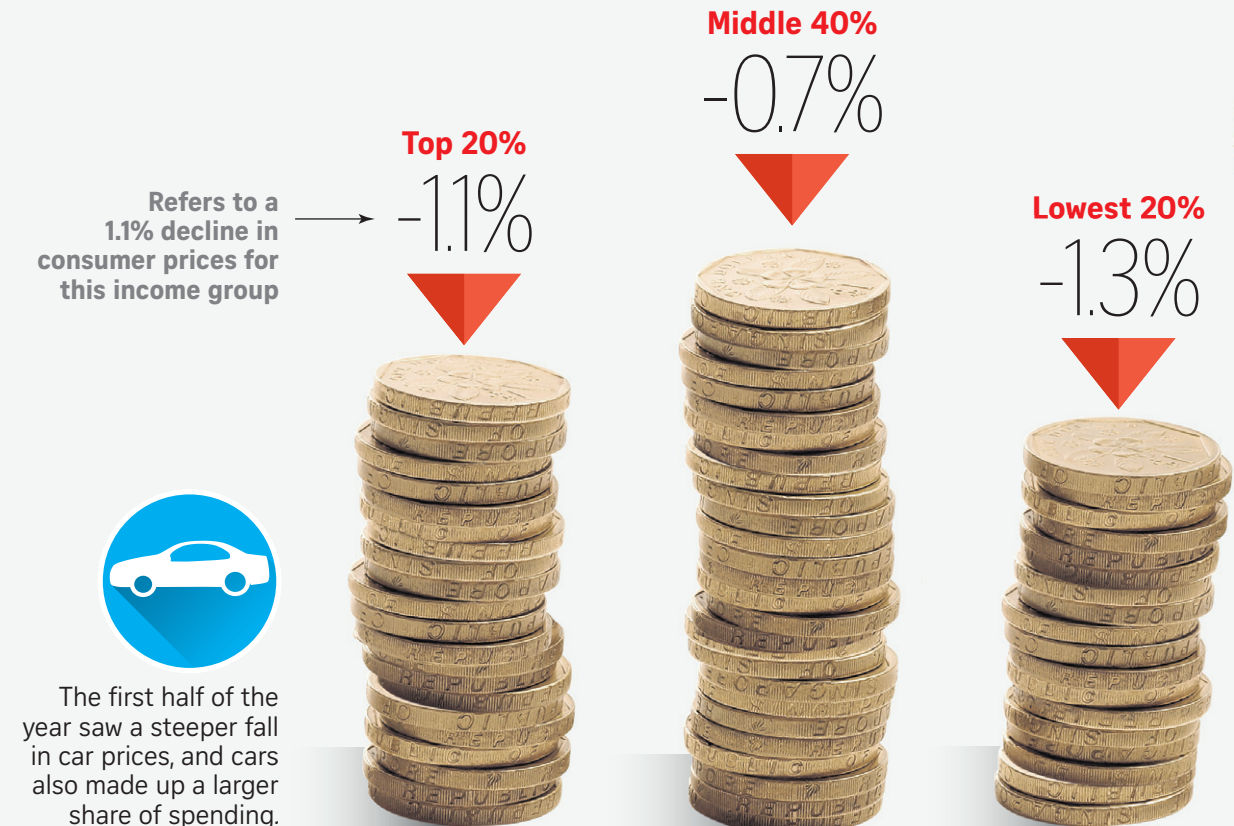
Core inflation trending towards 2% in 2017



Source: SINGAPORE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Impact of inflation on different income groups in the first half of 2016

All three income groups experienced declines in accommodation costs, electricity tariffs and car prices over the January to June period, although these were partially offset by higher food prices.



Households in the bottom 20 per cent income group also saw the largest decline in consumer prices primarily due to lower accommodation costs, healthcare services* costs and electricity tariffs, which had a more significant impact as these items accounted for a higher share of total expenditure.

NOTE: *Takes into account various government subsidies for healthcare services.