Bank of England Survey on Systemic Risk — 2022 H1

This survey asks about perceptions of risks to the UK financial system as a whole in the period ahead. It consists of six questions organised in two short blocks. It should take no longer than ten minutes to complete. More detail on the rationale behind responses is very much welcome and can be included at the end of the survey.

1. Key sources of risk to the UK financial system

The Bank of England aims to identify market perceptions of sources of risk (emanating either from within the United Kingdom or externally) which, if they materialised in the period ahead, would cause significant loss of confidence in UK financial markets and institutions and/or disruption to the financial system. See overleaf for some examples of risk categories which could be used to answer the question below. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather as a guide to the type of answers that can be provided.

1.1 Looking ahead, which risks do you believe would have the greatest impact on the UK financial system if they were to materialise? Please list those in order of potential impact (ie greatest impact first)	1.2 Which of these risks would you find most challenging to manage as a firm? (tick only three)	1.3 Which of these risks do you think are most probable? (tick only three)
1	☐	☐
2	☐	☐
3	☐	☐
4	☐	☐
5	☐	☐

1.4 Using your answers from 1.1 please provide further explanations for your choices

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2. Aggregate risks to the UK financial system

2.1 In your view, what is the probability of a high-impact event in the UK financial system in the period ahead?

	Very high	High	Medium	Low	Very low
In the short term (0–12 months)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
In the medium term (1–3 years)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.2 How has this probability changed over the past six months?

	Increased	Unchanged	Decreased
In the short term (0–12 months)?	☐	☐	☐
In the medium term (1–3 years)?	☐	☐	☐

2.3 How much confidence do you have in the stability of the UK financial system as a whole over the next three years?

Complete confidence	Very confident	Fairly confident	Not very confident	No confidence
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.4 How has your confidence changed over the past six months?

Increased	Unchanged	Decreased
☐	☐	☐

2.5 Do you believe that the risks set out by the FPC in the latest FSR accurately reflect the current environment?

Yes	No
☐	☐

Further comments

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Please provide your role title, and indicate which of the following you consider to be your firm's primary business type (please tick only one).

Role title: ....

Firm's primary business type:

Bank	☐	Building society	☐	Hedge fund	☐
Asset manager	☐	Insurer/re-insurer	☐	Pension fund	☐
Large non-financial company	☐	Private equity firm	☐	Central counterparty	☐

That is the end of the survey. But we would appreciate any further comments on:

(i) the rationale behind your responses; and/or

(ii) anything else to do with the content of the survey.

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Examples of risks

Below are some examples of risk categories that could be used to answer **question 1.1**.
The list is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather as a guide to the type of answers that can be provided.

Deterioration in the UK economic outlook
Deterioration in the global economic outlook
Concerns over sovereign default
Geopolitical risk
Funding difficulties at banks
Falls in residential/commercial property prices
Risks surrounding the low interest rate environment
Reduction in market liquidity
Dislocation in securities markets
Loss of confidence in derivatives markets
Restriction in the supply of credit
Rising defaults in the household/corporate sector
Loss of confidence in regulation
Market infrastructure disruption
Banks' IT infrastructure disruption
Lack of confidence in prices
Lack of confidence in disclosure
Crystallisation of operational risk (eg terrorism, fraud, natural disaster, climate change)
Cyber-attack
Pandemic risk
Climate risk
Risks associated with cryptocurrencies