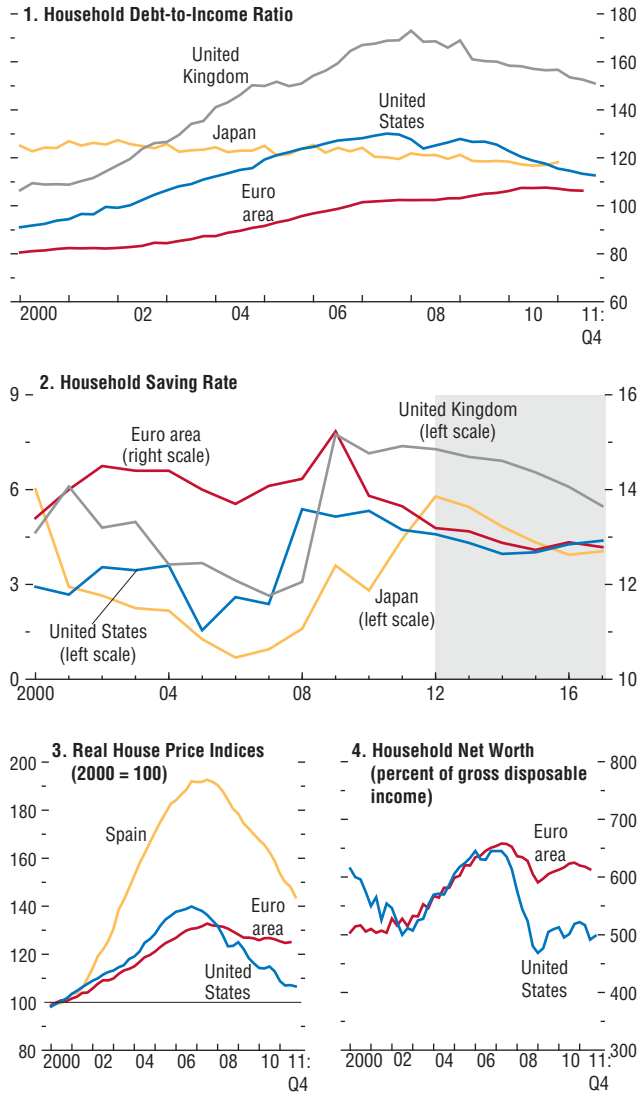


Figure 1.8. Balance Sheets and Saving Rates

(Percent unless noted otherwise)

Balance sheets have improved in the United States but household net worth remains low, weighing on consumption. Saving rates are projected to move broadly sideways. In the euro area, balance sheets have strengthened to a lesser extent, and house prices may need to correct further.



Sources: Haver Analytics; Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; and IMF staff estimates.