The banks showed adequate profitability, similar to previous years.

Figure 1.3 Return on Equity (ROE) After Tax, the Five Banking Groups, 1995–2018 (percent) 20 17.3 18 15.6 16 14.5 14 12.4 11.5^{11.9} 11.9 12 9.810.2 9.7 10 8.3 8.8 8.3 8.7 8.8 7.9 8.7 8.3 8 5.6 6 4 2.5 2 0.3 SOURCE: Based on published financial statements.