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Press Release

Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses¹: November 2019

- In November, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans was 5.00%, continuing its monthly and annual decreasing trend of 0.05 and 0.40 percentage points, respectively. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits remained unchanged in comparison with the previous month and it equals 1.28%. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.14 percentage points.
- The average interest rate on newly granted loans² equaled 4.28% and in November it registered monthly increase of 0.02 percentage points. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.47 percentage points. The average interest rate on the newly received deposits registered a monthly rise of 0.07 percentage points and equaled 1.26%, while on an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.33 percentage points.

Table 1. Interest rates on loans and deposits (outstanding amounts and new business)³

	11.2018	12.2018	1.2019	2.2019	3.2019	4.2019	5.2019	6.2019	7.2019	8.2019	9.2019	10.2019	11.2019
in % on annual level													
Loans, outstanding amounts	5.40	5.33	5.30	5.28	5.26	5.23	5.20	5.19	5.15	5.13	5.09	5.05	5.00
Corporations	4.69	4.63	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.48	4.45	4.42	4.38	4.32	4.27	4.22
Households	6.12	6.08	6.03	6.02	6.01	5.98	5.94	5.92	5.86	5.84	5.81	5.78	5.74
New loans	4.75	4.49	4.77	4.76	4.84	4.71	4.68	4.70	4.68	4.61	4.46	4.26	4.28
Corporations	4.42	4.30	4.43	4.33	4.53	4.31	4.34	4.29	4.20	4.22	4.11	3.89	4.00
Households	5.36	5.03	5.41	5.54	5.49	5.35	5.18	5.22	5.27	5.22	5.10	5.06	4.93
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.42	1.41	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.38	1.38	1.36	1.28	1.28
Corporations	1.74	1.69	1.72	1.74	1.74	1.70	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.58	1.67	1.51	1.56
Households	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.35	1.35	1.32	1.25	1.25
New deposits	1.59	1.40	1.44	1.56	1.42	1.27	1.31	1.15	1.27	1.10	1.27	1.19	1.26
Corporations	1.36	1.04	1.29	1.26	1.15	1.02	1.12	0.96	1.22	0.89	1.32	1.12	1.19
Households	1.82	1.60	1.49	1.69	1.63	1.48	1.50	1.25	1.30	1.23	1.24	1.25	1.31

Source: NBRNM.

¹ Interest rate implies annual weighted average interest rate in percentage. For more details see the methodology at: http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_MIR_07_2018_eng.pdf

² With regard to the interest rates on newly granted loans / newly received deposits, variable movements are characteristic. Such movements in interest rates stem from changes in the volume of new deposits / loans (which can significantly vary from month to month), as well as from the newly agreed interest rate.

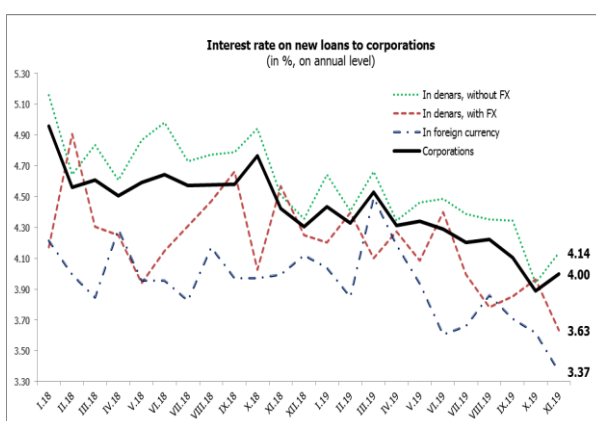
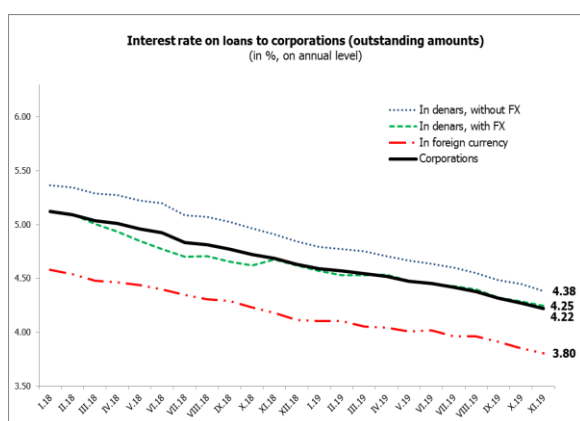
³ The effects of the changes in the methodology published in the information on 20 July 2018 (http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/informacii/Informacija_za_promeni_vo_monetarnata_statistika_eng.pdf) are not perceived in the individual categories of interest rates on deposits/loans (in denars without currency clause, in denars with currency clause and in foreign currency), but only in the aggregate interest rates (in denars and in foreign currency) which are not subject to analysis in the press release, but are published on the website of the NBRNM.



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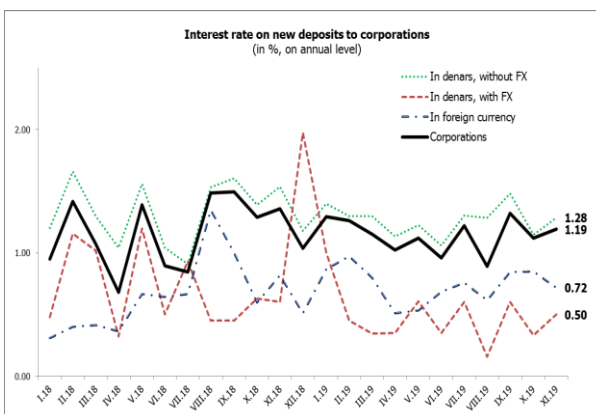
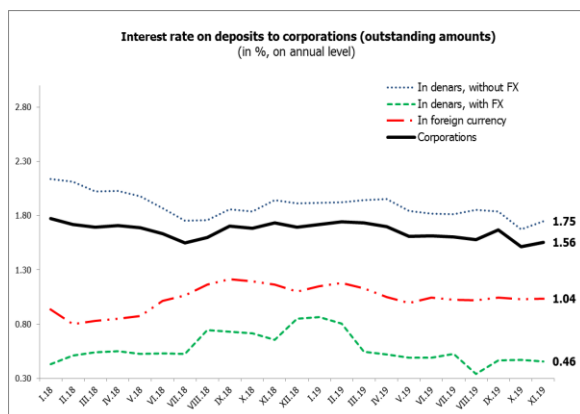
1. Corporate interest rates⁴

- In November, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector equaled 4.22% and it is lower by 0.05 percentage points compared to the previous month. This downward change is due to the decrease in all components of this category as follows: interest rates on loans granted in denars without currency clause (of 0.07 percentage points), interest rates on foreign currency loans (of 0.05 percentage points) and interest rates on loans granted in denars with currency clause (of 0.03 percentage points). Compared on annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.47 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

- This month, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector increased by 0.11 percentage points on a monthly basis and equaled 4.00%. Analyzed by currency structure, the monthly growth is fully due to the increase in the interest rate on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.20 percentage points), while the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause and foreign currency loans registered a decrease (of 0.33 and 0.25 percentage points, respectively). Compared to November previous year, this interest rate decreased by 0.42 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

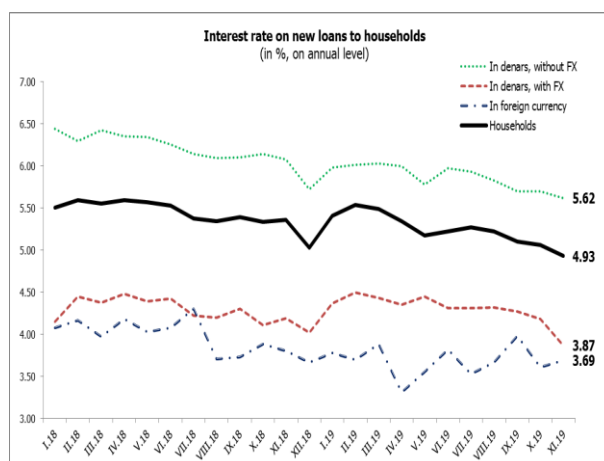
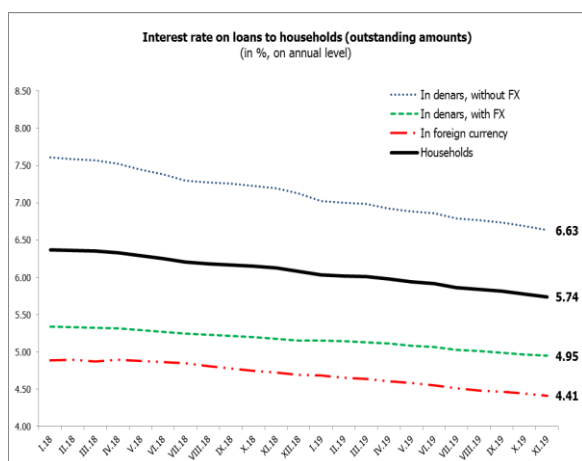
⁴ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- In November 2019, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits equaled 1.56%, given a monthly increase of 0.05 percentage points. The increase is a result of the higher interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and in foreign currency deposits (of 0.08 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause decreased minimally (by 0.01 percentage points). On an annual basis, the average interest rate on outstanding amounts of corporate deposits fell by 0.18 percentage points.
- The average interest rate on the newly received corporate deposits⁵ registered a monthly growth of 0.07 percentage points and equaled 1.19%. The upward change is due to the increase in the interest rates on denar deposits with and without currency clause (by 0.17 and 0.13 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rates on foreign currency deposits dropped (by 0.13 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.17 percentage points.

2. Interest rates for households⁶



Source: NBRNM.

- In November, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans equaled 5.74%. On a monthly basis, this interest rate fell by 0.04 percentage points, as a result of downward changes of the interest rates with all components: denar loans without currency clause (of 0.06 percentage points), foreign currency loans (of 0.03 percentage points), as well as on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points). On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans decreased by 0.38 percentage points.

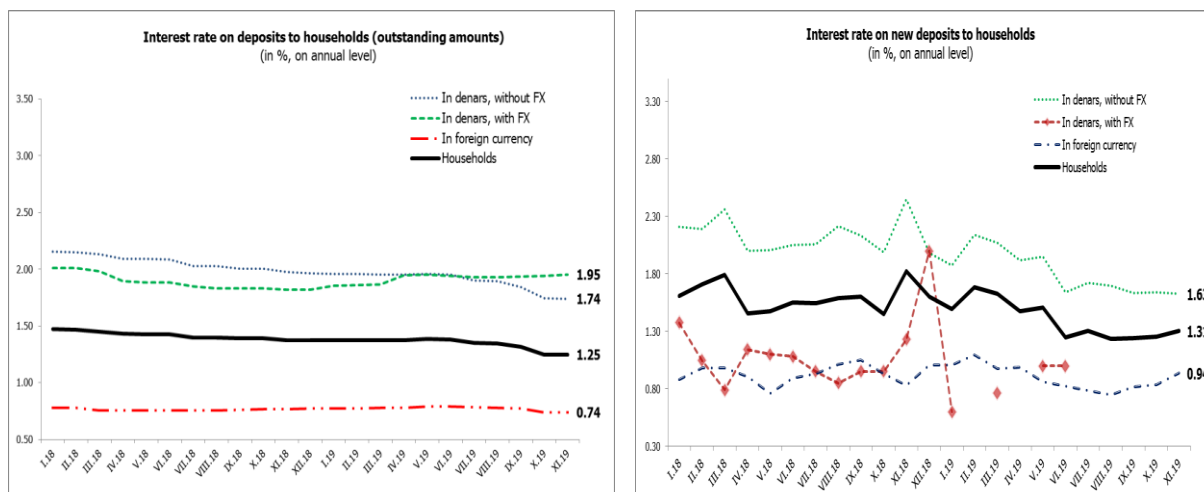
⁵ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

⁶ For the purposes of this press release, households include: individuals, self-employed individuals and nonprofit institutions serving households.



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- In November, the average interest rate on newly granted household loans equaled 4.93%, given the monthly fall of 0.13 percentage points. This drop is due to the lower interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (by 0.31 and 0.08 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rates on foreign currency loans went up (by 0.08 percentage points). Compared to November 2018, the interest rate on the newly granted household loans decreased by 0.43 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

- In November, the average interest rate on outstanding amounts of household deposits remained at the level of the previous month and amounted to 1.25%. Compared to November 2018, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits moved downwards by 0.13 percentage points.
- During this month, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits⁷ equaled 1.31%, which is higher by 0.06 percentage points on a monthly basis. The monthly increase is fully due to the higher interest rates on foreign currency deposit (of 0.10 percentage points), in conditions of a decrease in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points). In November, no new amounts of denar deposits with currency clause were registered. On an annual basis, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits decreased by 0.51 percentage points.

⁷ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with FX clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received household deposits reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not accepted such deposits from households.



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Supporting information

Time series of data: annual, quarterly and monthly data on weighted interest rates of banks and savings houses http://www.nbrm.mk/statistika_na_kamatni_stapki-en.nspix

Methodological explanations:

http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_MIR_07_2018_eng.pdf

Next publications: Advance Release Calendar

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Monthly data on interest rates: 31 January 2020 (reference period as of December 2019).

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