



National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia Statistics Department

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Press Release

Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses¹: November 2018

- In November, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans, which registered a monthly drop of 0.02 percentage points and amounted to 5.40%, kept on decreasing. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits reduced to 1.42% and decreased by 0.01 percentage point compared to the previous month.
- During November, the average interest rate on the new² loans registered a monthly drop of 0.17 percentage points and amounted to 4.75%, thereby hitting a record low, analyzed since 2005. The average interest rate on newly received deposits increased by 0.21 percentage point on a monthly basis and it equaled 1.59%.

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

	11.2017	12.2017	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	10.2018	11.2018
in % on annual level							
Loans, outstanding amounts	5.82	5.73	5.67	5.57	5.46	5.42	5.40
Corporations	5.25	5.14	5.03	4.92	4.77	4.72	4.69
Households	6.40	6.38	6.35	6.25	6.17	6.15	6.12
New loans	5.10	4.88	4.92	4.97	4.86	4.92	4.75
Corporations	4.89	4.72	4.61	4.64	4.58	4.77	4.42
Households	5.52	5.35	5.56	5.53	5.39	5.34	5.36
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.52	1.51	1.48	1.45	1.42	1.43	1.42
Corporations	1.91	1.76	1.69	1.63	1.71	1.69	1.74
Households	1.47	1.47	1.45	1.43	1.39	1.39	1.38
New deposits	1.26	1.29	1.47	1.29	1.57	1.38	1.59
Corporations	0.98	1.02	1.08	0.89	1.49	1.29	1.36
Households	1.57	1.57	1.79	1.55	1.60	1.45	1.82

Source: NBRM.

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.

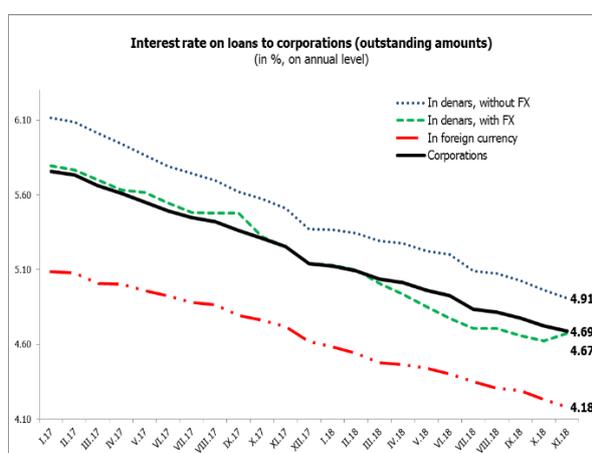
³ The effects of the changes in the methodology published in the information on 20 July 2018 (http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/informacii/Informacija_za_promeni_vo_monetarnata_statistika_eng.pdf) are not perceived in the individual categories of interest rates on deposits/loans (in denars without 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 NBRM.



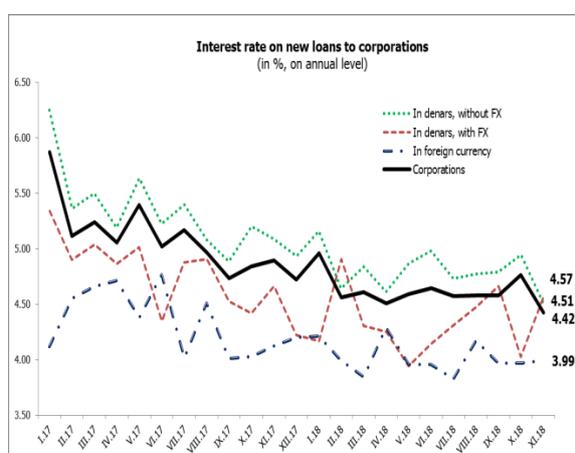
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1. Corporate interest rates⁴

- In November, the average interest rate on outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector equaled 4.69%, and it decreased by 0.03 percentage points on a monthly basis. The downward change is due to the fall in the interest rates on the loans granted in denars without currency clause and in foreign currency (of 0.05 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rate on the loans granted in denars with currency clause increased by 0.05 percentage points. On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector decreased by 0.56 percentage points.



Source: NBRM.

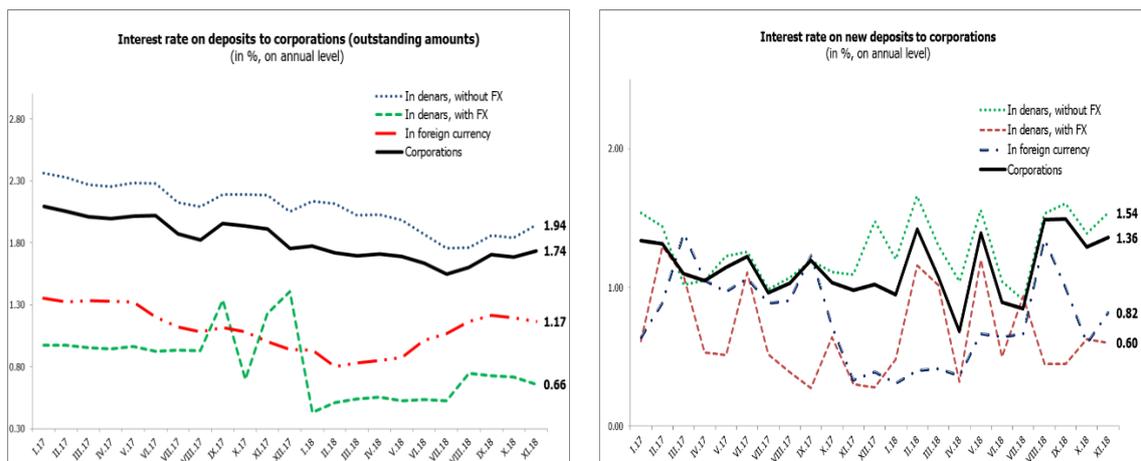


- In November, the new loans to the corporate sector were granted at an average interest rate of 4.42%, which is lower by 0.35 percentage points compared to the previous month. The decrease is fully due to the fall in the interest rate on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.43 percentage points), in circumstances when the interest rates on the loans granted in denars with currency clause and in foreign currency increased by 0.55 percentage points and 0.02 percentage points, respectively. Compared to November 2017, this interest rate decreased by 0.47 percentage points.

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



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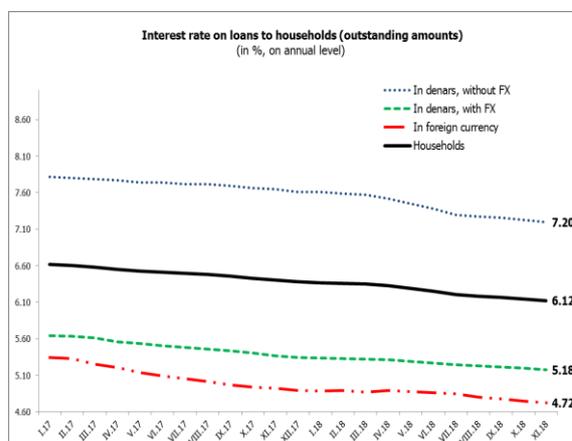
- In November, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits registered a monthly increase of 0.05 percentage points and equaled 1.74%. Analyzed by currency structure, the upward change is fully due to the increase in the interest rate on denar deposits without currency clause (of 0.10 percentage points), given the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause and foreign currency deposits (of 0.06 and 0.03 percentage points, respectively). On an annual basis, the interest rate on outstanding amounts of corporate deposits decreased by 0.17 percentage points.
- The new deposits⁵ that the corporate sector invested in both the banks and savings houses were received at an average interest rate of 1.36%, which increased by 0.07 percentage points compared to the previous month. The growth is a result of the increase in the interest rates on foreign currency deposits and denar deposits without currency clause (of 0.22 and 0.15 percentage points, respectively), amid fall in the interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause (of 0.03 percentage points). The average interest rate on newly received deposits increased by 0.38 percentage points compared to November 2017.

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.

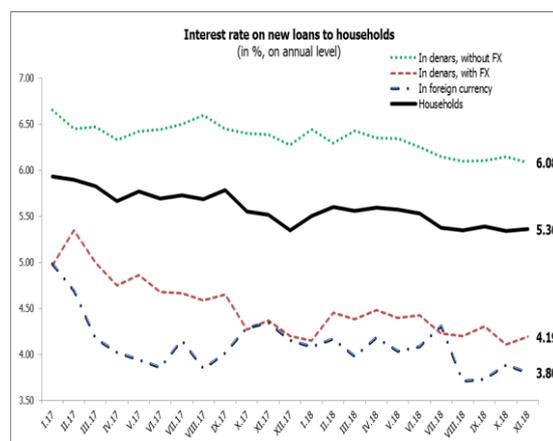


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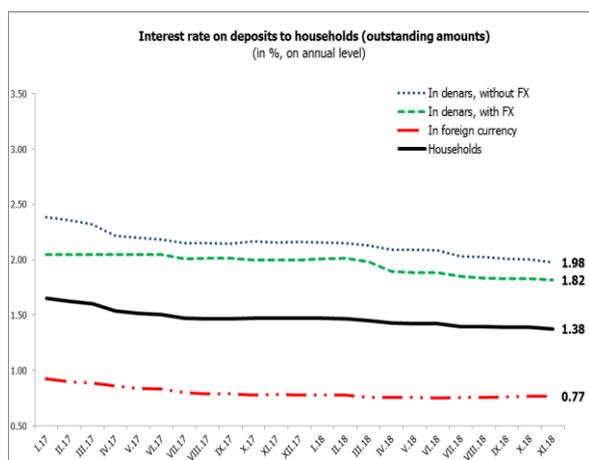
2. Interest rates for households⁶



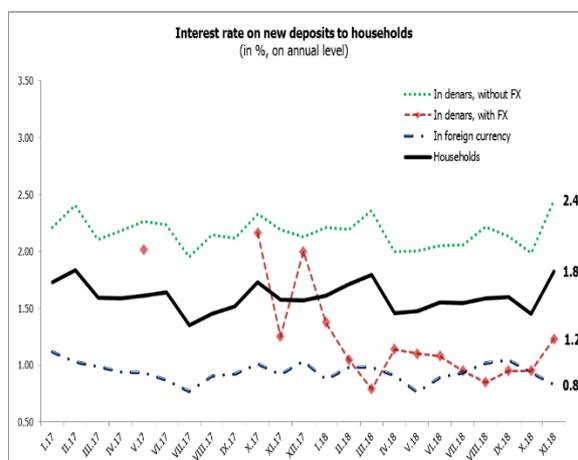
Source: NBRM.



- In November, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans equaled 6.12% and registered a monthly fall of 0.03 percentage points. The downward change is due to the reduction in all its components: the interest rates on the loans granted in denars without currency clause, granted in foreign currency (of 0.03 percentage points, respectively) and granted in denars with currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points). Compared to November last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.28 percentage points.
- In November, banks and savings houses granted new loans to households at an average interest rate of 5.36% (higher by 0.02 percentage points compared to the previous month). Analyzing the currency structure, the monthly change solely reflects the increase in the interest rate on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.08 percentage points), given the fall in the interest rates on foreign currency loans and denar loans without currency clause (of 0.08 and 0.07 percentage points, respectively). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.16 percentage points.



Source: NBRM.



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 interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits reduced to 1.38% and registered a minimal monthly decline of 0.01 percentage point. The reduction is a result of the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits without and with currency clause (of 0.03 percentage points and 0.01 percentage point, respectively), in circumstances when the interest rate on foreign currency deposits is unchanged. On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits decreased by 0.09 percentage points.
- In November, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits⁷ equaled 1.82% and registered a significant monthly growth of 0.37 percentage points. The upward change is a result of the growth in the interest rates on denar deposits without and with currency clause (of 0.46 and 0.28 percentage points, respectively), given the fall in the interest rate on foreign currency deposits (of 0.10 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate increased by 0.25 percentage points.

Supporting information

Time series of data: annual, quarterly and monthly data on weighted interest rates of banks and savings houses http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani_kamatni_stapki_na_bankite_i_stedilnicite_nova_metodologija_od_januari_2015_godina.nspix

Methodological explanations:

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

Next publications: Advance Release Calendar

http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/kalendar/Advance_Release_Calendar.pdf

Monthly data on interest rates: 31 January 2019 (reference period as of December 2018).

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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.