



## National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia Statistics Department

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### Press Release

### Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses<sup>1</sup>: October 2019

- In October, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans continued to decline and reduced to 5.05%, which is a decline of 0.04 percentage points compared to the previous month. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.37 percentage points. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits decreased by 0.08 percentage points and reduced to 1.28%. On an annual basis, this interest decreased by 0.15 percentage points.
- During October, the average interest rate on the newly granted<sup>2</sup> loans registered a monthly fall of 0.20 percentage points and amounted to 4.26%, while on an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.66 percentage points. This month, the average interest rate on newly received deposits amounted to 1.19% and decreased by 0.08 and 0.19 percentage points, respectively, on both monthly and annual basis.

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

	10.2018	11.2018	12.2018	1.2019	2.2019	3.2019	4.2019	5.2019	6.2019	7.2019	8.2019	9.2019	10.2019
in % on annual level													
<b>Loans, outstanding amounts</b>	<b>5.42</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>5.33</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>5.26</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>5.05</b>
Corporations	4.72	4.69	4.63	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.48	4.45	4.42	4.38	4.32	4.27
Households	6.15	6.12	6.08	6.03	6.02	6.01	5.98	5.94	5.92	5.86	5.84	5.81	5.78
<b>New loans</b>	<b>4.92</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>4.49</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>4.76</b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>4.71</b>	<b>4.68</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.68</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>4.26</b>
Corporations	4.77	4.42	4.30	4.43	4.33	4.53	4.31	4.34	4.29	4.20	4.22	4.11	3.89
Households	5.34	5.36	5.03	5.41	5.54	5.49	5.35	5.18	5.22	5.27	5.22	5.10	5.06
<b>Deposits, outstanding amounts</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.28</b>
Corporations	1.69	1.74	1.69	1.72	1.74	1.74	1.70	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.58	1.67	1.51
Households	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.35	1.35	1.32	1.25
<b>New deposits</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.19</b>
Corporations	1.29	1.36	1.04	1.29	1.26	1.15	1.02	1.12	0.96	1.22	0.89	1.32	1.12
Households	1.45	1.82	1.60	1.49	1.69	1.63	1.48	1.50	1.25	1.30	1.23	1.24	1.25

Source: NBRNM.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_MIR_07_2018_eng.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

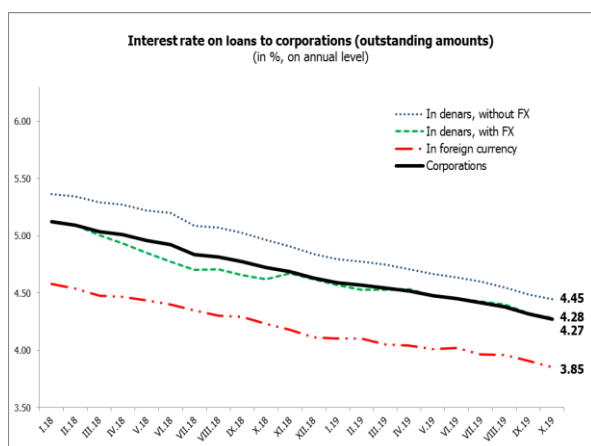
<sup>3</sup> The effects of the changes in the methodology published in the information on 20 July 2018 ([http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/informacii/Informacija\\_za\\_promeni\\_vo\\_monetarnata\\_statistika\\_eng.pdf](http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/informacii/Informacija_za_promeni_vo_monetarnata_statistika_eng.pdf)) 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.



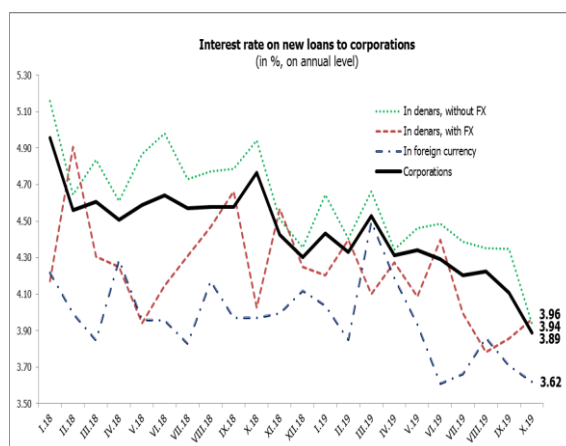
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### 1. Corporate interest rates<sup>4</sup>

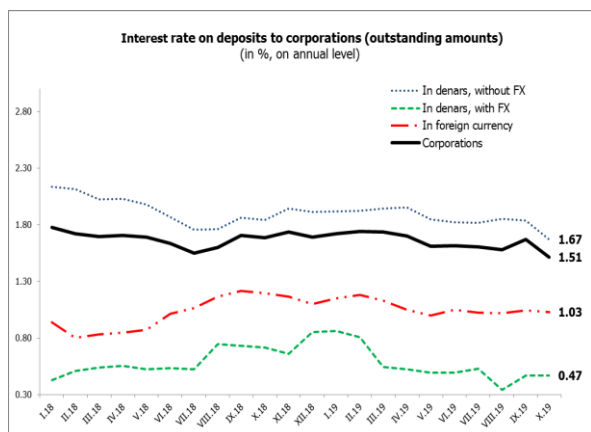
- In October, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector registered a monthly fall of 0.05 percentage points and equaled 4.27%. This fall results from the reduction in all components of this interest rate: interest rates on foreign currency loans (of 0.06 percentage points) and denar loans without and with a currency clause (of 0.04 percentage points, respectively). Compared to October last year, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate loans decreased by 0.45 percentage points.



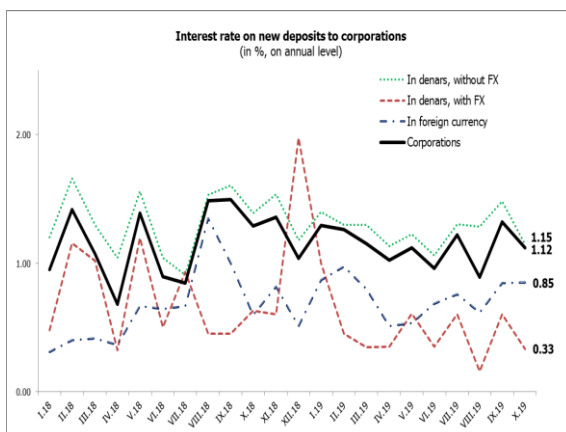
Source: NBRNM.



- This month, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector amounted to 3.89% and registered a monthly fall of 0.22 percentage points. Analyzing the currency structure, the reduction is due to the decrease in interest rates on denar loans without currency clause and foreign currency loans (by 0.41 and 0.09 percentage points, respectively), amid increase in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.11 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.88 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



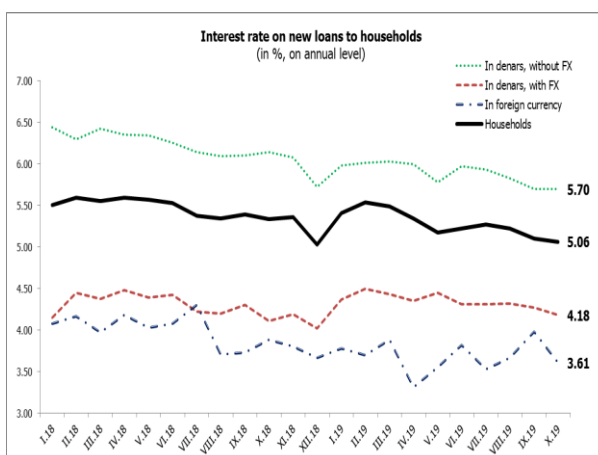
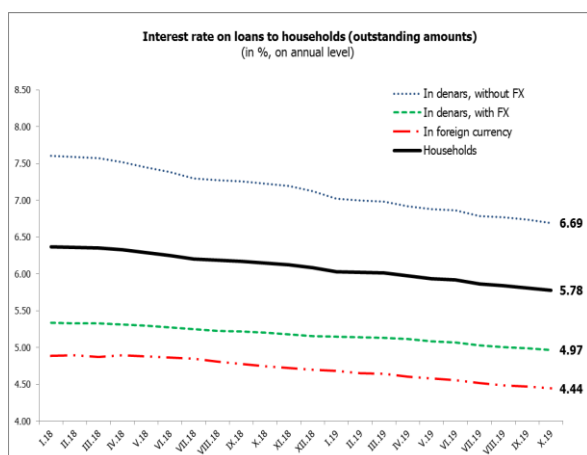
<sup>4</sup> For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- In October 2019, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits equaled 1.51% and decreased by 0.16 percentage points, compared to last month. The monthly downward change is a result of the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits without a currency clause and foreign currency deposits (of 0.17 and 0.02 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rate on denar deposits with a currency clause remained unchanged. On annual basis, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits decreased by 0.18 percentage points.
- In October, the average interest rate on the newly received corporate deposits<sup>5</sup> decreased by 0.20 percentage points compared to the previous month and equaled 1.12%. The fall results from the decline in the interest rates on denar deposits without and with currency clause (of 0.33 and 0.27 percentage points, respectively), with minor growth in the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (of 0.01 percentage points). On an annual level, this interest rate decreased by 0.17 percentage points.

### 2. Interest rates for households<sup>6</sup>



Source: NBRNM.

- Compared to last month, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans in October decreased by 0.03 percentage points and equaled 5.78%. The monthly decrease stems from the fall in all interest rates, as follows: on denar loans without a currency clause (of 0.05 percentage points), foreign currency loans (of 0.03 percentage points), as well as on denar loans with a currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points). Compared to October 2018, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans decreased by 0.37 percentage points.

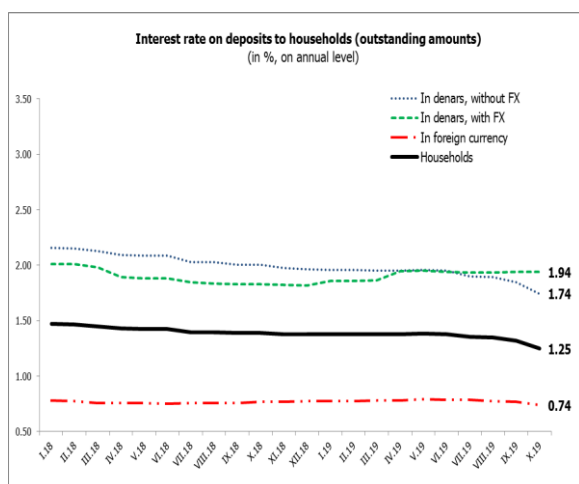
<sup>5</sup> The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate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

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

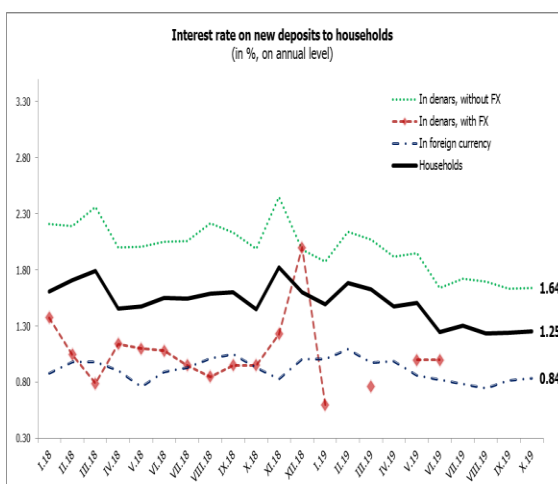


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- The October average interest rate on newly granted loans to households equaled 5.06% and decreased by 0.04 percentage points compared to the previous month. The decrease is influenced by the downward change in the interest rates on foreign currency loans and denar loans with a currency clause (by 0.38 and 0.09 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rate on denar loans without a currency clause remained unchanged. On an annual level, the interest rate on newly granted loans to households decreased by 0.28 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



- This month, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits equaled 1.25% and decreased by 0.07 percentage points. This fall is influenced by the decrease in the interest rates on denar deposits without a currency clause and foreign currency deposits (of 0.10 and 0.03 percentage points), amid unchanged interest rate on denar deposits with a currency clause. On annual basis, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits decreased by 0.14 percentage points.
- In October, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits<sup>7</sup> increased monthly by 0.01 percentage points and equaled 1.25%. The growth is entirely due to the increase in the interest rate on foreign currency deposits (of 0.02 percentage points). The interest rate on denar deposits without a currency clause registered no monthly changes, in circumstances when banks and savings houses have not received denar deposits with a currency clause for the fourth consecutive month. Compared to October last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.20 percentage points.

<sup>7</sup> 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/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani kamatni stapki na bankite i stedilnicite nova metodologija od januari 2015 godina.nspix](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](http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_MIR_07_2018_eng.pdf)

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

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