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Press Release

Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses¹: February 2021

- In February 2021, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans registered a minimal monthly fall of 0.01 percentage point and amounted to 4.61%, while on an annual basis, it decreased by 0.30 percentage points. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits equaled 0.92% and registered a minimal monthly decrease of 0.01 percentage point. On an annual basis, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits decreased by 0.27 percentage points.
- In February, the average interest rate on the newly granted² loans registered a monthly growth of 0.27 percentage points and amounted to 4.25%. On an annual level, this interest rate decreased by 0.08 percentage points. The average interest rate on newly received deposits amounted to 0.71% and increased by 0.09 percentage points on a monthly basis, given the annual fall of 0.27 percentage points.

Table 1. Interest rates on loans and deposits (outstanding amounts and new business)^{3,4,5}

	2.2020	3.2020	6.2020	9.2020	12.2020	1.2021	2.2021
in % on annual level							
Loans, outstanding amounts	4.91	4.89	4.80	4.70	4.63	4.62	4.61
Corporations	4.11	4.08	3.93	3.80	3.73	3.71	3.70
Households	5.67	5.64	5.63	5.53	5.46	5.45	5.43
New loans	4.33	4.12	3.94	3.99	3.78	3.98	4.25
Corporations	3.82	3.79	3.68	3.82	3.42	3.60	3.76
Households	4.95	4.83	4.42	4.51	4.38	4.56	4.68
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.19	1.11	1.09	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.92
Corporations	1.49	1.24	1.27	1.14	1.22	1.22	1.20
Households	1.15	1.10	1.07	0.96	0.92	0.89	0.88
New deposits	0.98	0.54	0.64	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.71
Corporations	0.56	0.20	0.43	0.74	0.38	0.40	0.39
Households	1.19	0.94	0.85	0.78	0.85	0.66	0.86

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.

⁴ In August 2020, the National Bank revoked the license for founding and operating one bank. Interest rate data for July 2020 include the June interest rate data for this bank.

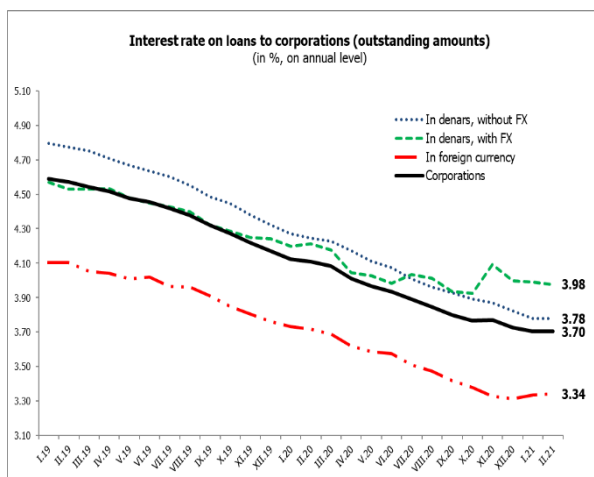
⁵ The interest rate data from August 2020 do not include data on a bank whose founding and operating license was revoked and who went into bankruptcy in August 2020.



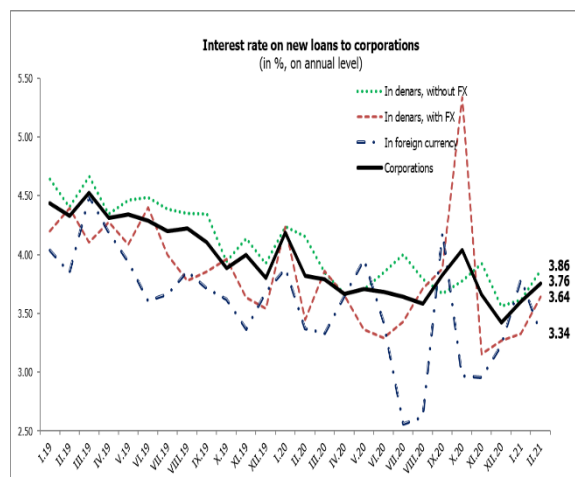
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1. Corporate interest rates⁶

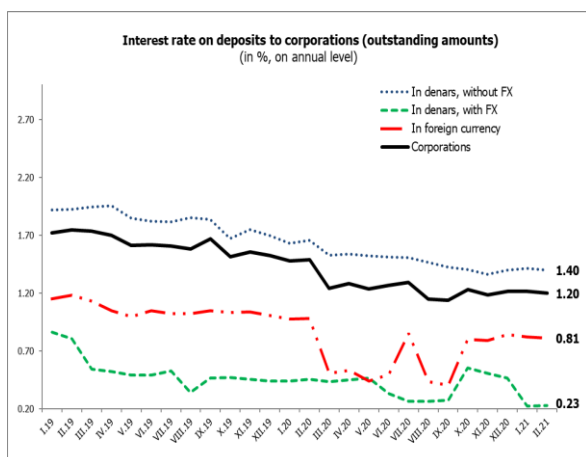
- In February, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector amounted to 3.70% and it decreased marginally by 0.01 percentage point on a monthly basis. The monthly change entirely results from the fall in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.01 percentage point), while the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause and foreign currency loans are unchanged. On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate loans decreased by 0.41 percentage point.



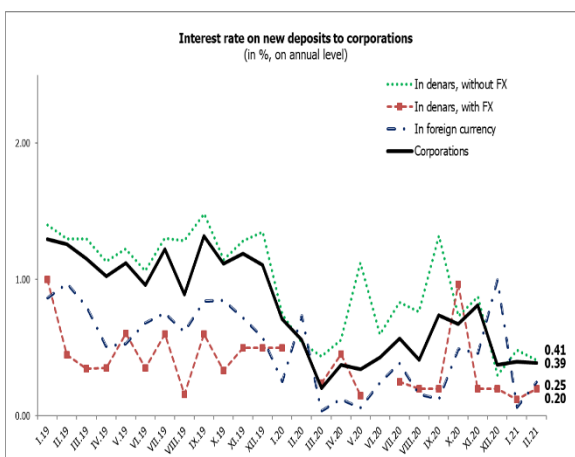
Source: NBRNM.



- This month, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector registered a monthly growth of 0.16 percentage points and equaled 3.76%. The upward change is due to the increased interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (by 0.32 and 0.25 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rates on foreign currency loans decreased (by 0.45 percentage points). On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector decreased by 0.06 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



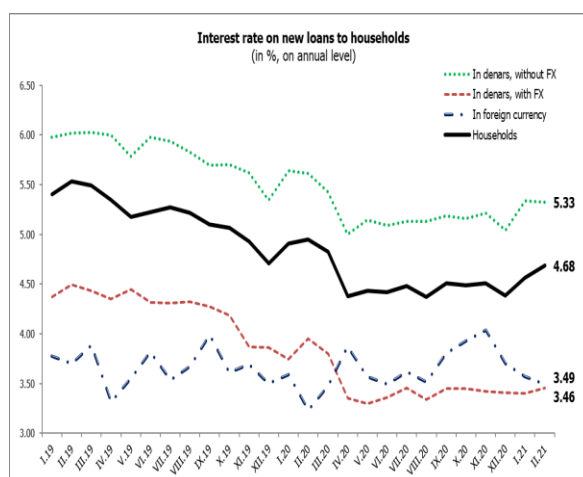
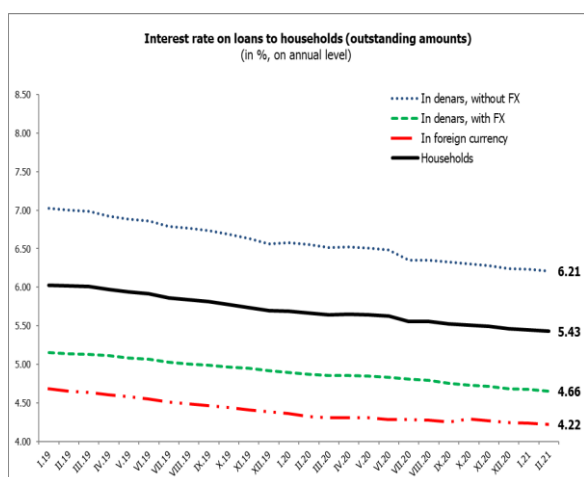
⁶ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- In February, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits decreased by 0.02 percentage points on a monthly basis and equaled 1.20%. The monthly fall is explained by the lower interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and foreign currency deposits (by 0.02 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively), in conditions of minimal growth of the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause (by 0.01 percentage point). Compared to the same period last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.29 percentage points.
- In February, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits⁷ equaled 0.39% and registered a minimal monthly decline of 0.01 percentage point. Analyzed by currency, the change is entirely due to the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.07 percentage points), given the growth in the interest rates on foreign currency deposits and denar deposits with currency clause (by 0.19 and 0.08 percentage points, respectively). On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits decreased by 0.17 percentage points.

2. Interest rates for households⁸



Source: NBRNM.

- In February, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans decreased by 0.02 percentage points compared to the previous month and amounted to 5.43%. Moreover, the fall is explained by the reduction of the interest rates on all components, as follows: interest rates on denar loans without currency clause and interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.02 percentage points, respectively), as well as interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.01 percentage point). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.24 percentage points.

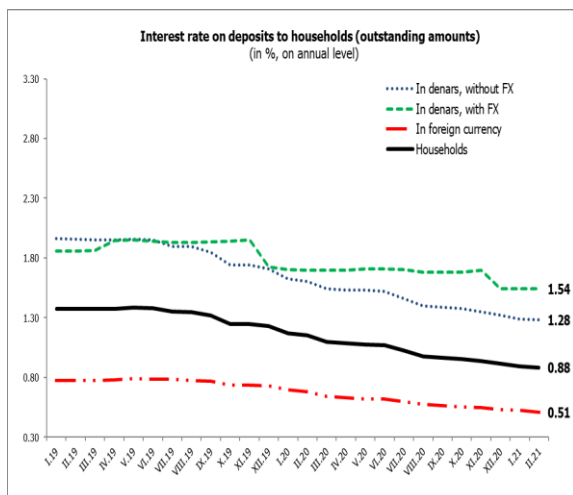
⁷ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

⁸ For the purposes of this press release, households include: individuals, self-employed individuals and nonprofit institutions serving households.

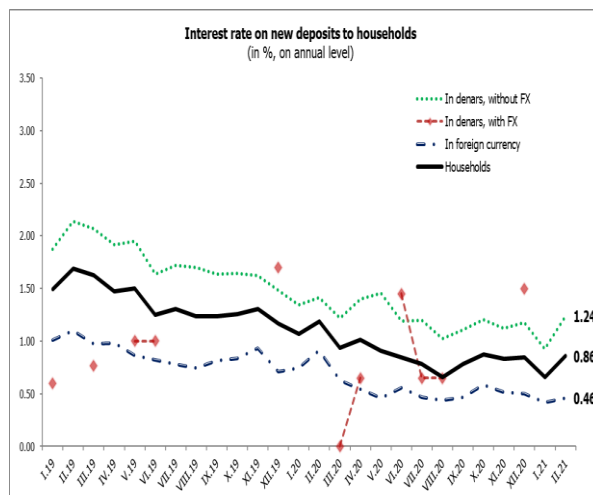


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- This month, the average interest rate on newly granted household loans increased by 0.12 percentage points on a monthly basis and equaled 4.68%. Analyzing the currency structure, the growth is entirely due to the increase in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.06 percentage points), given the fall in the interest rates on foreign currency loans and denar loans without currency clause (of 0.08 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively). The average interest rate on newly granted household loans decreased by 0.27 percentage points compared to February last year.



Source: NBRNM.



- In February, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits equaled 0.88% and decreased marginally by 0.01 percentage point on a monthly basis. Moreover, the change is due to the lower interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and foreign currency deposits (by 0.01 percentage point, respectively), in conditions of unchanged interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause. On an annual basis, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits decreased by 0.27 percentage points.
- In February, the interest rate on newly received household deposits⁹ increased by 0.20 percentage points compared to the previous month and amounted to 0.86%. The upward change is explained by the growth of interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (of 0.31 percentage point) and interest rates on foreign currency deposits (of 0.04 percentage points). This month, banks and savings houses did not record newly received denar deposits with currency clause. On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly received household deposits decreased by 0.33 percentage points.

⁹ 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

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Monthly data on interest rates: 29 April 2021 (reference period as of March 2021).

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