



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 houses¹: May 2021

- In May 2021, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans equaled 4.56%, thereby continuing its trend of monthly and annual decrease, of 0.02 and 0.27 percentage points, respectively. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits equaled 0.85%, registering monthly and annual fall of 0.05 and 0.25 percentage points, respectively.
- In May, the average interest rate on newly granted² loans equaled 3.84%, which is a monthly and annual decrease of 0.25 and 0.08 percentage points, respectively. The average interest rate on newly received deposits registered identical monthly and annual growth of 0.05 percentage points, respectively and equaled 0.67%.

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

	5.2020	6.2020	9.2020	12.2020	1.2021	2.2021	3.2021	4.2021	5.2021
in % on annual level									
Loans, outstanding amounts	4.83	4.80	4.70	4.63	4.62	4.61	4.59	4.58	4.56
Corporations	3.97	3.93	3.80	3.73	3.71	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.68
Households	5.64	5.63	5.53	5.46	5.45	5.43	5.40	5.37	5.35
New loans	3.92	3.94	3.99	3.78	3.98	4.25	3.94	4.09	3.84
Corporations	3.71	3.68	3.82	3.42	3.60	3.76	3.51	3.85	3.31
Households	4.43	4.42	4.51	4.38	4.56	4.68	4.61	4.49	4.61
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.10	1.09	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.90	0.85
Corporations	1.24	1.27	1.14	1.22	1.22	1.20	1.15	1.19	1.16
Households	1.08	1.07	0.96	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.87	0.82
New deposits	0.62	0.64	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.71	0.76	0.62	0.67
Corporations	0.34	0.43	0.74	0.38	0.40	0.39	0.75	0.65	0.74
Households	0.91	0.85	0.78	0.85	0.66	0.86	0.77	0.61	0.64

Source: NBRNM.

¹ Interest rate implies annual weighted average interest rate in percentage. For more details see the methodology at: https://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 (https://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.

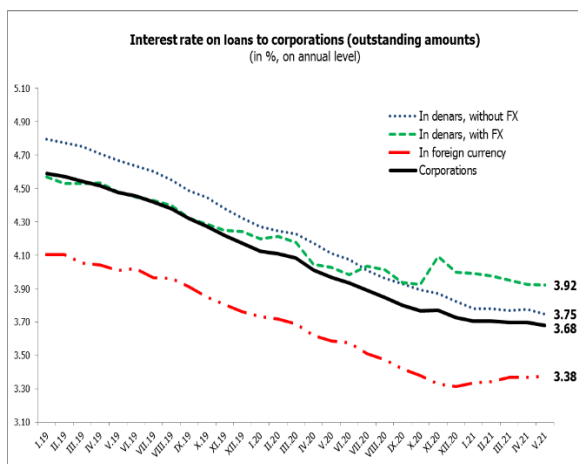
⁵ The interest rate data from August 2020 do not include data on a bank whose founding and operating license was revoked and who went into bankruptcy in August 2020.



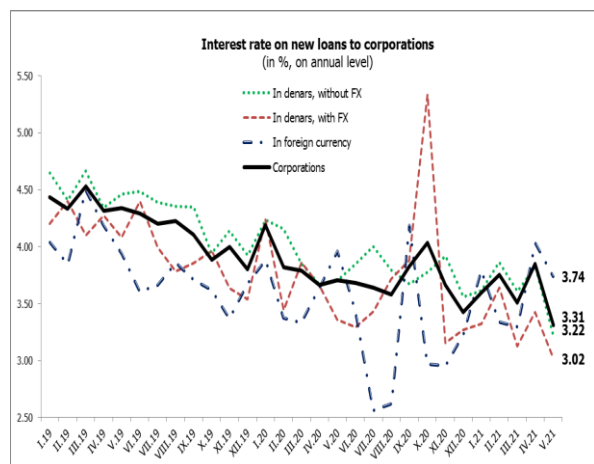
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1. Corporate interest rates⁶

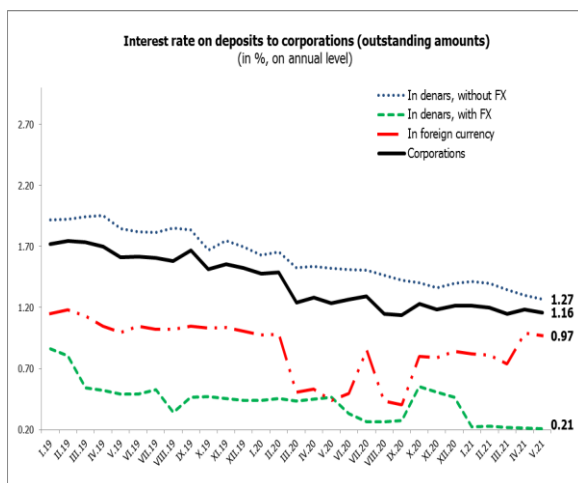
- This month, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector registered a monthly fall of 0.02 percentage points and equaled 3.68%. The fall results from the cut of interest rates on denar loans without and with currency clause (of 0.03 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively), in conditions of minimal growth of interest rates on foreign currency loans (of 0.01 percentage points). On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate loans decreased by 0.29 percentage points.



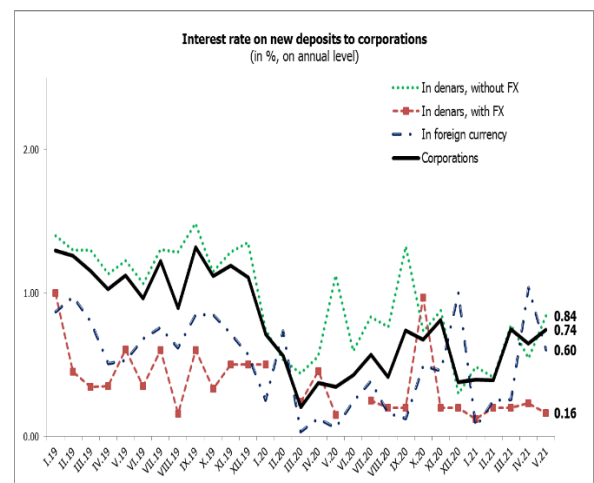
Source: NBRNM.



- In May, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector decreased by 0.54 percentage points on a monthly level and equaled 3.31%. The downward change is a result of the reduction in all components: interest rates on denar loans without and with currency clause (by 0.61 and 0.41 percentage points, respectively), as well as in interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.29 percentage points). Compared to May last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.40 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



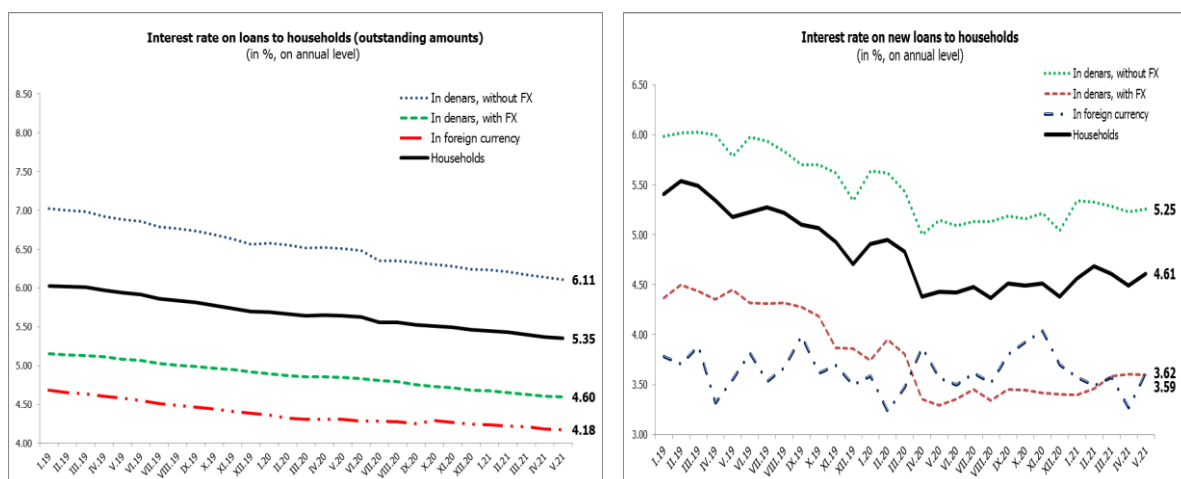
⁶ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- In May, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits equaled 1.16% and decreased by 0.03 percentage points, compared to last month. The monthly decrease is explained by the reduction of the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.03 and 0.02 percentage points, respectively), amid unchanged interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause. On an annual basis, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits decreased by 0.08 percentage points.
- This month, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits⁷ increased by 0.09 percentage points and amounted to 0.74%. The increase is entirely due to the growth of the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.30 percentage points), in circumstances when the interest rates on foreign currency deposits and the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause decreased (by 0.44 and 0.07 percentage points, respectively). On an annual level, this interest rate increased by 0.40 percentage points.

2. Interest rates for households⁸



Source: NBRNM.

- In May, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans registered a monthly decrease of 0.02 percentage points and reduced to 5.35%. Analyzing the currency structure, the reduction is entirely a result of the fall in the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.03 percentage points), while the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause and the interest rates on foreign currency loans registered no monthly changes. Compared to May 2020, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans decreased by 0.29 percentage points.

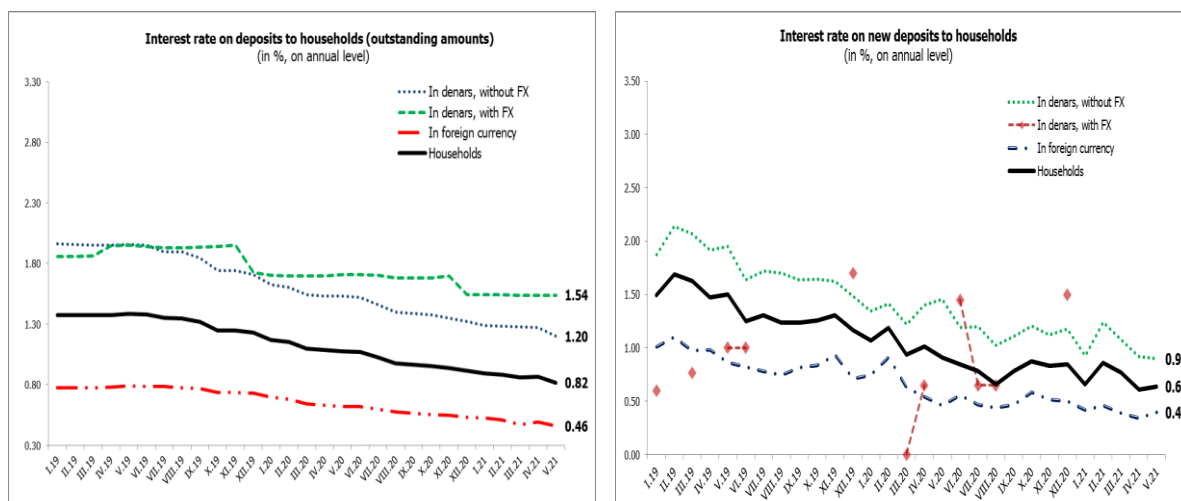
⁷ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

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



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- In May, the average interest rate on newly granted household loans equaled 4.61%, which is a monthly growth of 0.12 percentage points. The upward shift results from the increase in the interest rates on foreign currency loans and the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.35 and 0.02 percentage points, respectively), amid fall in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate increased by 0.18 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

- In May, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits decreased by 0.05 percentage points and reduced to 0.82%. The fall is due to the reduced interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.07 and 0.03 percentage points, respectively), while the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause are unchanged. On an annual basis, the interest rate decreased by 0.26 percentage points.
- In May, the interest rate on newly received household deposits⁹ equaled 0.64%, amid monthly growth of 0.03 percentage points. This growth is completely a result of the increase in the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (of 0.06 percentage points), in circumstances when no denar deposits with currency clause were received, and the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause decreased (by 0.02 percentage points). The interest rate on newly received household deposits decreased by 0.27 percentage points compared to the same period last year.

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

https://www.nbrm.mk/statistika_na_kamatni_stapki-en.nspix

Methodological explanations:

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

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Monthly data on interest rates: 30 July 2021 (reference period as of June 2021).

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