



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: March 2021

- In March 2021, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans registered monthly decrease of 0.02 percentage points and equaled 4.59%. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.30 percentage points. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits equaled 0.89% and registered monthly decline of 0.03 percentage points, while on an annual basis it decreased by 0.22 percentage points.
- In March, the average interest rate on the newly granted² loans equaled 3.94% and registered monthly decrease of 0.31 percentage points, while on an annual basis, it fell by 0.18 percentage points. The average interest rate on newly received deposits registered a monthly increase of 0.05 percentage points and equaled 0.76%. Compared on an annual basis, the average interest rate on newly received deposits increased by 0.22 percentage points.

Table 1. Interest rates on outstanding amounts of loans and deposits^{3,4,5}

	3.2020	6.2020	9.2020	12.2020	1.2021	2.2021	3.2021
in % on annual level							
Loans, outstanding amounts	4.89	4.80	4.70	4.63	4.62	4.61	4.59
Corporations	4.08	3.93	3.80	3.73	3.71	3.70	3.70
Households	5.64	5.63	5.53	5.46	5.45	5.43	5.40
New loans	4.12	3.94	3.99	3.78	3.98	4.25	3.94
Corporations	3.79	3.68	3.82	3.42	3.60	3.76	3.51
Households	4.83	4.42	4.51	4.38	4.56	4.68	4.61
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.11	1.09	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.89
Corporations	1.24	1.27	1.14	1.22	1.22	1.20	1.15
Households	1.10	1.07	0.96	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.86
New deposits	0.54	0.64	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.71	0.76
Corporations	0.20	0.43	0.74	0.38	0.40	0.39	0.75
Households	0.94	0.85	0.78	0.85	0.66	0.86	0.77

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.

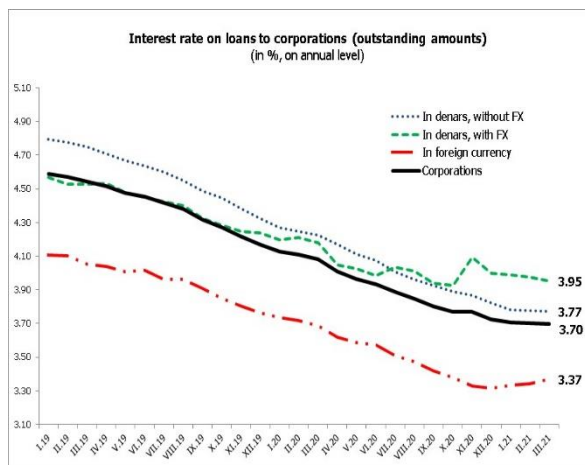
⁵ The interest rate data from August 2020 do not include data on a bank whose founding and operating license was revoked and who went into bankruptcy in August 2020.



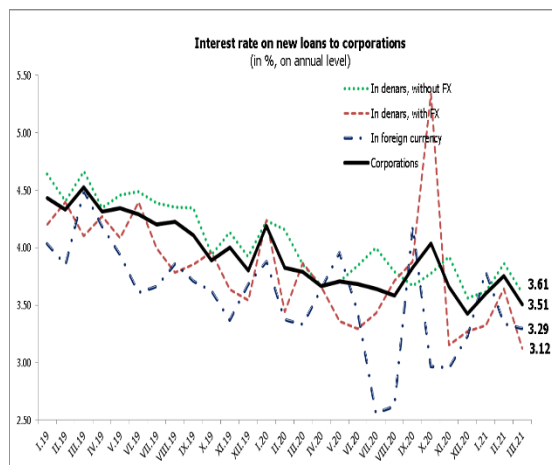
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1. Corporate interest rates⁶

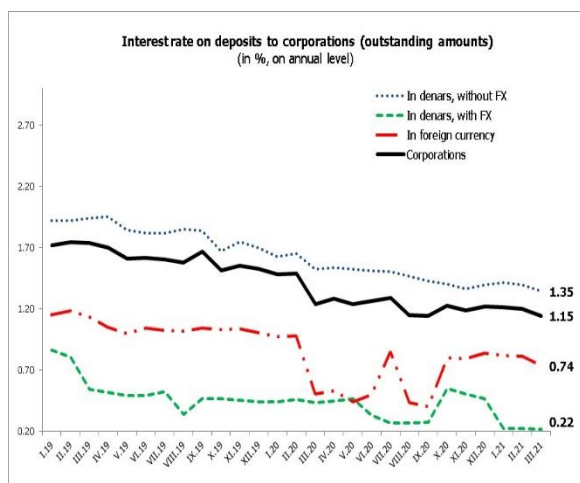
- In March, the average interest rate on outstanding amounts of corporate loans remained at the level of 3.70% as in the previous month, whereas on an annual basis this interest rate is lower by 0.38 percentage points.



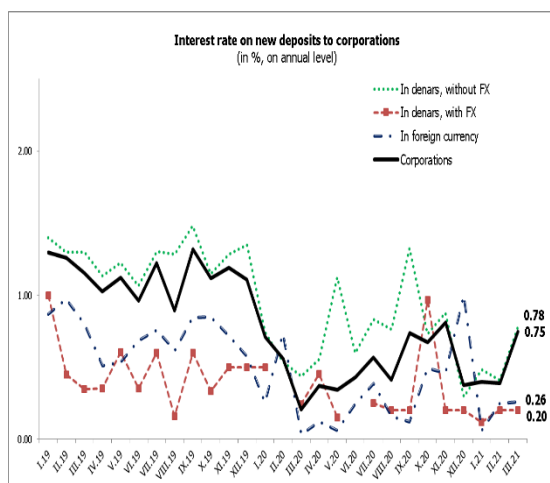
Source: NBRNM.



- The March, the interest rate on the newly granted loans to the corporate sector equaled 3.51% and it decreased by 0.25 percentage points on a monthly basis. The downward change is explained by the reduction of the interest rates on all components, as follows: interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (by 0.52 and 0.25 percentage points, respectively) and interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.05 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.28 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



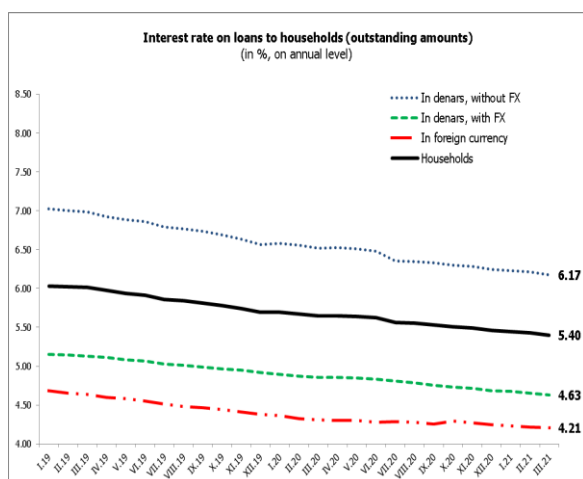
⁶ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



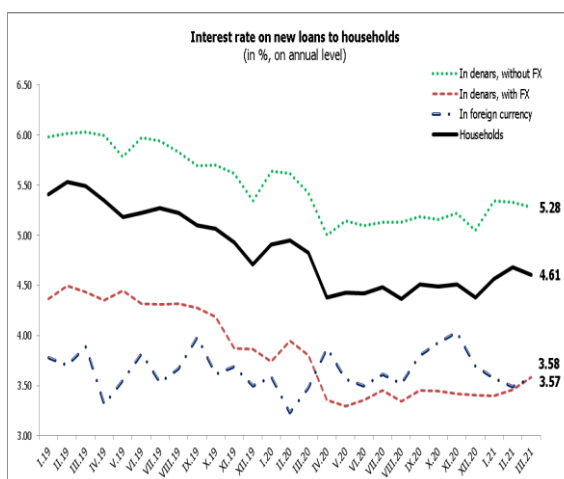
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- During this month, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits registered a monthly fall of 0.05 percentage points and it equaled 1.15%. Analyzed by currency, the monthly fall arises from the decrease in the interest rates in all components: interest rates on foreign currency deposits (of 0.07 percentage points) and interest rates on denar deposits without and with currency clause (of 0.05 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively). Compared to the same period last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.09 percentage points.
- In March, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits⁷ amounted to 0.75% and increased by 0.36 percentage points, on a monthly basis. The upward change is as a result of the higher interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.37 percentage points) and the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.01 percentage points), amid unchanged interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause. Analyzed on an annual level, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits increased by 0.55 percentage points.

2. Interest rates for households⁸



Source: NBRNM.



- In March, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans registered a monthly decrease of 0.03 percentage point and equaled 5.40%. Analyzed by currency, the decrease is due to the reduction of the interest rates on all components, as follows: interest rates on denar loans without and with currency clause (by 0.04 and 0.03 percentage points, respectively) and interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.01 percentage points). The interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans decreased by 0.24 percentage points, compared to the same month last year.

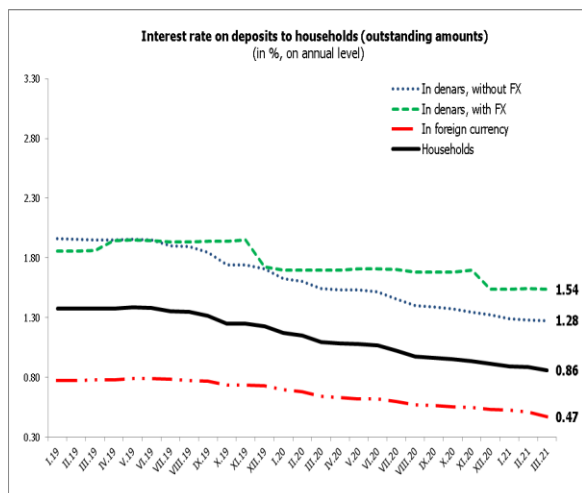
⁷ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

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

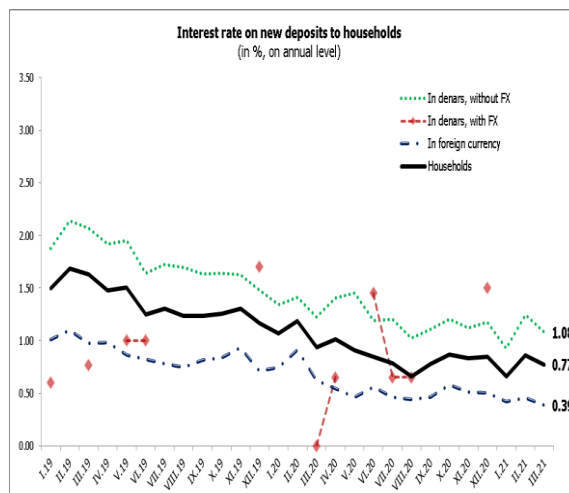


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- The average interest rate on newly granted loans to households equaled 4.61% this month, and it fell by 0.07 percentage points compared to the previous month. The change is a result of the decrease in the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.05 percentage points), given registered increase in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause and foreign currency loans (of 0.12 percentage points and 0.08 percentage points, respectively). Compared on an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.22 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



- In March, the average interest rate on outstanding amount of household deposits decreased by 0.02 percentage points on a monthly basis and equaled 0.86%. The decrease is fully explained by the lower interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.04 percentage points), in conditions of unchanged interest rate on denar deposits with and without currency clause. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits decreased by 0.24 percentage points on annual basis.
- In March, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits⁹ equaled 0.77% and registered monthly fall of 0.09 percentage points. The downward change results from the reduction in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.16 percentage points) and the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.07 percentage points). Also this month, banks and savings houses did not record newly received denar deposits with currency clause. Compared to March last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.17 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: 31 May 2021 (reference period as of April 2021).

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