



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: October 2021

- The trend of monthly and annual reduction of the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans continued also in October 2021. Namely, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans amounted to 4.45% and registered a monthly and annual fall of 0.01 and 0.23 percentage points, respectively. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits registered a minimal monthly decrease of 0.01 percentage point and amounted to 0.77%, while on an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.21 percentage points.
- In October, the average interest rate on newly granted loans² equaled 3.94%, which is a monthly and annual decrease of 0.09 and 0.27 percentage points, respectively. The average interest rate on newly received deposits registered a monthly fall of 0.06 percentage points and amounted to 0.79%, while on an annual level it increased by 0.02 percentage points.

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

	10.2020	12.2020	1.2021	2.2021	3.2021	4.2021	5.2021	6.2021	7.2021	8.2021	9.2021	10.2021
in % on annual level												
Loans, outstanding amounts	4.68	4.63	4.62	4.61	4.59	4.58	4.56	4.54	4.50	4.49	4.46	4.45
Corporations	3.77	3.73	3.71	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.68	3.65	3.61	3.60	3.58	3.55
Households	5.51	5.46	5.45	5.43	5.40	5.37	5.35	5.33	5.30	5.28	5.24	5.23
New loans	4.21	3.78	3.98	4.25	3.94	4.09	3.84	4.03	3.62	3.78	4.03	3.94
Corporations	4.04	3.42	3.60	3.76	3.51	3.85	3.31	3.43	3.04	3.23	3.63	3.39
Households	4.49	4.38	4.56	4.68	4.61	4.49	4.61	4.64	4.58	4.42	4.61	4.54
Deposits, outstanding amounts	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.90	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.79	0.78	0.77
Corporations	1.23	1.22	1.22	1.20	1.15	1.19	1.16	1.16	1.11	1.09	1.08	1.05
Households	0.95	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.87	0.82	0.80	0.79	0.75	0.74	0.73
New deposits	0.77	0.68	0.62	0.71	0.76	0.62	0.67	0.53	0.51	0.50	0.85	0.79
Corporations	0.67	0.38	0.40	0.39	0.75	0.65	0.74	0.51	0.42	0.46	0.62	0.53
Households	0.87	0.85	0.66	0.86	0.77	0.61	0.64	0.53	0.57	0.53	0.94	0.93

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.

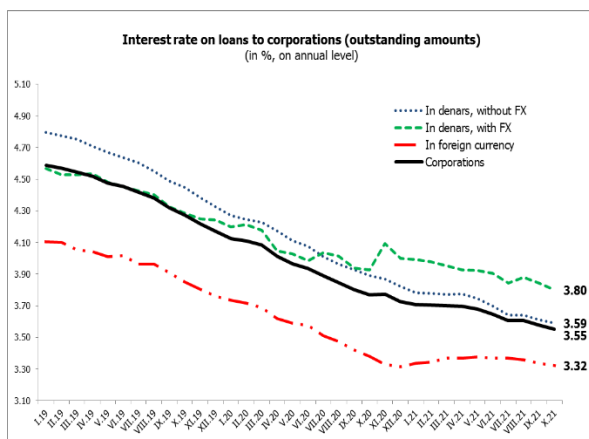
⁵ The interest rate data from August 2020 do not include data on a bank whose founding and operating license was revoked and who went into bankruptcy in August 2020.



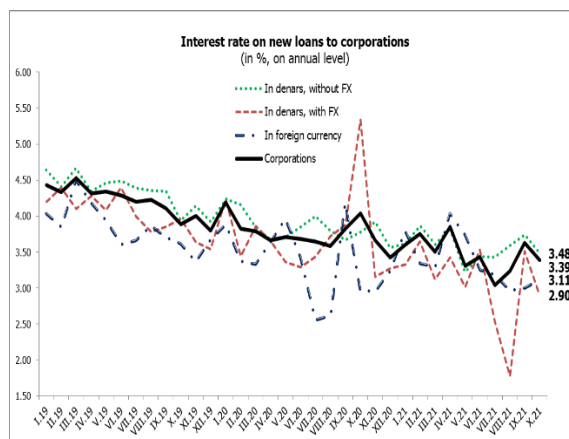
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1. Corporate interest rates⁶

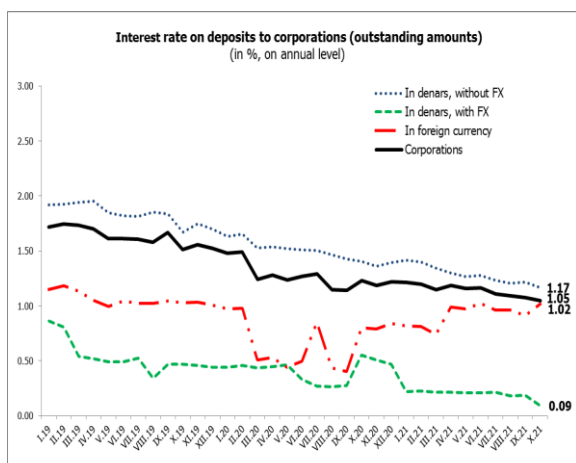
- In October, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector amounted to 3.55% and decreased by 0.03 percentage points on a monthly level. The change is due to the fall in all components: interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.04 percentage points), as well as in interest rates on loans without currency clause and foreign currency loans (by 0.02 percentage points, respectively). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.22 percentage points.



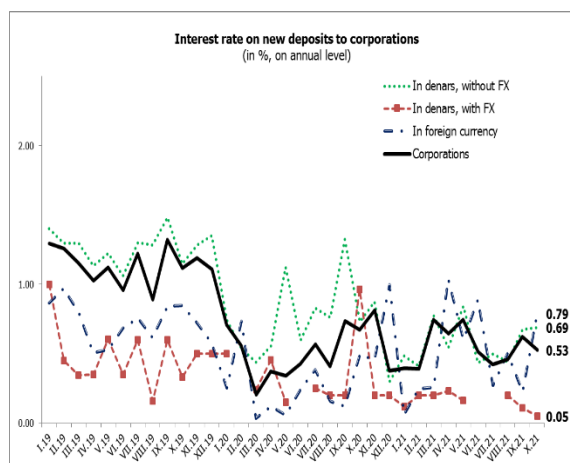
Source: NBRNM.



- In October, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector registered a monthly decrease of 0.24 percentage points and equaled 3.39%. Moreover, the fall results from the decrease in the interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (of 0.61 and 0.26 percentage points, respectively), amid growth of the interest rates on foreign currency loans (of 0.11 percentage points). On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector decreased by 0.65 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



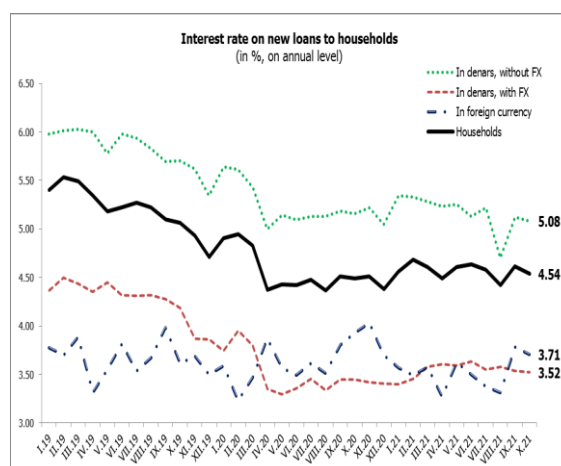
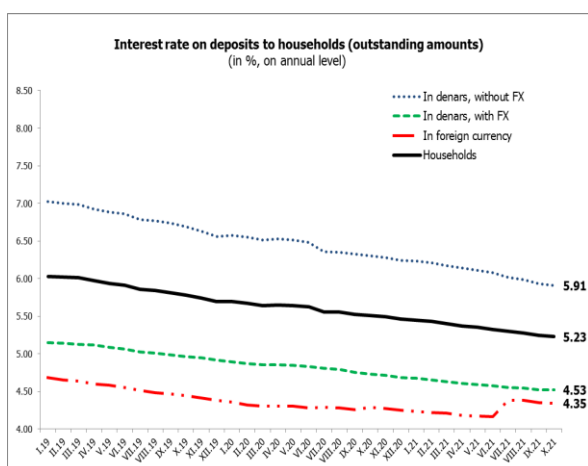
⁶ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- Compared to the previous month, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits registered a monthly decrease of 0.03 percentage points and equaled 1.05%. The downward change is due to the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits with and without currency clause (by 0.10 and 0.05 percentage points, respectively), in circumstances when the interest rates on foreign currency deposits increased (by 0.11 percentage points). Compared to the same period last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.18 percentage points.
- This month, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits⁷ on a monthly basis decreased by 0.09 percentage points and reduced to 0.53%. Considering the currency structure, the fall is entirely explained by the decrease in the interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause (by 0.06 percentage points), while the interest rates on foreign currency deposits and denar deposits without currency clause increased (by 0.56 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively). The interest rate on newly received corporate deposits decreased by 0.14 percentage points, on an annual level.

2. Interest rates for households⁸



Source: NBRNM.

- In October, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans registered a minimal monthly decline of 0.01 percentage point and equaled 5.23%. The monthly decrease is completely a result of the lower interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (by 0.02 percentage points), amid growth of the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.01 percentage points), while the interest rates on foreign currency loans are unchanged. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.28 percentage points.

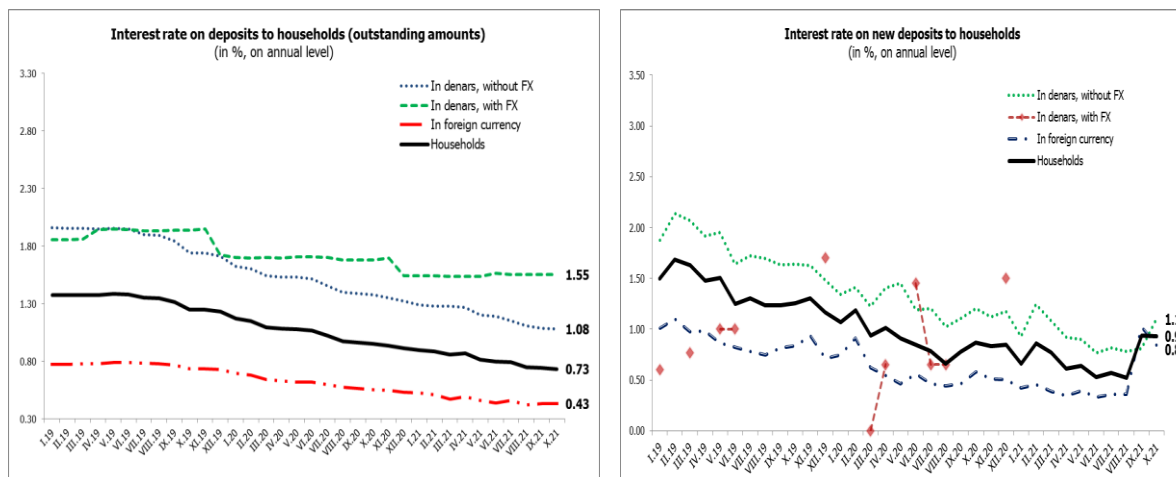
⁷ The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate sector.

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



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- In October, the average interest rate on newly granted household loans equaled 4.54%, which is a monthly decrease of 0.07 percentage points. Moreover, the fall results from the reduction in all its components: interest rates on foreign currency loans and interest rates on denar loans without and with currency clause (by 0.08 percentage points, 0.04 percentage points and 0.02 percentage points, respectively). Compared to October last year, the interest rate on newly granted household loans increased by 0.05 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

- In October, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits remained almost unchanged and equaled 0.73%. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.22 percentage points.
- In October, the interest rate on newly received household deposits⁹ registered a minimal decrease of 0.01 percentage points on a monthly level and equaled 0.93%. Moreover, the change is entirely due to the lower interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.17 percentage points), amid growth of the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.29 percentage points), in circumstances when no denar deposits with currency clause were received. On an annual basis, the interest rate increased by 0.06 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

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 December 2021 (reference period as of November 2021).

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