



# National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia Statistics Department

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## Press Release

### Monetary developments in the Republic of North Macedonia: February 2019

- In February 2019, **the broad money (monetary aggregate M3<sup>1</sup>)** registered monthly increase of 0.8% mainly influenced by the increase in the demand deposits<sup>2</sup>, given the slight growth in currency in circulation and long-term deposits up to two years. Annually, the broad money grew by 10.0%, due to the increase in all components, with the largest contribution of demand deposit and short-term deposits, followed by long-term deposits up to two years and currency in circulation.
- In February, **total deposits<sup>3</sup>** registered a monthly and annual growth of 1.1% and 10.3%, respectively, amid deposit growth in both sectors, more pronounced in the household sector.

Table 1. Total deposits and loans<sup>4</sup> of the non-government sector

	stocks (in millions of NC)								annual changes (in %)								monthly changes (in %)	
	12.2016 <sup>1</sup>	12.2017 <sup>1</sup>	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	12.2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.2019	2.2019	12.2016 <sup>1</sup>	12.2017 <sup>1</sup>	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	12.2018 <sup>1</sup>	1.2019	2.2019	1.2019	2.2019
<b>Broad Money M4</b>	<b>354,712</b>	<b>372,931</b>	<b>374,681</b>	<b>386,470</b>	<b>395,840</b>	<b>416,814</b>	<b>412,965</b>	<b>417,149</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Broad Money M3</b>	<b>322,199</b>	<b>336,989</b>	<b>337,684</b>	<b>348,090</b>	<b>353,862</b>	<b>373,436</b>	<b>369,217</b>	<b>372,136</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>																		
Currency in Circulation	28,193	29,968	28,658	29,681	30,665	32,233	30,826	31,232	7.2	6.3	6.9	4.2	5.9	7.6	8.7	10.0	-4.4	1.3
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>321,888</b>	<b>339,314</b>	<b>340,135</b>	<b>349,816</b>	<b>358,126</b>	<b>375,046</b>	<b>372,090</b>	<b>376,155</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>																		
Corporations	87,377	89,248	85,791	90,295	93,775	97,703	95,160	95,879	13.4	2.1	4.1	11.6	16.8	9.5	10.6	9.5	-2.6	0.8
Households	217,394	230,744	233,485	236,832	240,139	252,563	251,301	253,207	2.5	6.1	7.3	7.9	8.4	9.5	9.3	8.8	-0.5	0.8
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>284,782</b>	<b>300,257</b>	<b>298,059</b>	<b>306,049</b>	<b>311,558</b>	<b>322,089</b>	<b>319,644</b>	<b>321,439</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>																		
Corporations	154,225	157,722	152,187	155,427	157,165	164,765	161,659	163,044	-5.3	2.3	2.3	2.9	5.7	4.5	5.7	6.9	-1.9	0.9
Households	129,321	141,232	144,491	149,254	152,990	155,734	156,450	156,903	7.0	9.2	9.4	9.7	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.6	0.5	0.3

Source: NBRNM.

<sup>1</sup> Starting from June 2018, the NBRNM will use the monetary aggregate M3 as a new standard definition of broad money. For analytical purposes, the monetary aggregate M4 will continue to be calculated and published.

<sup>2</sup> Demand deposits refer to current accounts with banks and savings houses and current accounts of other financial corporations with the National Bank.

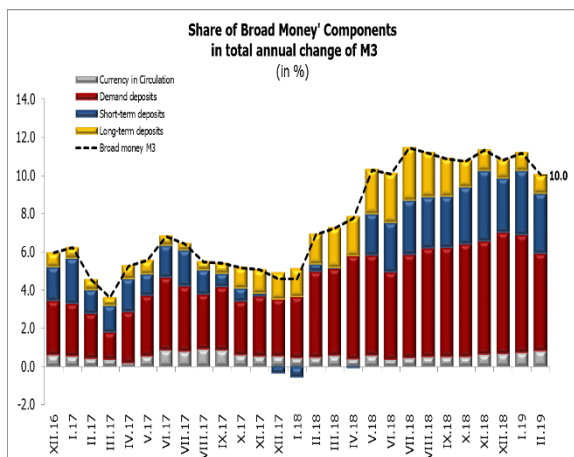
<sup>3</sup> Total deposits include all deposits included in the monetary aggregate M4.

<sup>4</sup> The annual rates of loans in the period June 2016 – May 2017 were influenced by the effects of the NBRNM's measure for write-off of the claims that have been fully covered for more than two years.

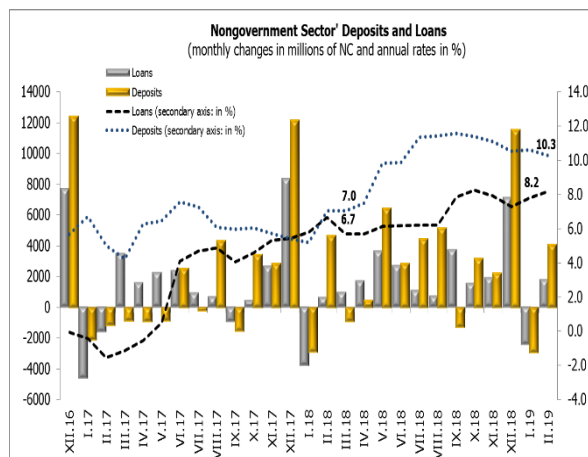


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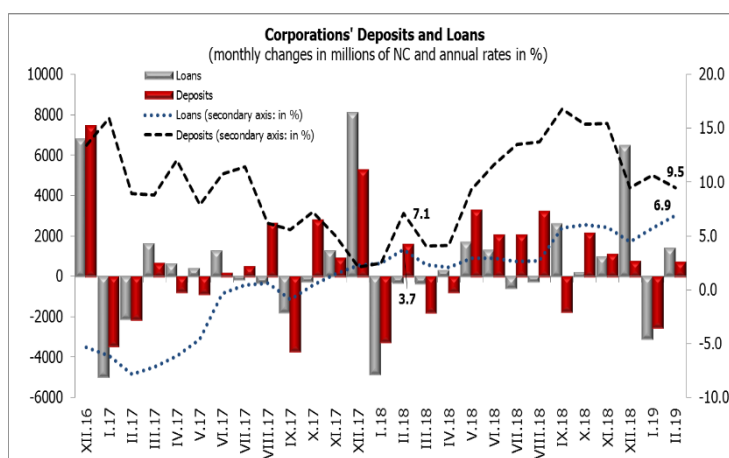
- Following the monthly decline in January, **total loans** in February increased by 0.6%, which is mainly due to the increased lending to the corporate sector (share of 77.2% in the total loan growth). Annually, the loan growth of 8.2% is due to the increased lending to the household and corporate sector, with a larger contribution of the household sector (share of 56.5%).



Source: NBRNM.



### 1. Deposits and loans of the corporate sector<sup>5</sup>



Source: NBRNM.

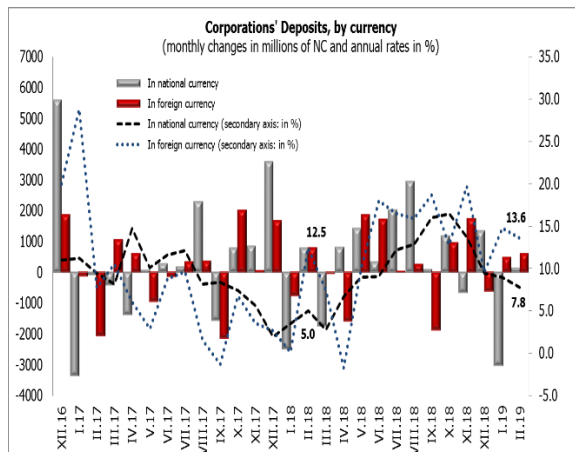
- In February 2019, **total deposits of the corporate sector** increased by 0.8% on a monthly basis, mainly influenced by demand deposits and foreign currency deposits (short-term and long-term) and long-term denar deposits, amid a registered decline in short-term denar deposits. The annual growth rate of corporate deposits amounts to 9.5% and is mostly a result of the increase in demand deposits and short-term foreign currency and denar deposits.

<sup>5</sup> For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes public and private non-financial corporations.

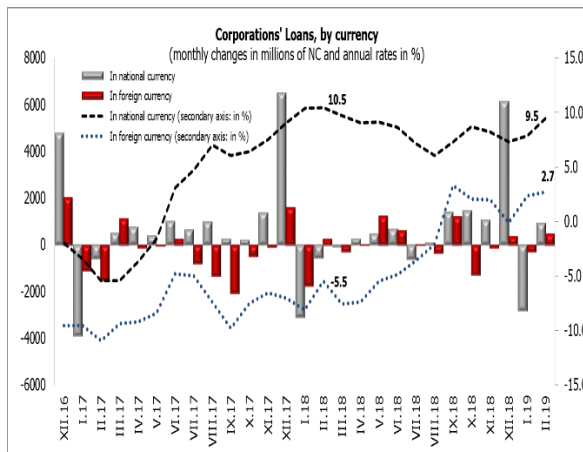


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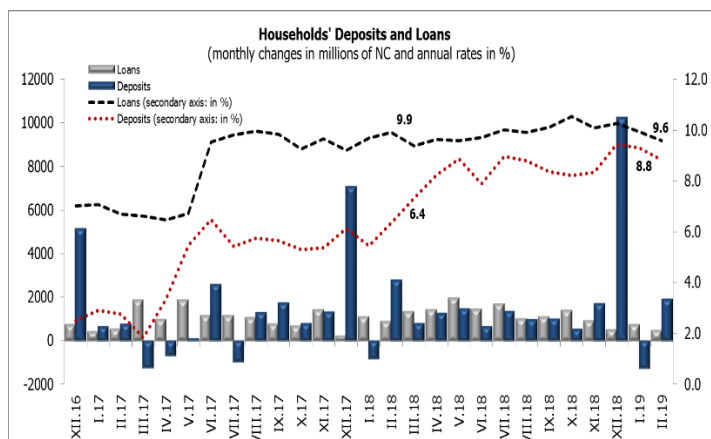
- **Corporate sectors loans<sup>6</sup>** registered a monthly increase of 0.9% and an annual growth of 6.9%. Analyzed by currency, loans granted in denars made the largest contribution to the monthly and annual growth.



Source: NBRNM.



## 2. Deposits and loans of the households<sup>7</sup>



Source: NBRNM.

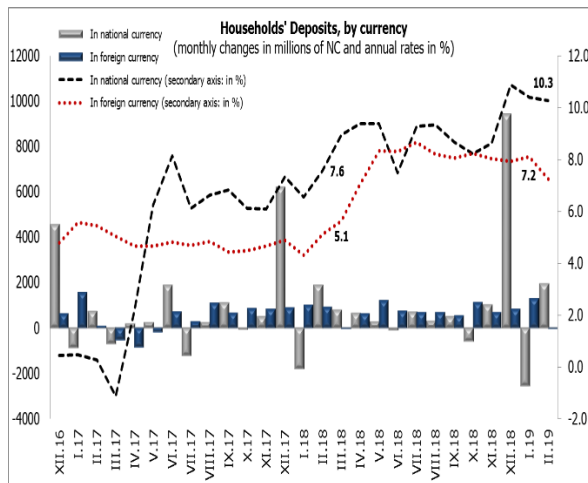
- In February, total **household deposits** increased by 0.8% on a monthly basis, mostly influenced by the growth of demand deposits (79.9%). The annual growth is 8.8% and is mostly due to the increase of demand deposits and short-term foreign currency deposits, amid although moderate growth of long-term denar and foreign currency deposits.
- In February, **total household loans** registered a growth of 0.3% on a monthly basis, which was entirely due to the increased denar loans. On an annual basis, total household loans increased by 9.6%. Analyzed by currency structure, the annual growth is mostly due to denar deposits (share of 70.7%).

<sup>6</sup> Starting from June 2018, and according to the new methodology, data on financial instruments in denars with FX clause are included in the foreign currency.

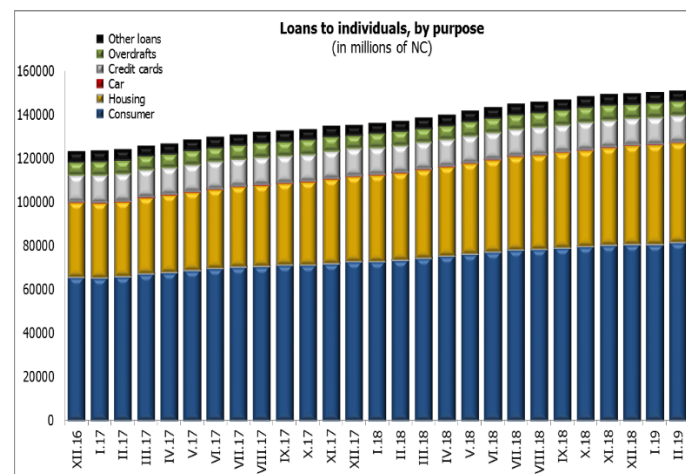
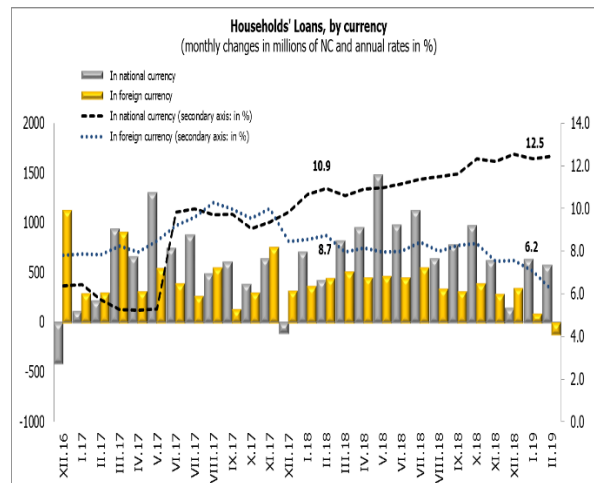
<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this press release, households refer to individuals and self-employed professionals.



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Table 2. Banks and savings houses loans granted to individuals, by purpose

	Stocks (in millions of NC)								annual changes (in %)								monthly changes (in %)	
	12.2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	12.2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	12.2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2019	2.2019	12.2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	12.2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	12.2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2019	2.2019	1.2019	2.2019
Consumer loans	65,438	72,595	74,218	77,100	78,964	80,632	80,525	81,342	13.4	10.9	10.7	11.1	11.1	11.1	10.9	11.0	-0.1	1.0
Housing loans	34,608	39,535	40,899	42,309	43,896	45,539	45,772	45,932	14.3	14.2	15.4	14.9	16.2	15.2	14.5	13.6	0.5	0.3
Car loans	323	316	318	307	301	312	315	312	-19.1	-2.2	2.9	0.2	-2.2	-1.3	1.1	-1.1	1.0	-0.9
Credit cards	12,380	12,281	12,157	12,192	12,235	12,246	12,176	12,117	0.3	-0.8	-1.1	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5
Overdrafts	5,795	5,896	6,300	6,672	6,881	6,232	6,805	6,753	3.6	1.8	0.4	4.8	5.7	5.7	4.8	5.1	9.2	-0.8
Other loans	4,584	4,564	4,534	4,593	4,566	4,607	4,583	4,277	7.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.9	1.6	-5.6	-0.5	-6.7

Source: NBRNM.



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- In February, analyzed according to the purpose of loans granted to individuals, the most common category - **consumer loans** registered a monthly growth rate of 1.0% and 11.0% on an annual basis. In February, the growth of **housing loans** continued to decelerate, registering a monthly and annual growth rate of 0.3% and 13.6%, respectively, while **car loans** registered a downward monthly and annual change of 0.9% and 1.1%, respectively. Loans granted on the basis of **credit cards** also registered monthly and annual decline of 0.5% and 0.3%, respectively. In February, **overdrafts** register monthly drop of 0.8%, while annually, they increased by 5.1%. Loans granted on **other basis** registered monthly and annual decrease of 6.7% and 5.6%, respectively.

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### Supporting information

Time series of data: Balance sheets and list of depository institutions, monthly data  
<http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-bilansi-i-pregledi-na-depozitnite-institucii---mesečni-podatoci-en.nspix>

Methodological explanations:

[http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija\\_monetarna\\_07\\_2018\\_eng.pdf](http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_monetarna_07_2018_eng.pdf)

Information on methodological changes in the monetary statistics, the statistics of the other financial corporations and the interest rates statistics:

[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)

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