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Press Release

Significant developments in interest rates of banks and savings houses¹: January 2019

- In January, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans continued to decline and reduced to 5.30%, which is a decline of 0.03 percentage points compared to the previous month. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits registered a minimal monthly increase of 0.01 percentage point and equaled 1.42%.
- In January, the average interest rates on newly granted² loans and newly received deposits registered a monthly increase of 0.28 and 0.04 percentage points and amounted to 4.77% and 1.44%, respectively.

Table 1. Interest rates on loans and deposits (outstanding amounts and new business)³

	1.2018	3.2018	6.2018	9.2018	12.2018	1.2019
in % on annual level						
Loans, outstanding amounts	5.72	5.67	5.57	5.46	5.33	5.30
Corporations	5.12	5.03	4.92	4.77	4.63	4.59
Households	6.37	6.35	6.25	6.17	6.08	6.03
New loans	5.13	4.92	4.97	4.86	4.49	4.77
Corporations	4.96	4.61	4.64	4.58	4.30	4.43
Households	5.50	5.56	5.53	5.39	5.03	5.41
Deposits, outstanding amounts	1.51	1.48	1.45	1.42	1.41	1.42
Corporations	1.77	1.69	1.63	1.71	1.69	1.72
Households	1.47	1.45	1.43	1.39	1.38	1.38
New deposits	1.36	1.47	1.29	1.57	1.40	1.44
Corporations	0.95	1.08	0.89	1.49	1.04	1.29
Households	1.61	1.79	1.55	1.60	1.60	1.49

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.

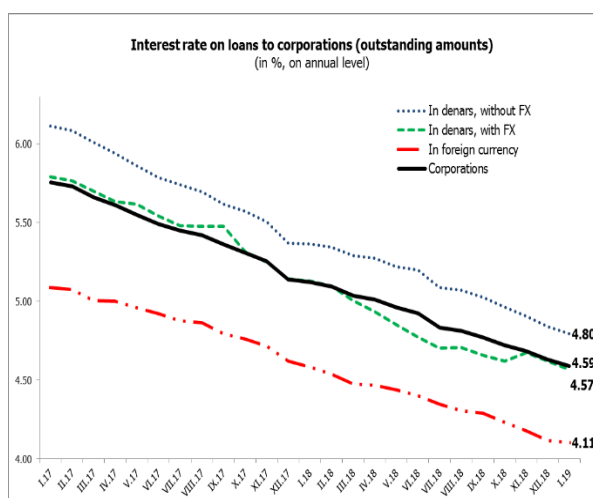
³ The effects of the changes in the methodology published in the Information on 20 July 2018 (http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/informacii/Informacija_za_promeni_vo_monetarnata_statistika_eng.pdf) are not perceived in the individual categories of interest rates on deposits/loans (in denars without 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.



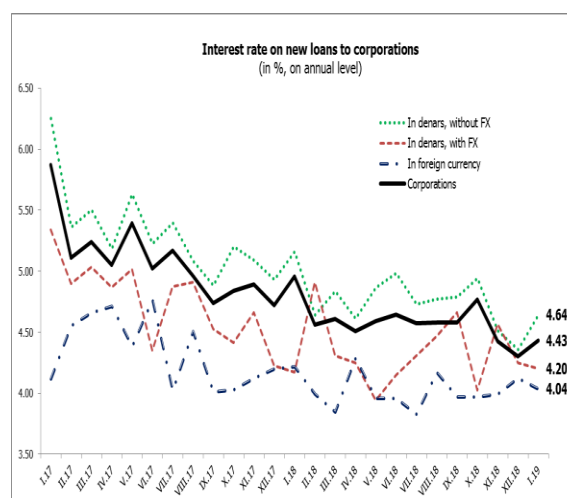
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1. Corporate interest rates⁴

- In the first month of 2019, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector decreased by 0.04 percentage points and equaled 4.59%. The downward movement is due to the decrease in the interest rates on Denar loans with and without currency clause (of 0.05 percentage points and 0.04 percentage points, respectively), amid unchanged interest rate on foreign currency loans. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.53 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

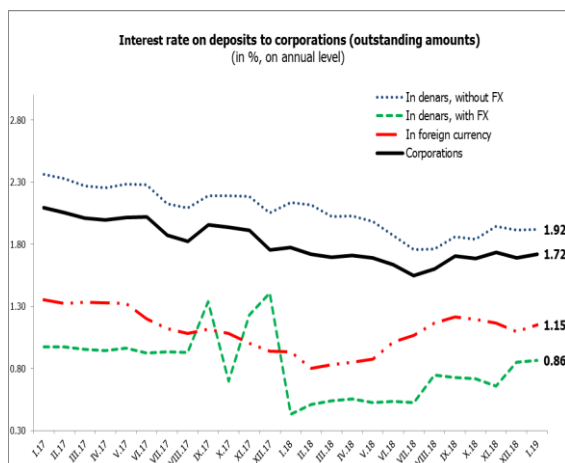


- In January, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector amounted to 4.43%, which is a monthly increase of 0.13 percentage points. Analyzing the currency structure, the monthly increase entirely results from the growth of the interest rate on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.28 percentage points), amid fall in the interest rates on foreign currency loans and denar loans with currency clause (of 0.08 and 0.05 percentage points, respectively). The interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector decreased by 0.53 percentage points compared to January 2018.

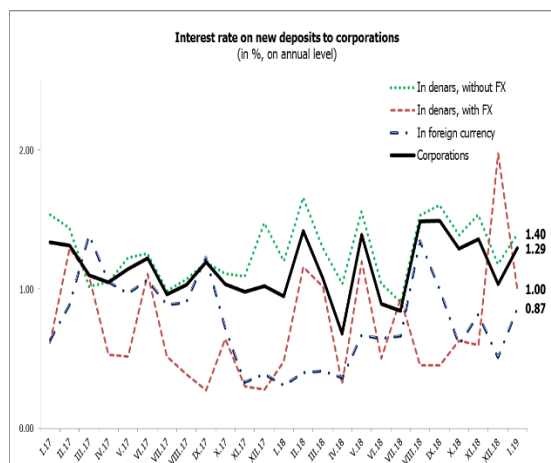
⁴ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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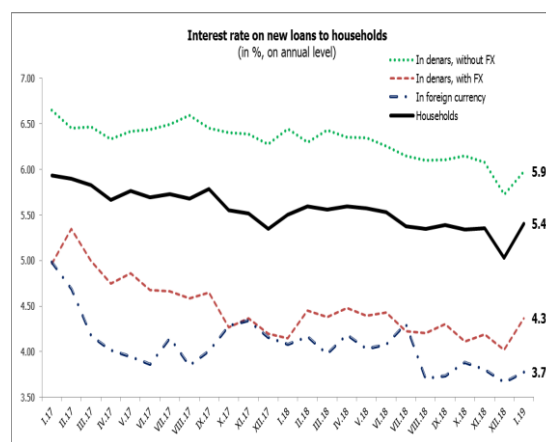
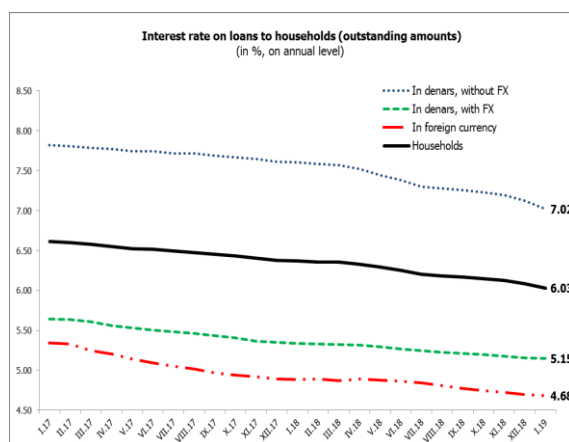
- In January, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits registered a monthly increase of 0.03 percentage points and it equaled 1.72%. The monthly growth results from the increase in the interest rate on foreign currency deposits (of 0.05 percentage points), but also from the growth of the interest rates on denar deposits without and with currency clause (of 0.01 percentage point, respectively). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.05 percentage points.
- In January, the average interest rate on the newly received corporate deposits⁵ equaled 1.29% and registered a monthly increase of 0.25 percentage points, primarily as a result of the increase in the interest rates on foreign currency deposits and denar deposits without currency clause (of 0.36 and 0.22 percentage points, respectively), only partially offset by the significant decline in the interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause (of 0.98 percentage points). Compared to January last year, the interest rate on the newly received corporate deposits increased by 0.34 percentage points.

⁵ 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 deposit from the corporate sector.



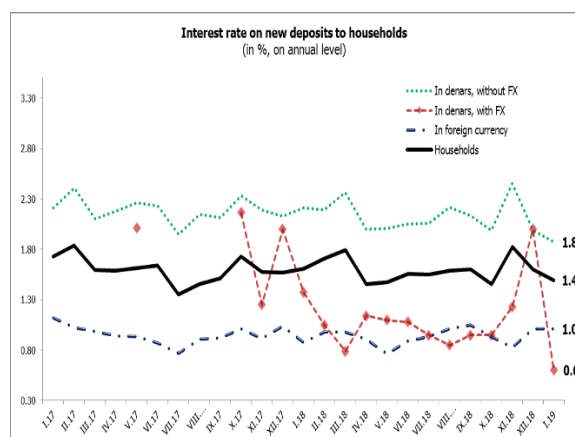
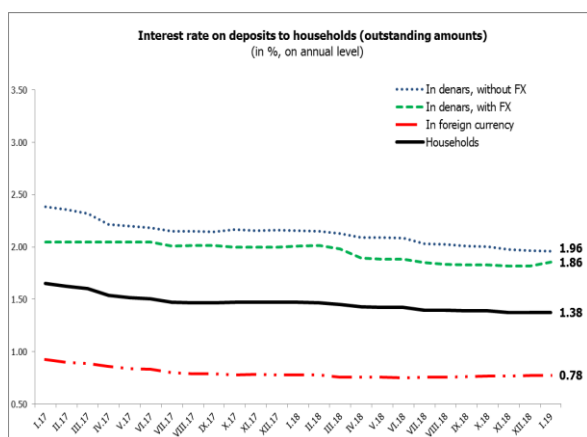
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2. Interest rates for households⁶



Source: NBRNM.

- In January, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans kept on decreasing and equaled 6.03%. Compared to December 2018, there was a monthly decrease of 0.05 percentage points under the influence of the reduction in all components in this category, primarily the interest rate on denar loans without currency clause (of 0.11 percentage points), and to a lesser extent the interest rates on foreign currency loans and denar loans with currency clause (of 0.02 percentage points and 0.01 percentage point, respectively). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.34 percentage points.
- In January, the average interest rate on the newly granted loans to households increased by 0.38 percentage points on a monthly basis and it equals 5.41%. The monthly growth is a result of the increase in the interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (of 0.35 and 0.26 percentage points, respectively), as well as the interest rate on foreign currency loans (of 0.11 percentage points). The average interest rate on the newly granted loans to households registered annual reduction of 0.09 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

⁶ 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 the outstanding amounts of household deposits has remained unchanged for the third consecutive month, amounting to 1.38%. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.09 percentage points.
- In January, the interest rate on newly received household deposits⁷ decreased by 0.11 percentage points and reduced to 1.49%. The downward movement is due to the decrease in the interest rates on denar deposits with and without currency clause (of 1.40 and 0.11 percentage points, respectively), in circumstances when the interest rate on foreign currency deposits registered no changes on a monthly basis. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.12 percentage points.

Supporting information

Time series of data: annual, quarterly and monthly data on weighted interest rates of banks and savings houses <http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-ponderirani-kamatni-stapki-na-bankite-i-stedilnicite-nova-metodologija-od-januari-2015-godina.nspix>

Methodological explanations:

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

Next publications: Advance Release Calendar

http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/kalendar/Advance_Release_Calendar.pdf

Monthly data on interest rates: 29 March 2019 (reference period as of February 2019).

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⁷ 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.