



## 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 houses<sup>1</sup>: September 2020

- In September 2020, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans kept on decreasing, and registered a monthly and annual fall of 0.03 and 0.39 percentage points, respectively, amounting to 4.70%. The average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of deposits registered a minimal monthly decrease of 0.01 percentage point and amounted to 0.98%, while on an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.38 percentage points.
- In September this year, the average interest rate on the newly granted<sup>2</sup> loans increased by 0.05 percentage points on a monthly level and amounted to 3.99%, while on an annual level it decreased by 0.47 percentage points. The average interest rate on newly received deposits equaled 0.76%, amid monthly growth of 0.22 percentage points. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.51 percentage point.

Table 1. Interest rates on loans and deposits (outstanding amounts and new business)<sup>3,4,5</sup>

	9.2019	12.2019	1.2020	2.2020	3.2020	4.2020	5.2020	6.2020	7.2020	8.2020	9.2020
in % on annual level											
<b>Loans, outstanding amounts</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>4.93</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>4.70</b>
Corporations	4.32	4.17	4.13	4.11	4.08	4.01	3.97	3.93	3.89	3.85	3.80
Households	5.81	5.70	5.69	5.67	5.64	5.65	5.64	5.63	5.56	5.55	5.53
<b>New loans</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>4.15</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>3.98</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>3.99</b>
Corporations	4.11	3.80	4.19	3.82	3.79	3.66	3.71	3.68	3.64	3.58	3.82
Households	5.10	4.71	4.91	4.95	4.83	4.38	4.43	4.42	4.48	4.37	4.51
<b>Deposits, outstanding amounts</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.98</b>
Corporations	1.67	1.53	1.48	1.49	1.24	1.28	1.24	1.27	1.29	1.15	1.14
Households	1.32	1.23	1.17	1.15	1.10	1.09	1.08	1.07	1.03	0.98	0.96
<b>New deposits</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.76</b>
Corporations	1.32	1.11	0.71	0.56	0.20	0.37	0.34	0.43	0.57	0.41	0.74
Households	1.24	1.17	1.07	1.19	0.94	1.01	0.91	0.85	0.79	0.66	0.78

Source: NBRNM.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.nbrm.mk/content/statistika/Monetarna%20statistika/metodologija/Metodologija_MIR_07_2018_eng.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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](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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

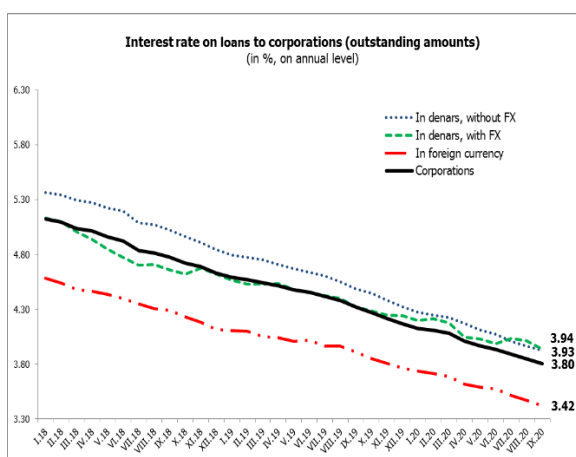
<sup>5</sup> The interest rate data as of August 2020 do not include data on a bank whose founding and operating license was revoked and who went into bankruptcy in August 2020.



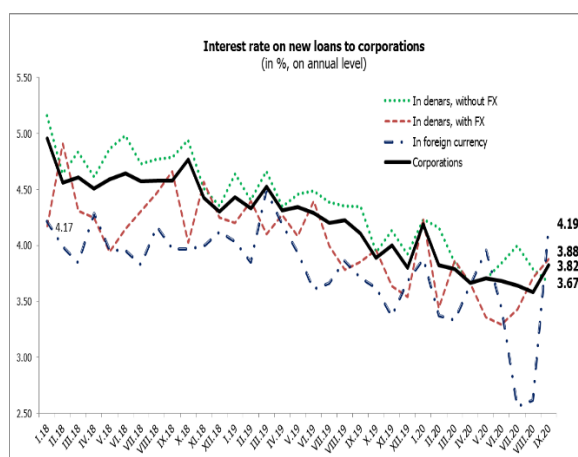
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### 1. Corporate interest rates<sup>6</sup>

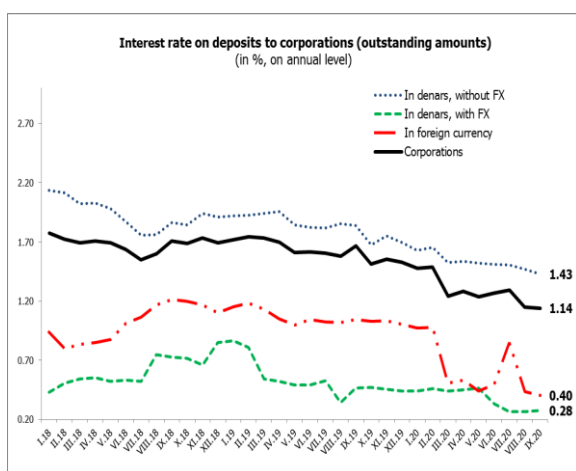
- In September, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of loans granted to the corporate sector equaled 3.80%, which is a monthly fall of 0.05 percentage points. The decrease in this interest rate results from the fall in all components: interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.07 percentage points), interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 0.05 percentage points) and interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (by 0.03 percentage points). Compared to September 2019, the average interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate loans decreased by 0.52 percentage points.



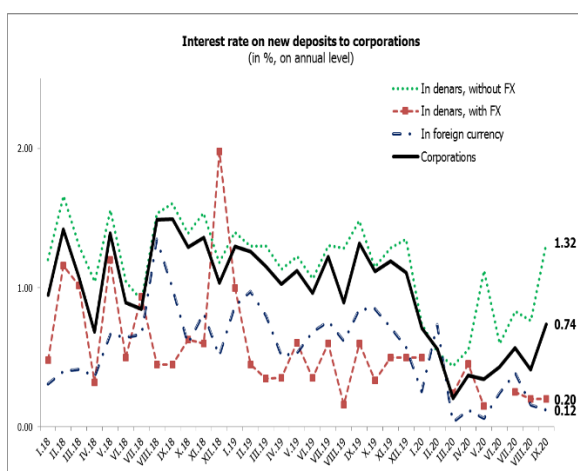
Source: NBRNM.



- This month, the interest rate on newly granted loans to the corporate sector registered a monthly increase of 0.24 percentage points and equaled 3.82%. Analyzing the currency structure, the growth is due to the increase in the interest rates on foreign currency loans (by 1.57 percentage points), as well as the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (by 0.17 percentage points), amid a decline in the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause (by 0.12 percentage points). On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.29 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.



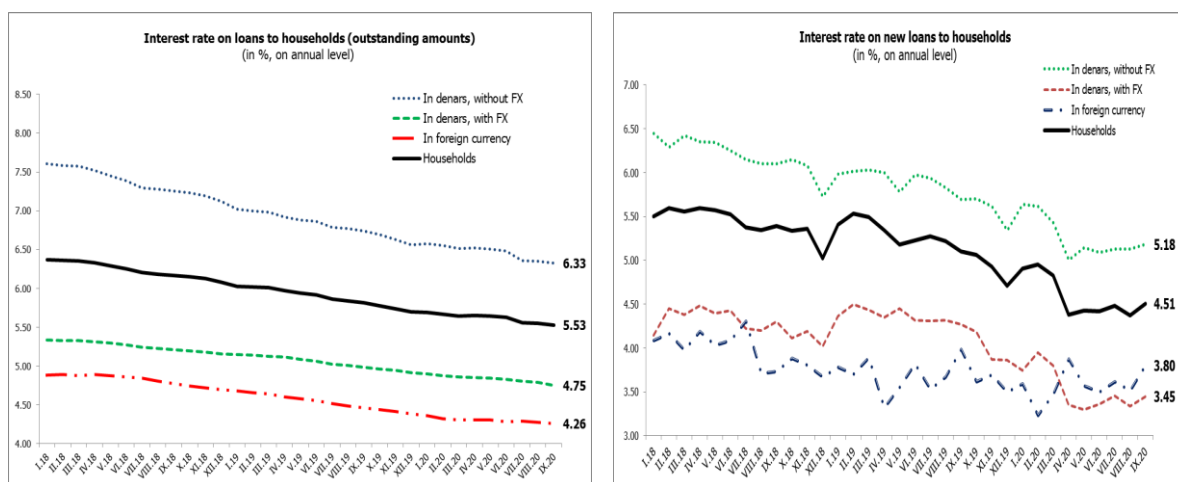
<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes non-financial corporations (public and other).



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- Compared to the previous month, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of corporate deposits registered a minimal monthly decrease of 0.01 percentage point and equaled 1.14%. The monthly change is due to the fall in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and foreign currency deposits (by 0.04 and 0.03 percentage points, respectively), in circumstances when the interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause increased marginally (by 0.01 percentage point). Compared to the same period last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.53 percentage points.
- In September, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits<sup>7</sup> registered a monthly increase of 0.33 percentage points and amounted to 0.74%. Moreover, the increase is entirely due to the growth of the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.56 percentage points), amid reduced interest rates on foreign currency deposits (by 0.04 percentage points) and unchanged interest rates on denar deposits with currency clause. On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly received corporate deposits decreased by 0.58 percentage points.

### 2. Interest rates for households<sup>8</sup>



Source: NBRNM.

- In September, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household loans reduced to 5.53% and decreased by 0.02 percentage points compared to the previous month. The change is a result of the decrease in the interest rates on denar loans with currency clause (of 0.04 percentage points), as well as in the interest rates on denar loans without currency clause and the interest rates on foreign currency loans (of 0.02 percentage points, respectively). Compared to the same month last year, this interest rate decreased by 0.28 percentage points.

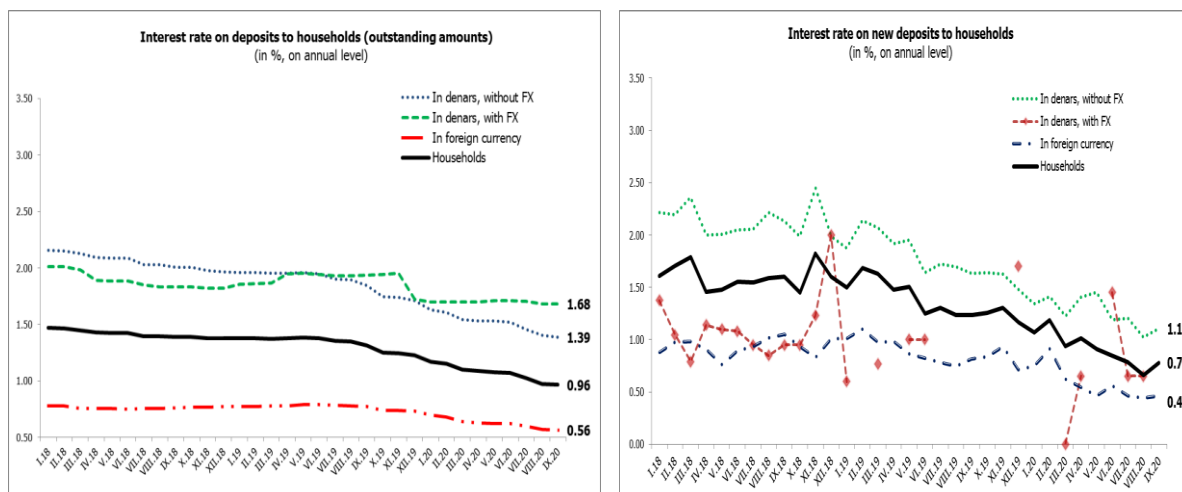
<sup>7</sup> The disruption in series of data on interest rates in denars with currency clause shown in the chart referring to interest rates on newly received deposits of the corporate sector reflects fact that in some months, banks and savings houses have not received such deposits from the corporate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

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



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- This month, the average interest rate on newly granted household loans increased by 0.14 percentage points on a monthly basis and amounted to 4.51%. The increase is due to the growth in all components of this interest rate: the interest rate on foreign currency loans (of 0.28 percentage points) and the interest rates on denar loans with and without currency clause (of 0.11 and 0.05 percentage points, respectively). On an annual basis, the interest rate on newly granted loans to households decreased by 0.59 percentage points.



Source: NBRNM.

- In September, the interest rate on the outstanding amounts of household deposits recorded a monthly decrease of 0.02 percentage points and equaled 0.96%. The monthly decrease is a result of the minimal decline in the interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause and the interest rates on foreign currency deposits (of 0.01 percentage point, respectively), in circumstances when the interest rate on denar deposits with currency clause registered no changes. On an annual basis, this interest rate decreased by 0.36 percentage points.
- In September, the average interest rate on newly received household deposits<sup>9</sup> grew by 0.12 percentage points on a monthly basis and amounted to 0.78%. The upward change stems from the higher interest rates on denar deposits without currency clause (by 0.08 percentage points) and foreign currency deposits (by 0.02 percentage points). This month, banks and savings houses did not record newly received denar deposits with currency clause. The interest rate on newly received household deposits decreased by 0.46 percentage points on an annual basis.

<sup>9</sup> 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](http://www.nbrm.mk/statistika_na_kamatni_stapki-en.nspix)

Methodological explanations:

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Monthly data on interest rates: 30 November 2020 (reference period as of October 2020).

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