



MAGYAR NEMZETI BANK

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Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: February 2013¹

In February 2013, average interest rates on forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans remained unchanged, while those on forint deposits fell. According to seasonally unadjusted data, new business of forint-denominated housing loans fell and that of forint-denominated general purpose mortgage loans and personal loans increased. Average interest rates on non-financial corporations' loans and deposits also fell.

In February 2013, the average APRC on new forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans remained unchanged relative to the previous month.² New business of forint-denominated housing loans decreased and that of general purpose mortgage loans increased slightly.³ The APRC⁴ on personal loans to the household sector and new extensions both increased relative to January.

Monthly average interest rates on forint deposits of the household sector fell and those on euro deposits remained unchanged relative to the previous month. New business of forint deposits fell and that of euro deposits remained unchanged.

Table 1

Households	Average interest rates on new business ² (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)		
	Feb 2013	Month-on month change	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012
Forint housing loans ¹	10,49	-0,02	12,30	7,7	8,2	37,2
Forint general purpose mortgage loans ¹	13,89	0,09	13,52	2,0	1,8	24,5
Forint personal loans ¹	28,37	0,26	30,93	7,5	5,7	6,2
Forint deposits	5,04	-0,38	6,47	930,5	1005,2	1054,1
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1 year	2,16	-0,06	2,74	160,1	164,8	164,9

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation

2) The table contains the average APRC for loans

¹ New loans to households and non-financial corporations do not include restructured loans. Similarly, the effects of government bridging loans are eliminated from the values of new housing loans and general purpose loans to households. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

² Data on housing loans have been revised backward, due to the correction of data reported by a data provider. As a result, the average APRC on housing loans in December 2012 has been changed from 11.79% to 11.04% and the January value has been changed from 11.9% to 10.5%.

³ Act XC of 2010, which prohibits banks from registering a mortgage under a foreign currency loan, entered into force on 14 August 2010. This has been reflected in a decline in foreign currency lending. The greater-than-zero amount of new foreign currency lending is explained by the opportunity to redenominate foreign currency loans disbursed earlier or transfer of debt. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

⁴ Under Article 199 (1) of Act XCII of 1996, from 2 April 2012 the annual percentage rate of charge on loans to households may not be higher than the prevailing central bank base rate increased by 24 percentage points, with certain exceptions.

Monthly average interest rates on forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to and over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell. Those on euro loans of over EUR 1 million rose significantly and those on euro loans of up to EUR 1 million rose slightly relative to the previous month.

New business of forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million increased and that of forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million remained unchanged. New business of euro loans of up to and over EUR 1 million also fell significantly relative to the previous month.

Monthly average interest rates on non-financial corporations' forint deposits fell and those on euro deposits rose in February relative to the previous month. New business of both forint and euro deposits fell.

Table2

Non-financial corporations	Average interest rates on new business (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)		
	Feb 2013	Month-on month change	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012
Forint loans up to 1 million EUR ¹	8,28	-0,13	9,95	43,3	43,1	43,7
Euro loans up to 1 million EUR ¹	3,65	0,17	3,78	8,5	16,3	15,8
Forint loans over 1 million EUR ¹	6,94	-0,22	8,83	98,1	77,9	53,9
Euro loans over 1 million EUR ¹	2,89	0,93	3,32	37,6	97,6	44,7
Forint deposits	4,91	-0,29	6,56	1590,4	1759,5	1592,7
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1 year	0,83	0,14	1,45	360,3	510,8	582,3

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation

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The seasonally adjusted data, published simultaneously with this press release in the [chart pack](#) and in the [time series](#) for household and non-financial sector interest rates, are subject to more uncertainty than usual, due to fluctuations caused by the financial crisis.

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