

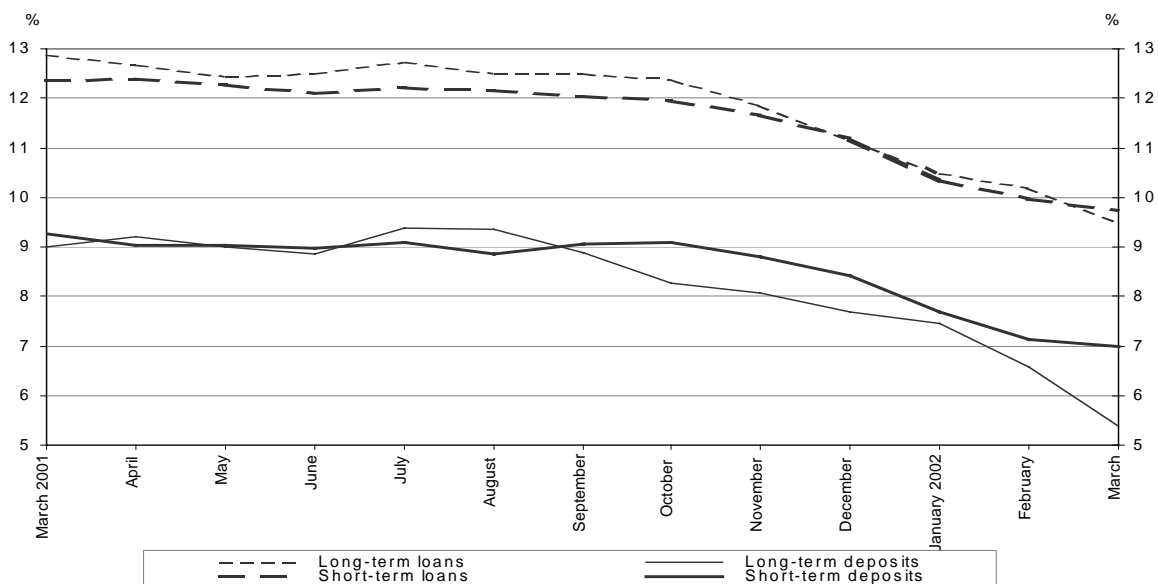
PRESS RELEASE

Non-financial corporate and household sector forint interest rates, interbank lending rates

March 2002

In March, the downward trends of both household and corporate sector average borrowing and deposit rates¹ as well as the total lending charges continued uninterrupted.

Non-financial corporate sector forint average deposit and borrowing rates

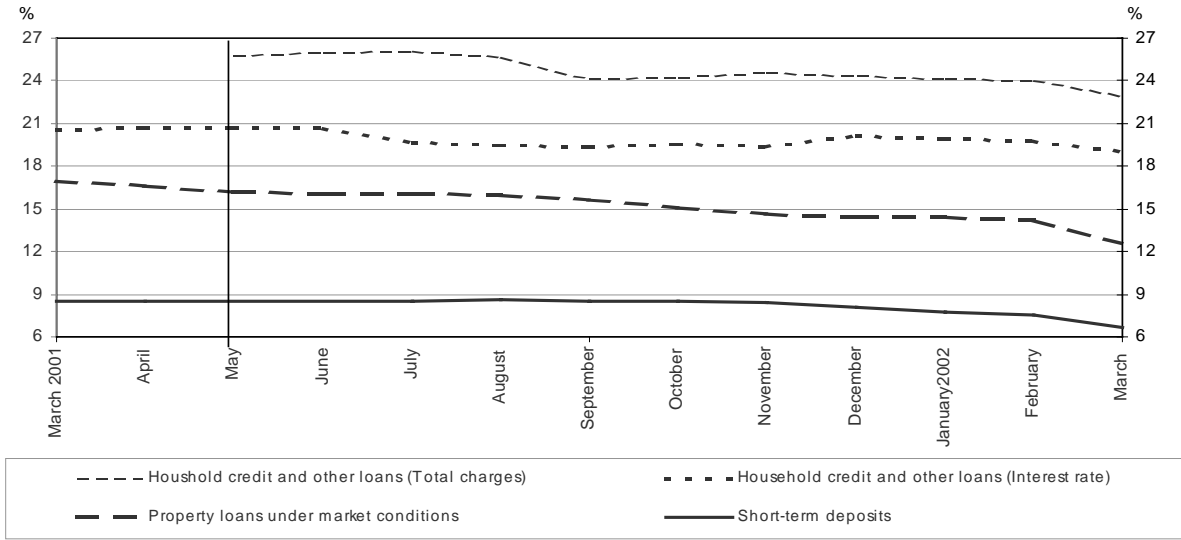


The average of interest rates on short-term loans provided to the non-financial corporate sector under market conditions fell 24 basis points, from 9.98% to 9.74%, due mostly to changes in interest rate conditions. Those on long-term loans were 71 basis points lower, down from 10.19% to 9.48%, on account of changes in composition. The sector's average of short-term deposit rates fell 16 basis points, from 7.14% to 6.98%, those on long-term deposits falling 121 basis points, from 6.59% to 5.38%, due to changes in interest rate conditions. The spread between interest rates on short-term loans and deposits, which play a major role for non-financial corporations, changed from 2.84 percentage points to 2.76 percentage points relative to February 2002.

¹ When calculating average rates and total charges for the individual sectors, depositing and lending during the month under review are applied as weights. The rates do not contain any additional charges (such as fees).

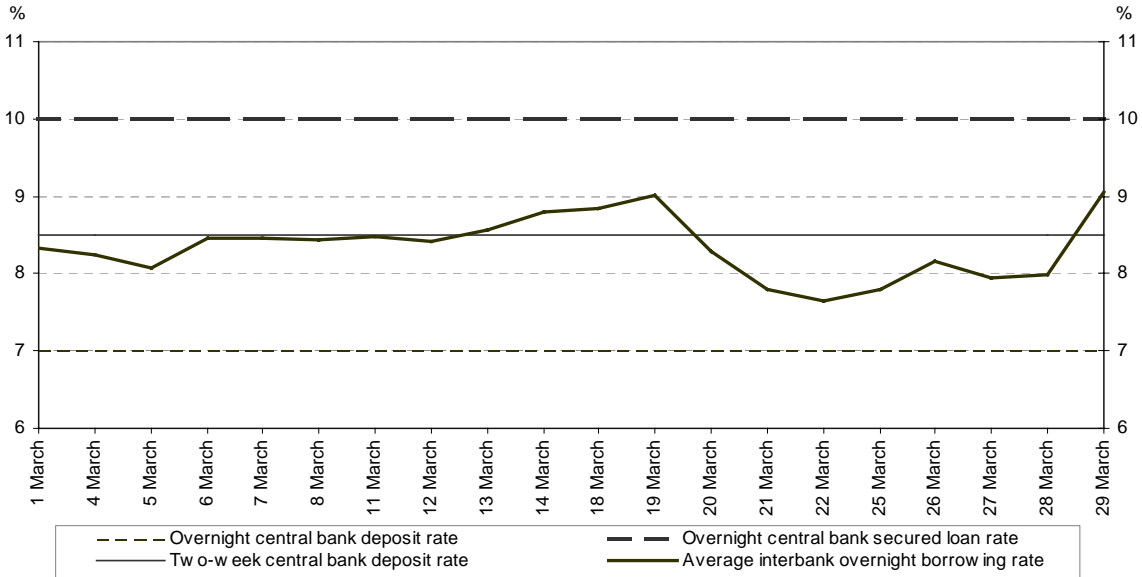
Household sector² average interest rates on property loans provided under market conditions fell 163 basis points, from 14.17% in February to 12.54% in March, the total charge being 188 basis points lower, at 13.53%, compared with 15.41% in February. Average rates on consumer credit and other loans fell 68 basis points, from 19.74% to 19.06%, due to changes in interest rate conditions. Total charges on consumer credit and other loans were 112 basis points lower, down from 24.09% in February to 22.97%. Households' average sight deposit rates fell 22 basis points, from 2.42% to 2.20%, due to changes in rate conditions. Those on short-term deposits fell 84 basis points, from 7.50% to 6.66%. Average long-term deposit rates fell 52 basis points, from 7.66% in February to 7.14%, mainly due to interest rate changes.

Household sector forint average deposit and borrowing rates a) b)



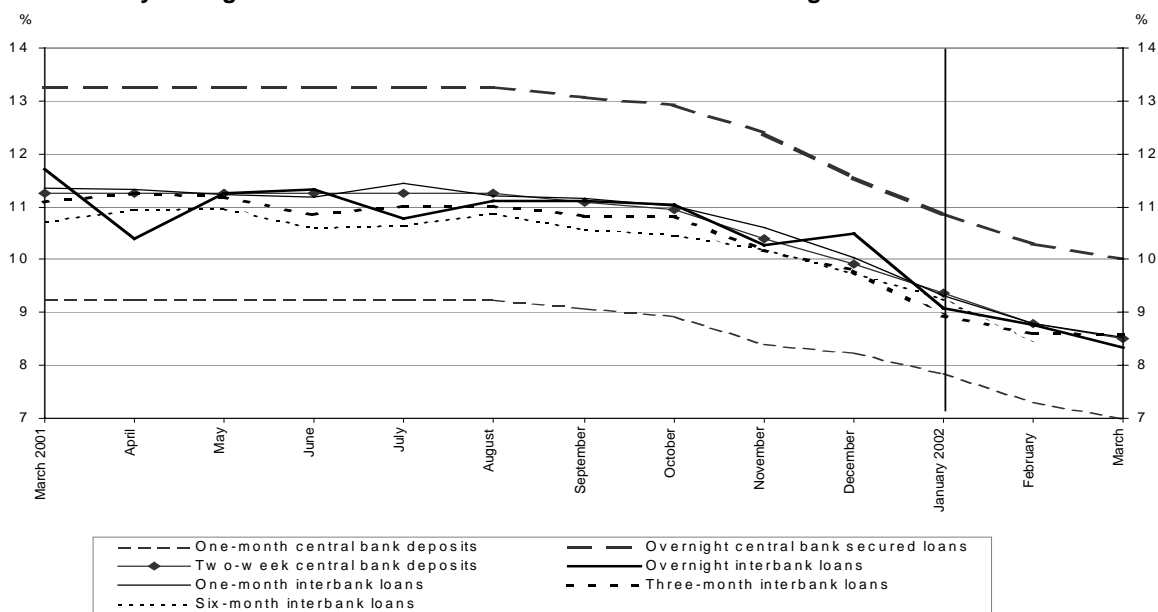
- a) For the period up to December 2001, total lending charges on household consumer credit and other loans contain data only on household borrowing for maturities longer than three months.
- b) Household borrowing and deposit rates also contain data on sole proprietors as of May 2001.

Central bank rates and interbank borrowing rates in March 2002



² As of May 2001, household sector borrowing and deposit rates also contain data on sole proprietors. However, the value of total lending charges regarding sole proprietors is only available as of January 2002.

Monthly average central bank rates and forint interbank borrowing rates since March 2001^{a)}



a) The interest rate corridor narrowed to 300 basis points as of 11 December 2001.

Forint interbank turnover amounted to Ft 1,400.3 billion in March, showing an increase of Ft 120.1 billion relative to the preceding month. Movements in the daily averages of interest rates on overnight loans were even. The average interbank overnight interest rate fell 42 basis points, from 8.76% to 8.34%, and the average borrowing rates for one month fell 26 basis points, from 8.80% to 8.54%, relative to February. The three-month average interest rate fell 1 basis point, from 8.59% to 8.58%. No interbank deal was struck in March for six months.

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Daily interbank rates are available on request at the Bank's Press and Public Relations Department.

Non-financial corporate sector^{a)} forint average^{b)} borrowing and deposit rates

	2001											2002		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Loans														
Short-term loans ^{c)}	12.36	12.37	12.27	12.08	12.22	12.17	12.04	11.95	11.66	11.18	10.35	9.98	9.74	
Long-term loans	12.87	12.69	12.45	12.51	12.72	12.50	12.49	12.39	11.85	11.15	10.48	10.19	9.48	
Time deposits														
Short-term deposits	9.28	9.04	9.02	8.98	9.08	8.85	9.05	9.09	8.81	8.40	7.69	7.14	6.98	
Less than one month	9.25	8.97	9.00	8.96	9.06	8.79	9.03	9.05	8.79	8.40	7.67	7.14	6.97	
1 month<maturity=<1 year	9.47	9.62	9.20	9.27	9.19	9.36	9.30	9.45	9.05	8.38	7.88	7.17	7.02	
Long-term deposits	9.00	9.22	9.01	8.86	9.38	9.35	8.89	8.26	8.08	7.70	7.45	6.59	5.38	
Settlement account deposits														
Minimum	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.80	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.10	0.10	
Maximum	12.00	12.00	11.50	12.30	11.80	11.60	11.80	11.80	12.00	12.00	11.00	10.75	10.75	

a) Does not include interest rates for sole proprietors from May 2001. Data for sole proprietors account for an insignificant role within average rates, therefore, the time series are homogenous from a statistical perspective.

b) Weighted monthly average. Data on contracts concluded by banks and specialised credit institutions with non-financial corporations under market conditions in the given month. Borrowing rates do not include additional costs of loans (e.g. fees).

c) The interest rates on the discounted bills were recorded under the short-term loans until December 2001.

Household sector forint average borrowing and deposit rates

Per cent

	2001											2002		
	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	
Loans														
Property loans at market conditions ^{a)}	16.95	16.57	16.19	16.01	16.02	15.97	15.62	15.11	14.68	14.38	14.42	14.17	12.54	
Consumer credit and other loans ^{b)}	20.57	20.70	20.66	20.61	19.64	19.49	19.38	19.61	19.38	20.15	19.92	19.74	19.06	
Short-term consumer credit and other	20.70	20.93	20.52	20.50	18.80	18.82	18.55	18.74	18.30	19.54	19.09	19.07	18.31	
Long-term consumer credit and other	20.37	20.42	20.89	20.81	20.87	20.53	20.76	21.15	21.24	21.43	21.72	20.94	20.76	
Deposits														
Sight deposits	3.37	3.36	3.19	3.27	3.20	3.05	3.16	3.21	3.26	2.92	2.75	2.42	2.20	
Short-term deposits	8.52	8.53	8.51	8.54	8.56	8.57	8.55	8.54	8.39	8.09	7.76	7.50	6.66	
Less than one month	8.34	8.36	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.37	8.35	8.30	8.19	7.94	7.62	7.47	6.54	
1 month<maturity=<3 months	9.39	9.35	9.49	9.45	9.51	9.57	9.58	9.58	9.52	8.91	8.74	7.82	7.42	
3month<maturity=<1 year	8.88	8.89	8.95	8.87	8.92	8.97	8.98	8.90	8.61	8.09	7.78	7.52	7.01	
Long-term deposits	8.91	8.93	8.75	9.09	9.11	8.89	8.77	8.73	8.68	8.30	8.24	7.66	7.14	

a) Housing loans (building, property, renovation and addition) and other (holiday homes, garages) provided under market conditions with or without mortgage.

b) Includes overdrafts, personal loans, Lombard loans, instalment credit, car purchase loans, mortgage loans etc.

Appendix 2

Changes in household sector average interest rate^{a)} on average total charge^{b)} of forint loans

Per cent

	2001								2002		
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Overdrafts											
Average interest rate	20.12	20.10	20.34	20.27	18.98	19.07	18.95	18.90	18.60	18.83	17.95
Average total charge	26.58	26.53	26.82	26.75	23.98	24.14	23.82	23.79	22.41	23.03	21.27
Personal loans											
Average interest rate	23.73	23.46	22.74	20.60	20.86	23.66	23.12	22.89	22.50	22.12	22.08
Average total charge	29.12	29.66	29.16	25.91	26.23	29.78	28.24	27.81	27.67	28.32	28.04
Lombard loans											
Average interest rate	17.82	17.31	18.04	16.67	17.22	17.64	16.09	16.72	15.85	15.31	14.98
Average total charge	20.22	19.73	20.94	19.81	20.59	19.84	18.02	18.17	17.87	17.58	17.38
Instalment credit											
Average interest rate	27.05	28.06	28.15	27.31	27.90	27.54	27.95	28.97	27.44	28.71	28.02
Average total charge	33.45	34.61	35.15	33.88	33.90	34.25	34.54	35.14	35.73	35.68	35.39
Car purchase loans											
Average interest rate	19.75	19.69	19.60	19.79	19.76	19.22	18.56	17.93	18.55	18.62	17.58
Average total charge	21.82	22.40	22.28	22.47	22.39	20.84	20.31	18.54	20.29	20.78	19.77
Mortgage loans											
Average interest rate	18.64	18.72	18.59	18.68	18.61	18.60	18.44	18.59	18.64	18.51	18.21
Average total charge	21.15	21.05	20.37	20.79	20.14	19.39	20.85	20.99	22.91	22.60	22.16
Other loans											
Average interest rate ^{c)}	16.75	16.63	16.31	17.64	16.84	16.41	14.87	14.82	27.28	24.61	22.41
Average total charge	22.53	22.79	23.54	20.11	21.50	22.83	24.19	20.57	32.07	29.39	28.06
Total consumer credit and other loans											
Average interest rate	20.44	20.44	20.51	20.29	19.62	19.78	19.74	19.77	19.92	19.74	19.06
Average total charge	25.85	26.06	26.12	25.68	24.11	24.26	24.60	24.38	24.11	24.09	22.97
Market-related mortgage											
Average interest rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.42	14.17	12.54
Average total charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.72	15.41	13.53

a) From May to December 2001, rates on consumer credit and other loans comprise rates on lending to individuals and sole proprietors with a maturity of over three months. As of January 2002, rates on consumer credit and other loans apply to the whole household sector, and also include rates on loans with a maturity of less than three months.

b) For the period May to December 2001, total lending charges are only available on household consumer credit and other loans with a maturity of over three months.

c) The large gap between average interest rates on other loan types in 2001 and 2002 is explained by the high rates on other loans for periods shorter than three months, as average rates for the period prior to December 2001 do not cover loans for terms less than three months.

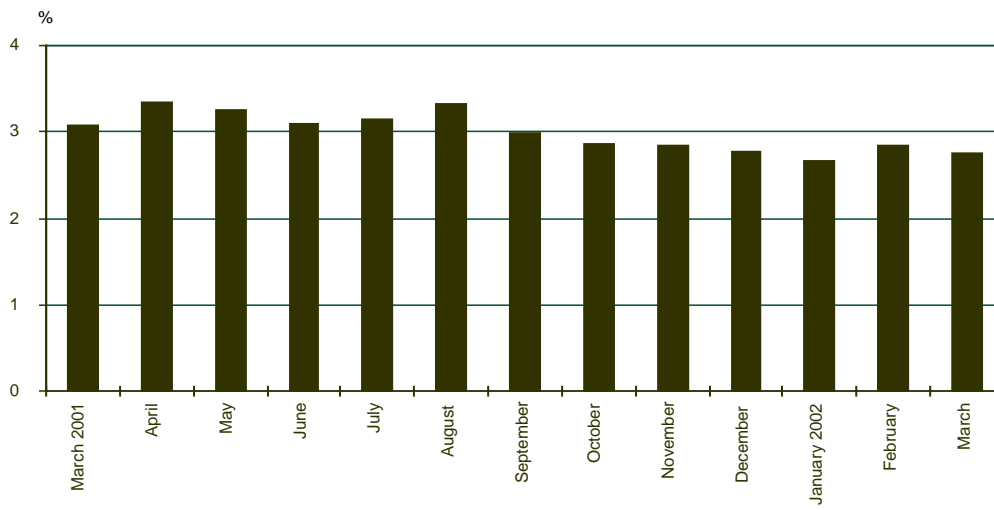
Composition of household sector consumer credit and other loans – percentage of shares of loans within total outstanding debt^{a)}

Per cent

	2001								2002		
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Consumer and other loans											
Overdraft	51.22	51.45	54.03	54.52	54.06	56.03	52.04	54.15	67.70	66.83	64.12
Personal loans	11.90	12.30	8.65	11.63	11.42	7.87	11.28	6.77	4.43	5.20	6.57
Lombard loans	2.83	3.25	2.14	1.66	1.95	2.19	1.99	1.85	1.44	1.60	1.51
Instalment credit	5.23	5.12	6.81	6.08	6.26	6.58	7.91	9.73	7.29	4.12	4.31
Car purchase loans	7.90	7.89	7.42	6.18	6.23	6.84	7.83	5.63	4.44	3.45	3.57
Mortgage loans	17.26	16.25	16.53	16.20	16.30	16.33	13.03	16.20	8.44	11.33	10.12
Other loans	3.66	3.75	4.42	3.72	3.80	4.16	5.92	5.67	6.27	7.46	9.81
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

a) For the period May to December 2001, the table shows the distribution of only those household sector consumer credit and other loans in a breakdown by type that have a maturity of over three months.

Differential between short term average deposit and borrowing rates of non-financial corporations



Short term average rates

