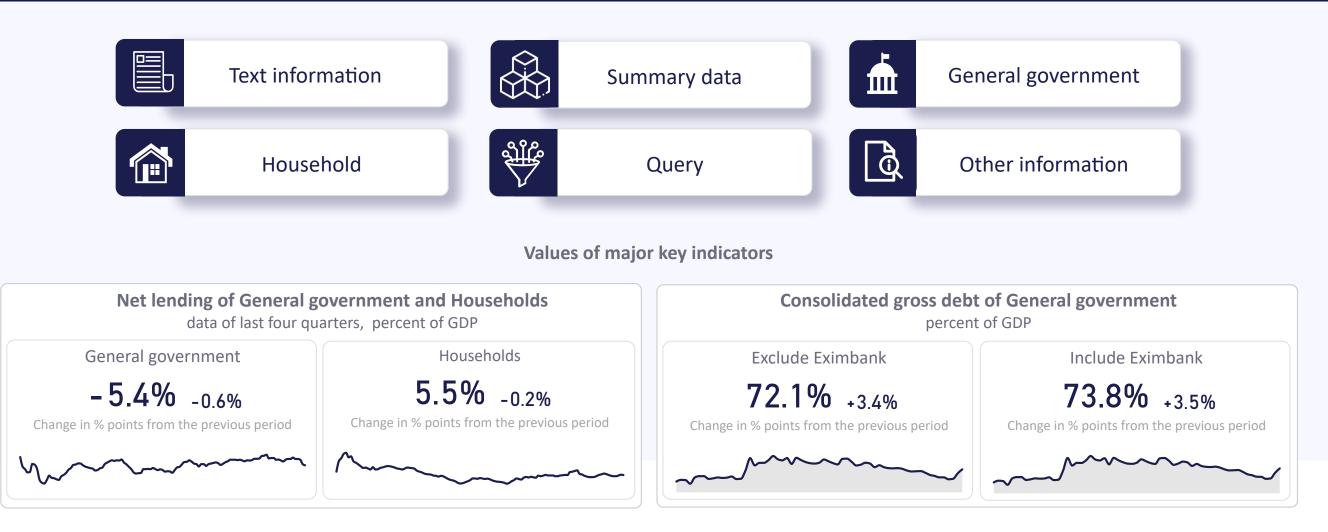


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### Text information

#### **Summary**

According to preliminary financial accounts data, general government net lending was equal to -5.4 per cent (HUF -2,565 billion) of Hungary's GDP in the four quarters to 2020 Q3. General government consolidated gross debt at nominal value was 72.1 per cent of GDP (HUF 34,147 billion) at the end of 2020 Q3. Including the debt of Eximbank, the sector's debt amounted to 73.8 per cent of GDP (HUF 34,977 billion).

According to preliminary financial accounts data, net lending of households was equivalent to 5.5 per cent of GDP (HUF 2,616 billion) in the four quarters to 2020 Q3.

### **General government**

General government **net lending** amounted to HUF -545 billion or -4.4 per cent of quarterly GDP in 2020 Q3. Of the sub-sectors of general government, net lending of central government was HUF -472 billion, that of local governments was HUF 85 billion and that of the social security funds was HUF -158 billion. At the end of 2020 Q3, the non-consolidated stocks of general government's financial assets and liabilities amounted to 38.4 per cent and 95.0 per cent, respectively, of GDP. As a result, the sector's net financial worth amounted to -56.6 per cent of GDP.

Within **financial assets** of general government, there was a significant increase in deposits with the central bank due to transactions. In addition, the stock of long-term loans granted and equities increased slightly. By contrast, there was a significant decline in other receivables, in particular in tax receivables and trade credits. Within **liabilities** of general government, long-term securities continued to rise significantly due to transactions, primarily as a result of purchases of government bonds by financial corporations. Short-term securities continued to fall significantly due to transactions, mainly as a result of net sales by financial corporations and households. In addition, the stock of other liabilities, in particular tax liabilities and liabilities related to transfers from the European Union, also increased significantly.

### **Households**

**Net lending** of households was equivalent to 3.5 per cent (HUF 432 billion) of quarterly GDP in 2020 Q3. At the end of 2020 Q3, the non-consolidated stock of households' financial assets and liabilities amounted to 134.7 per cent and 23.5 per cent, respectively, of GDP. As a result, the sector's net financial worth amounted to 111.2 per cent of GDP. Within households' financial assets, deposits and long-term government securities continued increase sharply in 2020 Q3, due to transactions. Currency, mutual fund shares and insurance technical reserves increased significantly. By contrast, short-term government securities fell significantly.

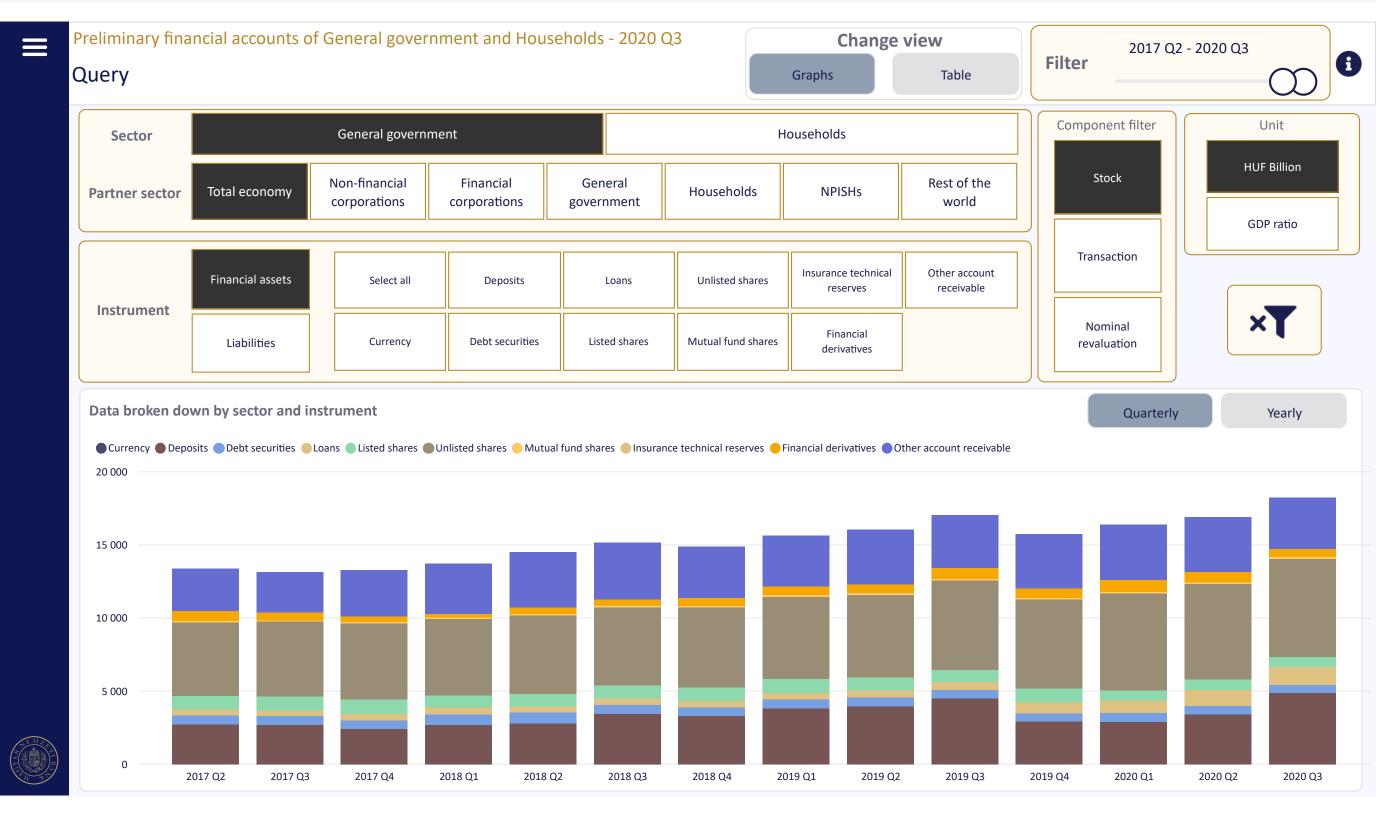
Within households' liabilities, the stocks of long-term forint consumer loans and other loans taken from credit institutions increased significantly due to transactions. The stock of forint housing loans also rose, although less strongly. Households' other liabilities fell significantly.











## Other informations

Other supplementary notes on the publication

### 1. Taking account of Eximbank data in the compilation of general government statistics

Given that Hungarian Export-Import Bank Plc. (Eximbank) is a financial institution operating as a credit institution, its data are recorded in the financial corporate sector (S.12), and within that in the deposit taking institutions sub-sector (S.122), in the statistical publications prepared by the MNB. However, within financial accounts statistics, the Maastricht debt of general government including Eximbank is also published as supplementary information. Due to the nature of financial intermediation, the inclusion of Eximbank's data does not significantly change the ne financial worth (or net liabilities) or net lending of general government in the periods when there is no capital increase by the government recorded as transfers.

### 2. Uncertainties related to the use of general government sector data

Data on other assets and other liabilities of the general government sector related to transfers from the European Union for 2020 Q3 are based on estimates. Consequently, these values may change in later publications. Due to the particularities of methodology, assets and liabilities arising from the accrual based recording of tax revenues may change in later publications, depending on economic performance during the year as a whole.

### 3. Uncertainties related to data for households

In compiling preliminary household sector data for 2020 Q3, estimates were used to calculate certain assets (primarily unquoted shares, other equity and wage claims) and the sector's liabilities to the general government sector. Foreign financial assets of households are not fully captured by the statistics; therefore, data on financial savings of the household sector contain uncertainties in the financial accounts. The estimated values may change in later publications or may be replaced by actual data as they become available.

### 4. The use of GDP ratios

For stocks (the stocks of financial assets or liabilities, net financial worth, the stock of debt) and transactions in the four quarters, the values are compared to GDP in the four quarters to the specific quarter. Quarterly transactions and revaluations are compared to GDP in the given quarter. The value of GDP in the final quarter used in the preliminary financial accounts is based on the MNB's own estimate. The GDP estimate is surrounded by a higher degree of uncertainty than usual due to the economic effects brought about by the pandemic.

Detailed preliminary financial accounts data are available on the MNB's website at: <u>Statistics/Statistical Data and Information/Statistical Time</u> <u>Series/XII. Financial Accounts/Preliminary Financial Accounts of Households and General Government</u>. The full set of financial accounts for the institutional sectors of the national economy for 2020 Q3 will be published on 31 December 2020.

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