

Month-on-month, M3 aggregate rose by 0.8 percent to 1,487.5 billion dirhams. This development mainly reflects a 1.3 percent increase in bank money and a 0.9 percent rise in time deposits, as well as a 0.7 percent decline in currency in circulation. By counterparty, bank credit rose by 1.9 percent, with a 1 percent increase in cash facilities, a 0.9 percent rise in equipment loans and a 0.6 percent increase in real estate and consumer loans. Similarly, net claims on the central government increased by 0.8 percent, while official reserve assets fell by 1.1 percent.

Year-on-year, M3 growth slowed down to 7.7 percent from 9.3 percent in February 2021. This was mainly due to a deceleration in the growth of currency in circulation from 19 percent to 12.4 percent and in demand deposits with banks from 11.2 percent to 10.5 percent, as well as to a slower decline in time deposits from 6.5 percent to 4 percent.

By counterparty, official reserve assets posted an annual rise of 16.8 percent from 24.5 percent, while net claims on the Central Government increased by 17.3 percent from 11.4 percent. For its part, bank credit saw its growth rate drop from 4 percent to 3.3 percent, with an increase in loans to the non-financial sector by 3.1 percent from 4.3 percent. Indeed, loans to private non-financial businesses posted an increase of 2.9 percent from 6.5 percent, while loans to households increased by 4.2 percent from 3.6 percent last February.

The breakdown by economic purpose of loans allocated to the non-financial sector shows an increase in cash facilities by 9.8 percent from 13.7 percent, a decrease in consumer loans and equipment loans by 3.1 percent from 3.7 percent and by 5.3 percent from 2.9 percent respectively, and an increase in real estate loans by 2.6 percent from 2.3 percent. The annual growth of non-performing loans fell to 11.9 percent in March from 14 percent in February. Under these conditions, the non-performing loans' ratio stood at 8.5 percent.

By branch of activity, the data available at a quarterly frequency show an annual increase in overall bank credit of 3.3 percent from 4.4 percent in December 2020. This change reflects, in particular, a 7.1 percent drop in loans to the "Trade, car repairs and household goods" sector after a 3.4 percent increase last quarter, a 0.9 percent drop in loans to the "Construction" sector from a 1.1 percent increase, and a 15.2 percent decrease in loans to the "Electricity, gas and water" sector from 12.9 percent. On the other hand, the growth rate of loans to the "Transport and communications" sector accelerated from 0.9 percent to 9 percent and that of loans to businesses operating in the "Manufacturing industries" from 6.8 percent to 11.1 percent.

Key indicators of monetary statistics

Million DH

| | Outstanding amount | Δ | | | Δ (%) | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| | March-21 | February-21 | December-20 | March-20 | February-21 | December-20 | March-20 |
| M1 | 1 017 492 | 7 229 | -1 890 | 90 323 | 0,7 ▲ | -0,2 ▼ | 9,7 ▲ |
| M2 | 1 188 932 | 7 765 | 177 | 95 322 | 0,7 ▲ | 0,0 ▲ | 8,7 ▲ |
| M3 | 1 487 531 | 11 713 | 2 413 | 105 911 | 0,8 ▲ | 0,2 ▲ | 7,7 ▲ |
| Liquid investment aggregate | 828 806 | 6 353 | 32 352 | 100 705 | 0,8 ▲ | 4,1 ▲ | 13,8 ▲ |
| Currency in circulation | 299 658 | -1 999 | -967 | 33 054 | -0,7 ▼ | -0,3 ▼ | 12,4 ▲ |
| Banking deposits included from broad money ⁽¹⁾ | 1 006 925 | 11 802 | -2 752 | 64 359 | 1,2 ▲ | -0,3 ▼ | 6,8 ▲ |
| Demand deposits with the banking system | 647 217 | 8 789 | -2 064 | 61 305 | 1,4 ▲ | -0,3 ▼ | 10,5 ▲ |
| Time accounts and fixed-term bills | 137 052 | 1 252 | 1 443 | -5 673 | 0,9 ▲ | 1,1 ▲ | -4,0 ▼ |
| Securities of money market UCITS | 68 585 | 1 847 | 4 657 | 10 949 | 2,8 ▲ | 7,3 ▲ | 19,0 ▲ |
| Official reserve assets | 305 118 | -3 387 | -15 450 | 43 910 | -1,1 ▼ | -4,8 ▼ | 16,8 ▲ |
| Net claims on central government | 250 093 | 2 085 | 9 099 | 36 870 | 0,8 ▲ | 3,8 ▲ | 17,3 ▲ |
| Lending to the economy | 1 132 398 | 12 345 | 2 330 | 39 761 | 1,1 ▲ | 0,2 ▲ | 3,6 ▲ |
| Loans of other depository corporations ⁽²⁾ | 954 572 | 16 533 | -10 753 | 29 750 | 1,8 ▲ | -1,1 ▼ | 3,2 ▲ |
| Bank loans | 948 428 | 17 775 | -8 975 | 29 944 | 1,9 ▲ | -0,9 ▼ | 3,3 ▲ |
| By economic purpose | | | | | | | |
| Real estate loans | 285 171 | 1 632 | 972 | 7 302 | 0,6 ▲ | 0,3 ▲ | 2,6 ▲ |
| Housing loans | 225 775 | 1 684 | 3 393 | 9 218 | 0,8 ▲ | 1,5 ▲ | 4,3 ▲ |
| Of which: participation financing of housing | 12 395 | 445 | 1 067 | 4 244 | 3,7 ▲ | 9,4 ▲ | 52,1 ▲ |
| Loans to property developers | 55 659 | 885 | -3 294 | -260 | 1,6 ▲ | -5,6 ▼ | -0,5 ▼ |
| Debtor accounts and overdraft facilities | 210 039 | 1 994 | 4 088 | 15 649 | 1,0 ▲ | 2,0 ▲ | 8,1 ▲ |
| Equipment loans | 179 362 | 1 539 | 904 | -10 057 | 0,9 ▲ | 0,5 ▲ | -5,3 ▼ |
| Consumer loans | 54 871 | 316 | 623 | -1 741 | 0,6 ▲ | 1,1 ▲ | -3,1 ▼ |
| Miscellaneous claims | 138 453 | 13 249 | -15 870 | 10 219 | 10,6 ▲ | -10,3 ▼ | 8,0 ▲ |
| Non-performing loans | 80 531 | -955 | 307 | 8 571 | -1,2 ▼ | 0,4 ▲ | 11,9 ▲ |
| By institutional sectors | | | | | | | |
| Other financial corporations | 127 326 | 11 229 | -14 588 | 5 482 | 9,7 ▲ | -10,3 ▼ | 4,5 ▲ |
| non-financial sector | 821 102 | 6 546 | 5 613 | 24 462 | 0,8 ▲ | 0,7 ▲ | 3,1 ▲ |
| Public sector | 72 723 | 2 320 | -1 408 | -910 | 3,3 ▲ | -1,9 ▼ | -1,2 ▼ |
| Local government | 24 492 | 149 | 106 | 1 711 | 0,6 ▲ | 0,4 ▲ | 7,5 ▲ |
| Public nonfinancial corporations | 48 231 | 2 171 | -1 514 | -2 621 | 4,7 ▲ | -3,0 ▼ | -5,2 ▼ |
| Private sector | 748 379 | 4 226 | 7 021 | 25 372 | 0,6 ▲ | 0,9 ▲ | 3,5 ▲ |
| Other nonfinancial corporations | 390 478 | 1 789 | 1 191 | 11 037 | 0,5 ▲ | 0,3 ▲ | 2,9 ▲ |
| Households and NPISH ⁽³⁾ | 357 901 | 2 437 | 5 830 | 14 335 | 0,7 ▲ | 1,7 ▲ | 4,2 ▲ |

(1) All deposits opened by money-holding sectors with the banking system except regulated deposits and guarantee deposits.

(2) Banks and monetary UCITS

(3) Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households

Chart 1: Annual change in M3

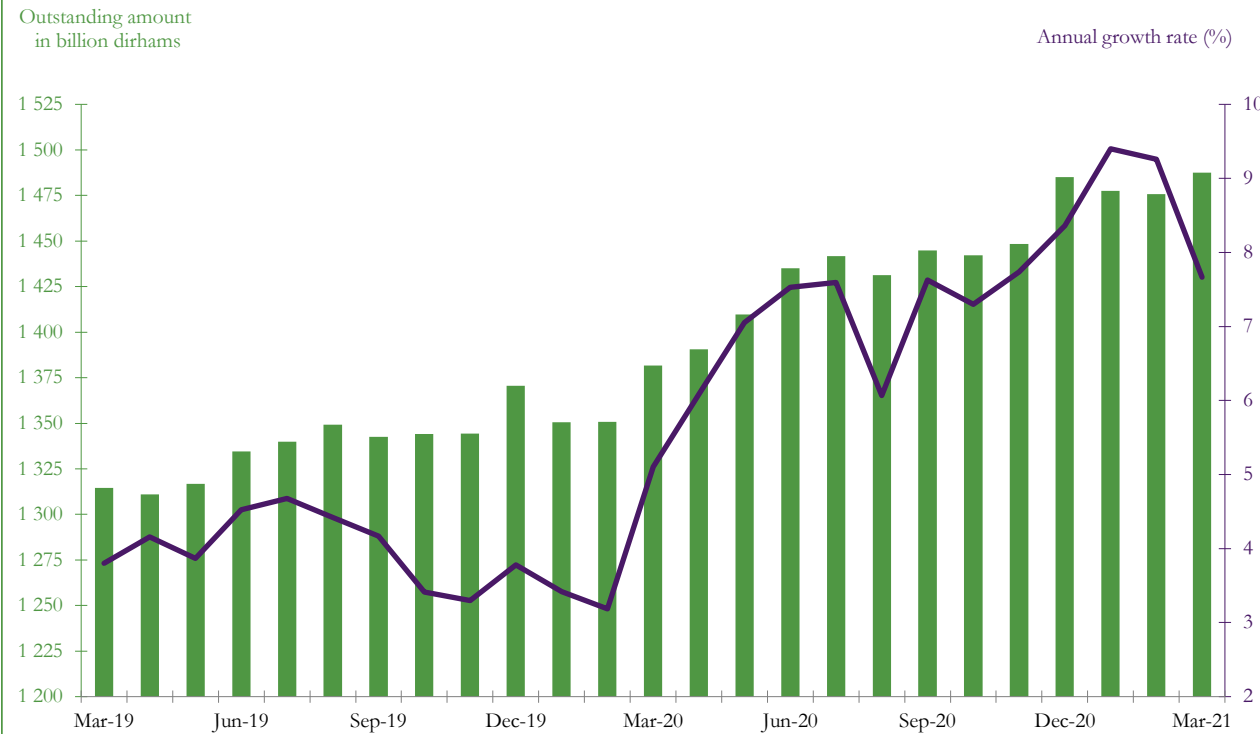


Chart 2: Annual change in M3 components
Annual growth rate (%)

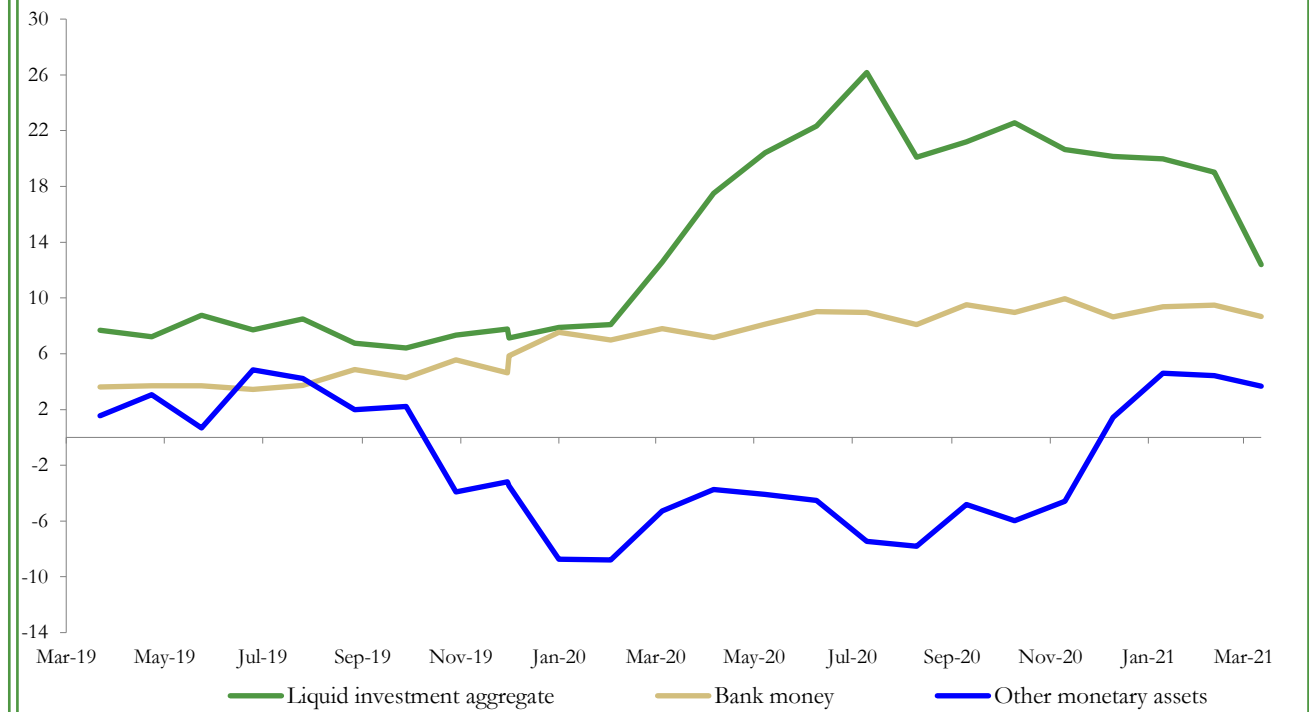


Chart 3: Official reserve assets

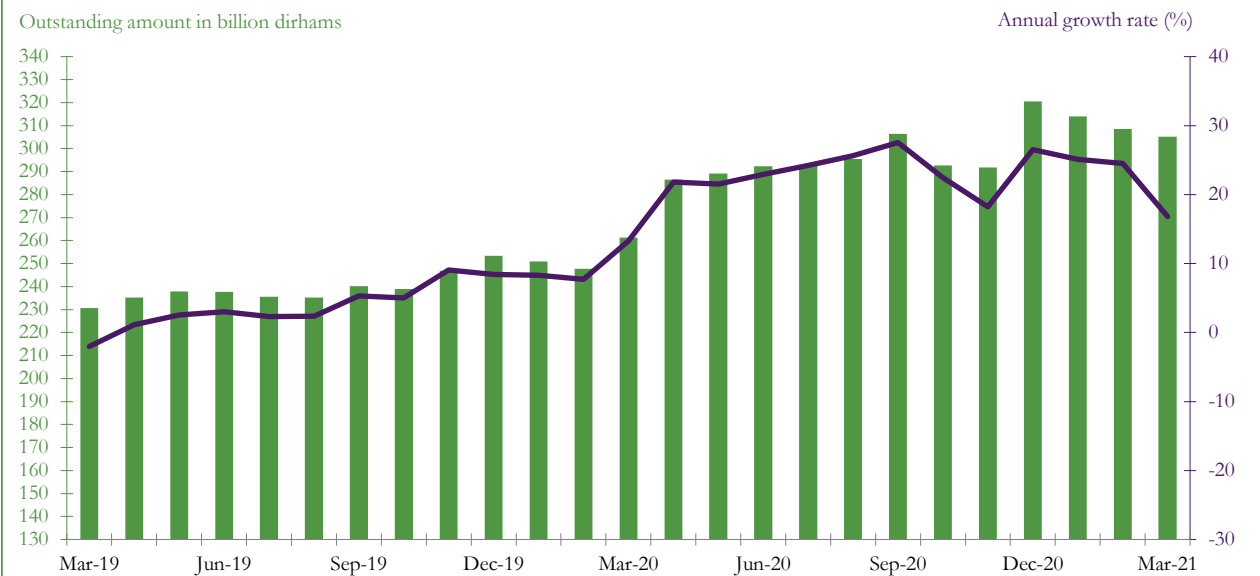


Chart 4: Annual change in bank loans by economic purpose
Annual growth rate (%)

