



South African Reserve Bank
Prudential Authority

Selected South African banking sector trends

January 2019



Number of banks in South Africa

Registered banks	19
Mutual banks	4
Co-operative banks	4
Local branches of foreign banks	15
Foreign banks with approved local representative offices	31

	Jan		
	2018	2019	%
	Rbn ¹	Rbn ¹	Growth ¹
Balance sheet items			
Selected assets			
Total assets	5 139	5 520	7.4
Gross loans and advances	3 801	4 060	6.8
Homeloans	953	992	4.1
Commercial mortgages	290	310	7.0
Credit cards	112	122	8.9
Lease and instalment debtors	386	416	7.7
Overdrafts	205	222	8.1
Term loans	834	937	12.3
Redeemable preference shares	107	109	2.4
Factoring accounts, trade and other bills and BA's	23	22	-6.9
Loans granted/deposits placed under resale agreements	185	195	5.4
Bank intra-group balances	208	211	1.1
Other	497	525	5.5
Investment and trading positions	503	620	23.2
Derivative financial instruments	279	242	-13.2
Short term negotiable securities	271	286	5.4
Selected liabilities			
Deposits, current accounts and other creditors	4 030	4 383	8.8
Current	787	838	6.5
Savings	235	255	8.4
Call	759	781	3.0
Fixed and notice	1 176	1 267	7.7
Negotiable certificates of deposit	520	551	6.1
Repurchase agreements	120	188	56.6
Other	434	503	16.0
Derivative financial instruments and other trading liabilities	350	316	-9.5
Equity			
Total equity	451	472	4.7
Off-balance sheet items			
Total off-balance sheet activities	1 276	1 365	6.9

	Jan	
	2018	2019
	%	%
Profitability²		
Return on equity	15.93	15.77
Return on assets	1.32	1.29
Cost-to-income ratio	56.74	57.50
Net interest income to interest-earning assets	3.98	3.99
Non-interest revenue to total assets	2.39	2.37
Operating expenses to total assets	3.15	3.15
Profit/Loss (12 months) (Rbn)	85.46	87.71
Net interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	159.19	165.98
Non-interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	120.03	126.55
Operating expenses (12 months) (Rbn)	158.43	168.19
Liquidity		
Liquid assets held to liquid-asset requirement	228.54	239.03
Short-term liabilities to total liabilities	54.65	53.63
Ten largest depositors to total funding	14.71	14.91
Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	120.00	133.12
Credit risk		
Impaired advances ³ (Rbn)	124.03	156.46
Impaired advances to gross loans and advances	3.26	3.85
Specific credit impairments to impaired advances	41.50	45.84
Portfolio credit impairments to gross loans and advances	1.00	1.05
Capital adequacy		
Total capital adequacy (%)	16.13	16.13
Tier 1 (T1) capital adequacy (%)	13.32	13.21
Common equity T1 capital adequacy (%)	12.83	12.63
Basel III leverage ratio		
Leverage ratio ⁴	6.75	6.49

1. Differences may occur due to rounding.
2. All ratios based on income statement information are smoothed i.e. 12 month moving averages.
3. Advances in respect of which a specific impairment was raised.
4. Formula: Tier 1 capital divided by exposure measure.

Please note this information is subject to change without notice. The data in this report is as at the end of the reporting month.