



South African Reserve Bank
Prudential Authority

Selected South African banking sector trends

March 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	30

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	2018	2019	%
	Rbn ¹	Rbn ¹	Growth ¹
Balance sheet items			
Selected assets			
Total assets	5 202	5 654	8.7
Gross loans and advances	3 874	4 216	8.8
Homeloans	958	1 000	4.3
Commercial mortgages	295	313	6.0
Credit cards	113	124	10.0
Lease and instalment debtors	391	421	7.5
Overdrafts	217	231	6.5
Term loans	864	976	12.9
Redeemable preference shares	105	112	6.8
Factoring accounts, trade and other bills and BA's	29	31	4.5
Loans granted/deposits placed under resale agreements	164	224	36.9
Bank intra-group balances	204	216	6.0
Other	532	568	6.7
Investment and trading positions	527	651	23.4
Derivative financial instruments	241	196	-18.6
Short term negotiable securities	275	268	-2.8
Selected liabilities			
Deposits, current accounts and other creditors	4 112	4 539	10.4
Current	844	883	4.6
Savings	238	256	7.5
Call	789	815	3.3
Fixed and notice	1 178	1 324	12.4
Negotiable certificates of deposit	514	554	7.8
Repurchase agreements	106	164	55.6
Other	443	542	22.5
Derivative financial instruments and other trading liabilities	312	283	-9.2
Equity			
Total equity	449	470	4.7
Off-balance sheet items			
Total off-balance sheet activities	1 289	1 381	7.2

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	2018	2019
	%	%
Profitability²		
Return on equity	15.8	15.69
Return on assets	1.32	1.28
Cost-to-income ratio	57.24	57.73
Net interest income to interest-earning assets	3.97	3.95
Non-interest revenue to total assets	2.4	2.37
Operating expenses to total assets	3.18	3.14
Profit/Loss (12 months) (Rbn)	85.56	88.06
Net interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	159.60	166.23
Non-interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	121.78	127.95
Operating expenses (12 months) (Rbn)	161.07	169.83
Liquidity		
Liquid assets held to liquid-asset requirement	234.48	248.77
Short-term liabilities to total liabilities	55.2	53.8
Ten largest depositors to total funding	15.49	15.94
Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	123.61	142.43
Credit risk		
Impaired advances ³ (Rbn)	128.24	158.97
Impaired advances to gross loans and advances	3.31	3.77
Specific credit impairments to impaired advances	41.93	45.96
Portfolio credit impairments to gross loans and advances	1.00	1.04
Capital adequacy		
Total capital adequacy (%)	16.24	16.28
Tier 1 (T1) capital adequacy (%)	13.38	13.33
Common equity T1 capital adequacy (%)	12.88	12.61
Basel III leverage ratio		
Leverage ratio ⁴	6.73	6.44

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.