



South African Reserve Bank
Prudential Authority

Selected South African banking sector trends

July 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

	Jul		
	2018	2019	%
	Rbn ¹	Rbn ¹	Growth ¹
Balance sheet items			
Selected assets			
Total assets	5 243	5 803	10.7
Gross loans and advances	3 926	4 274	8.9
Homeloans	971	1 014	4.4
Commercial mortgages	300	326	8.8
Credit cards	117	129	10.6
Lease and instalment debtors	399	432	8.3
Overdrafts	198	219	10.7
Term loans	899	977	8.7
Redeemable preference shares	117	111	-4.6
Factoring accounts, trade and other bills and BA's	27	26	-4.7
Loans granted/deposits placed under resale agreements	165	276	67.9
Bank intra-group balances	189	206	9.0
Other	544	556	2.3
Investment and trading positions	553	669	21.0
Derivative financial instruments	199	220	10.6
Short term negotiable securities	283	293	3.7
Selected liabilities			
Deposits, current accounts and other creditors	4 195	4 641	10.6
Current	810	855	5.6
Savings	249	268	7.6
Call	773	836	8.1
Fixed and notice	1 236	1 330	7.6
Negotiable certificates of deposit	544	605	11.2
Repurchase agreements	134	198	48.2
Other	449	548	22.1
Derivative financial instruments and other trading liabilities	270	297	10.1
Equity			
Total equity	452	492	8.8
Off-balance sheet items			
Total off-balance sheet activities	1 312	1 439	9.7

	Jul	
	2018	2019
	%	%
Profitability²		
Return on equity	15.85	15.35
Return on assets	1.32	1.23
Cost-to-income ratio	57.31	58.39
Net interest income to interest-earning assets	3.99	3.90
Non-interest revenue to total assets	2.40	2.30
Operating expenses to total assets	3.17	3.11
Profit/Loss (12 months) (Rbn)	87.02	87.47
Net interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	162.00	168.70
Non-interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	123.84	128.73
Operating expenses (12 months) (Rbn)	163.81	173.65
Liquidity		
Liquid assets held to liquid-asset requirement	238.80	261.40
Short-term liabilities to total liabilities	54.46	54.12
Ten largest depositors to total funding	14.79	14.65
Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	124.83	144.18
Credit risk		
Impaired advances ³ (Rbn)	141,79	159,54
Impaired advances to gross loans and advances	3.61	3.73
Specific credit impairments to impaired advances	43.76	45.18
Portfolio credit impairments to gross loans and advances	1,07	1,03
Capital adequacy		
Total capital adequacy (%)	16.68	16.62
Tier 1 (T1) capital adequacy (%)	13.46	13.45
Common equity T1 capital adequacy (%)	12.95	12.65
Basel III leverage ratio		
Leverage ratio ⁴	6.65	6.34

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.