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## Selected South African banking sector trends

### February 2021



## Number of banks in South Africa

Registered banks	18
Mutual banks	4
Co-operative banks	5
Local branches of foreign banks	13
Foreign banks with approved local representative offices	29

	Feb		
	2020	2021	%
	Rbn <sup>1</sup>	Rbn <sup>1</sup>	Growth <sup>1</sup>
<b>Balance sheet items</b>			
<b>Selected assets</b>			
Total assets	6 074	6 520	7.4
Gross loans and advances	4 418	4 589	3.9
Homeloans	1 049	1 092	4.1
Commercial mortgages	344	364	5.9
Credit cards	135	134	-0.9
Lease and instalment debtors	445	458	2.9
Overdrafts	226	218	-3.3
Term loans	986	959	-2.7
Redeemable preference shares	122	120	-2.1
Factoring accounts, trade and other bills and BA's	26	28	4.5
Loans granted/deposits placed under resale agreements	291	384	32.1
Bank intra-group balances	216	260	20.1
Other	578	573	-0.9
Investment and trading positions	735	971	32.0
Derivative financial instruments	317	396	25.1
Short term negotiable securities	263	301	14.8
<b>Selected liabilities</b>			
Deposits, current accounts and other creditors	4 780	5 139	7.5
Current	923	1 187	28.6
Savings	289	337	16.6
Call	835	999	19.6
Fixed and notice	1 400	1 385	-1.1
Negotiable certificates of deposit	572	415	-27.4
Repurchase agreements	170	169	-0.6
Other	591	647	9.5
Derivative financial instruments and other trading liabilities	393	502	27.7
<b>Equity</b>			
Total equity	511	534	4.4
<b>Off-balance sheet items</b>			
Total off-balance sheet activities	1 471	1 437	-2.3

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	%	%
<b>Profitability<sup>2</sup></b>		
Return on equity	14.29	6.96
Return on assets	1.14	0.51
Cost-to-income ratio	58.67	58.72
Net interest income to interest-earning assets	3.88	3.66
Non-interest revenue to total assets	2.19	1.84
Operating expenses to total assets	3.03	2.64
Profit/Loss (12 months) (Rbn)	83.79	35.32
Net interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	173.66	173.41
Non-interest income (12 months) (Rbn)	128.01	120.59
Operating expenses (12 months) (Rbn)	176.98	172.65
<b>Liquidity</b>		
Liquid assets held to liquid-asset requirement	256.67	297.05
Short-term liabilities to total liabilities	54.43	60.42
Ten largest depositors to total funding	16.58	20.48
Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	138.51	141.47
<b>Credit risk</b>		
Impaired advances <sup>3</sup> (Rbn)	174.55	238.10
Impaired advances to gross loans and advances	3.95	5.19
Specific credit impairments to impaired advances	43.93	43.31
Portfolio credit impairments to gross loans and advances	1.07	1.44
<b>Capital adequacy</b>		
Total capital adequacy (%)	16.24	16.81
Tier 1 (T1) capital adequacy (%)	13.25	13.77
Common equity T1 capital adequacy (%)	12.41	12.87
<b>Basel III leverage ratio</b>		
Leverage ratio <sup>4</sup>	6.37	6.48

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.