

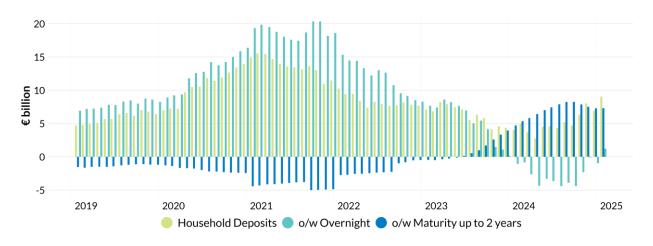
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Highlights in January 2025

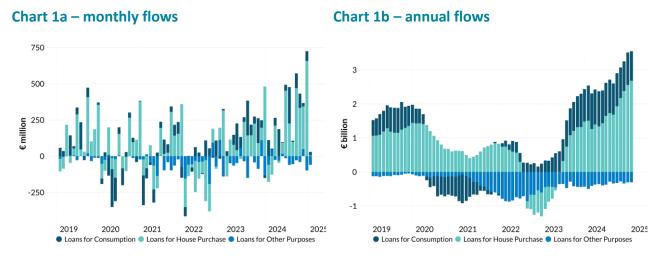
Annual Flows of Household Deposits



Source: Money and Banking <u>Table A.11.1</u>

- ♣ Household deposits increased by €9 billion, or 5.9 per cent, in the year to end-January 2025.
- Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to 2 years were the main contributor, with a €7.3 billion increase in the period, followed by overnight deposits, with a €1.2 billion contribution in the year to end-January.
- Annual household deposits flows remained positive and higher than the annual flows recorded in December 2024. This higher level was mostly due to overnight deposits increasing annually, while the annual flow of deposits with an agreed maturity up to 2 years remained positive but at the same level as in the previous month, in line with an observed slowdown since it reached its maximum pace of €8.3 billion in the year to end-August 2024.

Section 1: Loans to Households by Lending Purpose (excluding securitised loans)



Source: Money and Banking Table A.1/Table A.5

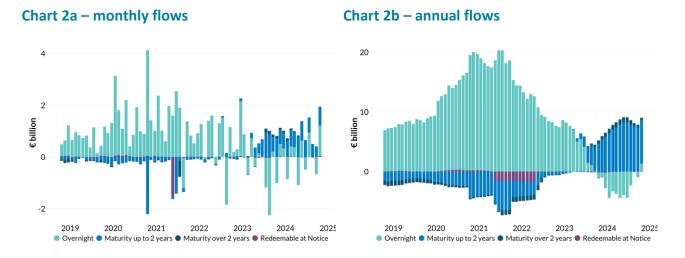
Net lending to households turned negative in January 2025, with a net outflow of €31 million (Chart 1a). Even though loans for other purposes recorded the largest outflow, with a drop of €60 million in the month, only partially offset by a €23 million increase of loans for consumption, loans for house purchase was the main driver of this month's figure. Despite its positive contribution of €6 million in the month, , lending for house purchase was low in January 2025 compared to previous months, which made the overall flow turn negative.

In annual terms, **net lending to households** increased by €3.2 billion, or 3.2 per cent, in the year to end-January 2025 (Chart 1b). This falls to 3.1 per cent after accounting for the impact of repayments on securitised loans. This movement was mostly driven by loans for house purchase, which recorded an annual flow of €2.7 billion in the period, and to a lower extent, by loans for **consumption**, with an annual flow of €867 million.

The annual change in loans for house purchase¹, including on-balance sheet and securitised loans, was 3.1 per cent in the year to end-January 2025 (see <u>Table A.6</u>).

¹ See Note 4

Section 2: Deposits from Irish Resident Households by Maturity

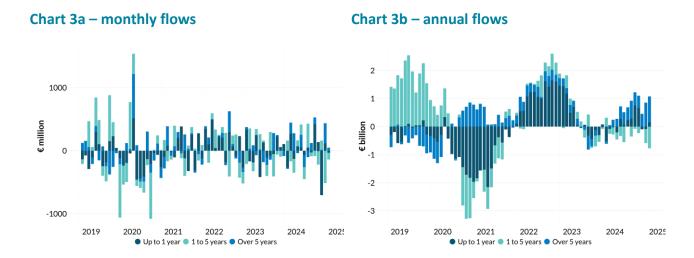


Source: Money and Banking Table A.11.1

Household deposits increased by €1.9 billion in January 2025 (Chart 2a) and stood at €161.3 billion at the end of the month. This was mostly driven by positive flows of overnight deposits and term deposits worth €1.2 billion and €726 million, respectively.

On an annual basis, household deposits increased by €9 billion, or 5.9 per cent, in the year to end-January 2025, driven by a €7.3 billion increase of deposits with an agreed maturity up to 2 years (Chart 2b). After recording negative annual flows during the entire 2024, the start of the year comes with a positive annual flow of overnight deposits, with a €1.2 billion contribution to the overall annual increase of household deposits.

Section 3: Loans to Non-Financial Corporations (NFC) by Original **Maturity**

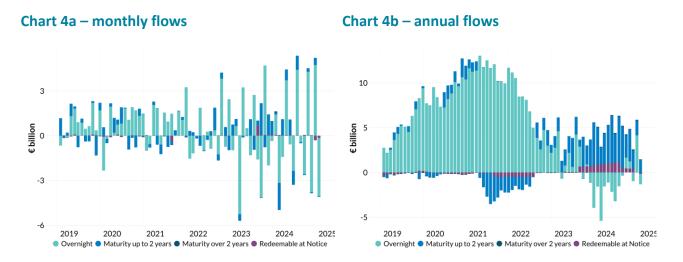


Source: Money and Banking Table A.5

Net lending to non-financial corporations (NFCs) remained negative in January 2025, recording a decrease of €92 million in the month (Chart 3a). This was mostly driven by negative flows of short and **medium-term loans** worth €32 million and €108 million, respectively, only partially offset by a €48 million increase of long-term lending.

On an annual basis, **NFC lending** increased by €302 million, or 1 per cent, in the year to end-January 2025 (Chart 3b). Long-term loans were the main driver, with an annual flow of €925 million in the year to end-January 2025, partially offset by negative flows of medium-term loans worth €773 million in the period.

Section 4: Deposits from Non-Financial Corporations (NFC) by **Maturity**

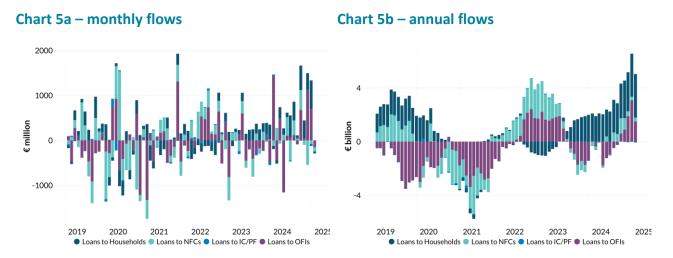


Source: Money and Banking Table A.11.1

NFC deposits dropped by €4.1 billion in January 2025 (Chart 4a), almost reversing the €4.9 billion increase in the previous month. This movement was almost entirely driven by a €3.9 billion decrease of **overnight deposits** during the month.

In annual terms, **NFC deposits** increased by €147 million in the year to end-January 2025 (*Chart 4b*). This was driven by term deposits, including deposits with a maturity up to 2 years and over 2 years, with a contribution of €1.5 billion and offsetting a drop of overnight deposits worth €1.2 billion.

Section 5: Bank Lending to the Irish Private Sector by Counterparty **Sector**



Source: Money and Banking <u>Table A.5</u>

Total bank lending to the Irish private sector dropped by €291 million in January 2025 (*Chart 5a*), and the stock stood at €151.1 billion at the end of the period. This was driven by loans to nonfinancial corporations (NFC) and to other financial intermediaries (OFI)2, which contributed with negative flows during the month worth €92 million and €153 million, respectively.

In annual terms, total bank lending to the Irish private sector increased by €5 billion, or 3.4 per cent, in the year to end-January 2025 (Chart 5b). Similarly to monthly developments, but on positive territory, these flows were mostly driven by loans to households and to other financial intermediaries (OFI), with a contribution in the period of €3.2 billion and €1.5 billion, respectively.

As mentioned in the relevant section, annual flows of loans to non-financial corporations (NFC) remained positive at €302 million in the year to end-January 2025. Lending to insurance companies and pension funds (IC/PF) dropped by a further €68 million in the period.

² A definition of OFI and other counterparty institutional sectors can be found in the *Money and Banking statistics* Explanatory Note, linked in Note 1

Further information

Note 1:

Money and Banking statistics cover all credit institutions resident in Ireland. This includes licensed banks, building societies and, since January 2009, credit unions. A resident office means an office or branch of the reporting institution which is located in the Republic of Ireland. Data are reported in respect of resident office business only. Recent data are often provisional and may be subject to revision. For further detail, please see the Money and Banking webpage for:

- An extensive set of Money and Banking Tables;
- A list of Irish Resident Credit Institutions;
- Money and Banking statistics Explanatory Note.

Irish-headquartered banks refers to institutions whose ultimate parent entity is resident in Ireland.

Note 2:

A number of lenders have agreed payment breaks with their customers since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. These breaks are likely to significantly affect the Money and Banking lending data in this period, predominantly by keeping outstanding loan balances higher than they would be, had repayments followed their initial schedule. As well as this, end-quarter months' data is affected by quarterly interest capitalisation, which increases balances in on-quarter months.

Note 3:

Convenience credit debt is defined as the credit granted at an interest rate of 0 per cent in the period between payment transaction(s) undertaken with the card during one billing cycle and the date at which debit balances from the specific billing cycle becomes due. Extended credit debt is defined as the credit granted after the due date(s) of the previous billing cycle(s) has/have passed, for which an interest rate is charged.

Note 4:

Treatment of securitised loans

As a result of an update to the ECB Regulation 'on the statistical reporting of balance sheet items of credit institutions and of the monetary financial institutions sector (recast) (ECB/2021/2)', there have been changes to how certain securitised loans are required to be classified for the purposes of statistical reporting. The below treatment, allowed under the previous Regulation, is no longer permitted under the updated Regulation:

'MFIs (....) may be allowed by their NCB to exclude from the stocks (...) any loans disposed of by means of a securitisation in accordance with national practice (...)'

The removal of this clause means that banks are now required to report all previously excluded securitised balances within their on-balance sheet stocks of outstanding loans.

This has resulted in an increase in the on-balance sheet stock of house purchase loans in tables such as Table A.1 and Table A.4.

These securitised loans were already captured in Table A.6, which combined on-balance sheet and securitised loans since the series began in January 2003. This change does not impact on published transactions and growth rates for January 2022. As a result of this change, we will be discontinuing publication of confidential series within table A.6 in the future.

Note 5:

In March 2023 the outstanding amounts and transactions of domestic household deposits increased following the entry of a credit institution into the Irish market. Without this addition the household deposit growth in the year would have been lower still.

Statistical classification of sole proprietors

In line with their treatment in ESA 2010, the Central Bank is harmonising the treatment of sole proprietors by reporting agents across various datasets. This has resulted in a reclassification of loans and deposits from the NFC to the Household sector. These amendments have been made with respect to January 2022 reference data, with revisions to historical data to follow. Specifically, these changes mean an increase in loan and deposit balances reported against the household sector, and a decline in balances reported against the NFC sector. This change does not impact on published transactions and growth rates for January 2022.