

Loan to non-financial corporations – France • April 2020

NFCs continue to rely heavily on credit to meet their future cash flow needs

- The flow of loans granted to NFCs reaches EUR 25.3 billion in April (down from EUR 35.4 billion in March), including EUR 19.1 billion for treasury loans.
- The growth in treasury loans to non-financial corporations therefore continues to accelerate sharply in April (+16.7%, up from +10.3% in March).
- The growth in investment credit is almost stable in April (+6.3%, down from +6.4% in March), both for equipment loans (+7.7%, down from +7.8% in March) and for real estate (+4.2%, down from +4.4% in March).
- Overall, the annual growth rate of credit to non-financial corporations stands at +9.3% in April, up from +7.6% in March, the highest since the end of 2008.

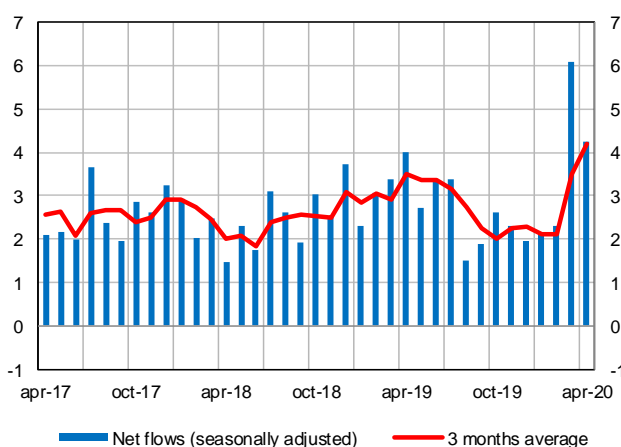
Outstanding amounts and annual growth rates (not seasonally adjusted)

(Outstanding amounts in € Bn. annual growth rates in %)

	End-of-month level	Annual growth rate		
	Apr-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Total	1 127	5.1	7.6	9.3
Investment	780	6.1	6.4	6.3
<i>Equipment</i>	479	7.2	7.8	7.7
<i>Real estate</i>	302	4.5	4.4	4.2
Treasury	283	0.1	10.3	16.7
Other lending	64	12.1	12.1	16.5

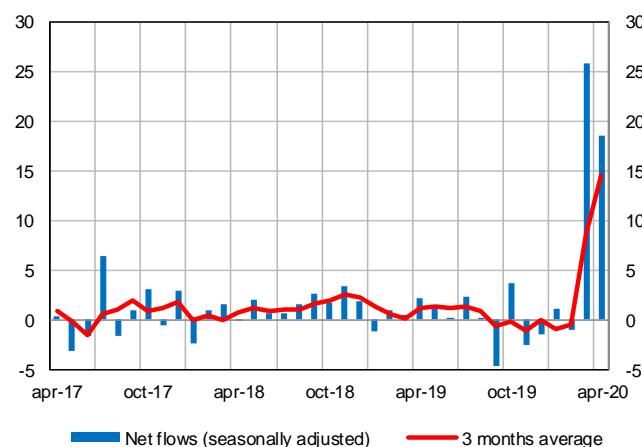
Monthly changes in stocks of equipment loans (seasonally adjusted flows)

(Monthly flows in € Bn)



Monthly changes in stocks of treasury loans (seasonally adjusted flows *)

(Monthly flows in € Bn)



* Seasonal adjusted monthly net flows of other lending to NFC are allocated to treasury loans in proportion to the outstanding amounts.

Source et réalisation : BANQUE DE FRANCE – DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DES STATISTIQUES, DES ÉTUDES ET DE L'INTERNATIONAL



Additional information

Non-financial corporations include all companies whose main activity is the production of goods and non-financial services, excluding sole proprietor and unincorporated partnerships.

Calculations are made with the aim to give the best possible image of the evolution of the lending activity:

- Loans that have been securitized or sold by credit institutions are considered as remaining in their books
- Accounting changes that are not reflecting economic transactions, in particular write-offs/write-downs, are eliminated
- The impact of statistical modifications in the scope of the MFI sector (e.g. the reclassification of an entity from the non-financial corporations sector to the government sector) is also eliminated
- As FX hedges are unknown, loans in foreign currencies are however taken into account at their face value in Euros at the end of the month

