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Loans granted by the financial sector March 2016

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Banco de Portugal publishes today in table A.11 of the Statistical Bulletin and in *BPstat*, data on loans granted by the resident financial sector to non-financial corporations and households for March 2016.

Loans granted to non-financial corporations

In March 2016, the annual rate of change (a.r.) of loans granted to non-financial corporations (NFC) was -2.8%, lower than -2.6% recorded in the previous month (Chart 1). The a.r. of loans to private exporting corporations stood at -0.8%, the lowest value since September 2013.

The overdue loans ratio for the total of NFC was 16.4%, representing an increase of 0.1 percentage points (p.p.) when compared with the previous month, whereas the percentage of NFC with overdue loans decreased 0.2 p.p., reaching a value of

29.7%. The private exporting corporations had a similar evolution to the one observed in February, with an overdue loans ratio of 5.9% and a percentage of NFC with overdue loans of 9.2% at the end of March.

Loans granted to households

The evolution of loans granted to households was similar to the one registered in the previous months, with an a.r. of -2.1% for the total loans (Chart 2) and of -2.8% for house purchase loans.

For consumption and other purposes loans, the a.r. remained positive, increasing from 0.9% in February to 1.5% in March 2016.

The percentage of borrowers from the households sector with overdue loans increased 0.2 p.p. when compared with February, standing at 14.4%. The overdue loans ratio remained at 5.1%, the same value observed since December 2015.

Chart 1 • Loans to non-financial corporations – a.r.

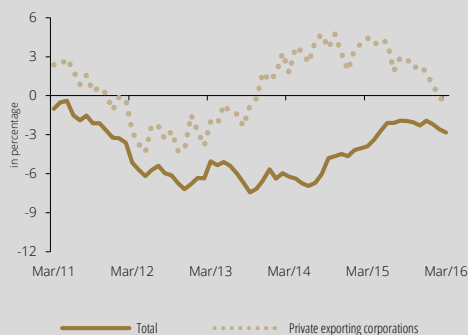
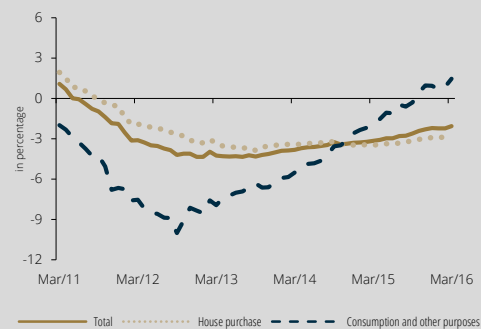


Chart 2 • Loans to households – a.r.



Additional information available at:

[Table A.11 of the Statistical Bulletin](#)

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