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Loans granted by the financial sector March 2018

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Today, Banco de Portugal publishes statistics, in [Table A.11](#) of the *Statistical Bulletin* and in *BPstat*, on loans granted by the resident financial sector to non-financial corporations and households for March 2018.

Loans granted to non-financial corporations

In March 2018 the annual rate of change (a.r.) of loans granted to non-financial corporations was -1.9%. This represents an increase of 0.6 percentage points (p.p.) from February (Chart 1).

In March 2018 private exporting companies posted an a.r. of 0.6%, i.e. 1.0 p.p. more than in the previous month.

The ratio of overdue loans of non-financial corporations was 12.9%, accounting for a monthly decline of 0.4 p.p. The share of borrowers with overdue loans was 24.7%, i.e. 0.4 p.p. less than in February.

Loans granted to households

In March 2018 the a.r. of loans granted to households stood at 0.2% (Chart 2). It was the first time since May 2011 that it recorded a positive value. The a.r. of loans for house purchase and consumer loans increased 0.2 and 0.5 p.p. respectively from February, standing at -1.4% and 6.8%.

The ratio of overdue loans and the share of borrowers with overdue loans in the household sector decreased by 0.1 and 0.2 p.p. from February, to stand at 4.2% and 11.7% respectively.

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

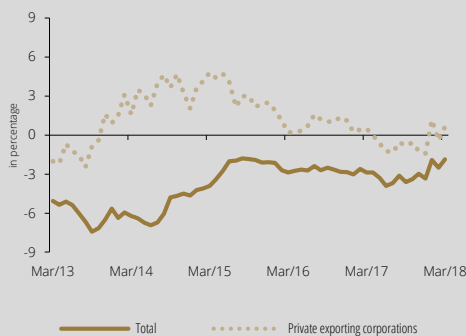
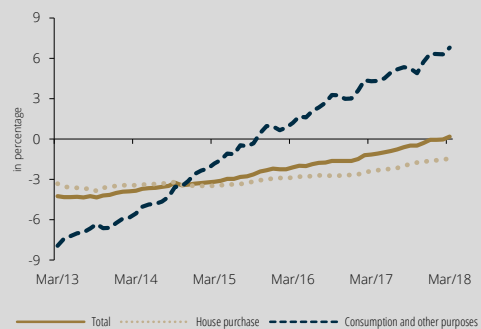


Chart 2 • Loans granted to households – a.r.



Additional information available at:

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

[Domain: *Main indicators – Loans granted by the financial sector*, in the time series component of BPstat | Statistics online](#)

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