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Monetary developments in the euro area: August 2026

- Annual growth rate of broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 3.5% in August 2026, after 3.4% in July 2026
- Annual growth rate of narrower monetary aggregate M1, comprising currency in circulation and overnight deposits, decreased to 2.9% in August from 3.1% in July
- Annual growth rate of adjusted loans to households stood at 3.1% in August, unchanged from previous month
- Annual growth rate of adjusted loans to non-financial corporations decreased to 4.2% in August from 4.4% in July

Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 3.5% in August 2026, after 3.4% in July, averaging 3.4% in the three months up to August. The components of M3 showed the following developments. The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate M1, which comprises currency in circulation and overnight deposits, decreased to 2.9% in August from 3.1% in July. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) increased to 4.1% in August from 3.7% in July. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) increased to 7.1% in August from 4.2% in July.

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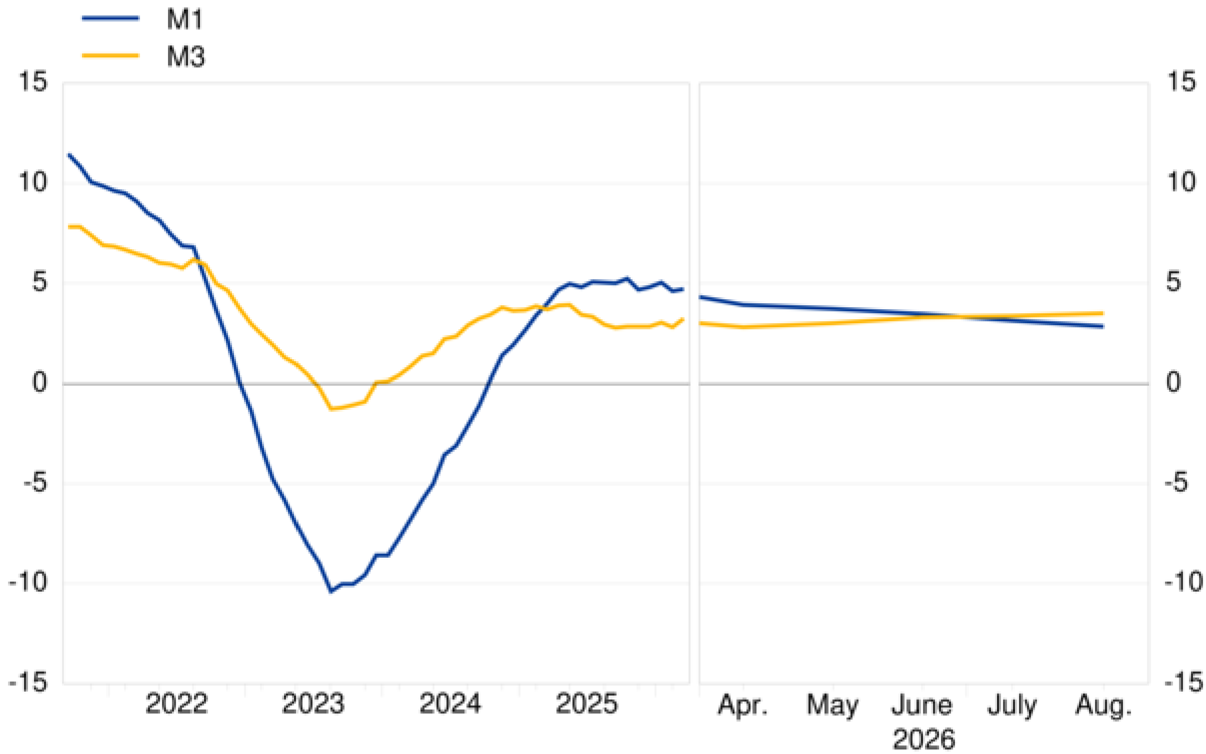
Chart 1

Monetary aggregates

(annual growth rates)



[Data for monetary aggregates](#)

Looking at the components' contributions to the annual growth rate of M3, the narrower aggregate M1 contributed 1.8 percentage points (down from 2.0 percentage points in July), short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) contributed 1.2 percentage points (up from 1.1 percentage points) and marketable instruments (M3-M2) contributed 0.5 percentage points (up from 0.3 percentage points).

Among the holding sectors of deposits in M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households decreased to 2.4% in August from 2.6% in July, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations decreased to 4.7% in August from 5.3% in July. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by investment funds other than money market funds stood at 1.8% in August, compared with 1.7% in July.

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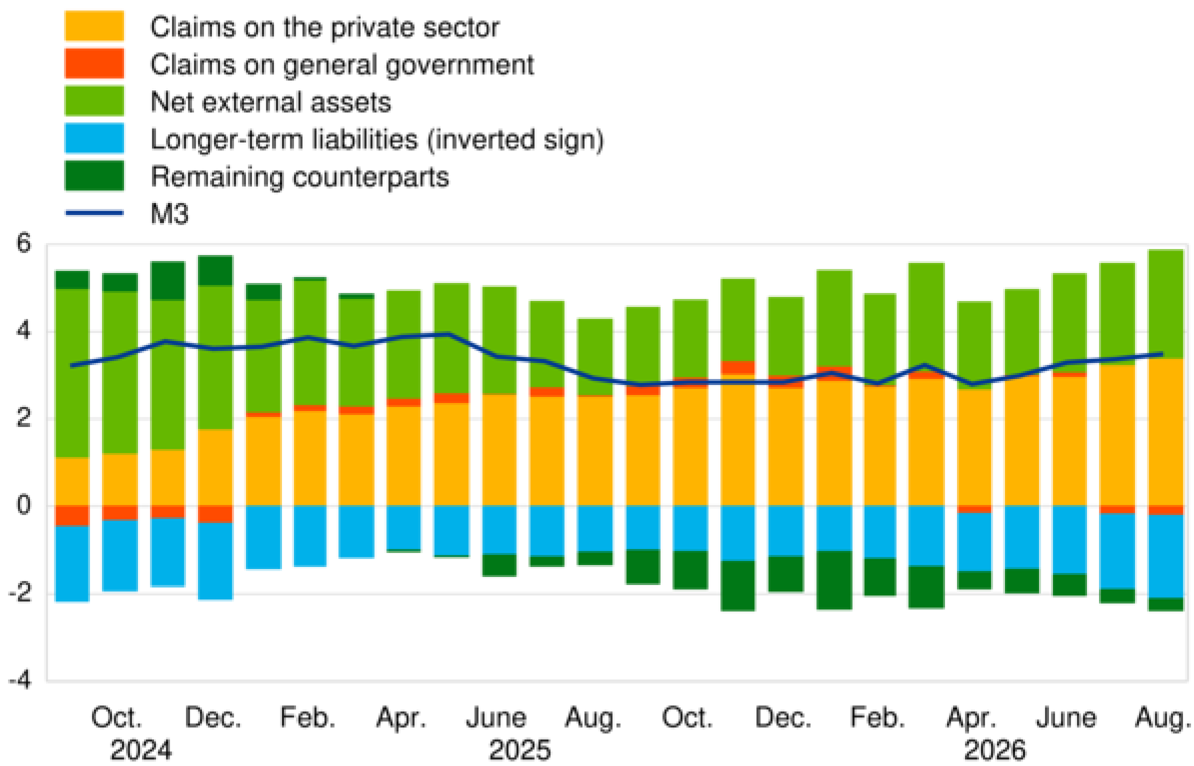
Counterparts of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of M3 in August 2026, as a reflection of changes in the items on the monetary financial institution (MFI) consolidated balance sheet other than M3 (counterparts of M3), can be broken down as follows: claims on the private sector contributed 3.4 percentage points (up from 3.2 percentage points in July), net external assets contributed 2.5 percentage points (up from 2.3 percentage points), claims on general government contributed -0.2 percentage points (as in the previous month), longer-term liabilities contributed -1.9 percentage points (down from -1.7 percentage points), and the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed -0.3 percentage points (as in the previous month).

Chart 2

Contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3

(percentage points)



Data for contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3

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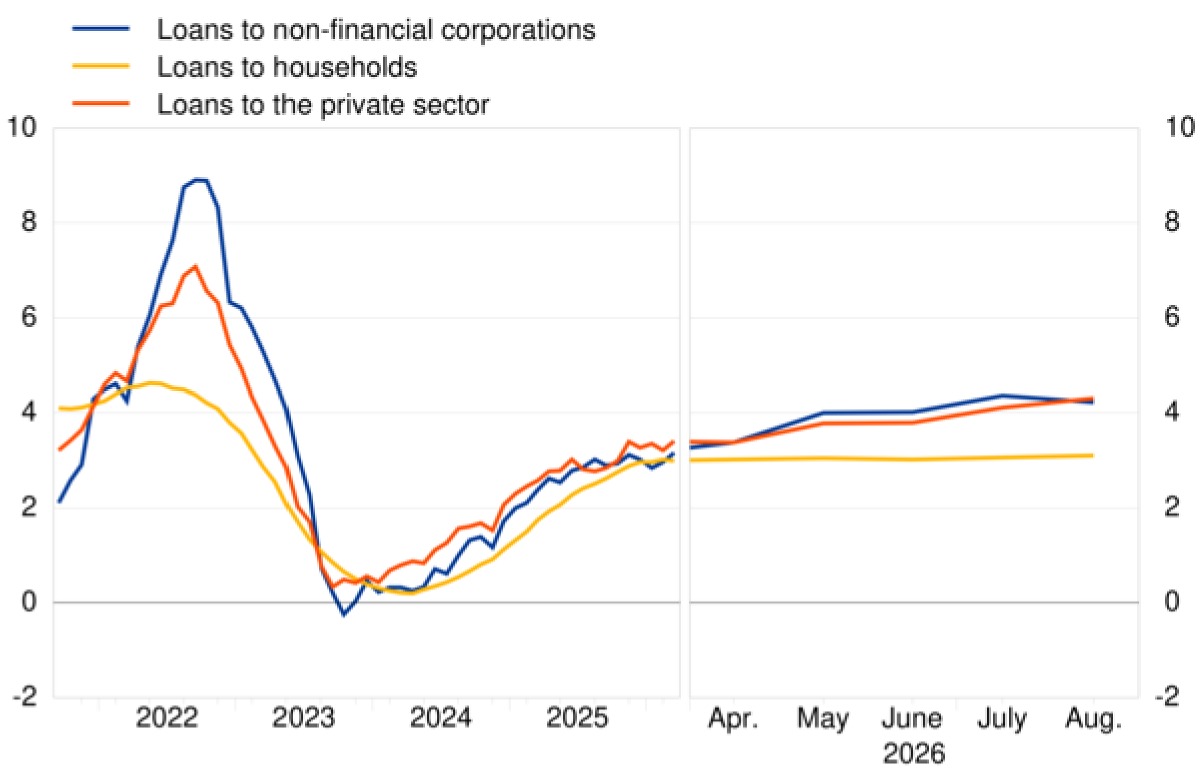
Claims on euro area residents

The annual growth rate of total claims on euro area residents stood at 2.4% in August 2026, compared with 2.3% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of claims on general government stood at -0.6% in August, compared with -0.5% in July, while the annual growth rate of claims on the private sector increased to 3.6% in August from 3.4% in July.

The annual growth rate of adjusted loans to the private sector (i.e. adjusted for loan transfers and notional cash pooling) increased to 4.3% in August from 4.1% in July. Within the non-financial private sector, the annual growth rate of adjusted loans to households stood at 3.1% in August, unchanged from the previous month, while the annual growth rate of adjusted loans to non-financial corporations decreased to 4.2% in August from 4.4% in July.

Chart 3
Adjusted loans to the private sector

(annual growth rates)



Data for adjusted loans to the private sector

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Notes:

- Data in this press release are adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects, unless stated otherwise.
- "Private sector" refers to euro area non-MFIs excluding general government.
- Hyperlinks lead to data that may change with subsequent releases as a result of revisions. Figures shown in annex tables are a snapshot of the data as at the time of the current release.

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1 Monetary developments in the euro area: August 2026

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects [a])

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
COMPONENTS OF M3							
1. M3	**17646**	**81**	**2**	**34**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.5**
1.1. M2	16447	58	21	15	3.3	3.3	3.2
1.1.1. M1	11293	22	-31	4	3.5	3.1	2.9
Currency in circulation	1617	3	3	4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Overnight deposits	9676	19	-34	0	3.6	3.3	2.9
1.1.2. Other short-term deposits (M2 - M1)	5154	36	52	11	2.8	3.7	4.1
Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	2579	41	54	9	3.2	5.6	6.6
Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2575	-5	-2	1	2.4	2.0	1.7
1.2. Marketable instruments (M3 - M2)	1199	22	-18	19	4.1	4.2	7.1
Repurchase agreements	226	23	-13	6	2.4	2.8	6.0
Money market fund shares	918	1	-6	9	2.4	2.2	3.8
Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years	54	-1	1	4	90.2	86.8	163.4
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
2. Liabilities to central government [b]	**406**	**-29**	**-2**	**6**	**-4.4**	**-1.5**	**-3.7**
3. Longer-term liabilities to other euro area residents	**8628**	**37**	**36**	**39**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**3.9**
3.1. Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years	1863	3	5	4	0.8	1.0	1.0
3.2. Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months	138	1	1	1	5.5	3.9	4.2
3.3. Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years	2756	18	23	11	6.2	6.7	7.1
3.4. Capital and reserves	3871	15	6	24	2.2	2.5	3.0
MFI assets:							
4. Claims on euro area residents	**22867**	**50**	**32**	**26**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.4**
4.1. Claims on general government	6218	-5	-31	-22	0.3	-0.5	-0.6
Loans	1056	7	3	-3	4.5	4.3	3.9
Debt securities	5135	-12	-34	-19	-0.6	-1.4	-1.5
Equity	27	0	0	0	1.3	1.7	1.9
4.2. Claims on the private sector [c]	16649	56	63	48	3.2	3.4	3.6
Loans	14029	56	53	37	3.8	4.1	4.4
Adjusted loans [d]	14307	55	49	43	3.8	4.1	4.3
Debt securities	1527	-7	3	2	-3.2	-2.9	-3.0
Equity	732	6	3	5	5.7	4.3	3.7
Shares issued by investment funds other than money market funds	362	0	3	3	3.3	3.6	3.9
5. Net external assets	**3645**	**60**	**8**	**41**	**-**	**-**	**-**
6. Other counterparts of M3 (residual)	**169**	**-22**	**-3**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**-**
of which:							
6.1. Repos with central counterparties (liabilities) [e]	425	44	-3	-33	47.0	49.6	16.9
6.2. Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets) [e]	278	16	-19	8	28.1	20.4	15.2

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding. The information in this table is based on the consolidated balance sheet of monetary financial institutions (MFIs) located in the euro area. The MFI sector comprises the Eurosystem, deposit-taking corporations except central banks and money market funds.
Monthly flows are derived from differences in levels excluding changes that do not arise from transactions, such as revaluations, exchange rate variations and statistical reclassifications.
M3 comprises liabilities of MFIs, as well as short-term deposit liabilities of post offices and specific central government entities, vis-à-vis non-MFI euro area residents other than central government.
b) Includes holdings of the central government of deposits with the MFI sector and of securities issued by the MFI sector.
c) Private sector refers to euro area non-MFIs excluding general government.
d) Loans adjusted for the effects of transfers to and from MFI balance sheets, as well as for notional cash pooling services provided by MFIs. For further breakdowns see Table 4.
e) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

2 Contributions to the M3 annual growth rate: August 2026

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change; data adjusted for seasonal effects [a])

	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
COMPONENTS OF M3			
1. M1	2.2	2.0	1.8
1.1. Currency in circulation	0.2	0.2	0.2
1.2. Overnight deposits	2.0	1.8	1.6
2. M2 - M1 (other short-term deposits)	0.8	1.1	1.2
3. M3 - M2 (marketable instruments)	0.3	0.3	0.5
COUNTERPARTS OF M3			
4. Claims on the private sector	3.0	3.2	3.4
5. Claims on general government	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
6. Net external assets	2.3	2.3	2.5
7. Longer-term liabilities (inverted sign) [b]	-1.6	-1.7	-1.9
8. Remaining counterparts	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
M3 (sum of items 1 to 3, or items 4 to 8)	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.5**

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.
b) Longer-term liabilities to euro area residents excluding central government.

3 Deposits in M3: August 2026

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects a))

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
Total deposits	**15057**	**78**	**4**	**16**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.4**
1. Deposits placed by households b)	**9173**	**2**	**25**	**0**	**2.7**	**2.6**	**2.4**
1.1. Overnight deposits	5585	0	2	-7	3.8	3.4	2.9
1.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	1201	7	23	6	-1.5	0.6	2.2
1.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2387	-4	0	1	2.2	1.8	1.5
1.4. Repurchase agreements	1	0	0	0	-6.6	-4.4	-10.4
2. Deposits placed by non-financial corporations	**3647**	**33**	**13**	**-7**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**4.7**
2.1. Overnight deposits	2630	15	-14	4	4.5	3.6	3.3
2.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	858	18	28	-12	7.8	10.8	9.1
2.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	152	-1	-2	0	6.6	5.1	5.0
2.4. Repurchase agreements	7	0	1	0	6.7	11.1	22.5
3. Deposits placed by investment funds other than money market funds	**464**	**12**	**-14**	**-7**	**1.6**	**1.7**	**1.8**
3.1. Overnight deposits	377	6	-9	0	1.4	2.7	2.3
3.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	38	0	-3	-2	21.4	7.8	2.2
3.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2	1	0	0	16.3	8.4	2.4
3.4. Repurchase agreements	46	6	-2	-4	-10.6	-9.1	-2.0
4. Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds	**242**	**-2**	**-5**	**4**	**1.2**	**3.8**	**3.9**
4.1. Overnight deposits	171	-3	-1	5	-1.4	0.4	4.0
4.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	39	2	-1	-1	7.8	12.1	7.5
4.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	4	0	0	0	-10.8	-10.7	-15.1
4.4. Repurchase agreements	28	-1	-3	0	9.2	16.3	1.3
5. Deposits placed by other non-monetary financial corporations c)	**971**	**36**	**-26**	**45**	**4.4**	**5.2**	**10.0**
5.1. Overnight deposits	526	6	-22	14	2.3	2.7	6.3
5.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	291	15	9	17	5.9	9.2	18.9
5.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	23	0	-1	0	13.4	13.3	13.2
5.4. Repurchase agreements c)	131	15	-12	14	9.3	5.4	9.0
6. Deposits placed by other general government	**560**	**-3**	**11**	**-20**	**2.4**	**3.7**	**0.6**

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Monthly flows are derived from differences in levels excluding changes that do not arise from transactions, such as exchange rate variations and statistical reclassifications.
b) Includes deposits by non-profit institutions serving households.
c) Excludes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

4 Adjusted loans to the private sector: August 2026 [a]

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects [b])

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
1. Loans to households [c]	**7260**	**17**	**17**	**19**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.1**
1.1. Credit for consumption	845	2	3	3	5.1	5.1	5.0
1.2. Lending for house purchase	5739	12	13	14	3.1	3.1	3.1
1.3. Other lending	675	3	1	2	0.4	0.8	1.1
of which: sole proprietors	349	0	0	0	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1
2. Loans to non-financial corporations	**5500**	**27**	**22**	**11**	**4.0**	**4.4**	**4.2**
2.1. up to 1 year	900	4	3	5	4.6	6.1	6.4
2.2. over 1 year and up to 5 years	1185	3	10	-2	3.5	4.2	3.7
2.3. over 5 years	3415	21	9	8	4.0	4.0	3.9
3. Loans to investment funds other than money market funds	**225**	**7**	**2**	**0**	**11.0**	**13.1**	**13.4**
4. Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	**153**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**0.9**	**10.9**	**14.4**
5. Loans to other non-monetary financial corporations [d]	**1169**	**4**	**1**	**10**	**6.6**	**7.2**	**9.8**

a) Loans adjusted for the effects of transfers to and from MFI balance sheets, as well as for notional cash pooling services provided by MFIs. Data on transferred loans that have been derecognised from MFI balance sheets are included in these figures, where available.
Monthly flows are derived from differences in levels excluding changes that do not arise from transactions, such as revaluations, exchange rate variations and statistical reclassifications.
b) Figures may not add up due to rounding.
c) Includes loans to non-profit institutions serving households.
d) Excludes reverse repos to central counterparties.