

Press release

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Monetary developments in the euro area: May 2026

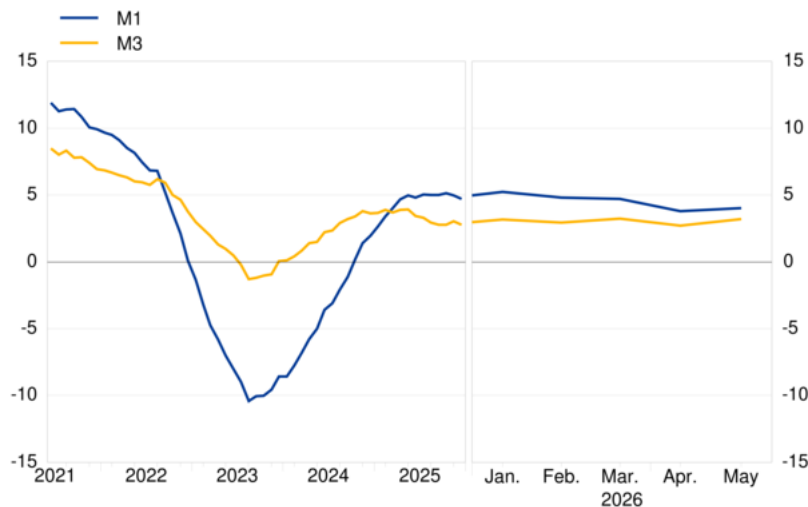
- Annual growth rate of broad [monetary aggregate M3](#) increased to 3.2% in May 2026 from 2.7% in April
- Annual growth rate of narrower [monetary aggregate M1](#), comprising currency in circulation and overnight deposits, increased to 4.0% in May from 3.8% in April
- Annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to households](#) stood at 3.1% in May, compared with 3.0% in April
- Annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to non-financial corporations](#) increased to 4.0% in May from 3.4% in April

Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 increased to 3.2% in May 2026 from 2.7% in April, averaging 3.0% in the three months up to May. 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, increased to 4.0% in May from 3.8% in April. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) increased to 1.4% in May from 0.9% in April. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) increased to 3.2% in May from 0.9% in April.

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 2.6 percentage points (up from 2.4 percentage points in April), short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) contributed 0.4 percentage points (up from 0.3 percentage points) and marketable instruments (M3-M2) contributed 0.2 percentage points (up from 0.1 percentage points).

Among the holding sectors of [deposits in M3](#), the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households stood at 2.9% in May, unchanged from the previous month, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to 4.2% in May from 3.8% in April. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by investment funds other than money market funds was -0.4% in May, compared with -5.8% in April.

Counterparts of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of M3 in May 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 3.1 percentage points (up from 2.8

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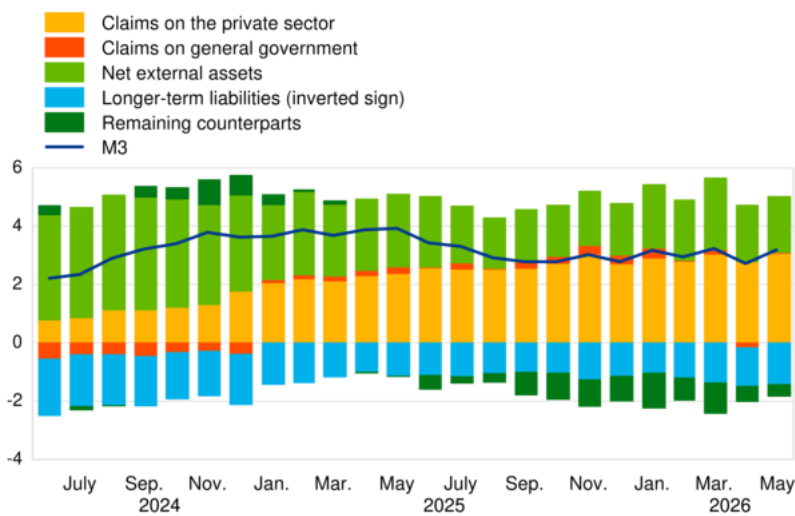
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percentage points in April), net external assets contributed 1.9 percentage points (down from 2.0 percentage points), claims on general government contributed 0.0 percentage points (up from -0.2 percentage points), longer-term liabilities contributed -1.4 percentage points (down from -1.3 percentage points), and the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed -0.4 percentage points (up from -0.5 percentage points).

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](#)

Claims on euro area residents

The annual growth rate of total [claims on euro area residents](#) increased to 2.4% in May 2026 from 2.0% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of [claims on general government](#) increased to 0.1% in May from -0.4% in April, while the annual growth rate of [claims on the private sector](#) increased to 3.3% in May from 2.9% in April.

The annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to the private sector](#) (i.e. adjusted for loan transfers and notional cash pooling) increased to 3.9% in May from 3.5% in April. Within the non-financial private sector, the annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to households](#) stood at 3.1% in May, compared with 3.0% in April, while the annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to non-financial corporations](#) increased to

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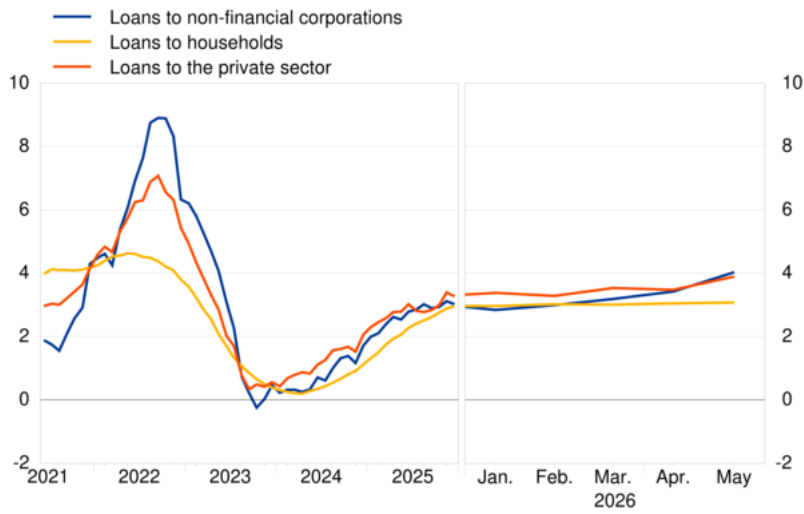
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4.0% in May from 3.4% in April.

Chart 3

Adjusted loans to the private sector

(annual growth rates)



[Data for adjusted loans to the private sector](#)

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: May 2026

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

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
COMPONENTS OF M3							
1. M3	17552	81	-20	115	3.2	2.7	3.2
1.1. M2	16382	27	2	91	3.2	2.9	3.2
1.1.1. M1	11328	44	-28	63	4.7	3.8	4.0
Currency in circulation	1606	4	1	4	2.3	2.3	2.4
Overnight deposits	9722	40	-29	59	5.1	4.0	4.3
1.1.2. Other short-term deposits (M2 - M1)	5054	-17	31	28	-0.1	0.9	1.4
Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	2473	-16	25	27	-3.6	-1.7	-0.1
Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2581	-1	6	1	3.4	3.3	3.0
1.2. Marketable instruments (M3 - M2)	1170	55	-22	24	4.2	0.9	3.2
Repurchase agreements	213	15	-22	12	3.9	-11.8	-3.2
Money market fund shares	912	16	-1	10	3.5	3.3	3.4
Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years	45	23	1	2	28.8	33.4	47.6
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
2. Liabilities to central government ^{b)}	429	1	-2	3	7.6	-3.7	-7.2
3. Longer-term liabilities to other euro area residents	8557	27	-15	51	2.8	2.8	2.9
3.1. Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years	1853	4	-39	3	2.8	0.7	0.9
3.2. Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months	135	1	0	2	9.9	7.7	7.2
3.3. Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years	2701	9	25	32	4.6	5.7	5.8
3.4. Capital and reserves	3868	13	0	13	1.3	1.5	1.8
MFI assets:							
4. Claims on euro area residents	22784	75	-52	88	2.4	2.0	2.4
4.1. Claims on general government	6306	26	-41	19	0.4	-0.4	0.1
Loans	1049	2	1	0	4.9	4.8	3.9
Debt securities	5230	24	-42	19	-0.4	-1.4	-0.7
Equity	26	0	0	0	1.2	1.0	0.6
4.2. Claims on the private sector ^{c)}	16478	49	-12	70	3.2	2.9	3.3
Loans	13886	62	33	68	3.5	3.4	3.8
Adjusted loans ^{d)}	14160	70	35	69	3.5	3.5	3.9
Debt securities	1530	-10	-43	-1	0.6	-2.3	-2.3
Equity	707	-4	-6	1	5.0	6.5	6.1
Shares issued by investment funds other than money market funds	355	1	4	2	2.3	3.1	3.2
5. Net external assets	3556	56	-15	49	-	-	-
6. Other counterparts of M3 (residual)	198	-22	31	31	-	-	-
of which:							
6.1. Repos with central counterparties (liabilities) ^{e)}	417	-9	-10	30	27.9	17.3	35.7
6.2. Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets) ^{e)}	273	1	23	-4	16.1	17.4	12.9

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: May 2026

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{a)})

	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
COMPONENTS OF M3			
1. M1	3.0	2.4	2.6
1.1. Currency in circulation	0.2	0.2	0.2
1.2. Overnight deposits	2.8	2.2	2.3
2. M2 - M1 (other short-term deposits)	0.0	0.3	0.4
3. M3 - M2 (marketable instruments)	0.3	0.1	0.2
COUNTERPARTS OF M3			
4. Claims on the private sector	3.0	2.8	3.1
5. Claims on general government	0.2	-0.2	0.0
6. Net external assets	2.5	2.0	1.9
7. Longer-term liabilities (inverted sign) ^{b)}	-1.4	-1.3	-1.4
8. Remaining counterparts	-1.1	-0.5	-0.4
M3 (sum of items 1 to 3, or items 4 to 8)	3.2	2.7	3.2

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

b) Longer-term liabilities to euro area residents excluding central government.

3 Deposits in M3: May 2026

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

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
Total deposits	14989	38	-20	100	3.3	2.7	3.2
1. Deposits placed by households ^{b)}	9164	-4	26	26	2.9	2.9	2.9
1.1. Overnight deposits	5608	-7	11	22	5.1	4.7	4.6
1.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	1165	3	9	5	-7.1	-5.1	-3.6
1.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2390	0	5	-1	3.1	3.0	2.6
1.4. Repurchase agreements	1	0	0	0	-37.9	-8.4	-12.9
2. Deposits placed by non-financial corporations	3607	5	6	34	4.2	3.8	4.2
2.1. Overnight deposits	2623	12	-12	10	5.3	4.4	4.3
2.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	824	-5	15	23	0.0	1.2	3.0
2.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	154	0	1	0	9.7	9.4	8.5
2.4. Repurchase agreements	6	-2	2	1	-50.6	-24.6	3.9
3. Deposits placed by investment funds other than money market funds	483	2	-14	7	3.1	-5.8	-0.4
3.1. Overnight deposits	386	-4	-8	11	1.1	-7.5	-1.1
3.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	46	4	1	-4	27.7	34.4	27.0
3.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2	0	0	0	-8.8	-20.3	-13.1
3.4. Repurchase agreements	49	2	-7	-1	0.4	-18.7	-12.8
4. Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds	245	-1	-7	8	4.6	-3.5	3.6
4.1. Overnight deposits	170	3	-9	6	7.1	-1.8	5.1
4.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	38	-2	3	-2	-5.3	3.4	-5.5
4.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	4	0	0	0	-0.7	-6.2	-5.4
4.4. Repurchase agreements	33	-2	0	3	4.9	-18.1	8.9
5. Deposits placed by other non-monetary financial corporations ^{c)}	926	47	-31	14	4.3	3.0	3.8
5.1. Overnight deposits	543	40	-17	11	7.7	6.3	5.8
5.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	247	-8	-3	0	-7.4	-4.9	-2.0
5.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	23	-1	0	1	13.5	16.5	20.4
5.4. Repurchase agreements ^{c)}	113	16	-10	2	13.3	2.8	3.4
6. Deposits placed by other general government	564	-12	-1	11	2.2	2.0	3.4

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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: May 2026 ^{a)}
(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{b)})

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
1. Loans to households ^{c)}	7210	18	19	17	3.0	3.0	3.1
1.1. Credit for consumption	837	4	5	3	5.0	5.3	5.2
1.2. Lending for house purchase	5700	13	12	15	3.0	3.0	3.1
1.3. Other lending	673	1	2	-1	0.4	0.6	0.5
<i>of which: sole proprietors</i>	350	0	0	0	-1.3	-1.4	-1.2
2. Loans to non-financial corporations	5442	27	24	34	3.2	3.4	4.0
2.1. up to 1 year	884	12	5	10	3.7	3.9	5.5
2.2. over 1 year and up to 5 years	1176	13	7	8	2.6	3.4	4.1
2.3. over 5 years	3382	2	12	16	3.3	3.3	3.6
3. Loans to investment funds other than money market funds	216	3	2	1	10.4	10.4	10.1
4. Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	143	-1	-4	2	8.2	4.7	4.3
5. Loans to other non-monetary financial corporations ^{d)}	1149	23	-6	15	6.9	5.1	7.3

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.