

Loans by size of firms – August 2021

Outstanding business credit stabilizes, while still growing strongly compared to 2019

- At the end of August 2021, loans mobilized by companies reached 1198.8 billion euros, up + 1.6% over one year, after an increase of + 3.1% at the end of July. Over two years, the growth rate was 14.4% compared to August 2019 against 15.4% compared to July 2019.
- The trend towards deleveraging by large companies and ISEs continues with a reduction in their outstanding loans: for LEs - 7.5% in August 2021 against -4.6% in July 2021 and for ISEs - 4.4% in August 2021 against -2.3% in July 2021. This movement corresponds to the evolution of credit after the outbreak of the COVID crisis, knowing that ISEs and LEs had heavily drawn on their credit lines from March 2020. For SMEs, credit growth remains positive but continues to decline to +5.7% in August 2021, compared to +6.9% in July. Over two years, credit growth rates remain higher at 1.3% for LEs, 5.3% for ISEs and 24.2% for SMEs.
- The growth of credit is especially driven by the information and communication (+ 6.7 %), the accommodation and food service activities (+ 6.9 %). The weakest growth is reported in industry (- 5.6 %) and the transportation and storage activities (- 5.5 %).
- The rate on new loans up to EUR 1 million increases by 1 basis point to 1.37 % (up from 1.36 % in July). The rate on new loans of more than EUR 1 million, more erratic, decreases to 1.31 % (down from 1.49 % in July).

Outstanding amounts of loans to resident enterprises by size (*)

(Outstanding amounts in EUR Bn, annual growth rate in %)

	Number of enterprises (**)	Outstanding amounts	Drawn credits			
			growth rate			
			Aug. 21	Aug. 21	Aug. 21 / Aug. 20	July 21 / July 20
SME	1,311,180	526.7	5.7	6.9	24.2	24.8
ISE	6,353	310.5	-4.4	-2.3	5.3	7.0
Large Firms	282	157.7	-7.5	-4.6	1.3	3.0
Total (exc. non-trading real estate companies and others)	1,317,815	994.9	0.2	1.9	13.8	14.8
<i>non-trading real estate companies and others (see additional information)</i>	645,546	203.8	9.5	9.6	17.8	18.0
All enterprises	1,963,361	1,198.8	1.6	3.1	14.4	15.4

Outstanding amounts of loans to resident enterprises by type of credit and by sector

(Outstanding amounts in EUR Bn, annual growth rate in %)

	Drawn credits			Drawn and undrawn credits		
	Outstanding amounts	growth rates		Outstanding amounts	growth rates	
		Aug. 21	Aug. 21 / Aug. 20		Aug. 21 / Aug. 19	Aug. 21
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ)	59.9	4.2	9.7	68.0	4.3	9.1
Industry (BE)	144.3	-5.6	11.3	248.3	-4.4	14.2
- inc. Manufacturing (C)	113.5	-4.6	14.5	188.5	-5.7	15.1
Construction (FZ)	67.7	-1.0	18.7	102.1	-1.5	15.9
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (G)	168.5	-4.2	8.2	241.8	-3.7	11.2
Transportation and storage (H)	55.5	-5.5	11.7	71.5	-3.8	14.0
Accommodation and food service activities (I)	46.5	6.9	38.9	50.8	4.7	31.4
Information and communication (JZ)	30.0	6.7	30.6	53.7	3.2	5.5
Real estate activities (LZ)	468.6	5.9	12.0	516.7	6.6	12.3
Advisory & Business support activities (MN)	79.7	0.2	26.9	99.5	1.3	22.6
Education, human health and social work services, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Other service activities (P to S)	57.7	2.7	18.4	66.8	4.8	19.4
Holdings	20.3	22.4	41.4	25.6	24.3	55.5
Total	1,198.8	1.6	14.4	1,544.7	1.5	14.3



Interest rates on new loans to non-financial corporations (exc. overdraft)

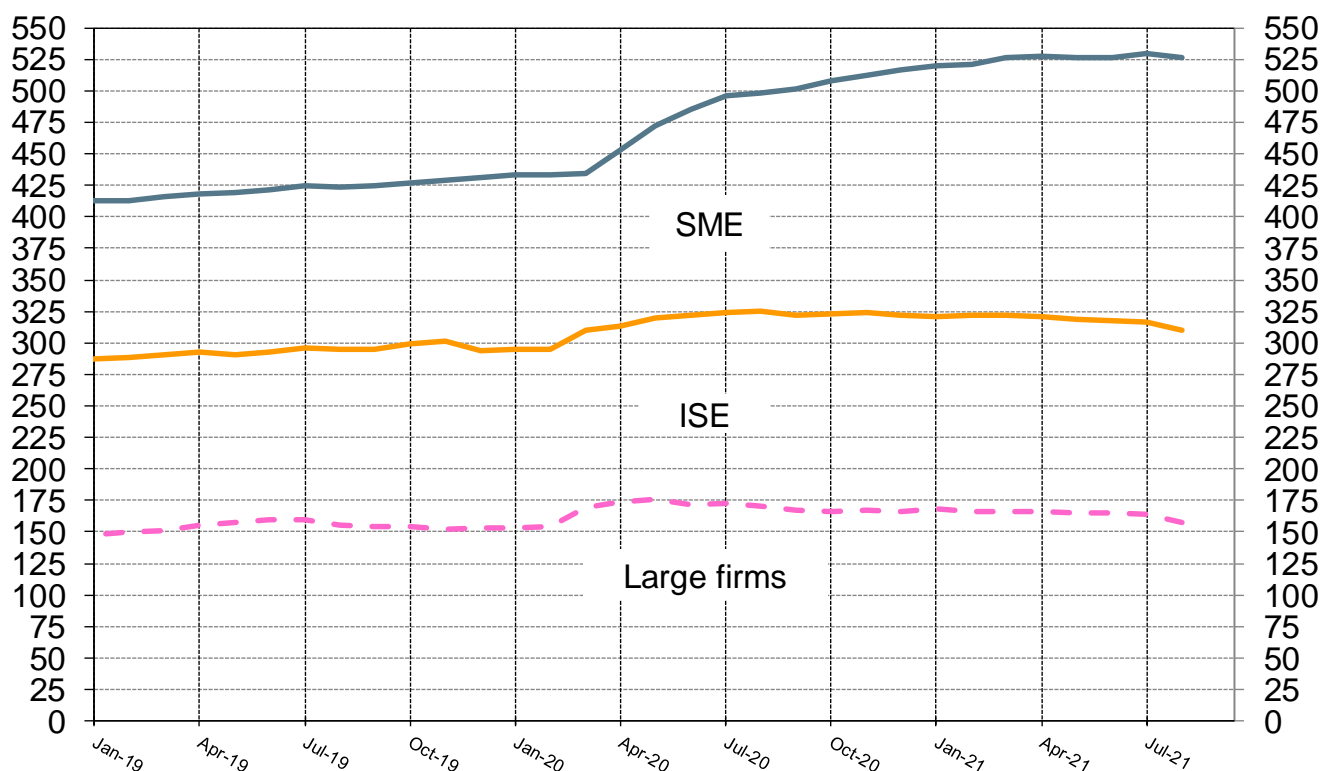
(Effective interest rates in the narrow sense, in percentages)

	Aug-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21 (a)	Aug-21 (b)
- credits ≤ 1 million euros	1.30	1.32	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.36	1.37
- credits > 1 million euros	0.94	1.38	1.44	1.26	1.26	1.49	1.31

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional

Outstanding amounts of credit

(drawn credit in EUR bn (*))



(* see additional information)

Additional Information

The outstanding amounts of credit in this publication are those collected by the central credit register, i.e. of a unit amount of more than 25,000 euros. These outstanding amounts include drawn credits, which means those actually used, and the undrawn credits, unused lines of credit. Individual data are grouped according to the size (larges firms, intermediate-sized enterprise - ISE and small and medium-sized enterprise - SME) and the sector of businesses. Businesses that cannot be assigned in a size category according to the criteria of the LME (Loi de Modernisation de l'économie) are included in the category "non-trading real estate companies and others".

Additional data on SMEs, interest rates by size of enterprises, and share of less than 3 year old enterprises (excl. sole proprietors) in the total of enterprises, are available at the following address: <http://webstat.banque-france.fr/fr/browse.do?node=5384417>

Outstanding amounts of credit to micro-enterprises (incl. sole proprietors), come from another data collection and are available at the following address: <http://webstat.banque-france.fr/fr/browse.do?node=5384934>

Non-financial corporations include all enterprises with as main activity the market production of goods and non-financial services, excluding sole proprietors.

Interest rates in this publication are those to new credits distributed by resident credit institutions to French non-financial corporations. The interest rates are effective rates in the narrow sense. They correspond to the interest component of the Annual Percentage Rate (TEG).

