



# MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS

## MARCH/APRIL 2018

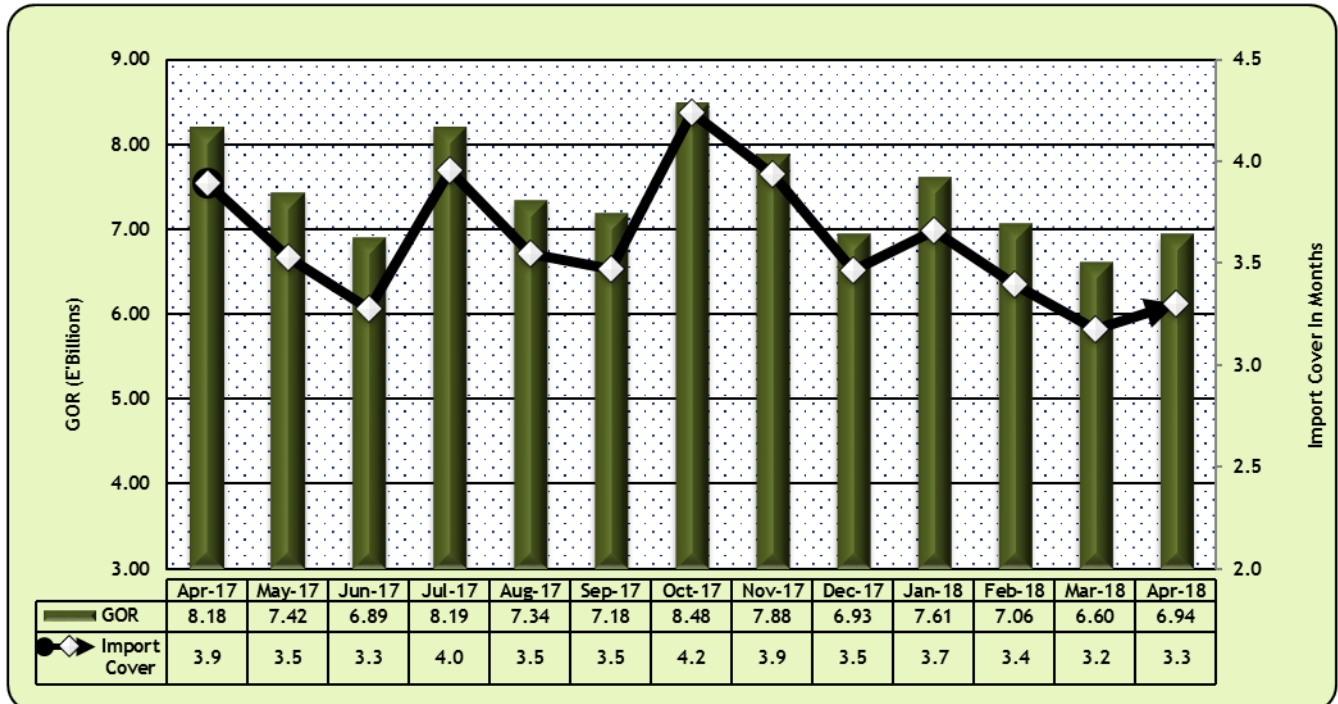
HIGHLIGHTS ON MAJOR MONETARY AGGREGATES	MONTHLY % CHANGE	ANNUAL % CHANGE
<b>Gross Official Reserves</b> amounted to E6.9 billion at the end of April 2018, depicting a month-on-month increase of 5.1 per cent. Growth was due to SACU receipts. The Reserves were enough to cover 3.3 months of imports. Annually, the Reserves receded by 15.2 per cent.	5.1 	15.2 
<b>Credit to the Private sector</b> fell by 0.9 per cent month-on-month to E13.8 billion, mainly driven by a decline in credit to Households and Businesses. Credit to Other sectors, however rose over the month of March 2018. Annually, Private Sector credit rose by 11.2 per cent.	0.9 	11.2 
<b>Broad Money Supply (M2)</b> fell by 5.4 per cent to E16.5 billion at the end of March 2018. The reduction in M2 was observed in both its components, Quasi Money and Narrow Money Supply (M1). Year-on-year, M2 rose by 14.7 per cent.	5.4 	14.7 
<b>Domestic Liquid Assets</b> declined by 2.3 per cent to E4.3 billion at the end of March 2018. The fall was registered in banks' balances with the Central Bank. Year-on-year, Liquid Assets expanded by 25.3 per cent.	2.3 	25.3 
	PERCENT	
<b>Discount Rate:</b> the discount rate was maintained at 6.75 per cent in April 2018.	6.75	
<b>Prime Lending Rate:</b> the prime lending rate declined to 10.25 per cent in April 2018.	10.25	



## Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates

**Gross Official Reserves** reached E6.9 billion at the end of April 2018, higher than the E6.6 billion observed in the previous month. At this level the Reserves depicted an expansion of 5.1 per cent from March 2018. Consequently, the Reserves were enough to cover 3.3 months of imports, higher than the 3.2 months recorded in March 2018. The growth in Reserves was boosted by the quarterly inflow of the SACU receipts at the beginning of April 2018. When valued in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the Reserves amounted to E387.7 million depicting a month-on-month increase of 1.5 per cent. However, when compared over the year, the Reserves reflected a contraction of 15.2 per cent when valued in Emalangenzi terms and 13.8 per cent in SDR terms.

**Figure 1: Gross Official Reserves and Import Cover; April 2017 to April 2018**



Source: Central Bank of Swaziland

**Credit Extended to the Private Sector** amounted to E13.8 billion at the end of March 2018, reflecting a month-on-month contraction of 0.9 per cent from the previous month. The decrease stemmed from these subsectors of Private Sector credit; credit to Households and Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households (NPISH) and credit to Businesses. However, credit to Other Sectors depicted an increase over the review period. However, when compared year-on-year, Private Sector credit expanded by 11.2 per cent.

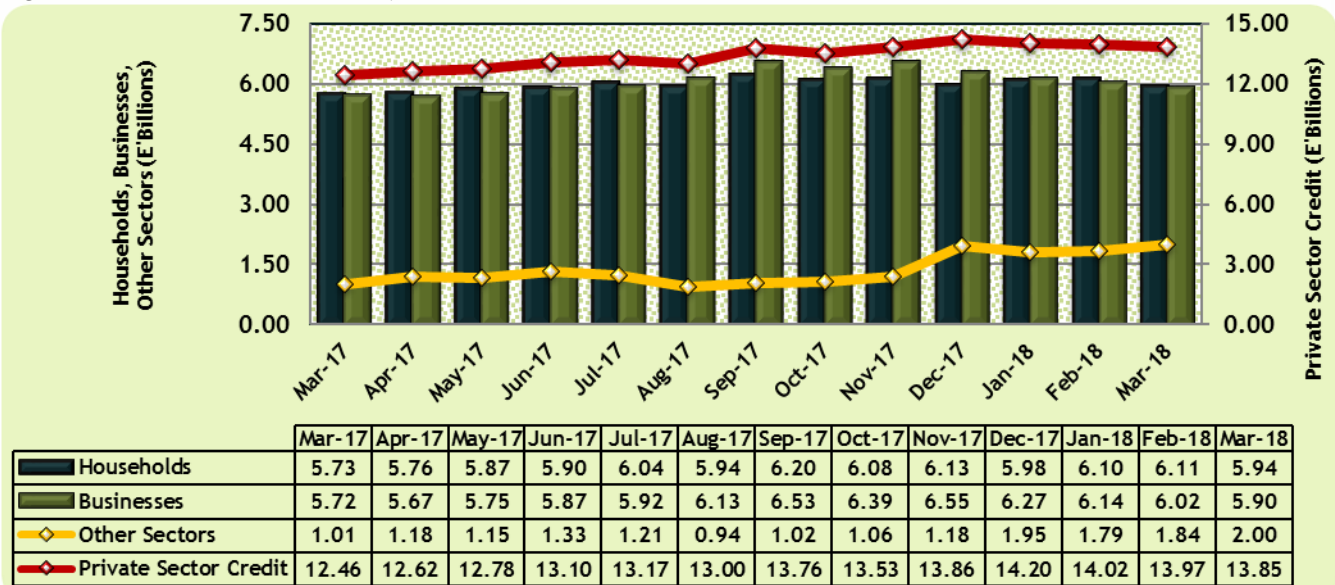
**Credit Extended to Businesses** as at end of March 2018 amounted to E5.9 billion depicting a decline of 1.9 per cent from the previous month. The reduction in credit to Businesses was largely observed in these subsectors; Community, Social and Personal Services (-10.6 per cent), Real Estate (-10.4 per cent), Mining and Quarrying (-5.3 per cent), as well as Manufacturing (-5.1 per cent). In contrast, an expansion was registered by these subsectors; Agriculture and Forestry sector (6.5 per cent), Distribution and Tourism (4.5 per cent), Transport and Communications (3.5 per cent) and Construction sector (2.1 per cent).

**Credit Extended to Other Sectors** recorded 8.8 per cent month-on-month growth to reach E2.0 billion at the end of March 2018, higher than the E1.8 billion registered in February 2018. The growth resulted from all components of credit to Other Sectors of the economy as follows; Public Nonfinancial Corporations (26.7 per cent), Other Financial Corporations (2.8 per cent) and Local Government (1.9 per cent).



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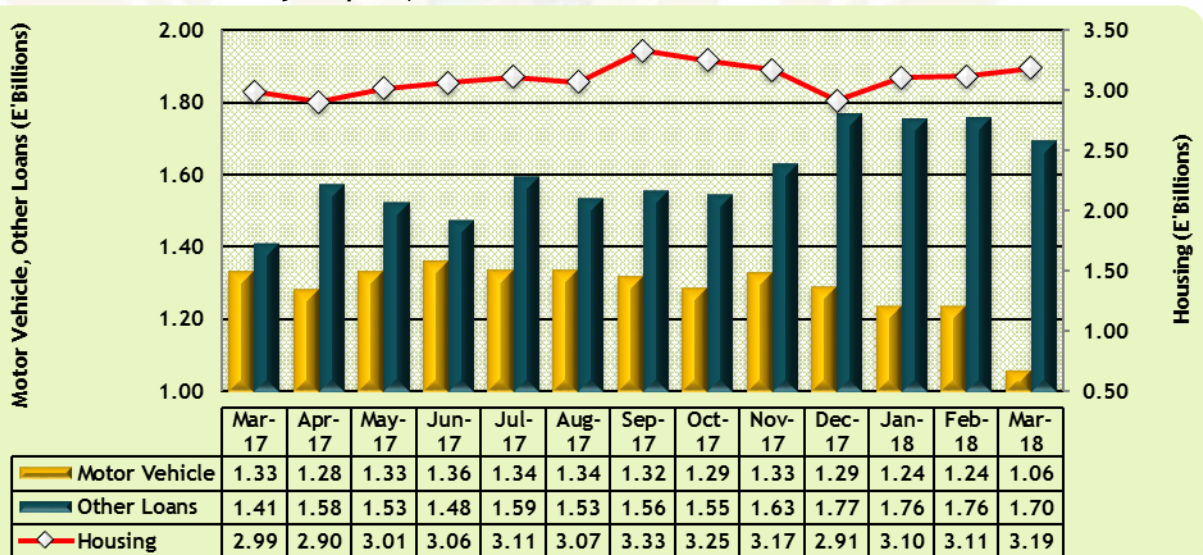
Figure 2: Private Sector Credit; March 2017 to March 2018



Source: Central Bank of Swaziland

**Credit Extended to Households & NPISH** as at the end of March 2018 amounted to E5.9 billion decreasing by 2.8 per cent relative to the previous month. The fall was mainly on account of Motor Vehicle Finance and Other Unsecured loans whilst Mortgage Finance recorded an increase when compared with the previous month. Motor Vehicle Finance decelerated by 14.5 per cent to E1.1 billion and Other Unsecured Loans by 3.7 per cent to E1.7 billion. Housing Finance on the contrary, expanded by 2.4 per cent to E3.2 billion at the end of March 2018.

Figure 3: Credit to Households by Purpose; March 2017 to March 2018



Source: Other Depository Corporations

**Net Government Balances** with the banking sector stood at E1.1 billion at the end of March 2018 on account of an increase in claims on Government combined with a fall in Government deposits. Year-on-year, net Government balances depicted a significant contraction.

**Broad Money Supply (M2)** decelerated by 5.4 per cent from the previous month to settle at E16.5 billion, in line with the decline in Private Sector credit. The contraction was reflected in both Quasi Money Supply and Narrow Money Supply over the month under review. Compared over the year, however, M2 depicted growth of 14.7 per cent.

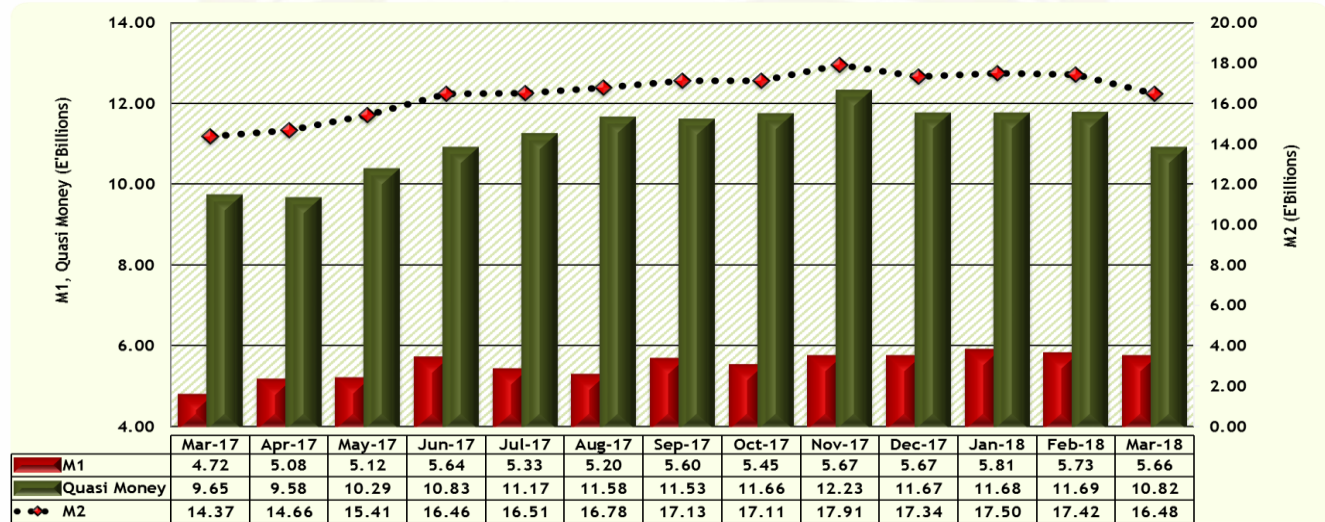


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**Quasi Money Supply** receded by 7.5 per cent month-on-month at the end of March 2018 to reach E10.8 billion, due to Time Deposits and Savings Deposits. Time deposits fell by 8.5 per cent to E9.2 billion whilst Savings Deposits fell by 0.9 per cent to E1.6 billion over the month under review.

**M1** depicted a month-on-month contraction of 1.2 per cent to settle at E5.7 billion at the end of March 2018, driven by both Currency Outside Depository Corporations and Transferable Deposits. Currency Outside Depository Corporations decreased by 5.6 per cent to E533.3 million and Transferable Deposits by 0.7 per cent to E5.1 billion at the end of the month under review.

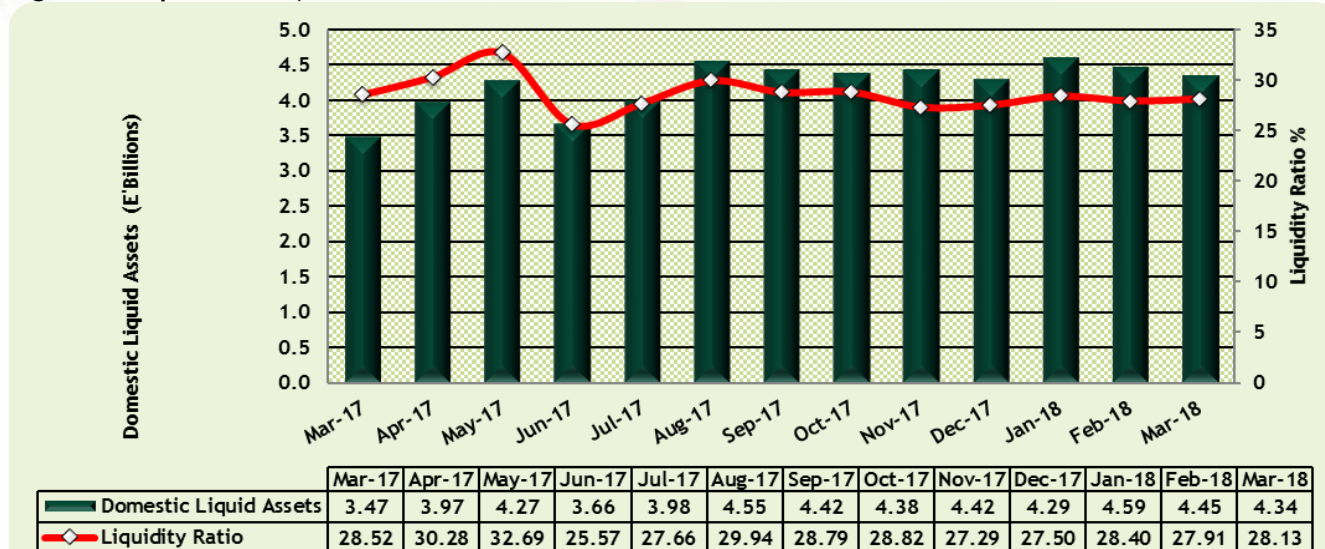
**Figure 4: Money Supply; March 2017 to March 2018**



Source: Other Depository Corporations & Central Bank of Swaziland

**The liquidity position of the banking industry** decreased by 2.3 per cent month-on-month to E4.3 billion at the end of March 2018. The reduction was observed in banks' balances with the Central Bank. The banks' liquidity ratio however, rose by 0.2 percentage points to settle at 28.1 per cent at the end of March 2018, due to a fall in domestic deposits. When compared on an annual basis the banks' liquidity position expanded by 25.3 per cent.

**Figure 5: Liquid Assets; March 2017 to March 2018**



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	<i>Mar-18</i>	<i>Feb-18</i>	<i>Mar-17</i>
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>ITEM</i>	<i>(E'000)</i>	<i>(E'000)</i>	<i>(E'000)</i>
<b>CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND</b>			
<i>Claims on Non-residents</i>	<b>7 844 137</b>	<b>8 282 373</b>	<b>8 625 888</b>
<i>Claims on Domestic Economy</i>	<b>1 369 576</b>	<b>1 369 465</b>	<b>1 151 824</b>
Government	1 336 677	1 337 137	1 123 211
Other Depository Corporations	2 038	2 066	2 010
Other Resident Sectors	30 861	30 263	26 603
<i>Other Assets</i>	<b>534 440</b>	<b>1 842 627</b>	<b>414 395</b>
<i>Total Assets/Liabilities</i>	<b>9 748 153</b>	<b>11 494 466</b>	<b>10 192 107</b>
<b>OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS</b>			
<i>Cash and Deposits with CBS</i>	<b>1 744 634</b>	<b>1 918 854</b>	<b>1 288 545</b>
<i>Net Balances with Banks Outside Swaziland</i>	<b>2 016 206</b>	<b>2 355 998</b>	<b>999 063</b>
<i>Loans and advances</i>	<b>12 474 961</b>	<b>12 625 958</b>	<b>11 874 596</b>
<b>Government Securities</b>			
Treasury Bills	<b>1 862 403</b>	<b>1 800 101</b>	<b>1 412 396</b>
Government Bonds	<b>938 001</b>	<b>939 547</b>	<b>873 518</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>			
Transferable/Demand	4 446 749	4 486 923	4 145 768
Savings	1 654 299	1 668 518	1 791 884
Time	9 441 791	10 179 617	7 881 731
<i>Capital and Reserves</i>	<b>3 679 855</b>	<b>3 648 848</b>	<b>3 288 239</b>
<i>Total Assets/Liabilities</i>	<b>21 756 927</b>	<b>22 233 397</b>	<b>18 757 163</b>
<i>Total Liquid Assets (Banks only)</i>	<b>4 343 562</b>	<b>4 447 705</b>	<b>3 466 942</b>
<i>Required Liquidity (Banks only)</i>	<b>3 634 260</b>	<b>3 756 673</b>	<b>2 993 825</b>
<i>Surplus/ Deficiency (-) (Banks only)</i>	<b>709 302</b>	<b>691 032</b>	<b>473 117</b>
<b>RATIOS (%)</b>			
<i>Actual Liquidity to Domestic Liabilities (Banks Only)</i>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>
<i>Loans and Advances to Deposits</i>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>85.9</b>

<b>DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS SURVEY</b>		<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-18</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	
<b>Net Foreign Assets (E)</b>		<b>7 655 912</b>	<b>8 432 635</b>	<b>7 213 256</b>	
<b>Net Official Assets</b>		<b>5 607 878</b>	<b>6 064 368</b>	<b>6 213 733</b>	
Foreign Assets - Central Bank of Swaziland		7 870 380	8 308 616	8 652 131	
Foreign Liabilities - Central Bank of Swaziland		2 262 501	2 244 249	2 438 398	
<b>Net Other Depository Corporations Foreign holdings (ODC)</b>		<b>2 048 034</b>	<b>2 368 267</b>	<b>999 523</b>	
Foreign Assets - ODC		2 330 563	2 651 003	1 293 446	
Foreign Liabilities - ODC		282 529	282 736	293 923	
<b>Net Foreign Assets (SDR)</b>		<b>-442 950</b>	<b>-496 417</b>	<b>-459 059</b>	
<b>Net Domestic Claims</b>		<b>14 981 034</b>	<b>13 518 839</b>	<b>11 647 080</b>	
<b>Net Claims on Government</b>		<b>1 135 704</b>	<b>-448 250</b>	<b>-808 834</b>	
Claims on Central Government		4 138 355	4 078 338	3 479 779	
Government Deposits		3 002 652	4 526 588	4 288 613	
<b>Claims on other sectors</b>		<b>13 845 330</b>	<b>13 967 089</b>	<b>12 455 914</b>	
Other nonfinancial corporations (Industry)		5 904 681	6 017 111	5 716 412	
Other resident sectors (Households & NPISH)		5 942 736	6 113 293	5 732 460	
Other sectors		1 997 914	1 836 685	1 007 041	
<b>Broad Money Supply (M2)</b>		<b>16 476 337</b>	<b>17 415 798</b>	<b>14 370 228</b>	
<b>Narrow Money Supply (M1)</b>		<b>5 659 246</b>	<b>5 727 077</b>	<b>4 720 167</b>	
Currency outside depository corporations (E)		533 284	565 173	594 520	
Transferable (Demand) deposits		5 125 962	5 161 904	4 125 647	
<b>Quasi Money</b>		<b>10 817 090</b>	<b>11 688 721</b>	<b>9 650 061</b>	
Savings Deposits		1 622 253	1 636 833	1 758 805	
Time Deposits		9 194 837	10 051 888	7 891 256	
Shares and Other Equity		6 496 810	6 546 060	5 051 504	
Central Of Swaziland		2 308 003	2 392 109	1 302 910	
Other Depository Corporations		4 188 807	4 153 951	3 748 594	
<b>Other Items (net)</b>		<b>-336 201</b>	<b>-2 010 385</b>	<b>-561 395</b>	
<b>GROSS OFFICIAL RESERVES</b>		<b>30-Apr-18</b>	<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-18</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>
		<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>(E'000)</b>	<b>(E'000)</b>	<b>(E'000)</b>	<b>(E'000)</b>
<b>Total Official (Gross) - Emalangeni E</b>		<b>6 940 448</b>	<b>6 600 764</b>	<b>7 060 360</b>	<b>7 322 656</b>
<b>Special Drawing Rights (SDR)</b>		<b>387 696</b>	<b>381 902</b>	<b>415 633</b>	<b>404 209</b>
<b>Central Bank</b>		<b>6 940 448</b>	<b>6 600 764</b>	<b>7 060 360</b>	<b>7 322 656</b>
<b>Government</b>		<b>26 243</b>	<b>26 243</b>	<b>26 243</b>	<b>26 243</b>
<b>Import Cover (Reserves to months of estimated imports)</b>		<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Net Bank Holdings</b>			<b>2 048 034</b>	<b>2 368 267</b>	<b>999 523</b>
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