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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 5 March 2021

Interest rates and threshold factor

In percent

Date	SNB policy rate ¹	SARON Close of trading ²	Special rate (liquidity-shortage financing facility) ³	Interest rate on sight deposits ⁴	Threshold factor
01.03.21	-0.75	-0.73	0.00	-0.75	30
02.03.21	-0.75	-0.73	0.00	-0.75	30
03.03.21	-0.75	-0.73	0.00	-0.75	30
04.03.21	-0.75	-0.72	0.00	-0.75	30
05.03.21	-0.75	-0.73	0.00	-0.75	30

1 From 3 January 2000 until 13 June 2019, the SNB set a target range for the three-month Swiss franc Libor. From 13 June 2019, the SNB policy rate is applied. Cf. also the press release on the [monetary policy assessment of 13 June 2019](#).

2 SARON is a reference interest rate for overnight transactions in the secured Swiss franc money market. The benchmark administrator, SIX, calculates and publishes SARON to six decimal places and is responsible for licensing.

3 The special rate is calculated as the current SNB policy rate plus a surcharge of 50 basis points. The special rate always amounts to at least 0%.

4 Charged only on sight deposit account balances which exceed a certain amount (exemption threshold).

Press release

Average of sight deposits in Swiss francs at the SNB for the week ending 5 March 2021

In CHF millions

Sight deposits of domestic banks	635,989
Other deposits on sight in Swiss francs	67,079
Total sight deposits in Swiss francs at the SNB	703,068

Minimum reserves: sight deposits of domestic banks averaged over the reporting period⁵

In CHF millions

Previous reporting period Average until	Sight deposits	Current reporting period Average until	Sight deposits
22.01.21	637,629	26.02.21	640,808
29.01.21	637,485	05.03.21	638,399
05.02.21	638,583		
12.02.21	639,909		
19.02.21	640,432		
Final figure for period	640,432		

5 The reporting period lasts from the 20th of a month until the 19th of the following month.

Minimum reserves: compliance during the last 12 reporting periods

In CHF millions

Reporting period	Requirement	Eligible assets ⁶	Swiss banknotes and coins	Sight deposits with the SNB	Compliance in percent	Interest rate ⁷ in percent
20.01.20 - 19.02.20	18,367	510,215	6,568	503,647	2,778	3.29
20.02.20 - 19.03.20	18,369	511,809	6,617	505,192	2,786	3.29
20.03.20 - 19.04.20	18,457	551,684	6,718	544,965	2,989	3.35
20.04.20 - 19.05.20	18,622	591,837	6,316	585,521	3,178	3.34
20.05.20 - 19.06.20	18,880	603,980	6,388	597,592	3,199	3.34
20.06.20 - 19.07.20	19,080	616,848	6,460	610,388	3,233	3.33
20.07.20 - 19.08.20	19,305	634,576	6,305	628,271	3,287	3.30
20.08.20 - 19.09.20	19,481	640,911	6,205	634,706	3,290	3.29
20.09.20 - 19.10.20	20,007	639,541	6,166	633,375	3,197	3.29
20.10.20 - 19.11.20	20,565	645,620	5,951	639,669	3,139	3.28
20.11.20 - 19.12.20	21,017	643,827	5,996	637,831	3,063	3.28
20.12.20 - 19.01.21	21,138	638,274	6,312	631,962	3,020	3.28

6 Sum of Swiss banknotes and coins as well as sight deposits with the SNB.

7 Interest obligation in the event of non-fulfilment of the minimum reserve requirements.