

Key Indicators



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LBP= Lebanese Pound; USD= US Dollar; FC= Foreign Currency; () indicates a negative number; CD= Certificate of Deposit; BDL= Banque du Liban.

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Banque Du Liban (BDL), Association des Banques du Liban (ABL), Lebanese Customs Administration, CAS.

Indicators of Economic Activity (million USD unless otherwise mentioned)

	2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
1- Building permits (000 m²)	6,081	169	601	651
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				2,051
2- Cement Deliveries (000 tons)	3,203	133	193	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
3- Imports of Goods	19,239	674	854	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
4- Exports of Goods	3,731	251	277	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
5- Balance of Trade in Goods = (4) - (3)	(15,508)	(423)	(577)	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				
6- Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the Financial Sector ¹	(5,851)	(888)	(296)	(3,046)
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				(5,533)
7- Total Checks Cleared (billion LBP)	85,902	3,878	7,332	8,705
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>				48,595
8- BDL Coincident Indicator (Average 93=100) -Index²	265.9	162.8	152.8	n.a.
9- CAS Consumer Price Index (Dec 2013=100)- Index²	115.54	172.06	206.83	230.45
10- BDL FC Gross Reserves (end of period)	29,553	26,437	25,870	23,558
11- LBP / USD (period average-official rate)	1507.50	1507.50	1507.50	1507.50

¹ The Financial sector includes BDL, Commercial Banks, Medium & Long Term Banks, and Financial institutions.

² The figures in the 2019 column are related to the month of December.

Consolidated Balance Sheet of Commercial Banks - Main Items (end of period - billion LBP)

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
Assets				
1- Deposits of Commercial Banks at BDL	177,468	174,458	173,898	171,415
2- Claims on Resident Private Sector	66,627	56,801	55,147	53,732
- in LBP	20,883	20,308	20,215	20,440
- in FC	45,744	36,493	34,932	33,292
3- Claims on Public Sector	43,240	37,252	36,724	36,213
- in LBP	22,413	21,402	21,074	20,661
- in FC	20,827	15,850	15,650	15,551
4- Foreign Assets	26,534	22,634	21,696	20,611
- o/w Claims on Non Resident Financial Sector	10,202	7,109	6,800	6,671
Currency and Deposits with other Central Banks	887	764	733	769
Liabilities				
5- Resident Private Sector Deposits	190,566	176,714	175,130	173,843
- in LBP	52,687	41,457	40,463	39,525
- in FC	137,879	135,256	134,666	134,318
6- Public Sector Deposits	7,379	7,317	7,298	7,575
7- Deposits of Non Resident Private Sector	48,920	43,829	42,707	42,176
- in LBP	4,733	3,599	3,469	3,326
- in FC	44,187	40,229	39,237	38,850
8- Deposits of Non Resident Banks	13,310	11,784	11,561	11,427
9- Capital Accounts	31,240	30,559	29,485	29,275
10- Other Liabilities	34,766	36,194	36,137	33,479
11- Total (Assets = Liabilities)	326,797	307,293	303,150	298,606

N.B. Starting December 2019, and according to the offsetting criteria in IAS 32 “Financial Instruments: Presentation” and the disclosure on offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities in IFRS 7, banks have offset their loans taken from BDL in Lebanese pound with their corresponding placements at Banque du Liban in Lebanese pound carrying same maturities.

Interest Rates on LBP Accounts

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
1- Simple Average Interest Rate on Deposits of Banks at BDL (%)	4.22	2.22	2.22	2.22
2- Weighted Yield on TB's (%)	7.53	7.56	7.56	7.55
3- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ¹	9.99	9.05	8.19	7.48
4- Weighted Average Rate on CDs issued by BDL(%)	8.74	8.78	8.78	8.78
5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%) ²	9.70	8.53	7.65	7.30
6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%) ³	8.60	4.94	4.62	4.18
7- Spread (%) ⁴ = (5) - (6)	1.11	3.59	3.04	3.12

¹ Average of the last three months on new loans. Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

² Calculated.

³ Average of the last three months on new deposits.

⁴ Does not take into account the cost of Capital, nor the cost of other debt sources of funds such as Interbank borrowing or facilities from the Central Bank.

Resident Private Sector Deposits in LBP at Commercial Banks (billion LBP)

Date	Demand Deposits	Time Deposits	Total	Weekly Change
12/31/2019	6,802	46,864	53,666	
8/6/2020	9,844	30,290	40,134	
8/13/2020	9,727	30,017	39,744	(390)
8/20/2020	9,743	30,027	39,770	26
8/27/2020	10,298	29,822	40,120	350

Interest Rates on USD Accounts

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
1- Average Rate on USD Deposits at BDL (%)	6.00	5.34	4.62	4.16
2- Average LIBOR 3-month on \$ Deposits (%)	1.91	0.40	0.31	0.27
3- Weighted Average Interest Rate on Eurobonds(%) ¹	7.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
4- Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ²	10.51	8.08	7.73	7.60
5- Weighted Return on Uses of Funds (%) ³	6.85	5.15	4.58	4.24
6- Weighted Average Rate on Deposits (%) ⁴	5.85	2.28	1.98	1.71
7- Spread (%) ⁵ = (5) - (6)	1.00	2.87	2.60	2.53

¹ Does not take into account the contribution of Paris II by parties other than the domestic commercial banks.

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³ Calculated.

⁴ Average of the last three months on new deposits.

⁵ Does not take into account the cost of capital, nor the facilities from the Central Bank.

Resident Private Sector Deposits in FC at Commercial Banks (million USD)

Date	Total Deposits	Weekly Change
12/31/2019	92,436	
8/6/2020	89,952	
8/13/2020	89,800	(153)
8/20/2020	89,747	(53)
8/27/2020	89,713	(34)

Outstanding CDs (end of period)

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
CDs issued by BDL in LBP (billion LBP)	48,043	45,251	45,251	45,226
CDs issued by BDL in USD (billion USD)	22.7	22.5	22.5	22.5
CDs Issued by Banks (million USD)	300	300	300	300

Outstanding Eurobonds (end of period - million USD)

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
Eurobonds Issued by the Lebanese Government*	31,314	31,314	31,314	31,314
Notes and Bonds Issued by Banks	650	650	650	650

* On March 23, 2020, the Lebanese government decided to discontinue payments on all its outstanding USD denominated Eurobonds.

The Latest outstanding Eurobonds before default was USD 31,314 million.

Monetary Data* (end of period - billion LBP)

	Dec-2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
1- M1	16,620	24,829	27,002	28,668
2- M2	63,484	58,467	58,820	59,170
3- M3	202,831	195,473	195,197	195,195
4- M2 + TB's held by Individuals & Institutional Investors	74,730	69,965	70,333	70,676
5- M3 - M2	139,347	137,006	136,377	136,025
6- (M3 - M2)/M3 (%)	68.70	70.09	69.87	69.69

*Starting January 2017, the compilation of the monetary aggregates and their counterparts is based on the consolidated balance sheets of depository corporations.

Public Finance (billion LBP)

	2019	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020
1- Total Receipts ¹	16,680	956	1,258	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			6,955	
2- Total Payments ¹	25,479	1,329	1,597	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			10,306	
- o/w debt service	8,366	193	97	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			2,031	
3- Overall Deficit / Surplus = (1) - (2)	(8,799)	(373)	(339)	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			(3,352)	
4- Overall Deficit in % of total Payments	-34.5%	-28.1%	-21.2%	n.a.
<i>Cumulative since the beginning of the year</i>			-32.5%	
5- Primary Balance ¹ (cumulative since the beginning of the year)	(433)	(1,079)	(1,321)	n.a.
6- Gross Public Debt ²	138,150	140,412	140,798	141,313
6.1- Debt in LBP ²	87,279	88,246	88,339	88,532
6.2- Debt in Foreign Currency ²	50,871	52,166	52,459	52,781
7- Public Sector Deposits ^{2,3}	15,677	13,827	13,719	14,339
8- Net Public Debt ² = (6) - (7)	122,473	126,585	127,079	126,974

¹ Include treasury and budget transactions.

² Figures as at end of period.

³ Deposits at BDL, Commercial Banks and MLT Banks.

Outstanding Lebanese Treasury Bills in LBP (end of period - billion LBP)

	Dec-2019		May-2020		Jun-2020		Jul-2020	
Portfolio: Amount and share								
3-month	26	0.03	45	0.05	47	0.05	46	0.05
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	5.23		3.47		3.47		3.47	
6-month	72	0.08	67	0.08	66	0.08	75	0.09
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	5.68		3.92		3.92		3.92	
12-month	939	1.10	1,106	1.28	962	1.11	964	1.11
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	6.10		4.31		4.31		4.31	
24-month	3,299	3.85	1,672	1.93	1,636	1.89	1,540	1.77
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	6.88		4.94		4.94		4.94	
36-month	9,086	10.60	8,851	10.23	8,992	10.37	8,995	10.35
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	7.36		5.43		5.43		5.43	
60-month	20,086	23.44	19,930	23.03	19,899	22.94	19,933	22.93
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	7.85		5.91		5.91		5.91	
84-month	15,555	18.15	16,016	18.51	16,109	18.57	16,238	18.68
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	8.81		6.40		6.40		6.40	
96-month	1,832	2.14	1,832	2.12	1,832	2.11	1,832	2.11
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
120-month	30,312	35.37	32,537	37.59	32,690	37.69	32,818	37.75
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	9.76		6.88		6.88		6.88	
144-month	3,076	3.59	3,076	3.55	3,076	3.55	3,076	3.54
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
180-month	1,417	1.65	1,417	1.64	1,417	1.63	1,417	1.63
<i>Interest Rate % (last issue)</i>	no issue		no issue		no issue		no issue	
Total	85,700	100	86,549	100	86,726	100	86,934	100
Banking System	75,074	87.60	75,665	87.42	75,843	87.45	75,994	87.42
Public Sector	9,820	11.46	10,100	11.67	10,100	11.65	10,162	11.69
Individuals and individual institutions	806	0.94	784	0.91	783	0.90	778	0.89