Private Sector Credit Extension

June 2024

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Overview

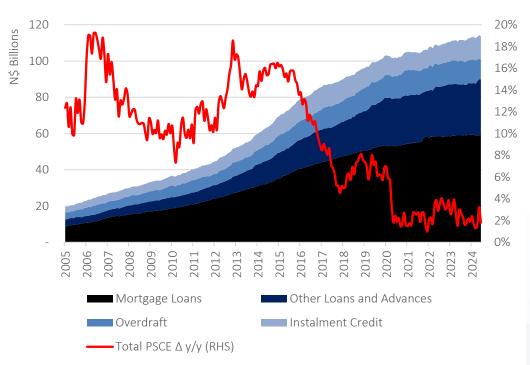
	N\$ Millions	Change in N\$ Millions		% Change	
Category	Outstanding	One Month	One Year	m/m	у/у
Corporates	46,019.4	(1,017.8)	241.0	-2.16%	0.53%
Individuals	67,585.3	285.3	1,774.1	0.42%	2.70%
Mortgage Loans	59,277.9	217.4	371.8	0.37%	0.63%
Other Loans & Advances	30,637.6	(288.6)	2,373.8	-0.93%	8.40%
Overdrafts	10,631.7	(770.1)	(2,431.9)	-6.75%	-18.62%
Instalment Credit	13,057.5	108.6	1,701.4	0.84%	14.98%
Total PSCE*	113,604.7	(732.6)	2,015.1	-0.64%	1.81%

^{*}Normalised for claims on non-resident private sectors

Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Growth in credit remains subdued. Private sector credit extension (PSCE) fell by 0.64% m/m in June, translating to an annual growth of 1.81%. The normalised cumulative credit outstanding amounted to N\$113.6bn (removing the interbank swaps the Bank of Namibia (BoN) accounts for in non-resident private sector claims). A net amount of N\$732.6m was repaid to creditors during June, driven by a net repayment of N\$1.0bn by business, which was partially offset by individuals borrowing a net amount of N\$285.3m.

Credit Outstanding by Type and Annual PSCE Growth



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Overdraft lending fell 18.62% y/y, which is the largest decline in this credit type since 2005 and the 5th consecutive month that the credit type contracted. Repayments by businesses in the commercial and services sector and the manufacturing sector drove overdraft lending down. However, the other credit types recorded growth.

Instalment credit has been the fastest growing credit sector. The sector grew by 14.98% y/y in June, slightly slower than the 15.13% y/y in May. The growth of the tourism sector benefits instalment credit extension as rental companies are buying vehicles to meet volumes demanded.

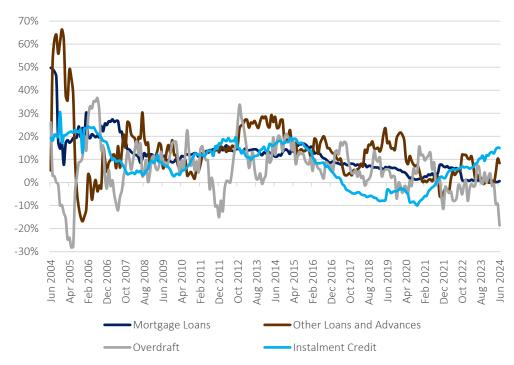


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Other loans and advances grew by 8.40% y/y in June, lower compared growth of 10.29% y/y in May. Repayments made by the fishing industry drove the lower growth rate, but other industries remain net borrowers of other loans and advances, while individuals minimally drove growth.

The annual growth rates of mortgage loans remained flat in June. The credit type grew by a meagre 0.63% y/y, slighter faster than the 0.26% y/y growth in May. Elevated interest rates have diminished the demand for mortgage loans, as businesses were net repayors of mortgage loans for the 21st consecutive month and individuals remained net borrowers, but at a very low level.

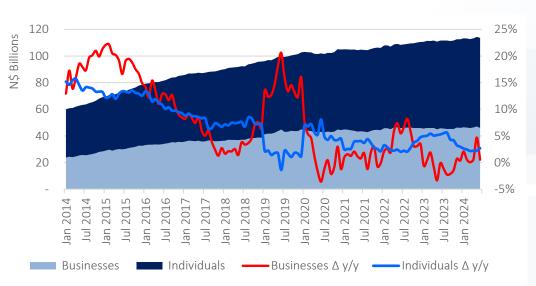
Annual Credit Growth by Type



Source: Bank of Namibia, IJG Securities

Total credit extended to businesses fell by 2.16% m/m in June, the steepest monthly decline since May 2023. On an annual basis, credit extended to business grew by 0.53% y/y in June, much lower than the 4.69% y/y recorded in May. The primary drivers were the increased repayments by corporates in the commercial and services, fishing, manufacturing, and energy sectors. Credit extended to individuals grew by 2.70% y/y in June, the highest annual growth rate year-to-date, driven by overdraft lending and instalment credit.

Credit Outstanding by Businesses and Individuals and Annual Credit Growth



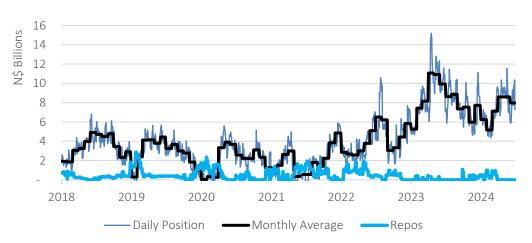
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Banking Sector Liquidity

The average banking sector liquidity dropped by N\$625.5m in June to N\$7.97bn. Indeed, this is in line with the BoN's expectation for corporates to free up long-term deposits on the back of expected corporate tax payments that were due end of June. However, liquidity remains high, supported by proceeds from diamond sales.

Namibian Banking Liquidity

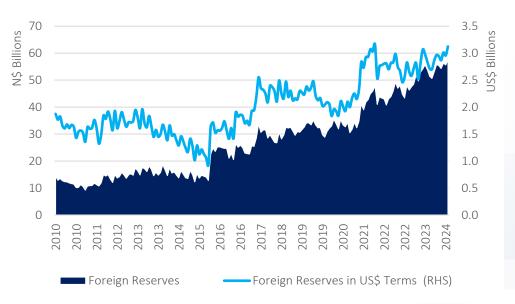


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Money Supply and Reserves

The stock of international reserves increased by 3.67% m/m, from N\$55.59bn in May to N\$57.63bn in June. The rise was due to higher net commercial inflows, aided by Customer Foreign Currency placements and revaluation gains due to price changes in the market, according to the central bank. These foreign reserves equate to 4.6 months of import cover, persisting above the global standard of 3.0 months and providing sufficient support for the currency peg.

Foreign Reserves



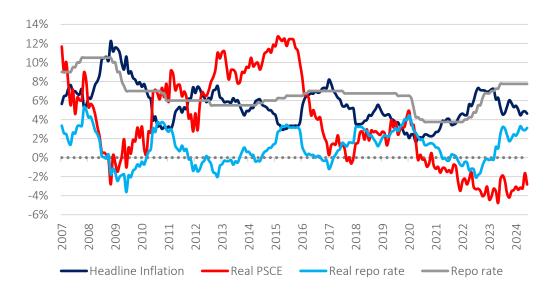
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Outlook

Real PSCE growth has remained in contractionary territory since mid-2021, indicating that the amount of credit extended to the private sector has been declining after adjusting for inflation. Indeed, the real repo rate has been in positive territory since March 2023, reflecting a tightening of monetary conditions. This environment of higher real borrowing costs, combined with reduced credit availability, remains a concern for economic activity and investment. The persistent contraction in real PSCE growth underscores challenges in stimulating private sector spending and investment, potentially impeding broader economic recovery. Thus, we remain of the view that meaningful expansion in consumer credit usage, which typically precedes broad-based business confidence, has yet to materialise. This indicates that, despite the robust economic growth reflected in real GDP prints, this growth is not broad based.

Headline Inflation, Real PSCE Growth, Real Repo Rate and Nominal Repo Rate









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