

# ABI MONTHLY REPORT<sup>1</sup> – March 2026

## (Main evidence)

### BANK LENDING

1. In February 2026, **the stock of loans to households and non-financial corporations increased by 2.1% yoy** continuing the growth path that began in March 2025. In detail, **for households it is the fourteenth consecutive month in which there has been an increase and for businesses it is the eighth consecutive month in which loans have grown, in fact, in January 2026 loans to households had grown by 2.5% and those to businesses by 1.7%** (cf. Table 1).

### STOCK OF CUSTOMER FUNDING

2. **Indirect funding**, i.e. investments in securities held by banks (both under management and held directly by customers) **increased by €97.7 billion** between January 2025 and January 2026 (€35.6 billion attributable to households, €17.6 to non-financial corporations and the remaining to other sectors, financial companies, insurance companies, public administration).
3. In February 2026, **total funding** (deposits from resident customers and bonds) **increased by 4.0% yoy** continuing the positive trend observed since the beginning of 2024 (+3.6% in the previous month; cf. *Table 2*).
4. In February 2026 **deposits**, in their various forms, **increased by 4.6% yoy** (+4.0% in the previous month).
5. **Medium and long-term funding**, i.e. through bonds, in February 2026 **increased by 0.4%** compared to a year earlier (+0.8% in the previous month).

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<sup>1</sup> The ABI monthly report makes available a series of quantitative information before any other survey regarding the same data. This is possible because the banks themselves have produced this information.

## LENDING INTEREST RATES

### 6. In February 2026:

- **the average rate on total outstanding loans** (i.e., those agreed upon over the years) was **3.99%** (as in the previous month);
- **the average rate on new business loans** decreased to **3.45%** (3.53% in the previous month and 5.45% in December 2023);
- **the average rate on new loans for house purchasing** decreased to **3.42%** (3.45% in the previous month; 4.42% in December 2023; cf. Table 3).

## INTEREST RATES ON BANKING FUNDING

7. The **interest rate on new deposits with agreed maturity** (i.e. certificates of deposit and time deposits) in February 2026 was **2.07%**. In January 2026 this interest rate was 2.04%, higher than the euro area average (1.88%). **Compared to June 2022**, when the interest rate was 0.29% (the last month before the start of the official interest rate hikes) **the increase was 178 basis points**.
8. **The yield on new fixed-rate bond issues in February 2026 was 3.07%**.
9. In February 2026, **the interest rate on total amounts of deposits** (current accounts, savings deposits and certificates of deposit), was **0.64%** (0.64% also in January 2026 and 0.32% in June 2022).
10. **The interest rate on current accounts**, which does not have the function of investment and allows the use of a multitude of services, in February 2026 **was 0.27%** (0.27% also in the previous month; 0.02% in June 2022; cf. Table 4).

## SPREAD BETWEEN LENDING RATE AND FUNDING RATE

11. The **spread on new business** (calculated as the difference between the rates on new loans and new funding) with household and non-financial corporations **in Italy**, in February 2026 was **196 basis points**.

## CREDIT QUALITY

12. **In January 2026, net non-performing loans** (i.e., the total of bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures, and past due and/or overdrawn exposures, calculated net of write-downs and provisions already made by the banks) decreased to **€27.1 billion** from €30 billion in September 2025 (€31.3 billion in December 2024). Compared to their peak level of €196.3 billion reached in 2015, they have decreased by over €169 billion.
13. **In January 2026, net non-performing loans represented 1.28% of total loans.** This ratio was lower than in September 2025 (1.43%; 1.51% in December 2024; 9.8% in December 2015; *cf. Table 5*).

**Table 1**

<b>Lending of the banks in Italy (except interbank) *</b>						
	<b>Total lending</b>		<b>Private sector *</b>		<b>of which: to households and non-financial corporation</b>	
	<b>Private sector and PA *</b>					
	Billion €	yoy <sup>(1)</sup>	Billion €	yoy <sup>(1)</sup>	Billion €	yoy <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Feb-21</b>	1.710,7	4,2	1.447,0	4,6	1.310,3	5,2
<b>Feb-22</b>	1.733,6	1,8	1.469,0	2,0	1.327,9	2,4
<b>Feb-23</b>	1.712,7	0,3	1.460,4	1,2	1.322,9	1,1
<b>Feb-24</b>	1.652,5	-3,0	1.414,7	-2,5	1.281,2	-2,6
<b>Feb-25</b>	1.636,5	-0,4	1.404,9	0,0	1.264,4	-0,6
<b>Mar-25</b>	1.644,2	-0,1	1.415,9	0,5	1.271,5	0,0
<b>Apr-25</b>	1.641,8	0,3	1.415,8	1,0	1.272,4	0,3
<b>May-25</b>	1.644,3	0,4	1.413,6	0,7	1.272,5	0,1
<b>Jun-25</b>	1.653,2	0,5	1.426,7	1,1	1.281,3	1,0
<b>Jul-25</b>	1.651,7	0,6	1.425,3	1,3	1.283,1	1,3
<b>Aug-25</b>	1.640,2	0,8	1.413,7	1,5	1.275,5	1,5
<b>Sep-25</b>	1.647,0	0,9	1.421,7	1,6	1.279,8	1,6
<b>Oct-25</b>	1.645,0	1,0	1.419,2	1,7	1.278,5	1,6
<b>Nov-25</b>	1.655,2	1,3	1.429,6	2,0	1.287,0	2,0
<b>Dec-25</b>	1.656,6	0,8	1.440,1	2,0	1.289,9	2,2
<b>Jan-26</b>	1.665,2	1,9	1.431,8	2,2	1.286,6	2,1
<b>Feb-26</b>	1.665,5	2,1	1.432,0	2,3	1.287,0	2,1

Notes: latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

\* Including gross bad loans and reverse repurchase agreements. Private sector: non-financial corporations, consumer and producer households, non-profit entities, other financial institutions, insurance companies and pension funds. The data are netted against central counterparties' operations.

(1) Variations calculated to include loans not recognised in the bank balance sheets in that they were securitised and are net of variations not related to the transactions (e.g. variations resulting from exchange rate fluctuations, value adjustments or reclassifications).

Source: Data processed by Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI.

**Table 2**

Deposits and bonds from bank customers in Italy						
	Funding (deposits and bonds)		Resident customers' deposits <sup>1</sup>		Bonds <sup>2</sup>	
	Billion €	yoy	Billion €	yoy	Billion €	yoy
<b>Feb-21</b>	1.967,3	8,1	1.752,4	10,6	214,9	-9,0
<b>Feb-22</b>	2.030,6	3,2	1.827,2	4,3	203,4	-5,4
<b>Feb-23</b>	2.000,9	-1,5	1.787,4	-2,2	213,5	5,0
<b>Feb-24</b>	2.019,3	0,9	1.768,1	-1,1	251,2	17,6
<b>Feb-25</b>	2.062,2	2,1	1.795,2	1,5	267,0	6,3
<b>Mar-25</b>	2.080,3	2,0	1.814,3	1,8	266,0	3,1
<b>Apr-25</b>	2.072,8	1,6	1.811,5	1,9	261,3	-0,6
<b>May-25</b>	2.110,8	3,2	1.848,8	3,8	261,9	-0,9
<b>Jun-25</b>	2.091,0	0,5	1.824,6	0,6	266,4	0,3
<b>Jul-25</b>	2.092,0	2,7	1.823,7	2,8	268,3	2,1
<b>Aug-25</b>	2.104,2	2,7	1.837,1	2,7	267,1	2,1
<b>Sep-25</b>	2.107,6	3,0	1.839,8	3,1	267,8	2,7
<b>Oct-25</b>	2.111,3	2,9	1.839,6	2,7	271,7	4,1
<b>Nov-25</b>	2.135,9	2,6	1.866,5	2,7	269,5	1,9
<b>Dec-25</b>	2.140,9	2,2	1.873,3	2,3	267,7	1,0
<b>Jan-26</b>	2.143,9	3,6	1.876,1	4,0	267,8	0,8
<b>Feb-26</b>	2.145,0	4,0	1.877,0	4,6	268,0	0,4

Notes: latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Deposits from ordinary private resident customers, excluding MFI and Central Public Authorities. It includes current accounts, preestablished term deposits, notice refundable deposits and repurchase agreements. The data are netted against operations with central counterparties, deposits with agreed maturity connected with receivables assignment transactions.

(2) Recorded at nominal value and expressed in euro, they include subordinated liabilities and do not include bonds purchased from banks. They refer to resident and non-resident customers.

Source: Data processed by Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI.

**Table 3**

<b>Italy: bank interest rates on lending and benchmark yields (Monthly average - % figures)</b>										
	Bank interest rates on loans in euro to households and non-financial corporations in Italy			ECB interest rates <sup>2</sup>		Interbank rates for the Eurozone		3-Month interbank rates		
	Total <sup>1</sup> (amounts)			deposit facility rate	interest rates on the main refinancing operations	3-Month Euribor	10-year IRS	USA	Japan	UK
		Of which: to non-financial corporations (new business)	Of which: to households for the purchase of houses (new business)							
<b>Feb-21</b>	2,25	1,14	1,29	-0,50	0,00	-0,54	-0,06	0,19	0,08	0,10
<b>Feb-22</b>	2,14	1,09	1,49	-0,50	0,00	-0,53	0,76	0,43	0,07	0,72
<b>Feb-23</b>	3,65	3,55	3,76	2,50	3,00	2,64	2,97	4,89	0,07	4,18
<b>Feb-24</b>	4,80	5,34	3,89	4,00	4,50	3,92	2,73	5,58	0,10	5,29
<b>Feb-25</b>	4,28	3,99	3,18	2,75	2,90	2,53	2,38	4,45	0,78	4,54
<b>Mar-25</b>	4,21	3,92	3,14	2,50	2,65	2,44	2,67	4,55	0,81	4,45
<b>Apr-25</b>	4,14	3,76	3,27	2,25	2,40	2,24	2,52	4,41	0,81	4,35
<b>May-25</b>	4,08	3,66	3,17	2,25	2,40	2,09	2,53	4,48	0,77	4,39
<b>Jun-25</b>	4,02	3,60	3,19	2,00	2,15	1,98	2,55	4,43	0,77	4,35
<b>Jul-25</b>	3,94	3,50	3,20	2,00	2,15	1,99	2,64	4,41	0,77	4,25
<b>Aug-25</b>	3,92	3,39	3,28	2,00	2,15	2,02	2,66	4,31	0,77	4,15
<b>Sep-25</b>	3,96	3,38	3,28	2,00	2,15	2,03	2,67	4,15	0,78	4,16
<b>Oct-25</b>	3,97	3,53	3,31	2,00	2,15	2,03	2,63	4,05	0,82	4,16
<b>Nov-25</b>	3,97	3,52	3,30	2,00	2,15	2,04	2,72	4,02	0,81	4,09
<b>Dec-25</b>	3,96	3,59	3,38	2,00	2,15	2,05	2,90	3,85	1,00	4,03
<b>Jan-26</b>	3,99	3,53	3,45	2,00	2,15	2,03	2,89	3,81	1,08	3,95
<b>Feb-26</b>	3,99	3,45	3,42	2,00	2,15	2,01	2,79	3,77	1,18	3,82

Notes: for bank rates, latest month of SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Weighted average rate

(2) End of period data

Source: Data processed by Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI

**Table 4**

Italy: interest rates on funding (Monthly average - % figures)													
	Bank interest rates: households and non-financial corporations							Gross yield of Government bonds in the secondary market			Yield at issue of postal funding		
	(ESCB harmonised statistics)							BOT	CCT	BTP	Deposits in euro	Average annual yield on 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Average annual yield on 5 <sup>th</sup> year
	Deposits in euro	Deposits in CA in euro	Bonds	Funding (deposits, repos and bonds) <sup>1</sup>	Deposits with agreed maturity	Bonds	Funding <sup>2</sup>						
	(outstanding amounts)				new business								
<b>Feb-21</b>	0,33	0,03	1,87	0,48	0,82	0,95	0,41	-0,45	-0,15	0,68	-	0,05	0,10
<b>Feb-22</b>	0,31	0,02	1,73	0,45	0,57	0,58	0,38	-0,47	-0,14	1,52	-	0,05	0,10
<b>Feb-23</b>	0,54	0,22	2,23	0,71	2,50	4,02	3,00	2,94	2,70	3,77	-	0,50	0,85
<b>Feb-24</b>	1,02	0,55	2,78	1,23	3,65	4,28	3,76	3,64	4,94	3,63	0,00	0,50	1,00
<b>Feb-25</b>	0,82	0,39	2,81	1,06	2,62	2,07	2,38	2,31	3,82	3,28	0,00	0,75	1,05
<b>Mar-25</b>	0,79	0,38	2,95	1,05	2,49	3,31	2,52	2,24	3,86	3,52	0,00	0,75	1,05
<b>Apr-25</b>	0,73	0,33	2,84	0,98	2,31	3,27	2,33	2,03	3,39	3,37	0,00	0,75	1,05
<b>May-25</b>	0,70	0,32	2,87	0,95	2,17	2,30	1,91	1,93	2,96	3,29	0,00	0,75	1,05
<b>Jun-25</b>	0,67	0,29	2,84	0,93	2,09	3,24	2,24	1,92	2,92	3,20	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Jul-25</b>	0,65	0,27	2,86	0,92	2,01	3,18	2,01	1,91	2,91	3,24	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Aug-25</b>	0,63	0,27	2,83	0,90	2,00	2,46	1,85	1,93	2,91	3,27	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Sep-25</b>	0,63	0,28	2,88	0,90	2,10	2,49	1,89	1,97	2,93	3,31	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Oct-25</b>	0,63	0,28	2,90	0,91	2,08	3,50	2,09	1,96	2,78	3,21	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Nov-25</b>	0,63	0,28	2,85	0,89	2,12	2,42	1,90	1,99	2,61	3,21	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Dec-25</b>	0,62	0,29	2,82	0,88	2,12	2,39	1,90	2,04	2,56	3,30	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Jan-26</b>	0,64	0,27	2,83	0,90	2,04	3,17	1,91	2,02	2,53	3,26	0,00	0,75	0,90
<b>Feb-26</b>	0,64	0,27	2,82	0,90	2,07	3,07	1,91	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	0,00	0,75	0,90

Note: for banking rates latest available month for SI-ABI estimates.

(1) Weighted average rate (2) are included: deposits in CA, Deposits with agreed maturity, Deposits redeemable at notice, Repos, bonds

Source: Data processed by Analisi Economiche ABI on data of the Bank of Italy and SI-ABI

**Table 5**

<b>Net non-performing loans*</b>		
	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>As % of total loans</b>
	(Billion €)	(% figures)
<b>2020</b>	50,5	2,20
<b>2021</b>	40,1	1,67
<b>2022</b>	33,1	1,46
<b>2023</b>	30,5	1,41
<b>2024</b>	31,3	1,51
<b>Mar-25</b>	30,2	1,48
<b>Jun-25</b>	30,1	1,45
<b>Dec-25</b>	28,3	1,35
<b>Jan-26</b>	27,1	1,28

*\* include bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures, and past due and/or overdrawn exposures*

*Source: Data processed by Analisi Economiche ABI on Bank of Italy quarterly data up to September 2025 and ABI estimates for January 26*