

Report on external debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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3. Statistical presentation	

3.1. Data description	The primary responsibility for collecting information on BH's external debt belongs to the BH Ministry of Finance and Treasury. The Ministry is in charge of running and managing the BH debt, as well as maintaining an external debt database. CBBH receives data base and produce data related to stock of debt for previous period/year as well as on servicing of external debt.
3.2. Classification system	External debt of government is classified by type of creditor as it follows: (1) public creditors (international and regional organizations, and other countries' governments and their agencies), and (2) private creditors.
3.3. Sector coverage	External debt of the private sector is not covered. External debt data cover debt of BiH General Government.
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	<p>Based on the agreement between the BH Ministry of Finance and Treasury and the BH Central Bank, the CBBH has full access to the database and has been using it to compile the external debt statistics, as well as to publish external debt information on quarterly and annual bases.</p> <p>External debt data cover debt of BiH General Government. Almost entire amount of the external debt is legally the responsibility of the BH Government (Council fo Minsiters) as the sovereign borrower, while minor parts of debt belong to Entities and lower levels of governments. The existing BH external debt statistics currently include only the data on the external debt of the BH general government sector. The total external debt of the BH general government consists of the agreed loans of BH (country) and the agreed direct loans by entities. In accordance with the law, the entities must inform the BH Ministry of Finance and Treasury on direct loans, although this part of external debt is not BH debt and the state does not have the obligation to service it.</p>
3.5. Statistical unit	The statistical unit is the institutional unit.
3.6. Statistical population	General government sector.
3.7. Reference area	The Bosnia and Herzegovina territory.
3.8 Time coverage	Data for BiH is available from 2000.
3.9. Base period	Not applicable.
4. Unit of measure	National currency (BAM)
5. Reference period	The reference period is the calendar year.
6. Institutional mandate	

6.1. Legal acts and other agreements	- Law on the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BH 1/97)
6.2. Data sharing	-Data sharing to external users - state institutions in country is regulated by Law on Statistics and other laws which regulates the work of state institutions (for example Directorate for Economic Planning of BiH, Ministry of Finance of BiH; Agency for Statistics of BiH, etc.) -Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) -External users – international organisations like UN Statistics Division (UNSD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), etc. based on their requests and/or agreements signed.
7. Confidentiality	
7.1. Confidentiality-policy	Confidentiality of statistical data has been regulated by the Law on the Central Bank of BiH (Official Gazette of BH 1/97) and sets forth the principle of confidentiality as one of the main principles.
7.2. Confidentiality-data treatment	Data are treated as confidential after reporting, during validation process, until the news release.
8. Release policy	
8.1. Release calendar	The precise date of publication is presented in CBBH release calendar.
8.2. Release calendar access	The dissemination calendar is available on CBBH website: https://www.cbbh.ba/content/read/29
8.3. User access	All publications are published in accordance with the defined release calendar on exactly specified date. All publications intended for users are available in 4 languages, that is, 3 local languages plus English version.
9. Frequency of dissemination	Data on stock of external debt is published on quarterly level while data on amount of serviced debt for General government is available on monthly basis.
10. Accessibility and clarity	
10.1. News release	Data on stock of external debt is available in form of tables on CBBH web site (https://www.cbbh.ba) as well as in quarterly and annual bulletin.

10.2. Publications	<p>External debt data by creditor are available at http://cbbh.ba/index.php?id=31&lang=en External debt data since 2006 are available at http://cbbh.ba/index.php?id=31&lang=en</p> <p>Hard copy: CBBH Quarterly Bulletin, CBBH Annual Bulletin.</p> <p>Quarterly data are available at http://cbbh.ba/index.php?id=31&lang=en</p> <p>- CBBH Quarterly Bulletin is available at http://www.cbbh.ba/index.php?id=35&lang=en.</p> <p>- CBBH Annual Report is available at http://www.cbbh.ba/index.php?id=36&lang=en.</p>
10.3. On-line database	Please consult free data on: http://statistics.cbbh.ba/Panorama/novaview/SimpleLogin_en_html.aspx
10.4. Micro-data access	Not applicable.
10.5. Other	Data are transmitted to International Monetary Fund which also publishes data for Bosnia and Herzegovina on its website.
10.6. Documentation on methodology	Methodological notes are available at http://cbbh.ba/index.php?id=37&lang=en
10.7. Quality documentation	The Quality Report is not available on the official website of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
11. Quality management	
11.1. Quality assurance	Central Bank of BiH in principle follows the recommendations for quality management provided in the European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP) and implements the guidelines provided in the European Statistics System Quality Assurance Framework (QAF).
11.2. Quality assessments	Will be available in the future.
12. Relevance	

12.1. User needs	Key users of the survey in statistics data are: - International main users: Eurostat, IMF, UN/UNECE, OECD, WB - National main users: Directorate for Economic Planning of BiH with the Council of Ministers of BiH, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH, Agency for Statistics of BiH, Ministry of Finance of BiH, other bodies and institutions of the Government - Other users: business entities – enterprises, association of employers, researchers and students, media and general public.
12.2. User satisfaction	The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina is in constant dialogue with the main users in order to improve your data.
12.3. Completeness	Time series are available since 2000.
13. Accuracy and reliability	
13.1. Overall accuracy	Not available.
13.2. Sampling error	Not available.
13.3. Non -sampling error	Not available.
14. Timeliness and punctuality	
14.1. Timeliness	The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina compiles and disseminates annual and quarterly data on stock of external debt of BiH general government as well as amount of serviced debt on quarterly and annual level. Source data are received 45
14.2. Punctuality	Data for quarters is available 90 days after the end of previous period. Data on servicing is available 30 days after the end of previous month.
15. Coherence and comparability	
51.1. Comparability-geographical	The results are comparable with those of other countries (EU Member States primarily).
15.2. Comparability-over time	Comparability over time is ensured.
15.3. Coherence-cross domain	External debt statistics are consistent with monetary and balance of payments statistics compiled by the CBBH.
15.4. Coherence-internal	Consistency is ensured within and between published tables.
16. Cost and burden	Not available.
17. Data revision	
17.1. Data revision-policy	Revision of data on stock of external debt is regularly done 90 days after the end of previous period.
17.2. Data revision-practise	Revision of data on stock of external debt is regularly done 90 days after the end of previous period.
18. Statistical processing	

18.1. Source data	The source data are the external debt data base of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury.
18.2. Frequency of data collection	At the quarterly and annual level.
18.3. Data collection	The primary responsibility for collecting information on BH's external debt belongs to the BH Ministry of Finance and Treasury. The Ministry is in charge of running and managing the BH debt, as well as maintaining an external debt database. CBBH receives data base and produce data related to stock of debt for previous period/year as well as on servicing of external debt.
18.4. Data validation	Data on stock of external debt on quarterly level is marked as preliminary until end of 90 days after the end of previous period.
18.5. Data compilation	External debt statistics are compiled in the Statistics and Publications Department of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH) – GFS and financial accounts unit. Material resources, including office space and IT facilities are adequate.
18.6. Adjustment	Not available.
19. Comment	/

