

Monetary statistics for October 2024

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

According to statistics published today (November 29) by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, total deposits with authorized institutions remained virtually unchanged in October 2024. Among the total, Hong Kong dollar deposits increased by 0.4 per cent, while foreign currency deposits decreased by 0.3 per cent in October. In the year to end-October, total deposits and Hong Kong dollar deposits grew by 5.8 per cent and 2.8 per cent respectively. Renminbi deposits in Hong Kong decreased by 5.8 per cent in October to RMB957.8 billion at the end of October, mainly reflecting fund flows of corporates. The total remittance of renminbi for cross-border trade settlement amounted to RMB 1,218.0 billion in October, compared with RMB1,267.2 billion in September. It should be noted that changes in deposits are affected by a wide range of factors, such as interest rate movements and fund-raising activities. It is therefore more appropriate to observe the longer-term trends, and not to over-generalise fluctuations in a single month.

Total loans and advances decreased by 1.1 per cent in October, and decreased by 3.2 per cent in the year to end-October. Among the total, loans for use in Hong Kong (including trade finance) and loans for use outside Hong Kong both decreased by 1.1 per cent in October. The Hong Kong dollar loan-to-deposit ratio decreased to 77.5 per cent at the end of October from 78.4 per cent at the end of September, as Hong Kong dollar deposits increased while Hong Kong dollar loans decreased.

Hong Kong dollar M2 and M3 both increased by 0.3 per cent in October and both increased by 3.7 per cent when compared to a year ago. The seasonally-adjusted Hong Kong dollar M1 increased by 1.2 per cent in October and increased by 3.4 per cent compared to a year ago, reflecting in part investment-related activities. Total M2 and total M3 both increased by 0.2 per cent in October. Compared to a year earlier, total M2 and total M3 both increased by 8.6 per cent.

As monthly monetary statistics are subject to volatilities due to a wide range of transient factors, such as seasonal and IPO-related funding demand as well as business and investment-related activities, caution is required when interpreting the statistics.