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Annual banking statistics for 2020

Expansion of data offering

The Swiss National Bank has today published [data on the annual financial statements of banks in Switzerland for the 2020 financial year](#). For the first time, this includes results from consolidated financial statements in addition to data from individual financial statements required by law (Parent company perspective¹).

The group data capture the global business activities of banks and financial groups² in Switzerland. The SNB uses group data in its financial stability assessments in particular. In contrast to the Parent company perspective, data in the Group perspective also include the business of domestic and foreign subsidiaries. Transactions between units of the same group, however, are not included in group data. As a result, the data differ depending on the perspective from which they are considered.

KEY BANKING STATISTICS FOR 2020 – PARENT COMPANY AND GROUP

	Parent company perspective	Group perspective
Number of banks (parent company) or banks and financial groups (group)	243	232
Result of the period (aggregate profit/loss, in CHF millions)	13,652	16,836
Balance sheet total (in CHF millions)	3,467,265	3,780,144
Mortgage loans (in CHF millions)	1,097,974	1,128,675
Customer deposits (in CHF millions)	1,974,211	2,120,537

An [explanatory video](#) sheds light on the differences between the perspectives on banking statistics and provides guidance for users in handling the data.

¹ The 'Parent company' perspective includes offices in Switzerland and legally dependent branches abroad.

² Two or more companies are deemed to be a financial group if at least one operates as a bank or securities firm (securities dealer); they operate primarily in the financial sector; and they form an economic unit or other circumstances mean it can be assumed that one or more of the companies under individual supervision is de jure or de facto obliged to provide assistance to group companies (art. 3c para. 1 Banking Act).

Press release

Further information

- This expansion of the range of banking statistics data to include the ‘Group perspective’ coincides with the discontinuation of the annual publication Banks in Switzerland.
- Data (tables and charts), details on the methodological basis and notes as well as information on changes and revisions can be found on the SNB’s data portal data.snb.ch.
- The [list of banks in Switzerland](#) includes information on their balance sheet total, year of formation, bank category and legal status, as well as on foreign branches of all Swiss banks.