

REVIEW OF MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

April 2026

This report is a monthly release of the latest available key monetary aggregates, official interest rate and the analysis on commercial banks' interest rates as well as other information sourced from the Central Bank, commercial banks, Ministry of Finance, non-bank financial institutions and the Samoa Bureau of Statistics.

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Monetary Target

The actual level of total money supply (M2) was 0.8 percent higher than its forecast for April 2026. This was due to a significantly higher-than-expected level of Net Foreign Assets (NFA) against a lower-than-expected level of Net Domestic Assets (NDA).

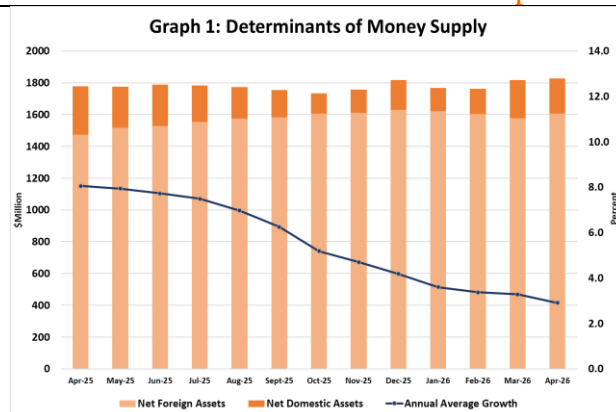
Money Supply (M2)

Total M2 grew by \$9.62 million (or 0.5 percent) to \$1,827.83 million in April 2026 and was 2.8 percent higher than April 2025.

This reflected:

- A \$28.15 million increase in Net Foreign Assets (NFA) to \$1,606.15 million, mainly due to increases in foreign assets of both the CBS and the commercial banks, reflecting the inflow of government external funds for budget support and private sector inflows.
- An \$18.53 million decrease in Net Domestic Assets (NDA) to \$221.68 million. This reflected an increase in government's net position with the monetary system, offsetting minimal hikes in both private sector credit and 'other items net'.

The annual average growth rate of M2 slowed further by 2.9 percent in April 2026, from 3.3 percent in March 2026, and 8.0 percent in April 2025.



Credit¹

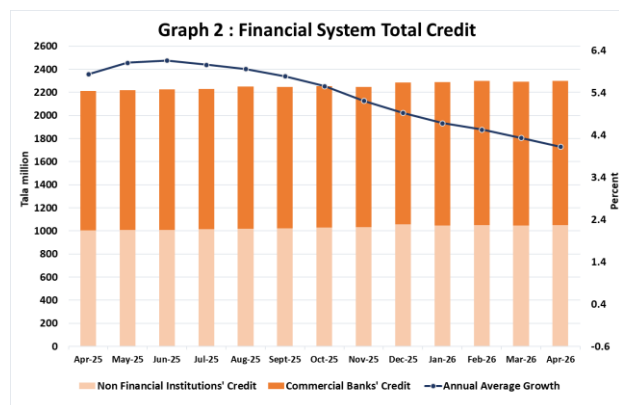
Total financial system (FS) credit expanded by \$8.15 million (or 0.4 percent) to \$2,299.15 million in April 2026 and was 4.0 percent higher than in April 2025. This hike reflected a \$4.05 million increase in commercial banks' lending and a \$4.10 million increase in selected non-bank financial institutions' (NBFIs) credit.

- By sector, 99.4 percent of total loans were extended to the private sector, of which 55.3 percent went to 'Households and Individuals' and 44.1 percent to Businesses. The remaining 0.6 percent was lent to the public sector.
- By industry, the expansion in FS credit was lent to the 'Trade', and the 'Other activities' industries.
- New loans issued during the month totaled \$23.83 million, a \$1.36 million decrease from March 2026. Most of these new loans were lent to the 'Transportation, storage and communication', 'Manufacturing', and 'Other activities' industries.
- The share of mortgage loans to total commercial bank loans remained

¹ Comprises of commercial banks and three largest non-bank financial institutions' (NBFIs) total lending.

unchanged at 49.9 percent in April 2026. Moreover, total mortgage loans expanded by 0.2 percent to \$622.69 million in the month under review.

However, the annual average FS credit growth decelerated further to 4.1 percent in April 2026, from 4.3 percent in March 2026 and 5.8 percent in April 2025 (See Graph 2).



According to the latest update from the Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS), total Nominal Gross Domestic Product (NGDP) for the whole year to December 2025, amounted to \$3,582.43 million, rising by 3.7 percent over the same period to December 2024. At this level, the ratio of M2 to NGDP rose to 50.7 percent, from 48.9 percent in the September 2025 quarter but was below 51.2 percent in the same quarter of last year. As for FS credit, its share to NGDP also edged up to 63.8 percent from 62.6 percent in the preceding quarter but slightly lower than 63.9 percent in the December quarter last year.

Reserve Money²

Total Reserve Money (RM) grew further by \$21.97 million (or 2.5 percent) over the previous month to \$891.93 million and was \$116.31 million higher than in April 2025. The expansion in RM was attributed to a \$25.77 million growth in commercial banks' reserves, (of which \$24.16 million was from excess reserves and \$1.60 million from required reserves). This was

²Reserve Money (also known as monetary base) comprises of currency in circulation, statutory reserve deposits (SRD) and demand deposits of commercial banks with the CBS

³Comprises of banks' vault cash, exchange settlement account (ESA) balances and Central Bank Securities

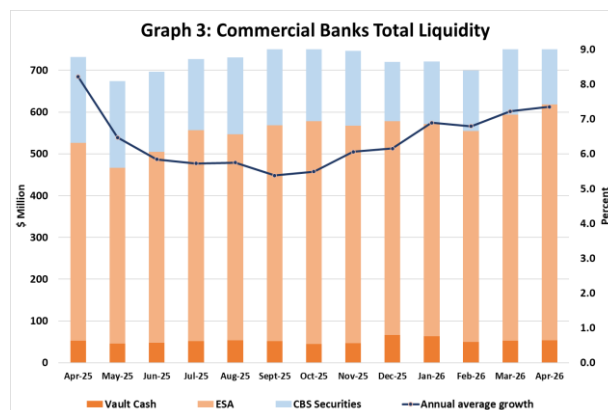
against a \$3.80 million decrease in currency in circulation.

Additionally, total RM was 18.7 percent and 35.5 percent higher than its averages in the past three and five years, respectively.

Commercial Banks' Liquidity³

The total commercial banks' liquidity increased by \$7.66 million (or 1.0 percent) to \$759.58 million in April 2026. Additionally, it was \$28.57 million higher than its level recorded in April 2025. The jump in total liquidity reflected a \$24.14 million increase in banks' exchange settlement accounts (ESA) and a \$0.68 million expansion in vault cash holdings. This was offset by a decrease of \$17.17 million in holdings of CBS Securities (See Graph 3).

Total liquidity in April 2026 were 17.2 percent and 45.1 percent higher than its averages in the past three and five years, respectively.



CBSS and Open Market Operations (OMO)⁴

Total CBS Securities outstanding in April 2026 totaled \$141.40 million, down from \$158.50 million in the previous month. New CBSS issued during the month decreased to \$36.40 million compared to \$68.40 million issued in March 2026. Moreover, total Securities that matured during the month fell slightly to \$53.50 million from \$54.90 million in the previous month.

⁴Central Bank of Samoa Securities (CBSS) is the main instrument for implementing monetary policy in the country and it is traded in various maturities in the domestic financial market through the OMO.

In terms of the yields, the shorter-term maturities for CBS Securities recorded average yields of 2.74 percent for the 14-day paper and 3.60 percent for the 28-day paper. Meanwhile, the longer-term papers averaged around 3.88 percent (for the 56-day paper), 3.22 percent (for the 91-day paper), and 3.75 percent (for the 182-day paper). There was no 364-day paper issued during the month.

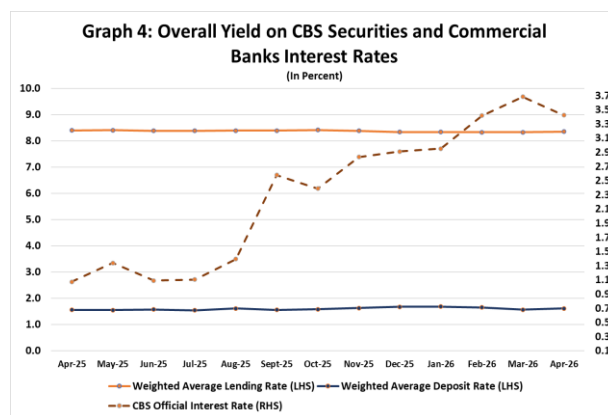
With CBSS issuance broadly distributed across the full range of maturities, the overall weighted average official interest rate declined to 3.42 percent from 3.68 percent in March 2026 but was well above 1.07 percent recorded in April 2025.

Commercial Banks' Interest Rates

The commercial banks' weighted average deposit (WAD) rate rose by 5 basis points to 1.61 percent in April 2026 and was 6 basis points higher than in April 2025. In addition, the overall weighted average lending (WAL) rate edged up by 3 basis point to 8.35 percent but was 5 basis points lower than its rate in April 2025 (See Graph 4).

As a result, the weighted average interest rate spread for April 2026 narrowed by 2 basis points to 6.75 percent, which was 10 basis points lower than the spread recorded in April 2025.

The current WAD rate remained below its three-year and five-year averages of 1.65 percent and 1.79 percent, respectively. Similarly, the WAL rate was below its three-year and five-year averages of 8.40 percent and 8.41 percent, respectively.



NBFIs⁵ Lending Rates

The overall weighted average lending (WAL) rate for selected NBFIs decreased by 5 basis points to 8.14 percent in April 2026 but was slightly higher than 8.13 percent recorded in April 2025.

In particular, the WAL rates of all the selected NBFIs declined over the month, with SNPF falling by 3 basis points to 8.64 percent, SHC by 26 basis points to 9.45 percent and DBS by 3 basis points to 4.21 percent.

At its current level, the overall NBFi WAL rate remained below its three-year and five-year averages of 8.18 percent and 8.19 percent, respectively.

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⁵ Non-Bank Financial Institutions. Only reports the main NBFIs, Samoa National Provident Fund (SNPF), Development Bank of Samoa (DBS) and Samoa Housing Corporation (SHC). Effective October 2018, SHC

started reporting to CBS on monthly basis, as was previously reported on quarterly basis. WAL for DBS is provisional.

Review of Monetary Developments						
Monetary Aggregates						
End of Period Figures	Average level in the previous		Apr-25	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
	3-years	5-years				
Determinants of Money Supply (M2)						
Net Foreign Assets	1226.00	994.23	1472.61	1603.03	1577.99	1606.15
Net Domestic Assets	418.90	524.45	306.07	159.45	240.22	221.68
Money Supply (M2)	1644.90	1518.44	1778.673	1762.48	1818.21	1827.83
<i>Trend / Annual Average (%)</i>	9.57	7.22	8.1	3.4	3.3	2.9
<i>Narrow Money (M1)</i>						
Currency outside banks	154.42	142.05	169.17	187.46	196.72	192.24
Transferable Deposits ²	702.79	610.94	791.47	714.84	763.53	772.91
<i>Quasi Money</i>	787.69	765.45	818.04	860.18	857.96	862.69
Other Deposits ³	787.69	765.45	818.04	860.18	857.96	862.69
Central Bank of Samoa						
<i>Open Markets Operations</i>						
Securities Official Rate	0.59	0.41	1.07	3.42	3.68	3.42
<i>Reserve Money¹</i>						
Total	751.55	658.42	775.63	823.23	869.97	891.93
<i>Trend / Annual Growth (%)</i>	14.92	12.67	-0.3	4.4	5.8	7.4
Financial System (FS) Credit						
Commercial Banks	1172.22	1174.51	1208.25	1251.51	1243.98	1248.03
<i>Trend / Annual Growth (%)</i>	0.37	0.71	5.0	2.9	2.7	2.5
Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIs)	931.91	891.25	1003.22	1048.36	1047.02	1051.12
<i>Trend / Annual Growth (%)</i>	5.15	5.29	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.1
Private Sector	2091.57	2050.09	2201.71	2287.49	2279.52	2284.77
Businesses	983.11	1006.49	1021.07	1024.59	1018.14	1013.51
Individuals	1108.47	1043.60	1180.64	1262.90	1261.38	1271.25
Public Sector (NFIs, NPEs, & Govt)	12.55	15.67	9.77	12.39	11.48	14.38
Total FS Credit	2104.13	2065.76	2211.48	2299.88	2291.00	2299.15
<i>Trend / Annual Growth (%)</i>	2.39	2.52	5.8	4.5	4.3	4.1
Commercial Banks						
<i>Liquidity</i>						
Total	648.23	523.55	731.19	699.36	752.10	757.10
<i>Trend / Annual Growth (%)</i>	27.91	19.49	8.2	6.8	7.2	7.4
<i>Interest Rates (%)</i>						
Overall Weighted Average Lending	8.40	8.41	8.40	8.33	8.32	8.35
Australia New Zealand Bank (Sāmoa) Limited	7.57	7.74	7.57	7.18	7.17	7.17
Bank South Pacific (Sāmoa) Limited	7.41	7.63	7.25	7.52	7.53	7.52
National Bank of Sāmoa Limited	8.95	8.58	9.38	9.20	9.28	9.41
Samoa Commercial Bank Limited	9.72	9.86	9.43	9.15	9.09	9.07
Overall Weighted Average Deposit	1.65	1.79	1.55	1.65	1.56	1.61
Australia New Zealand Bank (Sāmoa) Limited	0.61	0.75	0.47	0.42	0.42	0.43
Bank South Pacific (Sāmoa) Limited	1.54	1.61	1.36	1.77	1.58	1.70
National Bank of Sāmoa Limited	2.42	2.53	2.31	2.09	2.03	2.00
Samoa Commercial Bank Limited	2.17	2.35	2.03	2.13	2.11	2.10
<i>Market Shares (%)</i>						
Lending						
Australia New Zealand Bank (Sāmoa) Limited	21.50	22.89	16.18	16.31	16.20	16.19
Bank South Pacific (Sāmoa) Limited	29.96	30.12	33.11	31.37	31.60	31.19
National Bank of Sāmoa Limited	22.14	22.52	22.77	22.27	21.86	22.15
Samoa Commercial Bank Limited	26.39	24.47	27.95	30.06	30.34	30.47
Deposit⁵						
Australia New Zealand Bank (Sāmoa) Limited	21.03	22.16	18.83	19.14	19.66	19.13
Bank South Pacific (Sāmoa) Limited	40.48	37.76	40.12	40.55	39.86	39.80
National Bank of Sāmoa Limited	17.62	18.83	19.06	18.22	17.97	17.78
Samoa Commercial Bank Limited	20.87	21.25	21.99	22.09	22.51	23.29
Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIs)						
<i>Weighted Average Lending (WAL)</i>						
Sāmoa National Provident Fund (SNPF)	8.68	8.67	8.65	8.69	8.68	8.64
Development Bank of Samoa (DBS) @	3.85	3.91	4.13	4.26	4.24	4.21
Samoa Housing Corporation (SHC)	11.34	11.90	10.12	9.80	9.71	9.45
NBFIs' Overall WAL @	8.18	8.19	8.13	8.22	8.20	8.14
Source: Central Bank of Samoa						
(1) Reserve Money is composed of: Currency in Circulation and commercial banks Exchange Settlement Accounts (ESA) and Statutory Required Deposits (SRDs).						
(2) Comprised of demand deposits, foreign currency deposits of residents, and interest payable on these deposits.						
(3) Comprised of time deposits, savings deposits, and the interest payable on these deposits.						
(4) Samoa received the IMF-Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) allocation of SDR15.5 million and equivalent of around \$55.5 million Tala in August 2021.						
(5) Effective April 2023, the calculation of deposit shares takes into account all deposit liabilities of the banking system from both resident and non-resident sectors. Historical series has been revised to reflect these changes.						
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(6) Revised to include Foreign Currency Deposits of Residents to the calculation of Weighted Average Deposit Interest Rates of Commercial Banks.						