

FINANCING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN MAY 2025

1. Government debt data

The debt of the central government increased by HUF 3,819.5 billion in May due to the following reasons:

- **The first increasing factor** is the net forint issuance of HUF 2,502.7 billion, which finances the deficit of the central government budget.
- **The second – increasing – factor** is the net foreign currency issuance of HUF 1,697.4 billion, which finances the deficit and increased the foreign currency deposit, and also increased the debt of the central government.
- **The third – which had contrary effect than the above mentioned factors** – is the appreciation of the forint that decreased the HUF value of the foreign currency debt by HUF 283.7 billion.
- **The fourth – also decreasing factor** – is the change of the foreign currency exchange rates and other factors that decreased the mark-to-market deposits placed at GDMA by HUF 96.9 billion.

According to the preliminary data **the domestic and foreign currency debt of the central government** was the following in 2025.

Central government gross debt and debt transactions in 2025

	31.12.2024		Issuance (increase in debt)	Redemption (decrease in debt)	Other changes	Net change	31.05.2025		change
	Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	January to May				Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	percent
1. HUF denominated debt	38,701.620	69.8%	8,484.661	5,981.928	0.000	2,502.733	41,204.353	69.5%	-0.27%
1.1. Loans	878.653	1.6%	0.000	18.205	0.000	-18.205	860.448	1.5%	-0.13%
1.1.1. Foreign	878.653	1.6%	0.000	18.205	0.000	-18.205	860.448	1.5%	-0.13%
1.1.2. Domestic	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0%	0.00%
1.2. Government securities	37,822.968	68.2%	8,484.661	5,963.723	0.000	2,520.938	40,343.906	68.0%	-0.14%
1.2.1. Bonds	24,106.380	43.5%	2,323.173	396.092	0.000	1,927.081	26,033.461	43.9%	0.45%
1.2.2. Discount T-bills	2,453.677	4.4%	2,889.996	2,277.118	0.000	612.878	3,066.555	5.2%	0.75%
1.2.3. Retail securities	11,262.911	20.3%	3,271.492	3,290.513	0.000	-19.021	11,243.889	19.0%	-1.34%
2. Foreign currency denominated debt	16,557.782	29.8%	1,950.668	253.275	-283.690	1,413.702	17,971.484	30.3%	0.46%
2.1. Loans	3,431.497	6.2%	682.022	0.532	-58.470	623.020	4,054.517	6.8%	0.65%
2.1.1. Foreign	3,431.497	6.2%	480.889	0.532	-55.321	425.036	3,856.533	6.5%	0.32%
2.1.2. Domestic	0.000	0.0%	201.133	0.000	-3.149	197.985	197.985	0.3%	0.33%
2.2. Government securities	13,126.285	23.7%	1,268.646	252.744	-225.221	790.682	13,916.966	23.5%	-0.19%
2.2.1. Issued abroad	12,559.179	22.6%	1,215.755	231.147	-216.854	767.754	13,326.932	22.5%	-0.16%
2.2.1.1. Foreign currency bond	12,369.996	22.3%	1,035.675	49.232	-207.897	778.547	13,148.542	22.2%	-0.12%
2.2.1.2. ECP program	189.183	0.3%	180.080	181.915	-8.957	-10.793	178.390	0.3%	-0.04%
2.2.2. Issued in Hungary	567.106	1.0%	52.891	21.596	-8.367	22.928	590.034	1.0%	-0.03%
Total	55,259.402	99.6%	10,435.329	6,235.203	-283.690	3,916.435	59,175.837	99.8%	0.19%
Other debt	219.613	0.4%	886.023	981.684	-1.224	-96.885	122.728	0.2%	-0.19%
Total central government debt	55,479.015	100.0%	11,321.352	7,216.887	-284.915	3,819.550	59,298.565	100.0%	0.00%

The foreign currency debt of the central government increased by HUF 1 413.7 billion in 2025 and amounted to HUF 17,971.5 billion at the end of May 2025. The share of foreign currency denominated debt within the total debt increased from 29.8% to 30.3% in 2025.

The increase is mainly due to the foreign currency bond issuances in January 2025. On 7 January Hungary's first international bond issuance this year was made in the total amount of EUR 2.5 billion (HUF 1.035,7 billion) by issuing two series with different maturities. One of the two series is a 10-year maturity conventional bond in the amount of EUR 1.5 billion (HUF 621.4 billion) and the other one is a 15-year maturity green bond in the amount of EUR 1.0 billion (HUF 414.3 billion).

The amount of foreign currency securities issued in 2025 under the ECP (Euro Commercial Paper) program was USD 500 million (HUF 180.1 billion). The drawdown of foreign currency loans further increased the share of foreign currency debt, but the exchange rate appreciation decreased the share of foreign currency debt.

The forint denominated debt increased by HUF 2,502.7 billion to HUF 41,204.4 billion. The share of HUF-denominated debt reached 69.5% of the total debt, while in December 2024 this proportion was 69.8%.

The stock of retail securities decreased by HUF 19.0 billion since the end of 2024 to HUF 11,243.9 billion at the end of May. The portfolio of Premium Hungarian Government Security with a long-term maturity decreased by HUF 2,375.7 billion, thus amounted to HUF 4,585.3 billion. The Fixed Hungarian Government Security increased by HUF 1,514.0 billion and amounted to HUF 2,530.9 billion at the end of the month. The sale of Bonus Hungarian Government Security also increased: the stock of Bonus Hungarian Government Security increased by HUF 953.3 billion and amounted to HUF 2,162.2 billion at the end of May. The Hungarian Government Security Plus (dematerialised and printed MÁP Plusz), together with previously sold MÁP Plusz, increased by HUF 159.2 billion compared to the previous month and amounted to HUF 921.7 billion. The 1-Year Hungarian Government Security is being phased out from June 2024, which stock decreased by HUF 374.3 billion to HUF 8.2 billion at the end of May.

The volume of non-resident holdings of Hungarian government securities increased by HUF 196.5 billion to HUF 6,072.6 in May. 99.7% of non-resident holdings was Hungarian Government Bonds, which amounted to HUF 6,054.9 billion. The non-resident holdings of Discount Treasury Bills amounted to HUF 17.7 billion, that represented only 0.3% of total non-resident holdings. The duration of the non-resident stock was 5.5 years at the end of May 2025.

In order to reduce counterparty risk associated with the swap transactions concluded by GDMA, so-called marked-to-market deposits are being placed as collateral covering the net value of the swap positions. Such deposits placed at GDMA are counted as part of the government debt as 'other obligations'. During the first five months of the year marked-to-market and other deposits decreased by HUF 96.9 billion and reached HUF 122.7 billion (EUR 0.3 billion) at the end of the month.

2. Forint yields

The average bid-to-cover ratio of Discount Treasury bill auctions increased from 1.9 to 2.3. The bid-to-cover ratio of Hungarian Government Bonds auctions decreased from 2.7 to 2.1 in May.

The average yield on the last auction of the 3-month Discount Treasury Bill rate hasn't changed from a month earlier at 6.30% in May. The 6-month Treasury bill was 6.31%, 6 basis points higher than at the end of April. The average yield of the last 12-month Discount Treasury Bill auction in May was 6.32%, 2 basis points higher compared to April.

The average yield of the latest 3-year Hungarian Government Bond auctions in May was 6.45% and 20 basis points higher compared to the auction in April. The average yield of the 5-year Hungarian Government Bond auction in May was 6.45%, 9 basis points higher than in April. The average yield of the 10-year Hungarian Government Bond auction in May was 6.98%, 19 basis points higher than in the previous month. The average yield of the latest 15-year Hungarian Government Bond auction was 7.08%, lower by 24 basis points compared to the last March's average yield.