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## Deposit growth has slowed down

For a number of years, Danes have increased their deposits in bank accounts. However, deposit growth has recently lost momentum. For the last year, deposits have thus increased by less than 1 per cent, and the annual change in Danes' deposits was even negative in October. It was the first time since 2014 that the annual change was negative. At the end of November 2021, the Danes' total balance was calculated at kr. 1,027 billion.

### Increased investment appetite has reduced deposits

The development in deposits has been influenced by several different factors. For example, the large extraordinary payments of frozen holiday pay in the autumn of 2020 as well as limited consumption

opportunities as a result of the pandemic have contributed to the generally high level of savings for Danes in 2020.

In 2021, Danes have significantly increased their investments in shares and investment certificates, which, all other things being equal, has put a damper on deposit growth. This can, among other things, be seen in the light of the increasing spread of negative interest rates on deposits and large return on shares in the financial markets.

### Ordinary deposits drive the development

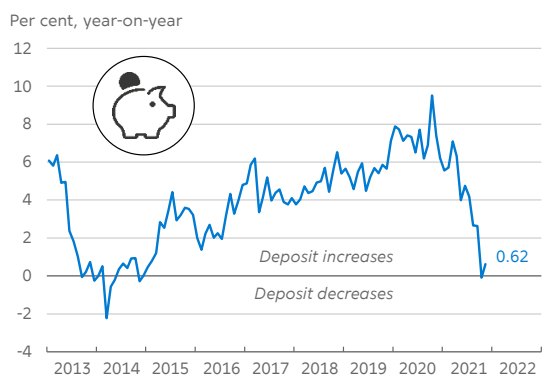
The slowdown applies to ordinary deposits which are characterised by being immediately available, e.g. for payments by Dankort or MobilePay. At the end of November, ordinary deposits, also called transferable deposits, amounted to kr. 757 billion out of total deposits of kr. 1,027 billion.

The remaining part of the Danes' deposits, on the other hand, has been relatively stable. These consist of bonded deposits, of which kr. 172 billion are invested in pool schemes and typically in securities, e.g. in investment certificates. Bonded deposits are, for example, child and pension savings with banks.

### 175 thousand per Dane

Total deposits correspond to each Dane having an average deposit of approx. kr. 175,000 with a bank. However, this differs from what the typical Dane will be able to recognise, as a smaller proportion of Danes have significantly larger deposits, which pulls up the average deposit.

### In October, for the first time since 2014, the annual change in Danes' deposits was negative



Note: The chart shows the year-on-year growth in Danes' total deposits with banks in per cent, i.e. the percentage difference between this year's level in a given month compared to the same month the year before. Find chart data here ([link](#)).

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