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## **SYMBOLS**

- Negligible fraction.
- .. Figures not available.
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- ▣ More than 500 percent increase.
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In all tables, components may not sum to total because of rounding.

*In the Name of God,  
The Compassionate, The Merciful*

## Key Economic Indicators

### Population and Labor Force

Population (1397)	82.1 million
Urban	61.3 million
Rural <sup>1</sup>	20.8 million
Population Growth	1.3 percent
Population Density	49.8 per sq km
Active Population (1397, Q3)	27.1 million
Unemployment Rate (1397, Q3)	11.7 percent
Urban	13.2 percent
Rural	7.6 percent
Male	10.1 percent
Female	18.0 percent
15-29 years old	24.5 percent
15-24 years old	27.0 percent

### External Sector (million US\$) (Nine months, 1397)

Current Account Balance	21,185
Trade Balance (goods account)	26,589
Exports (FOB)	74,358
Imports (FOB)	47,769
Total External Debt (end of period)	10,034
Exchange Rate (US\$/IRR) Interbank Market (average)	Rls. 41,934

Source: Statistical Center of Iran (SCI).

<sup>1</sup> Includes non-resident population.

### Real Sector

GDP Growth (1390=100)	
Oil	-11.4 percent
Non-oil	-3.2 percent
Performance of 1397, Q3 (current prices; trillion Rls.)	
GDP (at basic price)	4,666
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	940
Private Consumption Expenditures	2,400
Public Consumption Expenditures	536

### Government Fiscal Position (trillion Rls.) (1397, Q3)

Revenues	374.7
Expenses	629.9
Disposal of Non-financial Assets	264.7
Acquisition of Non-financial Assets	54.5
Net Lending/Borrowing	78.8

### Tehran Stock Exchange (1397, Q3)

Tehran Stock Exchange Price Index (TEPIX) (end of period)	156,083.0
Value of Shares and Rights Traded	Rls. 511.4 trillion
Volume of Shares and Rights Traded	163.9 billion

















Private sector investment in new buildings in urban areas<sup>1</sup>

	by construction phases				by geographical distribution			
	Newly-started	Semi-finished	Completed	Total	Tehran	Other large cities	Other urban areas	All urban areas
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over the previous year)								
1393	188.3 (3.6)	448.7 (10.5)	173.6 (4.2)	810.6 (7.5)	205.4 (12.3)	336.2 (10.0)	269.0 (1.3)	810.6 (7.5)
1394	155.1 (-17.6)	394.5 (-12.1)	151.9 (-12.5)	701.5 (-13.5)	178.9 (-12.9)	280.6 (-16.5)	242.0 (-10.0)	701.5 (-13.5)
1395	141.0 (-9.1)	363.4 (-7.9)	97.8 (-35.6)	602.2 (-14.1)	133.2 (-25.6)	247.3 (-11.9)	221.8 (-8.3)	602.2 (-14.1)
1396	181.1 (8.5)	425.7 (9.2)	131.4 (54.3)	738.1 (15.0)	183.3 (35.1)	266.1 (10.3)	288.7 (9.0)	738.1 (15.0)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over respective period of the previous year)								
1396 <sup>2</sup> :								
Q2	48.0 (-5.1)	121.9 (20.6)	33.6 (91.6)	203.5 (20.3)	61.5 (67.6)	64.5 (0.5)	77.5 (13.4)	203.5 (20.3)
Q3	45.2 (24.6)	102.4 (-2.4)	30.4 (58.9)	178.0 (11.0)	39.3 (19.3)	63.5 (3.2)	75.2 (14.2)	178.0 (11.0)
Q4	40.5 (41.5)	97.5 (10.1)	41.0 (62.7)	179.0 (25.7)	45.4 (52.6)	65.8 (25.9)	67.8 (12.3)	179.0 (25.7)
1397:								
Q1	57.8 (22.0)	114.6 (10.3)	40.5 (53.6)	212.8 (19.8)	42.3 (13.8)	84.3 (16.6)	86.2 (26.6)	212.8 (19.8)
Q2	61.2 (27.5)	163.4 (34.0)	44.4 (32.1)	269.0 (32.2)	72.2 (17.5)	90.5 (40.3)	106.3 (37.1)	269.0 (32.2)
Q3	58.7 (29.8)	159.2 (55.5)	55.3 (81.9)	273.2 (53.5)	48.7 (24.2)	108.4 (70.6)	116.1 (54.3)	273.2 (53.5)

Source: Economic Statistics Department, CBI.

<sup>1</sup> Figures are at current prices and exclude land price.

<sup>2</sup> Since 1396, data have been calculated on the basis of the new base year (1395). Due to statistical revisions, new data are not comparable with those calculated based on previous base year (1390). Meanwhile, since 1396, percentage changes (1396 compared with 1395) have been calculated based on the new base year (1395).























## Monetary and Credit Aggregates (Cont.)<sup>1</sup>

(percent)

	Ratio of non-performing loans <sup>2</sup> to total loans (in rial)	Ratio of non-performing loans to total loans (in foreign exchange)	Ratio of non-performing loans to total loans (in rial and foreign exchange)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over the previous year)			
1393	11.2 (-15.2)	17.7 (-6.8)	12.1 (-14.2)
1394	9.7 (-13.4)	13.1 (-26.0)	10.2 (-15.7)
1395	9.5 (-2.1)	13.2 (0.8)	10.0 (-2.0)
1396	10.3 (8.4)	10.3 (-22.0)	10.3 (3.0)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over Esfand of the previous year)			
1396:			
Q2	10.9 (14.7)	12.4 (-6.1)	11.1 (11.0)
Q3	11.3 (18.9)	12.3 (-6.8)	11.5 (15.0)
Q4	10.3 (8.4)	10.3 (-22.0)	10.3 (3.0)
1397:			
Q1	11.6 (12.6)	10.2 (-1.0)	11.4 (10.7)
Q2	11.4 (10.7)	9.2 (-10.7)	11.1 (7.8)
Q3	11.6 (12.6)	9.0 (-12.6)	11.2 (8.7)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over respective month of the previous year)			
1397:			
Tir	11.8 (3.5)	9.4 (-26.0)	11.4 (-0.9)
Mordad	11.6 (2.7)	9.1 (-26.6)	11.2 (-1.8)
Shahrivar	11.4 (4.6)	9.2 (-25.8)	11.1 (0.0)
Mehr	11.4 (1.8)	9.2 (-25.2)	11.1 (-2.6)
Aban	12.1 (6.1)	9.3 (-23.8)	11.7 (1.7)
Azar	11.6 (2.7)	9.0 (-26.8)	11.2 (-2.6)

<sup>1</sup> Includes public and non-public sectors.

<sup>2</sup> Non-performing loans include overdue, deferred, and doubtful claims.



## ***Mercantile Exchange and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Market Activities***

	<b>Mercantile exchange</b>		<b>OTC market</b>			
	Value of trading (trillion rials)	Volume of trading (million tons)	General index (1388=100)	Value of trading (trillion rials)	Volume of trading (billion shares)	Market capitalization (trillion rials)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over the previous year)						
1393	401.9 (-6.1)	23.8 (-2.4)	668.3 (-13.4)	332.4 (14.1)	52.7 (32.9)	834.7 (-12.5)
1394	297.2 (-26.0)	23.3 (-2.2)	806.0 (20.6)	453.5 (36.4)	83.7 (58.8)	966.4 (15.8)
1395	371.0 (24.8)	25.5 (9.4)	875.0 (8.6)	461.3 (1.7)	80.4 (-3.9)	1,047.2 (8.4)
1396	498.8 (34.4)	26.7 (4.7)	1,097.0 (25.4)	595.5 (29.1)	90.2 (12.1)	1,470.4 (40.4)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over the previous period)						
1396:						
Q2	119.3 (26.4)	7.3 (34.8)	957.3 (5.9)	101.7 (-0.2)	15.2 (-43.2)	1,153.7 (6.8)
Q3	128.9 (8.0)	6.8 (-7.0)	1,082.0 (13.0)	161.6 (58.9)	19.6 (29.3)	1,233.0 (6.9)
Q4	156.2 (21.2)	7.3 (7.7)	1,097.0 (1.4)	230.3 (42.5)	28.7 (46.0)	1,470.4 (19.2)
1397:						
Q1	161.5 (3.4)	6.6 (-9.6)	1,242.0 (13.2)	111.8 (-51.5)	16.2 (-43.5)	1,624.4 (10.5)
Q2	218.4 (35.2)	7.1 (7.8)	1,879.0 (51.3)	256.3 (129.2)	43.0 (165.6)	2,166.1 (33.3)
Q3	215.9 (-1.2)	4.8 (-32.1)	1,791.0 (-4.7)	317.3 (23.8)	58.3 (35.7)	2,240.5 (3.4)
(Figures in parentheses indicate percentage change over the previous month)						
1397:						
Tir	69.4 (22.2)	2.5 (20.0)	1,222.0 (-1.6)	59.2 (43.2)	10.4 (35.1)	1,609.4 (-0.9)
Mordad	69.3 (-0.2)	2.6 (1.5)	1,553.0 (27.1)	91.5 (54.5)	13.7 (32.8)	1,769.8 (10.0)
Shahrivar	79.7 (15.0)	2.0 (-21.6)	1,879.0 (21.0)	105.5 (15.3)	18.9 (37.4)	2,166.1 (22.4)
Mehr	86.8 (9.0)	1.7 (-16.5)	2,102.0 (11.9)	149.6 (41.8)	26.0 (37.9)	2,403.9 (11.0)
Aban	77.2 (-11.1)	1.9 (14.0)	1,908.0 (-9.2)	85.4 (-42.9)	16.2 (-37.9)	2,403.2 (0.0)
Azar	51.9 (-32.7)	1.2 (-35.8)	1,791.0 (-6.1)	82.3 (-3.6)	16.1 (-0.4)	2,240.5 (-6.8)

Source: [www.ifb.ir](http://www.ifb.ir) and Iran Mercantile Exchange.



**Government Budget (Cont.)**

(trillion rials)

	Net lending (+) / borrowing (-) <sup>1</sup>	Transaction of financial assets and liabilities <sup>1</sup>	Disposal of financial assets					Acquisition of financial assets
			Sale of Islamic financial instruments	Foreign borrowing	Privatization revenues <sup>2</sup>	Returns from previous years	Others <sup>3</sup>	
1394	-181.6	181.6	105.1	0.0	99.4	4.7	10.6	38.2
1395	-255.5	255.5	538.3	0.0	78.4	3.9	7.6	372.7
1396	-272.3	272.3	445.0	0.0	41.5	5.5	109.4	329.1
1397 (approved)	-322.5	322.5	385.0	3.6	71.0	4.7	166.2	307.9
1396:								
Q2	-6.4	6.4	38.0	0.0	7.9	0.9	22.0	62.5
Q3	-204.3	204.3	236.8	0.0	11.8	1.9	97.6	143.8
Q4	113.2	-113.2	170.2	0.0	13.1	1.4	-184.7	113.1
1397:								
Q1	-290.1	290.1	137.1	0.0	9.0	1.4	142.6	0.0
Q2	-82.2	82.2	56.3	0.0	11.1	1.6	60.2	47.0
Q3	-78.8	78.8	173.2	0.0	14.7	0.7	45.9	155.6
1397:								
Tir	-22.4	22.4	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.1	20.5	1.9
Mordad	-56.6	56.6	56.3	0.0	1.6	1.1	23.7	26.1
Shahrivar	-3.2	3.2	0.1	0.0	5.7	0.3	16.0	19.0
Mehr	-19.2	19.2	29.5	0.0	3.3	0.2	45.9	59.8
Aban	-35.0	35.0	0.4	0.0	6.3	0.2	28.7	0.5
Azar	-24.6	24.6	143.2	0.0	5.1	0.3	-28.7	95.3

Source: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance.

<sup>1</sup> It is the sum of operating balance and net disposal of non-financial assets and the differential of disposal of financial assets and the acquisition of financial assets.

<sup>2</sup> Includes privatization of mines and projects related to acquisition of non-financial assets.

<sup>3</sup> Includes principal of government loans (domestic and foreign), utilization of revolving fund of the Treasury, and resources of National Development Fund (NDF) used for the capital increase of Innovation and Development Fund.

**Government Budget (Cont.)**

(trillion rials)

		Tax revenue						
		Direct tax			Indirect tax			
		Total	Corporate tax	Income tax	Wealth tax	Total	Import tax	Tax on goods and services
1394		429.6	287.6	117.8	24.2	362.3	115.5	246.7
		(19.6)	(19.8)	(25.3)	(-3.8)	(3.4)	(-13.4)	(13.7)
1395		493.9	317.5	149.6	26.7	520.9	182.9	337.9
		(15.0)	(10.4)	(27.0)	(10.7)	(43.8)	(58.3)	(36.9)
1396		531.5	350.3	152.5	28.7	626.9	226.7	400.2
		(7.6)	(10.3)	(2.0)	(7.2)	(20.4)	(23.9)	(18.4)
1397 (approved)		635.2	406.3	194.0	34.9	785.6	292.1	493.5
1396:								
Q2		138.4	91.5	39.7	7.2	111.0	23.2	87.8
		(47.9)	(87.9)	(1.8)	(22.9)	(25.6)	(28.8)	(24.8)
Q3		104.4	65.1	32.8	6.5	148.2	46.0	102.2
		(-24.5)	(-28.9)	(-17.3)	(-8.7)	(33.5)	(98.4)	(16.4)
Q4		195.2	144.9	41.1	9.1	279.4	139.6	139.9
		(86.9)	(122.7)	(25.3)	(39.6)	(88.6)	(203.5)	(36.9)
1397:								
Q1		91.0	41.6	42.3	7.1	134.9	36.9	98.0
		(-53.4)	(-71.3)	(2.9)	(-21.9)	(-51.7)	(-73.6)	(-29.9)
Q2		136.5	80.6	45.7	10.2	141.0	37.1	103.9
		(50.0)	(93.7)	(8.1)	(43.4)	(4.6)	(0.6)	(6.1)
Q3		139.0	86.7	43.2	9.0	128.8	25.5	103.4
		(1.8)	(7.6)	(-5.5)	(-11.9)	(-8.6)	(-31.3)	(-0.5)
1397:								
Tir		61.4	39.6	17.6	4.2	61.5	13.1	48.4
		(64.4)	(168.8)	(-11.1)	(48.3)	(43.6)	(-9.1)	(70.4)
Mordad		38.0	20.5	14.3	3.2	42.6	13.5	29.1
		(-38.1)	(-48.2)	(-18.6)	(-25.0)	(-30.8)	(3.1)	(-39.9)
Shahrivar		37.2	20.4	13.9	2.9	36.9	10.5	26.4
		(-2.1)	(-0.4)	(-3.1)	(-9.1)	(-13.4)	(-22.5)	(-9.1)
Mehr		36.5	16.9	16.5	3.1	60.9	10.1	50.8
		(-1.7)	(-17.2)	(18.9)	(9.5)	(65.1)	(-3.5)	(92.2)
Aban		35.2	18.3	13.7	3.1	35.0	7.5	27.5
		(-3.8)	(8.1)	(-16.6)	(0.2)	(-42.6)	(-25.6)	(-45.9)
Azar		67.2	51.5	13.0	2.7	32.9	7.9	25.1
		(91.1)	(181.6)	(-5.4)	(-13.3)	(-5.8)	(4.7)	(-8.7)

Source: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance.

## APPENDIX

### Monetary and Credit Policy

In a meeting of banks' and non-bank credit institutions' officials with the CBI Governor on Shahrivar 5, 1396 (August 27, 2017), the guidelines on monetary and credit policies, No. 96/173793, regarding the newly adopted deposit and loan profit rates as approved by the Money and Credit Council (MCC), were declared to the banking system for implementation:

- ❖ The 15.0 percent provisional profit rate on one-year deposits is further emphasized by the CBI and as of Shahrivar 11, 1396 (September 2, 2017), banks and credit institutions are strictly required to observe the mentioned rate, as per Circular No. 95/116595 dated Tir 14, 1395 (July 4, 2016). Meanwhile, the maximum provisional profit rate of ordinary short-term deposits (the profit of which is calculated on a daily basis) should be set at 10.0 percent annually.
- ❖ The term investment deposit rate as applied is meant to be provisional. Banks and credit institutions, in accordance with Circular No. 94/69383 dated Khordad 20, 1394 (June 10, 2015) on calculation of banks' profit earned and the assignment of the overall profit to different deposits, need to adjust the provisional rate and apply the differentials to all sorts of term investment deposits.
- ❖ In determining the provisional profit rate of term investment deposits, banks and credit institutions are advised to adopt measures so that the effective provisional profit rates do not exceed the rates stipulated in the mentioned Circular.
- ❖ In introducing any new products or projects for mobilizing deposits, banks and credit institutions are obligated to set and announce the effective deposit rates, based on the CBI prior approval.
- ❖ As before, banks and credit institutions cannot open term investment deposit accounts with a maturity date of more than one year. However, the provisional deposit rates stipulated in this Circular will only be applied to new contracts, as of the implementation date of this Circular. The provisional profit rates on previous investment contracts, prior to the current Circular, shall remain valid up to the end of the contract term. Investment contracts with provisional profit rates set prior to the implementation of this Circular cannot be extended at original rates. In case of the extension of deposit contracts by depositors, the newly approved rates as of the date of contract extension will be applied. Considering the fact that opening term investment deposits with a maturity of more than one year was banned as of 1393 (2014), only four- and five-year deposits opened before 1393 (2014) may remain in effect until the end of the contract term. In this regard, banks and credit institutions are required to take measures to settle the issues regarding any other term investment deposits of more than one year existing in their books.
- ❖ The provisional profit rates applied to investment funds with fixed income will also be subject to the provisional profit rates stipulated in this Circular.
- ❖ As for special short-term or one-year deposits, if depositors withdraw funds or close the account prior to the end of the contract term, the provisional profit rate of these accounts will be calculated similar to the provisional profit rate of ordinary short-term deposits (calculated on a daily basis). Based on the current regulations, profit payment to ordinary short-term investment deposit accounts is allowed only if the balance remains in account at least one month from the opening date of the account.
- ❖ Banks and credit institutions are advised to avoid any misappropriation of accounting procedures or manipulation of computer software, which could lead to an increase in the effective rate of deposits over the current approved rates. In case of the adoption of such measures, all violators including the managers and employees of banks and credit institutions as well as the software companies rendering service to these institutions, will be penalized. Meanwhile, in case of the involvement of software companies in manipulating software, banks and credit institutions will be prohibited from any further cooperation with these companies.

### Correspondence of Iranian and Gregorian Calendars<sup>1</sup>

Month \ Year	1393		1394		1395		1396		1397		
	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	
Farvardin	1 31	March April	21 20	March April	21 20	March April	20 19	March April	21 20	March April	21 20
Ordibehesht	1 31	April May	21 21	April May	21 21	April May	20 20	April May	21 21	April May	21 21
Khordad	1 31	May June	22 21	May June	22 21	May June	21 20	May June	22 21	May June	22 21
Tir	1 31	June July	22 22	June July	22 22	June July	21 21	June July	22 22	June July	22 22
Mordad	1 31	July Aug.	23 22	July Aug.	23 22	July Aug.	22 21	July Aug.	23 22	July Aug.	23 22
Shahrivar	1 31	Aug. Sept.	23 22	Aug. Sept.	23 22	Aug. Sept.	22 21	Aug. Sept.	23 22	Aug. Sept.	23 22
Mehr	1 30	Sept. Oct.	23 22	Sept. Oct.	23 22	Sept. Oct.	22 21	Sept. Oct.	23 22	Sept. Oct.	23 22
Aban	1 30	Oct. Nov.	23 21	Oct. Nov.	23 21	Oct. Nov.	22 20	Oct. Nov.	23 21	Oct. Nov.	23 21
Azar	1 30	Nov. Dec.	22 21	Nov. Dec.	22 21	Nov. Dec.	21 20	Nov. Dec.	22 21	Nov. Dec.	22 21
Dey	1 30	Dec. Jan.	22 20	Dec. Jan.	22 20	Dec. Jan.	21 19	Dec. Jan.	22 20	Dec. Jan.	22 20
Bahman	1 30	Jan. Feb.	21 19	Jan. Feb.	21 19	Jan. Feb.	20 18	Jan. Feb.	21 19	Jan. Feb.	21 19
Esfand	1 29/30	Feb. March	20 20	Feb. March	20 19	Feb. March	19 20	Feb. March	20 20	Feb. March	20 20

<sup>1</sup> There are 31 days in each of the first six months of the Iranian calendar, 30 days in each of the next 5 months and 29 days in the last month, except in leap year when it has 30 days.