

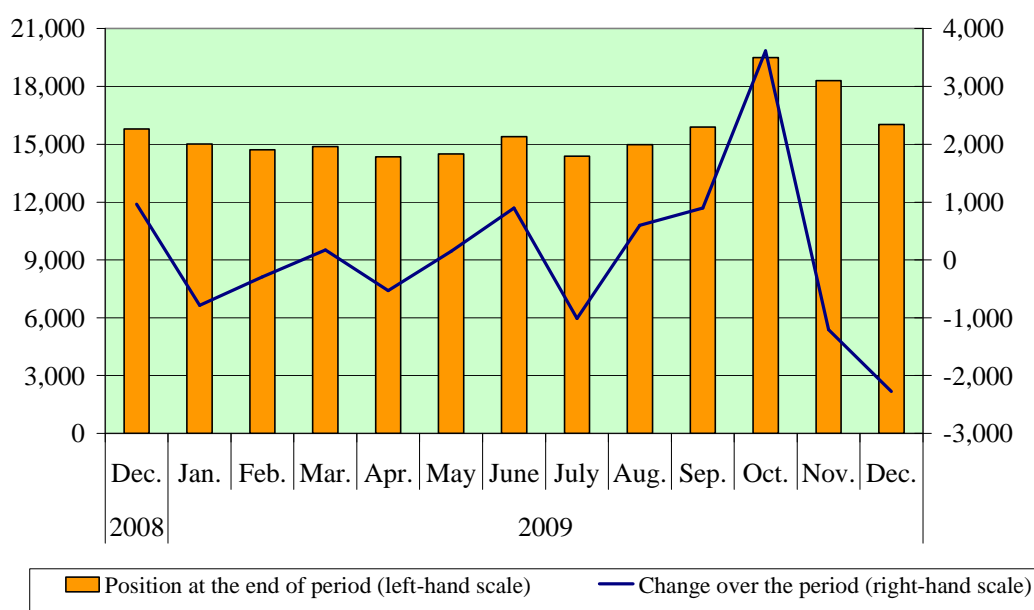
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OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS, DECEMBER 2009

At the end of December 2009, official reserve assets made up LTL 16 billion (EUR 4.6 billion). They decreased in December by LTL 2.3 billion, i.e. by 12.4 per cent; however, during 2009, their increase made up LTL 228.5 million, i.e. 1.4 per cent.

Official reserve assets

LTL millions



The decline of official reserve assets was driven by a decrease of central government deposits with the Bank of Lithuania of LTL 2.4 billion. The reserves also contracted due to a decline of deposits of other MFIs with the Bank of Lithuania and other factors respectively by LTL 337.8 million and LTL 34.3 million. Meanwhile, the narrowing of official reserve assets was slightly offset by a rise in external liabilities of the Bank of Lithuania by LTL 267.3 million, currency in circulation by LTL 180.3 million, and a change in the allocation of SDRs by LTL 4.6 million.

Official reserve assets data for January 2010 will be released on 5 February 2010.

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