

This work focuses on the development of the loan market in the Czech economy. In the first portion of this work, the problems of bank loans at the infancy of the Czech Republic transformation are described. Subsequently depicted is the loan emission evolution in the private sector during the 90's, the 1997 crisis impact on the loan market and the following „credit crunch“ are examined in more detail. Additionally, the influence of the privatization of large Czech banks on the loan administration after the year 2000 is studied as well as the entrance of the Czech Republic into the European Union, which affected primarily banking regulation. The second portion of this work analyzes the connection between bank loan growth rate and economic measures (GNP, loan rates, and classified loans). This analysis is executed for the household and the business sectors of the Czech Republic separately.