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Reserve money and access to cash

Reserve money stood at 5,324,881 crore rupees on 15 October 2026. The RBI printed annual growth of 10.3 per cent for that date.

5,324,881

Rupees crore, 15 October 2026

The RBI prints annual growth of 10.3 per cent for this reference date.

Source: Reserve Bank of India, Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-08-28, 2026-09-11, 2026-09-25, 2026-10-09, 2026-10-23. T_7, row Reserve Money. Unit: rupees crore; growth rates: per cent.

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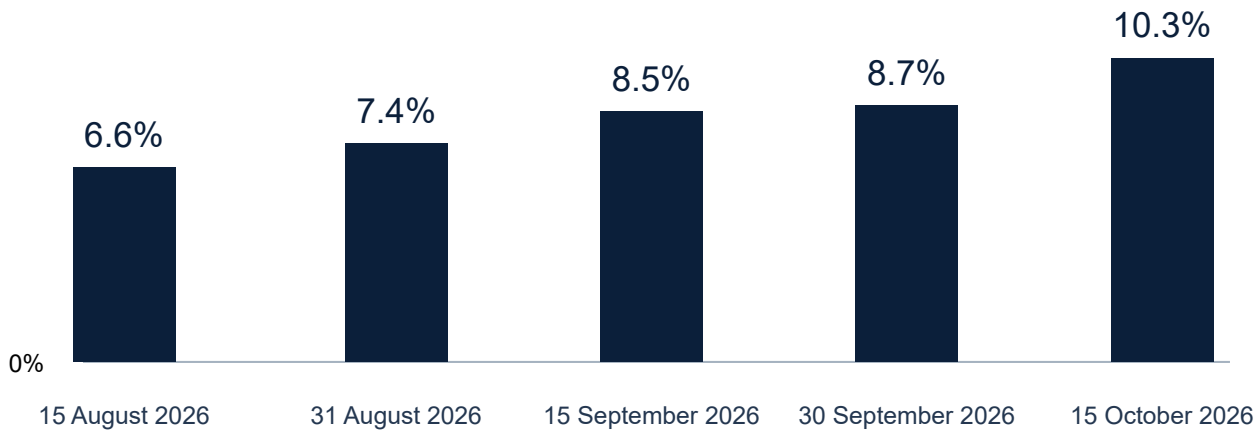
Where is cash available?

Reserve money includes currency and deposits with the RBI. This monetary aggregate does not show how much cash is available to individual households.

> Reserve money differs from broad money. Growth in reserve money alone cannot establish household access to cash.

Read each release against its reference date. A stock is the amount recorded at that date; a change measures movement over an interval. These measures therefore answer different questions.

Published annual growth



Published annual growth increased across these five reference dates.

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The published snapshots

Reference date	Stock, crore	Printed fortnight change, crore	Annual growth	Source issue
15 August 2026	5,239,885	-30,016	6.6%	2026-08-28
31 August 2026	5,276,642	36,758	7.4%	2026-09-11
15 September 2026	5,271,873	-4,769	8.5%	2026-09-25
30 September 2026	5,278,142	6,268	8.7%	2026-10-09
15 October 2026	5,324,881	46,739	10.3%	2026-10-23

Each line uses the source issue named beside it. The fortnight change is the change printed in that issue. Earlier snapshots may use different vintages, so subtracting their levels cannot replace the printed change.

These aggregates do not identify individual borrowers or measure lending costs. A claim about access therefore needs separate evidence.

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Annexure: source and comparison rules

Monetary levels remain in rupees crore, the units printed by the RBI. Percentage figures keep the published decimal precision. No forecast supplies a figure for the coming release.

Check the original of the coming release and use its heading to establish the reference date. The date when the issue was released cannot establish that date on its own.

- RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-08-28. Open the RBI workbook.
- RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-09-11. Open the RBI workbook.
- RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-09-25. Open the RBI workbook.
- RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-10-09. Open the RBI workbook.
- RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement, 2026-10-23. Open the RBI workbook.