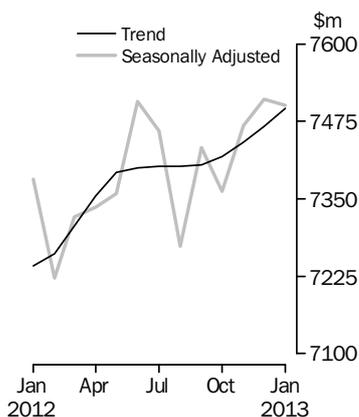


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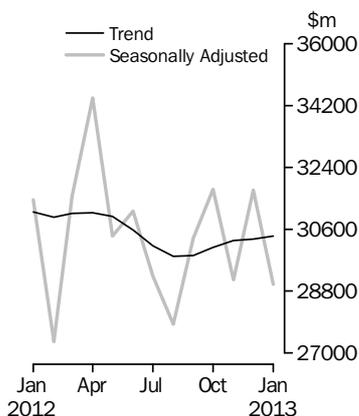
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KEY FIGURES

	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Dec 2012 to Jan 2013
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	13 783	13 779	0.0
Personal finance	7 467	7 496	0.4
Commercial finance	30 325	30 396	0.2
Lease finance	508	496	-2.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	13 586	13 764	1.3
Personal finance	7 511	7 501	-0.1
Commercial finance	31 752	28 994	-8.7
Lease finance	452	515	14.0

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

JANUARY 2013 COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 2012:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions remained flat in trend terms, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 1.3%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.4%. Revolving credit commitments rose 0.5% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.3%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.1%. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.3%, while revolving credit commitments rose 0.1%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 0.2%. Fixed lending commitments rose 0.3%, while revolving credit commitments was flat.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 8.7% in January 2013, after a rise of 9.0% in December 2012. Revolving credit commitments fell 18.0%, after a rise of 9.5% in the previous month. Fixed lending commitments fell 4.9%, after a rise of 8.8% in the previous month.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 2.3%, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 14.0%, after a fall of 15.2% in December 2012.

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
February 2013	16 April 2013
March 2013	14 May 2013
April 2013	12 June 2013
May 2013	15 July 2013
June 2013	12 August 2013
July 2013	11 September 2013

REVISIONS

In this issue revisions have been made to the original series as a result of improved reporting of survey and administrative data. These revisions have impacted on:

- Owner occupied housing values for the period of October 2012 to December 2012
- Personal finance values for December 2012
- Commercial finance values for the period of November 2012 to December 2012

Seasonally adjusted and trend series have been revised as a result of revisions to the original series, the incorporation of estimates for the latest month and the revision of seasonal factors due to the concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology.

ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

(Table 1)

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions remained flat in trend terms, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 1.3%.

For further information, please refer to *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat.no. 5609.0), which was released on 13 March 2013.

PERSONAL FINANCE

(Tables 1 & 4)

In trend terms, the value of total personal finance commitments rose 0.4% in January 2013 compared with December 2012. Revolving credit commitments rose 0.5% and fixed lending commitments rose 0.3%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.1%. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.3%, while revolving credit commitments rose 0.1%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

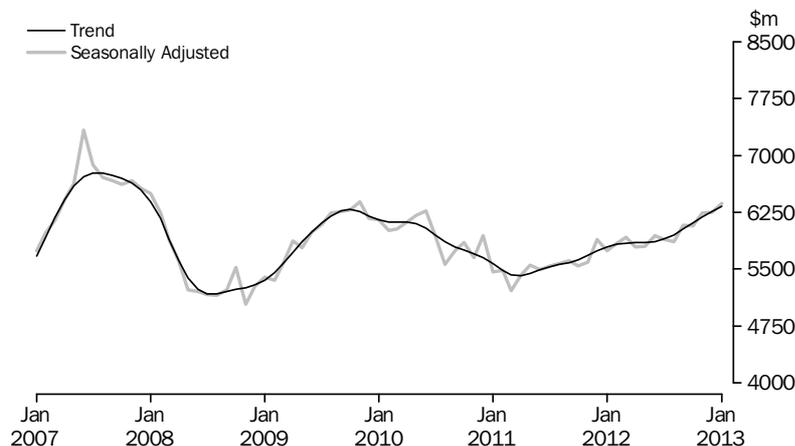
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The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) rose 1.1% in January 2013 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.0%.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



LEASE FINANCE

(Table 1)

The value of total lease finance commitments (trend) fell 2.3% in January 2013. The seasonally adjusted series rose 14.0%, after a fall of 15.2% in December 2012.

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Summary

Month	SECURED HOUSING(a)		PERSONAL(b)			COMMERCIAL			LEASE
	Construction and purchase of dwellings(c)	Alterations and additions	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2012									
January	11 584	287	3 397	3 112	6 508	17 321	6 682	24 003	388
February	12 163	340	3 901	3 189	7 090	17 537	6 192	23 729	465
March	13 804	369	4 251	3 368	7 620	24 011	8 467	32 478	548
April	12 250	302	3 608	2 909	6 517	19 497	8 508	28 005	482
May	15 101	365	4 720	3 369	8 089	23 336	8 496	31 832	611
June	13 686	334	4 676	3 467	8 143	27 562	9 790	37 352	624
July	13 746	324	4 177	3 400	7 577	21 413	7 886	29 299	570
August	14 436	341	4 363	2 990	7 353	20 999	8 351	29 350	528
September	13 014	312	3 981	2 901	6 882	19 809	7 806	27 615	532
October	14 724	357	4 420	3 301	7 721	24 404	9 038	33 442	573
November	15 411	361	4 688	3 108	7 796	22 095	9 090	31 185	544
December	13 537	322	4 225	3 146	7 371	26 337	11 762	38 098	487
2013									
January	11 923	263	3 907	2 998	6 905	17 067	5 571	22 637	429
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2012									
January	13 833	367	3 935	3 447	7 382	21 767	9 692	31 458	479
February	13 261	337	3 996	3 226	7 222	20 828	6 506	27 334	504
March	13 327	330	4 060	3 260	7 321	23 285	8 288	31 573	515
April	13 392	333	4 071	3 265	7 336	23 726	10 680	34 406	554
May	13 518	323	4 173	3 185	7 358	21 759	8 648	30 408	567
June	13 642	328	4 230	3 277	7 507	22 702	8 424	31 126	543
July	13 436	338	4 257	3 202	7 459	21 140	8 097	29 237	556
August	13 670	329	4 244	3 029	7 273	20 420	7 413	27 833	522
September	13 873	329	4 345	3 088	7 433	21 759	8 589	30 349	589
October	13 812	330	4 295	3 068	7 362	23 183	8 587	31 770	536
November	13 908	326	4 347	3 121	7 468	20 649	8 484	29 133	533
December	13 586	349	4 377	3 133	7 511	22 462	9 290	31 752	452
2013									
January	13 764	320	4 366	3 135	7 501	21 372	7 622	28 994	515
TREND									
2012									
January	13 567	343	3 948	3 293	7 241	22 070	9 036	31 106	484
February	13 527	340	3 985	3 276	7 262	22 257	8 703	30 960	504
March	13 470	337	4 039	3 267	7 306	22 460	8 599	31 059	523
April	13 432	333	4 100	3 255	7 355	22 462	8 617	31 079	538
May	13 445	330	4 159	3 233	7 392	22 325	8 641	30 966	549
June	13 517	328	4 208	3 192	7 400	22 052	8 519	30 571	556
July	13 615	329	4 248	3 155	7 402	21 762	8 365	30 126	558
August	13 696	330	4 279	3 123	7 402	21 572	8 251	29 823	553
September	13 746	331	4 303	3 101	7 404	21 574	8 254	29 829	545
October	13 776	331	4 324	3 094	7 418	21 692	8 394	30 086	533
November	13 787	332	4 343	3 098	7 442	21 777	8 493	30 270	521
December	13 783	331	4 360	3 107	7 467	21 804	8 521	30 325	508
2013									
January	13 779	331	4 374	3 122	7 496	21 879	8 517	30 396	496

(a) For owner occupation. (d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).
 (b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation. (e) New and increased credit limits during the month. Includes credit cards.
 (c) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: **Original**

Month	HOUSING FINANCE (a)					PERSONAL FINANCE (b)				
	Banks	Permanent building societies	Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	Other lenders	Total	Banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012										
January	10 890	152	129	414	11 584	5 489	np	np	721	6 508
February	11 382	194	141	446	12 163	6 042	np	np	728	7 090
March	12 914	259	150	481	13 804	6 494	np	np	778	7 620
April	11 488	211	122	429	12 250	5 492	np	np	750	6 517
May	14 144	281	158	517	15 101	6 892	np	np	858	8 089
June	12 837	199	151	498	13 686	6 985	np	np	824	8 143
July	12 871	218	181	476	13 746	6 551	np	np	715	7 577
August	13 561	214	199	462	14 436	6 243	np	np	757	7 353
September	12 161	175	171	506	13 014	5 850	np	np	733	6 882
October	13 795	185	216	529	14 724	6 496	np	np	896	7 721
November	14 400	212	256	543	15 411	6 535	np	np	918	7 796
December	12 678	170	219	470	13 537	6 151	np	np	911	7 371
2013										
January	11 114	145	252	412	11 923	5 845	np	np	738	6 905

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(a) Secured finance for owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions.
 (b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: **Original**

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE					LEASE FINANCE				
	Banks	Money market corporations	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total	Banks	General financiers	Finance companies	Other lessors	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012										
January	21 726	np	np	np	24 003	65	177	np	np	388
February	21 319	np	np	np	23 729	84	201	np	np	465
March	29 189	np	np	np	32 478	141	208	np	np	548
April	25 433	np	np	np	28 005	90	229	np	np	482
May	29 017	np	np	np	31 832	111	293	np	np	611
June	34 388	np	np	np	37 352	166	237	np	np	624
July	26 425	np	np	np	29 299	104	275	np	np	570
August	26 415	np	np	np	29 350	103	217	np	np	528
September	25 012	np	np	np	27 615	94	262	np	np	532
October	30 685	np	np	np	33 442	112	262	np	np	573
November	27 864	np	np	np	31 185	132	217	np	np	544
December	35 309	np	np	np	38 098	119	199	np	np	487
2013										
January	20 209	np	np	np	22 637	95	170	np	np	429

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PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): **Original**

<i>Month</i>	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Total motor vehicles(a)</i>	<i>Individual residential blocks of land</i>	<i>Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012									
January	452	419	991	308	36	387	893	781	3 397
February	448	434	1 016	391	49	404	1 145	896	3 901
March	469	444	1 051	417	54	456	1 333	941	4 251
April	426	385	930	412	39	373	1 036	818	3 608
May	540	458	1 149	543	64	582	1 330	1 053	4 720
June	600	439	1 181	562	47	559	1 387	940	4 676
July	501	451	1 094	427	42	517	1 207	891	4 177
August	556	497	1 219	437	42	537	1 185	943	4 363
September	490	435	1 073	397	40	519	1 038	914	3 981
October	592	471	1 229	466	41	586	1 075	1 023	4 420
November	633	456	1 278	484	49	612	1 117	1 149	4 688
December	608	386	1 133	448	35	575	1 037	997	4 225
2013									
January	499	440	1 092	386	37	555	928	910	3 907

(a) Includes motorcycles and other motor vehicles.

(b) Includes alterations and additions.

(c) Includes boats, caravans and trailers, household goods, travel and holidays and other purposes.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Revolving Credit Stocks and Flows: **Original**

Month	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	Secured	Unsecured	Total	Total(a)	Total limits(a)	Credit used
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012						
January	1 314	1 797	3 112	2 935	299 352	122 060
February	1 247	1 942	3 189	2 800	299 651	122 641
March	1 327	2 041	3 368	3 540	299 429	121 853
April	1 156	1 752	2 909	3 132	299 089	121 465
May	1 330	2 039	3 369	4 166	297 848	120 858
June	1 557	1 910	3 467	4 172	297 628	121 482
July	1 647	1 753	3 400	3 264	297 837	120 294
August	1 284	1 706	2 990	3 448	297 886	119 154
September	1 311	1 591	2 901	2 717	298 107	118 294
October	1 347	1 954	3 301	3 282	298 169	117 772
November	1 166	1 942	3 108	3 059	298 448	117 778
December	1 423	1 723	3 146	2 797	298 732	117 749
2013						
January	1 220	1 778	2 998	2 614	298 943	116 544

(a) These figures sometimes reflect a rebasing of the data by one or more lenders without adjustment to earlier periods' commitments or cancellations.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

Month	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	Total	Commitments not drawn at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012								
January	555	6 156	1 128	1 425	3 035	5 023	17 321	41 659
February	980	6 691	1 416	1 754	3 212	3 485	17 537	40 591
March	1 208	8 178	1 867	1 964	4 114	6 680	24 011	41 813
April	774	7 079	1 862	1 901	2 613	5 269	19 497	43 346
May	973	8 656	1 463	2 812	3 085	6 348	23 336	43 247
June	1 107	9 251	1 523	2 332	5 146	8 203	27 562	42 595
July	873	7 928	1 402	1 953	2 521	6 734	21 413	43 625
August	692	7 933	1 565	2 109	2 958	5 742	20 999	44 530
September	1 141	7 946	1 725	2 047	2 020	4 931	19 809	44 694
October	3 666	8 546	1 804	2 136	2 478	5 773	24 404	43 325
November	941	8 992	1 331	2 196	2 944	5 691	22 095	42 556
December	3 206	8 612	1 195	1 962	4 092	7 270	26 337	42 857
2013								
January	711	7 307	1 259	1 562	2 111	4 115	17 067	42 731

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LEASE AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Stocks and Flows: Original

Month	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions(a)	Total credit limits at end of month(a)	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012						
January	388	np	6 682	9 476	328 384	197 231
February	465	np	6 192	6 939	327 349	197 093
March	548	np	8 467	9 291	326 351	200 658
April	482	np	8 508	9 166	324 629	202 460
May	611	np	8 496	8 026	328 227	206 177
June	624	np	9 790	10 624	326 987	203 838
July	570	np	7 886	10 402	325 008	202 123
August	528	np	8 351	8 396	325 860	204 508
September	532	np	7 806	8 567	325 235	202 574
October	573	np	9 038	12 543	321 762	200 767
November	544	np	9 090	9 891	320 838	198 725
December	487	np	11 762	11 385	321 331	197 199
2013						
January	429	np	5 571	8 498	318 379	197 497

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(b)	Alterations and additions	Total(c)	Construction of dwellings for rent and resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ORIGINAL										
2012										
January	1 043	571	9 970	287	36	201	4 599	362	17 069	
February	1 290	572	10 300	340	49	419	5 274	459	18 704	
March	1 377	661	11 766	369	54	310	6 117	447	21 102	
April	1 211	671	10 368	302	39	410	5 350	492	18 843	
May	1 647	759	12 695	365	64	354	6 726	658	23 268	
June	1 546	749	11 391	334	47	619	6 752	593	22 030	
July	1 548	712	11 486	324	42	378	5 982	461	20 934	
August	1 568	815	12 053	341	42	271	6 176	634	21 900	
September	1 319	793	10 901	312	40	442	5 594	910	20 312	
October	1 442	969	12 313	357	41	911	6 189	836	23 058	
November	1 449	911	13 051	361	49	402	6 738	918	23 879	
December	1 313	886	11 338	322	35	393	6 009	806	21 101	
2013										
January	1 121	747	10 055	263	37	389	5 263	645	18 521	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2012										
January	1 336	680	11 817	367	47	293	5 743	474	20 757	
February	1 378	593	11 290	337	50	494	5 842	529	20 514	
March	1 367	637	11 323	330	46	304	5 924	499	20 430	
April	1 375	748	11 269	333	44	528	5 792	555	20 645	
May	1 411	681	11 426	323	51	277	5 798	564	20 531	
June	1 455	762	11 426	328	47	431	5 938	508	20 894	
July	1 435	714	11 287	338	43	380	5 887	473	20 556	
August	1 430	806	11 434	329	42	268	5 865	591	20 765	
September	1 381	868	11 623	329	43	375	6 078	945	21 644	
October	1 367	883	11 563	330	38	945	6 070	747	21 943	
November	1 378	847	11 683	326	43	469	6 236	844	21 825	
December	1 417	829	11 340	349	41	389	6 248	761	21 375	
2013										
January	1 368	854	11 542	320	46	537	6 372	812	21 851	
TREND										
2012										
January	1 337	658	11 572	343	45	427	5 790	520	20 692	
February	1 355	660	11 513	340	46	422	5 828	518	20 682	
March	1 376	667	11 428	337	48	415	5 847	518	20 634	
April	1 398	680	11 354	333	48	397	5 851	518	20 578	
May	1 416	704	11 325	330	47	376	5 851	516	20 566	
June	1 424	737	11 355	328	46	364	5 865	525	20 646	
July	1 424	773	11 418	329	44	359	5 899	550	20 797	
August	1 415	804	11 476	330	43	360	5 953	594	20 976	
September	1 403	829	11 515	331	42	375	6 027	652	21 173	
October	1 392	847	11 537	331	42	400	6 108	712	21 368	
November	1 384	857	11 546	332	42	428	6 188	764	21 540	
December	1 380	860	11 544	331	42	454	6 262	806	21 678	
2013										
January	1 378	862	11 538	331	43	483	6 330	836	21 801	

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(b) Only includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary).

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)					COMMERCIAL	LEASE	ALL VEHICLE
					FINANCE(a)	FINANCE	FINANCE
	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Motorcycles</i>	<i>Other motor vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012								
January	452	419	27	93	991	768	204	1 964
February	448	434	29	104	1 016	929	240	2 185
March	469	444	32	107	1 051	1 028	297	2 376
April	426	385	25	94	930	884	249	2 063
May	540	458	33	117	1 149	1 170	331	2 650
June	600	439	29	112	1 181	1 258	315	2 753
July	501	451	29	113	1 094	1 104	313	2 511
August	556	497	31	136	1 219	1 085	318	2 621
September	490	435	32	116	1 073	1 022	290	2 385
October	592	471	34	132	1 229	1 111	311	2 651
November	633	456	32	157	1 278	1 112	327	2 717
December	608	386	27	112	1 133	1 022	268	2 423
2013								
January	499	440	28	125	1 092	902	247	2 241

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS		LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012								
January	136	43	16	np	2	2	np	204
February	162	47	18	5	3	np	np	240
March	194	51	28	np	5	np	np	297
April	158	45	27	6	6	np	np	249
May	204	62	37	14	8	3	3	331
June	204	52	37	5	7	3	5	315
July	200	54	36	np	6	4	np	313
August	191	54	42	np	5	np	np	318
September	173	47	32	8	np	np	np	290
October	198	49	37	9	7	np	np	311
November	203	57	37	8	13	np	np	327
December	165	43	31	11	12	3	5	268
2013								
January	149	44	27	np	15	np	np	247

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other plant and equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012					
January	119	538	657	184	841
February	172	652	824	225	1 049
March	168	767	935	251	1 186
April	230	786	1 017	233	1 250
May	297	1 345	1 642	280	1 922
June	233	841	1 074	309	1 383
July	191	659	849	257	1 107
August	259	765	1 025	210	1 234
September	247	778	1 025	242	1 266
October	259	766	1 025	262	1 287
November	298	785	1 084	217	1 301
December	242	697	939	219	1 158
2013					
January	221	440	660	181	842

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment: **Original**

Month	Transport equipment (a)	Construction and earthmoving equipment	Agricultural machinery and equipment	Manu- facturing equipment	Electronic data processing equipment	Office machines	Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment	Other goods	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012									
January	16	np	np	np	72	31	7	19	184
February	np	63	12	3	54	41	9	np	225
March	15	45	10	4	50	np	np	40	251
April	np	57	8	1	71	39	6	np	233
May	np	np	np	2	66	58	12	np	280
June	21	95	17	6	57	42	23	49	309
July	18	76	3	3	84	42	5	26	257
August	13	58	7	4	54	41	5	29	210
September	21	np	np	3	35	38	8	24	242
October	17	90	11	13	60	39	5	28	262
November	14	53	6	3	47	39	8	46	217
December	15	63	6	3	44	38	10	40	219
2013									
January	11	30	np	np	85	20	9	15	181

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(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents statistics on finance commitments made by significant lenders for the purposes of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance.
- 2** *Secured housing finance for owner occupation* is secured finance to individuals for the purchase or construction of dwellings for owner occupation, and for alterations and additions to existing owner occupied dwellings. Refinancing involving a change of lender is also included, while refinancing with the same lender is excluded from all estimates.
- 3** *Personal finance*, other than secured housing finance for owner occupation, is finance provided to individuals for their personal, non-business, use. Both fixed loans and revolving credit finance are included.
- 4** *Commercial finance* is finance provided to individuals and corporations for business or investment purposes, including for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rental or resale. Fixed loans, revolving credit and commercial hire purchase are included.
- 5** *Lease finance* includes finance and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided as spreadsheets on Details tab of this issue.

SCOPE

- 6** Finance commitments made by the following types of lenders are included:
 - Banks
 - Permanent building societies
 - Credit unions/cooperative credit societies
 - Life or general insurance companies
 - General government enterprises
 - Superannuation funds
 - Securitiser of mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
 - Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

COVERAGE

- 7** The statistics cover all bank commitments, and all commitments for secured housing finance for owner occupation made by permanent building societies. Of the remaining commitments, the largest lenders for each of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance are covered, so that when calculated separately for each of the four broad categories of purpose finance, at least 95% of Australia-wide finance commitments and at least 90% of each state's finance commitments are covered. While many lenders other than banks are not covered, at least 70% coverage is maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8** The survey coverage of lending finance commitments is maintained and updated by including new lenders as their lending for any of the four categories of finance becomes sufficiently large.
- 9** From June 2001, the statistics for:
 - secured housing finance for owner occupation cover all commitments by banks and permanent building societies, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$50m for housing finance in 2000
 - personal finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$96m for personal finance in 2000.
- 10** From June 2002, the statistics for:
 - commercial finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided more than \$484m for commercial finance in 2001
 - lease finance cover all commitments by banks, and commitments by all other lenders which provided funds of more than \$31m for lease finance in 2001.

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COVERAGE *continued*

11 Additional smaller lenders are also covered where it is necessary to maintain collection coverage (as specified in paragraph 7).

SOURCES

12 For banks, credit cooperatives, building societies and RFCs, the statistics in this publication are currently derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). The Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001 facilitates the collection of statistical data from the financial sector, with APRA established as the central point for collection of both prudential and statistical data. In October 2001, APRA implemented new reporting forms for building societies and credit cooperatives. New reporting forms were implemented for banks in March 2002, and for RFCs in March 2003. APRA commenced collecting loan commitments data from banks, credit cooperatives and building societies in July 2002, and from RFCs in March 2003.

13 Secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* form collected by APRA. Personal finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form. Commercial finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form and from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form for fixed loans for personal investment purposes. Lease finance commitments are sourced from the *ARF 393.0 Lease Finance* form.

14 Finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* (commercial finance commitments), *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* (secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing), *RRF 393.0 Lease Finance* (lease finance commitments) and *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* (personal finance commitments and commercial finance commitments).

15 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at <http://www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/Reporting-forms-and-instructions-ADIs.cfm>. For RFCs, these are available at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/nonreg/Pages/default.aspx>.

16 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the ABS.

REVISIONS

17 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the publication as they occur.

18 Changes in the classification of lenders (e.g. the conversion of a permanent building society to a bank) are reflected in the Lender series from the month of the change. Data for earlier periods for such lenders are not reclassified. Details of the establishment of new banks are published in the Reserve Bank of Australia's monthly *Bulletin* in the section on Technical Notes to Tables.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

19 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation and 'trading day effects'. A 'trading day effect' reflects the varying amounts of activity on different days of the week and the different number of days of the week in any month (i.e. the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc.). This effect may be partly caused by the reporting practices of the lenders. Adjustment is also made for Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently. Trading day effects are removed from the original estimates prior to the seasonal adjustment process. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) from the seasonally adjusted series.

20 Estimation of seasonal adjustment and trading day factors that reflect the full effect of recent developments is not possible until a sufficient number of years of data have been collected. When changes are occurring in the seasonal patterns, larger revisions to the seasonally adjusted series can be expected at the time of the biennial seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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underlying movement in housing finance commitments. (See paragraphs 23 and 24 for further information on trend estimates).

21 The lending finance series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the seasonal adjustment factors. This means that original estimates available at the current reference month are used to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous months. As a result of this methodology, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for earlier periods can be revised each month. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the previous month and the same month a year ago.

22 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The lending finance collections use an individual ARIMA model for the majority of the series in this publication. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the biennial (once every two years) reanalysis. The next reanalysis is scheduled for the November 2014 issue. For more information on ARIMA modelling see Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

23 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 term Henderson-weighted moving average to all but the last six months of the respective seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends: An Overview* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au.

24 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 23 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Changes in the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

25 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Changes in dollar value and percentage terms presented in the commentary are based on rounded data and may differ slightly from changes in dollar values and percentage terms calculated from the unrounded data presented in the time series tables.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

26 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

27 Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS releases:

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.0.55.001)
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0)
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) - issued quarterly

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS *continued*

- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0)
- *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia Electronic Publication* (cat. no. 9314.0).

28 In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the monthly *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin*, the tables of which are available on the RBA web site <http://www.rba.gov.au>. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) also publishes a range of finance statistics on its website <http://www.apra.gov.au>.

29 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the Statistics View. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au> which details products to be released in the week ahead.

GLOSSARY

Agricultural machinery and equipment	Includes tractors, tillage implements, seeding, planting and fertilising equipment, agricultural mowers, harvesters, etc.
Alterations and additions	Comprises all structural and non-structural changes which are integral to the functional and structural design of a dwelling. Examples are garages, carports, pergolas, reroofing, recladding, etc. Alterations and additions do not include swimming pools, ongoing repairs, or maintenance and home improvements which do not involve building work.
Commitment	Is a firm offer of finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month are included. Commitments to non-residents are excluded.
Construction and earth moving equipment	Includes concrete mixers and pumpers, dozers, graders, mobile cranes, crawler tractors, dumpers, road rollers, earth packers, scarifiers, rippers, etc.
Construction of dwellings	Comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.
Debt consolidation	For personal finance, comprises commitments whose principle purpose is to consolidate and pay out amounts owing by the borrower to third parties.
Dwelling	Is a single self-contained place of residence such as a detached or semidetached house, a terrace house, a flat, home unit, town house, etc. which includes bathing and cooking facilities.
Electronic data processing equipment	Includes computers, computer peripherals, data entry devices, word processing machines, etc.
Established dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or has been previously occupied.
Finance lease	Refers to the leasing or hiring of tangible assets under an agreement, other than a hire purchase agreement, which substantially transfers from the lessor to the lessee all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the asset without transferring the legal ownership.
Fixed loans	Generally involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.
Heavy trucks	Comprises all vehicles with a gross combination mass rating in excess of 3.5 tonnes, including prime movers registered without trailers.
Light trucks	Comprises vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods which do not exceed 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass such as utilities, panel vans, trucks, cab-chassis, forward control vans and four-wheel drives used to carry goods.
Manufacturing equipment	Includes all plant and equipment used in the manufacture of goods except motor vehicles such as forklifts, work trucks and tractors.
Motor cars and station wagons	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
Motorcycles	Includes two and three wheeled motorcycles and mopeds, scooters and motorcycles with side cars.
New dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant.
Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Purpose	Of the loan is that specified by the borrower. Where possible multiple purpose loans are split and each component is reported in the appropriate purpose category. Otherwise the whole loan is classified to the major purpose.
Real Property	Comprises both residential and non-residential land, buildings and fixed structures.
Refinancing	For personal and commercial finance, represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance, only those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged are included. The refinancing of a loan to fund a change of residence is treated as a new lending commitment.
Revolving credit	Generally has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit■ repayments (other than of charges and interest) made during the period reduce the extent of the borrowing used and thereby increase the amount of unused credit available up to the authorised limit. Examples include credit cards, lines of credit and approved overdrafts.
Secured credit limits	Includes overdrafts, lines of credit, credit cards, etc. backed by a mortgage or other assets owned by the borrower.
Secured housing finance	Comprises all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for housing that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded.
Total credit limits at end of month	Comprises total approved credit limits available at the end of the reference month. In principle, this can be derived by adding new and increased lending commitments during the month less cancellations and reductions of credit limits during the month to the balance of credit limits at the end of the previous month. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments (such as the transfer of an existing fixed credit facility) will mean that such a derivation is inexact.
Wholesale finance	Comprises finance for the purchase of goods by retailers and wholesalers.

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