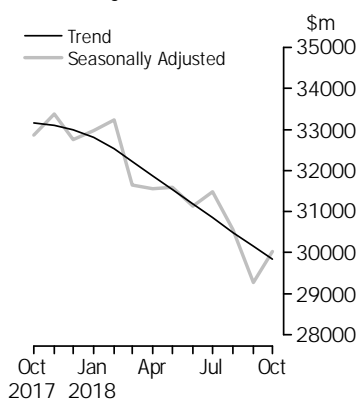


HOUSING FINANCE

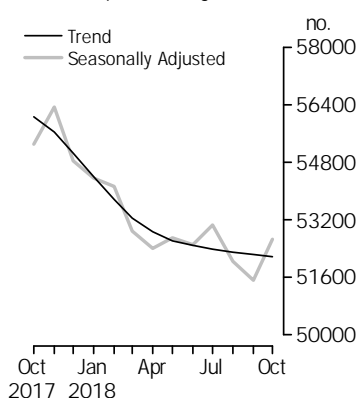
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Value of dwelling commitments
Total dwellings



No. of dwelling commitments
Owner occupied housing



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KEY FIGURES

	Trend estimates		Seasonally adjusted estimates	
	Oct 2018	Sep 2018 to Oct 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018 to Oct 2018
VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS (a)(b)				
	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
Total dwellings	29 851	-1.0	30 031	2.6
Owner occupied housing	20 006	-1.0	20 147	3.5
Investment housing - fixed loans(c)	9 845	-1.0	9 884	0.6

NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

	no.		no.	
	% change		% change	
Owner occupied housing	52 171	-0.1	52 654	2.2
Construction of dwellings	5 757	-0.5	5 761	3.2
Purchase of new dwellings	2 516	-1.5	2 513	-0.5
Purchase of established dwellings	43 898	0.0	44 380	2.2

- (a) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).
 (b) Excludes alterations and additions.
 (c) Excludes revolving credit.

KEY POINTS

VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER 2018 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2018:

- The trend estimate for the total value of dwelling finance commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 1.0%. Owner occupied housing commitments fell 1.0% and investment housing commitments fell 1.0%.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, the total value of dwelling finance commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 2.6%.

NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER 2018 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2018:

- In trend terms, the number of commitments for owner occupied housing finance fell 0.1% in October 2018.
- In trend terms, the number of commitments for the purchase of new dwellings fell 1.5% and the number of commitments for the construction of dwellings fell 0.5%, while the number of commitments for the purchase of established dwellings was flat.
- In original terms, the number of first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments rose to 18.1% in October 2018 from 18.0% in September 2018.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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UPDATE TO FORTHCOMING CHANGES

The ABS is combining *Housing Finance, Australia* (5609.0) and *Lending Finance, Australia* (5671.0) into a single, simpler publication called *Lending to Households and Businesses, Australia* (5601.0). An information paper will be released on 11 January 2019 which outlines the forthcoming changes in more detail and outlines the format of the new publication, as well as providing historical data in the new table structures. In the new publication, some of the data currently published in the two publications will no longer be published, however, some existing outputs will be further disaggregated. New analytical series will also be added with the inclusion of seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for more data items. This new consolidated publication will be released on 12 February 2019.

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 affected the following series:

- Owner occupied housing for the periods July 2018 to September 2018.
- Investment housing for the periods July 2018 to September 2018.
- Housing loan outstandings to households for owner occupation series and investment housing series for the period September 2018.

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TIME SERIES DATA

TIME SERIES DATA

Data available free on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> include:

- longer time series of tables in this publication
- the following tables, with data from October 1975.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DWELLINGS FINANCED

Value of Dwellings Financed

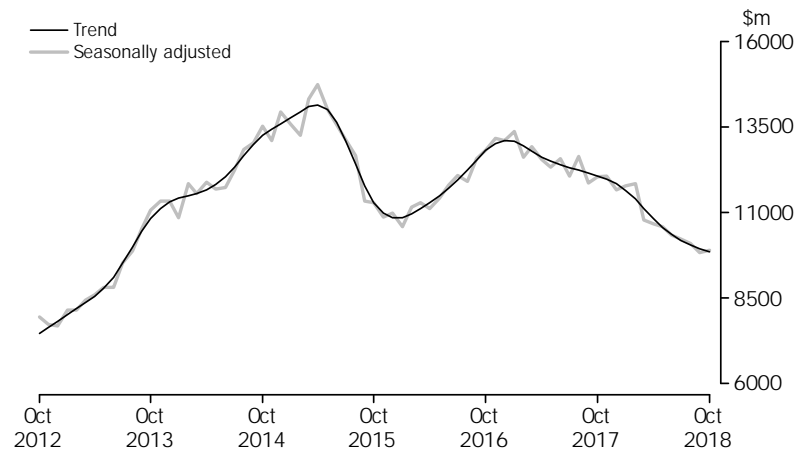
The total value of dwelling commitments excluding alterations and additions (trend) fell 1.0% in October 2018 compared with September 2018, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.6% in October 2018.

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell (down \$210m, 1.0%) in October 2018. Falls were recorded in commitments for the purchase of established dwellings (down \$162m, 0.9%), commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down \$27m, 2.5%) and commitments for the construction of dwellings (down \$21m, 1.1%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of owner occupied housing commitments rose 3.5% in October 2018.

The total value of investment housing commitments (trend) fell (down \$101m, 1.0%) in October 2018 compared with September 2018. Falls were recorded in commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (down \$56m, 0.7%), commitments for the construction of dwellings for rent or resale (down \$29m, 3.1%) and commitments for the purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale (down \$16m, 2.1%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of investment housing commitments rose 0.6% in October 2018.

Further detail can be found in Tables 11, 1 and 2 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

INVESTMENT HOUSING - TOTAL

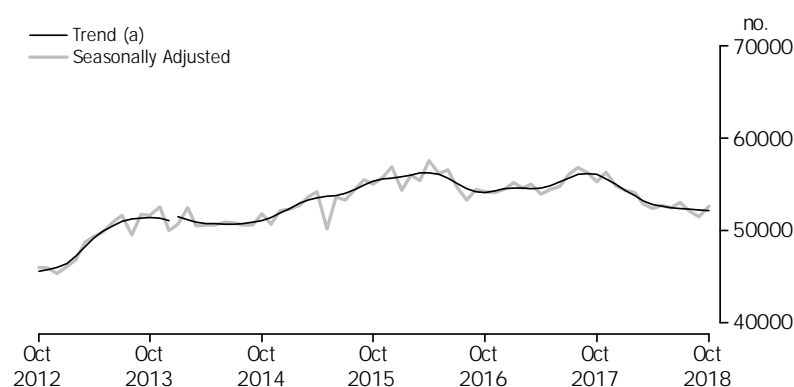


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed

The number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell 0.1% in October 2018, following a fall of 0.1% in September 2018. Falls were recorded in commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down 38, 1.5%) and commitments for the construction of dwellings (down 28, 0.5%), while commitments for the purchase of established dwellings was flat. The seasonally adjusted series for the total number of owner occupied housing commitments rose 2.2% in October 2018.

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(a) A correction has been applied to January 2014 for a break in the Non-Banks series due to a change in coverage.

Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed – State

Between September 2018 and October 2018, the number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell in New South Wales (down 98, 0.6%), Victoria (down 89, 0.6%), Queensland (down 37, 0.4%) and the Northern Territory (down 7, 2.6%), while rises were recorded in Western Australia (up 47, 1.0%), the Australian Capital Territory (up 26, 2.3%), Tasmania (up 20, 1.8%) and South Australia (up 18, 0.5%).

The seasonally adjusted estimates rose in Victoria (up 746, 5.1%), South Australia (up 246, 7.1%), the Australian Capital Territory (up 114, 10.1%), Tasmania (up 95, 8.7%), Queensland (up 75, 0.8%) and New South Wales (up 45, 0.3%), while falls were recorded in the Northern Territory (down 25, 10.3%) and Western Australia (down 19, 0.4%).

Further detail can be found in Tables 5 and 6 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

First Home Buyer Commitments

In original terms, the number of first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments rose to 18.1% in October 2018 from 18.0% in September 2018. Between September 2018 and October 2018, the average loan size for first home buyers rose \$600 to \$338,900. The average loan size for all owner occupied housing commitments rose \$2,400 to \$386,300 for the same period.

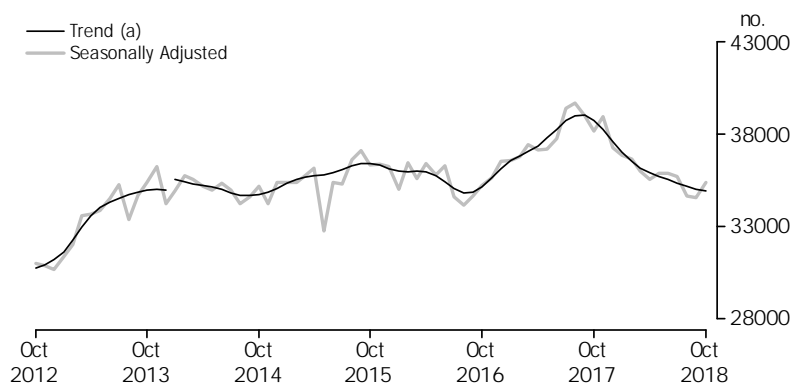
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed Excluding Refinancing

The number of owner occupied housing commitments excluding refinancing (trend) fell 0.3% in October 2018, following a fall of 0.4% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3% in October 2018, after a fall of 0.2% in September 2018.

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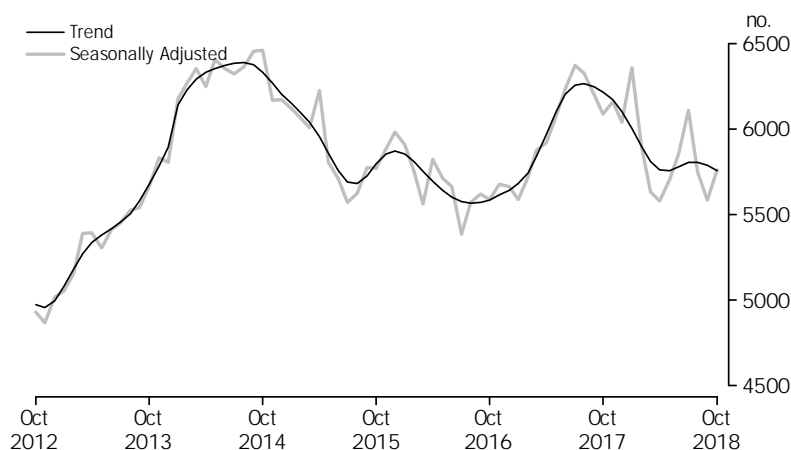


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PURPOSE OF FINANCE (OWNER OCCUPATION) *Construction of dwellings*

The number of finance commitments for the construction of dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 0.5% in October 2018, following a fall of 0.3% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 3.2% in October 2018, after a fall of 2.9% in September 2018.

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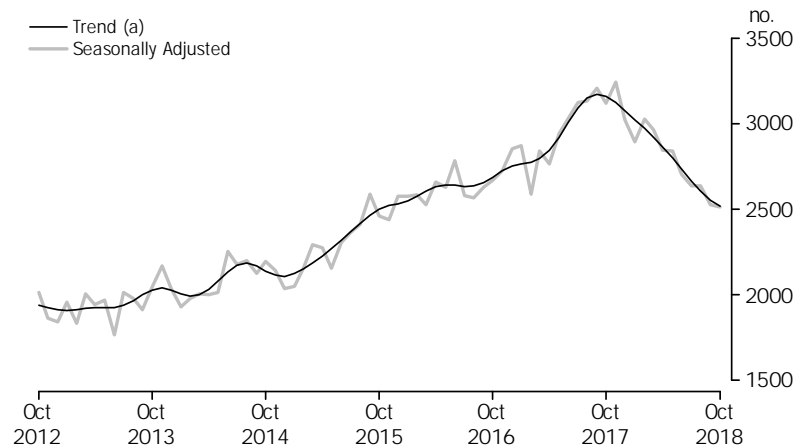


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Purchase of new dwellings

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of new dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 1.5% in October 2018, following a fall of 1.9% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series fell 0.5% in October 2018, following a fall of 4.2% in September 2018.

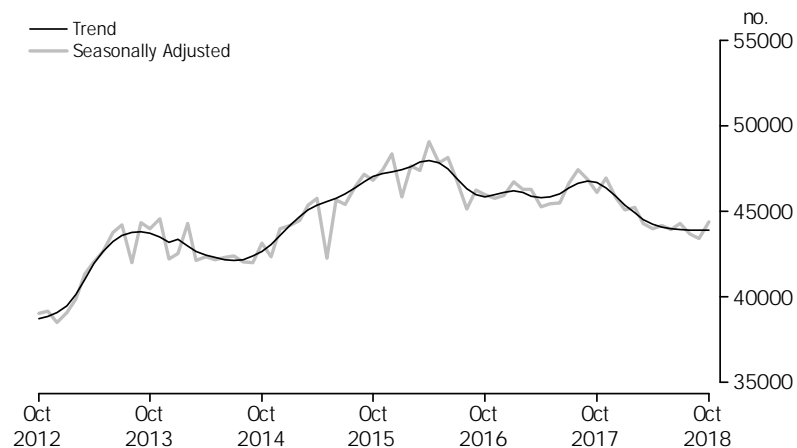
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Purchase of established dwellings (including refinancing across lending institutions)

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of established dwellings for owner occupation (trend) was flat for both September 2018 and October 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 2.2% in October 2018, after a fall of 0.6% in September 2018.

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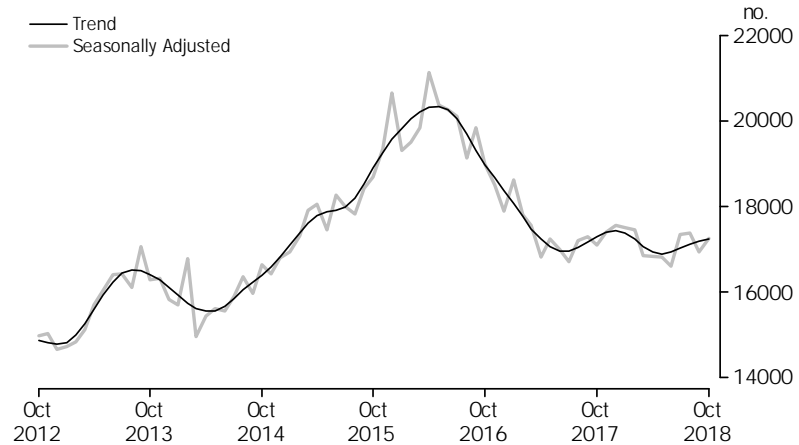


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Refinancing

The number of refinancing commitments for owner occupied housing (trend) rose 0.3% in October 2018, following a rise of 0.4% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 1.9% in October 2018, after a fall of 2.5% in September 2018.

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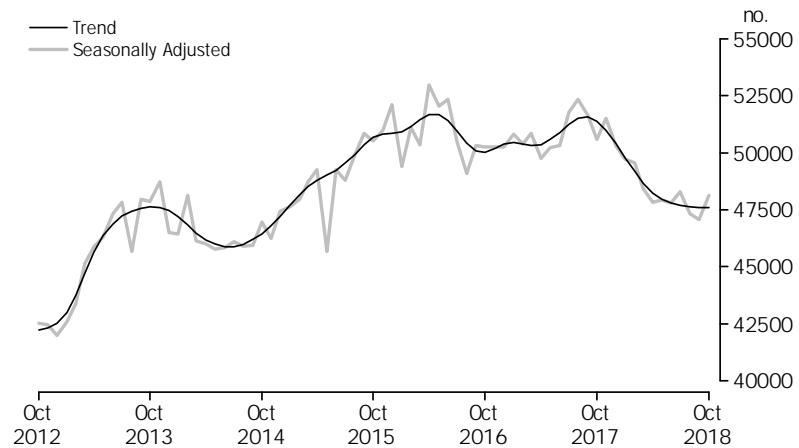


TYPE OF LENDER (OWNER OCCUPATION)

Banks

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by banks (trend) was flat in October 2018, after a fall of 0.1% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3% in October 2018, after a fall of 0.5% in September 2018.

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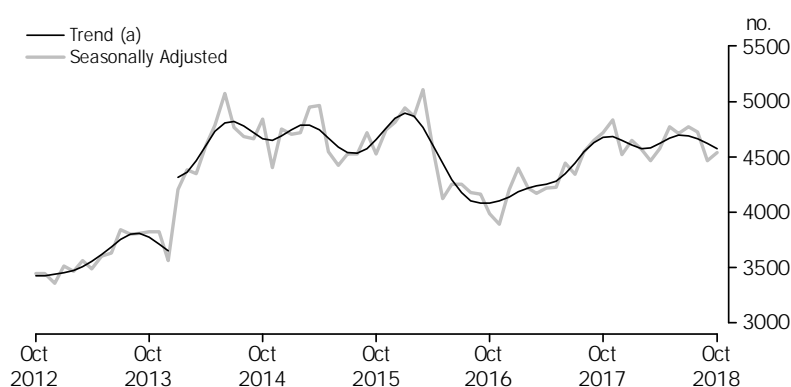


SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Non-banks

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by non-banks (trend) fell 1.1% in October 2018, following a fall of 0.9% in September 2018. The seasonally adjusted series rose 1.7% in October 2018, after a fall of 5.5% in September 2018. The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by permanent building societies (trend) rose 0.8% in October 2018, following a rise of 1.4% in September 2018.

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HOUSING LOAN OUTSTANDINGS

At the end of October 2018, the value of outstanding housing loans financed by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) was \$1,695b, up \$5b (0.3%) from the September 2018 closing balance. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs rose \$5b (0.4%) to \$1,130b, while investment housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs was flat at \$566b.

Bank housing loan outstandings rose \$5b (0.3%) during October 2018 to reach a closing balance of \$1,658b. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings of banks rose \$5b (0.5%) to \$1,100b, while investment housing loan outstandings of banks was flat at \$557b.

Further detail can be found in Table 12 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION) (a), By Purpose: Australia

Month	Construction of dwellings.....		Purchase of new dwellings.....		Purchase of established dwellings(b).....		Total.....		Refinancing of established dwellings(c).....		Total excluding refinancing of established dwellings.....	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
ORIGINAL												
2017												
October	6 168	2 051	3 260	1 296	47 736	18 255	57 164	21 603	17 624	6 219	39 540	15 384
November	6 527	2 168	3 555	1 373	51 751	20 498	61 833	24 039	19 105	6 851	42 728	17 188
December	5 718	1 920	3 214	1 315	45 568	18 198	54 500	21 434	16 831	6 145	37 669	15 288
2018												
January	5 213	1 748	2 363	933	38 921	15 402	46 497	18 084	14 852	5 390	31 645	12 694
February	5 206	1 722	2 751	1 106	41 130	15 942	49 087	18 769	16 036	5 842	33 051	12 927
March	5 468	1 821	2 965	1 196	45 069	17 758	53 502	20 775	17 441	6 400	36 061	14 375
April	5 204	1 706	2 592	1 085	40 905	16 620	48 701	19 411	15 616	5 899	33 085	13 511
May	6 538	2 193	3 078	1 299	49 066	19 989	58 682	23 482	18 636	6 961	40 046	16 521
June	6 321	2 189	2 788	1 208	43 726	17 545	52 835	20 942	16 711	6 195	36 124	14 747
July	6 552	2 184	2 599	1 104	45 101	18 048	54 252	21 336	17 833	6 652	36 419	14 684
August	6 235	2 046	2 766	1 180	45 358	18 104	54 359	21 330	18 200	6 831	36 159	14 498
September	5 260	1 695	2 470	1 033	40 994	15 976	48 724	18 704	16 129	5 841	32 595	12 863
October	6 089	2 017	2 685	1 138	47 109	18 432	55 883	21 587	18 245	6 652	37 638	14 935
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
2017												
October	6 087	2 017	3 118	1 212	46 090	17 593	55 296	20 822	17 101	6 049	38 194	14 773
November	6 155	2 031	3 244	1 230	46 941	18 063	56 340	21 325	17 399	6 224	38 940	15 101
December	6 039	1 986	3 021	1 193	45 784	17 915	54 844	21 094	17 556	6 359	37 287	14 735
2018												
January	6 357	2 135	2 894	1 181	45 105	17 884	54 357	21 200	17 512	6 399	36 845	14 801
February	5 893	1 973	3 027	1 234	45 198	18 173	54 118	21 380	17 453	6 462	36 665	14 918
March	5 631	1 908	2 963	1 213	44 282	17 766	52 877	20 887	16 859	6 250	36 018	14 637
April	5 580	1 838	2 842	1 206	43 982	17 843	52 404	20 887	16 832	6 303	35 572	14 584
May	5 704	1 909	2 841	1 210	44 146	17 890	52 691	21 010	16 813	6 316	35 879	14 693
June	5 853	2 016	2 703	1 165	43 943	17 627	52 499	20 808	16 612	6 035	35 887	14 773
July	6 111	2 057	2 636	1 149	44 314	18 044	53 062	21 250	17 344	6 461	35 718	14 789
August	5 747	1 904	2 637	1 101	43 654	17 472	52 038	20 478	17 372	6 490	34 666	13 988
September	5 581	1 768	2 527	1 052	43 413	16 638	51 520	19 457	16 938	6 209	34 582	13 249
October	5 761	1 901	2 513	1 034	44 380	17 211	52 654	20 147	17 262	6 258	35 391	13 889
TREND												
2017												
October	6 216	2 043	3 159	1 219	46 684	17 830	56 059	21 092	17 300	6 127	38 759	14 965
November	6 170	2 037	3 121	1 215	46 352	17 884	55 643	21 135	17 401	6 223	38 243	14 912
December	6 102	2 024	3 073	1 211	45 881	17 932	55 056	21 167	17 441	6 311	37 615	14 856
2018												
January	6 004	2 000	3 022	1 211	45 365	17 950	54 390	21 160	17 377	6 358	37 013	14 802
February	5 896	1 972	2 970	1 212	44 899	17 947	53 766	21 130	17 231	6 359	36 535	14 771
March	5 809	1 951	2 918	1 212	44 526	17 942	53 253	21 105	17 068	6 335	36 184	14 770
April	5 760	1 940	2 863	1 208	44 235	17 914	52 858	21 062	16 938	6 305	35 920	14 756
May	5 755	1 939	2 802	1 193	44 061	17 848	52 618	20 980	16 890	6 288	35 728	14 692
June	5 780	1 941	2 734	1 168	43 975	17 737	52 489	20 845	16 934	6 291	35 556	14 554
July	5 806	1 938	2 665	1 136	43 919	17 584	52 390	20 658	17 025	6 304	35 366	14 353
August	5 805	1 923	2 605	1 103	43 889	17 411	52 299	20 438	17 115	6 315	35 184	14 123
September	5 785	1 902	2 554	1 073	43 886	17 242	52 225	20 216	17 191	6 319	35 034	13 897
October	5 757	1 880	2 516	1 046	43 898	17 080	52 171	20 006	17 242	6 311	34 929	13 695

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

(b) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Purpose: Australia (Percentage Change)

Month	Construction of dwellings.....		Purchase of new dwellings.....		Purchase of established dwellings(b).....		Total.....		Refinancing of established dwellings(c).....		Total excluding refinancing of established dwellings.....	
	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value
ORIGINAL (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)												
2017												
October	0.4	2.1	0.9	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.9	3.4	4.1
November	5.8	5.7	9.0	5.9	8.4	12.3	8.2	11.3	8.4	10.2	8.1	11.7
December	-12.4	-11.4	-9.6	-4.2	-11.9	-11.2	-11.9	-10.8	-11.9	-10.3	-11.8	-11.1
2018												
January	-8.8	-9.0	-26.5	-29.0	-14.6	-15.4	-14.7	-15.6	-11.8	-12.3	-16.0	-17.0
February	-0.1	-1.5	16.4	18.5	5.7	3.5	5.6	3.8	8.0	8.4	4.4	1.8
March	5.0	5.8	7.8	8.1	9.6	11.4	9.0	10.7	8.8	9.5	9.1	11.2
April	-4.8	-6.3	-12.6	-9.2	-9.2	-6.4	-9.0	-6.6	-10.5	-7.8	-8.3	-6.0
May	25.6	28.6	18.8	19.7	20.0	20.3	20.5	21.0	19.3	18.0	21.0	22.3
June	-3.3	-0.2	-9.4	-7.0	-10.9	-12.2	-10.0	-10.8	-10.3	-11.0	-9.8	-10.7
July	3.7	-0.2	-6.8	-8.6	3.1	2.9	2.7	1.9	6.7	7.4	0.8	-0.4
August	-4.8	-6.3	6.4	6.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	2.1	2.7	-0.7	-1.3
September	-15.6	-17.2	-10.7	-12.4	-9.6	-11.8	-10.4	-12.3	-11.4	-14.5	-9.9	-11.3
October	15.8	19.0	8.7	10.2	14.9	15.4	14.7	15.4	13.1	13.9	15.5	16.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)												
2017												
October	-1.8	0.8	-2.8	-1.8	-1.6	-0.7	-1.7	-0.6	-1.1	0.0	-2.0	-0.8
November	1.1	0.7	4.0	1.5	1.8	2.7	1.9	2.4	1.7	2.9	2.0	2.2
December	-1.9	-2.2	-6.9	-3.0	-2.5	-0.8	-2.7	-1.1	0.9	2.2	-4.2	-2.4
2018												
January	5.3	7.5	-4.2	-1.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.9	0.5	-0.3	0.6	-1.2	0.4
February	-7.3	-7.6	4.6	4.4	0.2	1.6	-0.4	0.8	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	0.8
March	-4.4	-3.3	-2.1	-1.7	-2.0	-2.2	-2.3	-2.3	-3.4	-3.3	-1.8	-1.9
April	-0.9	-3.7	-4.1	-0.5	-0.7	0.4	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	0.8	-1.2	-0.4
May	2.2	3.9	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.9	0.7
June	2.6	5.6	-4.9	-3.7	-0.5	-1.5	-0.4	-1.0	-1.2	-4.5	0.0	0.5
July	4.4	2.0	-2.4	-1.4	0.8	2.4	1.1	2.1	4.4	7.1	-0.5	0.1
August	-6.0	-7.4	0.0	-4.2	-1.5	-3.2	-1.9	-3.6	0.2	0.4	-2.9	-5.4
September	-2.9	-7.2	-4.2	-4.5	-0.6	-4.8	-1.0	-5.0	-2.5	-4.3	-0.2	-5.3
October	3.2	7.6	-0.5	-1.7	2.2	3.4	2.2	3.5	1.9	0.8	2.3	4.8
TREND (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)												
2017												
October	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.8	1.5	-0.7	-0.2
November	-0.7	-0.3	-1.2	-0.3	-0.7	0.3	-0.7	0.2	0.6	1.6	-1.3	-0.4
December	-1.1	-0.7	-1.5	-0.3	-1.0	0.3	-1.1	0.2	0.2	1.4	-1.6	-0.4
2018												
January	-1.6	-1.2	-1.7	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-1.2	0.0	-0.4	0.7	-1.6	-0.4
February	-1.8	-1.4	-1.7	0.1	-1.0	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	-1.3	-0.2
March	-1.5	-1.1	-1.8	0.1	-0.8	0.0	-1.0	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-1.0	0.0
April	-0.8	-0.5	-1.9	-0.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1
May	-0.1	-0.1	-2.1	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4
June	0.4	0.1	-2.4	-2.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.9
July	0.4	-0.1	-2.5	-2.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.2	-0.9	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.4
August	0.0	-0.8	-2.3	-2.9	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.6
September	-0.3	-1.1	-1.9	-2.8	0.0	-1.0	-0.1	-1.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.6
October	-0.5	-1.1	-1.5	-2.5	0.0	-0.9	-0.1	-1.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

(b) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Lender: Australia

Month	Banks		Non-banks(b)		Total		Permanent building societies		Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
ORIGINAL										
2017										
October	52 408	19 977	4 756	1 626	57 164	21 603	535	216	1 380	523
November	56 516	22 234	5 317	1 805	61 833	24 039	425	173	1 471	560
December	50 072	19 882	4 428	1 552	54 500	21 434	292	128	1 149	447
2018										
January	42 339	16 689	4 158	1 394	46 497	18 084	249	94	1 203	445
February	44 696	17 288	4 391	1 481	49 087	18 769	285	110	1 220	453
March	48 932	19 268	4 570	1 507	53 502	20 775	346	134	1 249	470
April	44 445	17 946	4 256	1 464	48 701	19 411	307	129	1 197	466
May	53 468	21 656	5 214	1 826	58 682	23 482	372	157	1 512	584
June	48 209	19 319	4 626	1 623	52 835	20 942	319	128	1 322	504
July	49 421	19 607	4 831	1 729	54 252	21 336	361	139	1 384	541
August	49 546	19 604	4 813	1 726	54 359	21 330	349	148	1 318	524
September	44 517	17 230	4 207	1 474	48 724	18 704	329	133	1 227	468
October	51 219	19 942	4 664	1 645	55 883	21 587	351	148	1 272	502
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2017										
October	50 579	19 216	4 716	1 606	55 296	20 822	576	234	1 338	497
November	51 504	19 703	4 836	1 622	56 340	21 325	363	147	1 309	482
December	50 328	19 557	4 516	1 538	54 844	21 094	261	109	1 244	458
2018										
January	49 706	19 654	4 651	1 546	54 357	21 200	332	132	1 296	474
February	49 554	19 810	4 564	1 570	54 118	21 380	295	118	1 371	523
March	48 414	19 432	4 462	1 455	52 877	20 887	309	118	1 311	494
April	47 832	19 274	4 571	1 613	52 404	20 887	333	140	1 350	529
May	47 921	19 336	4 771	1 674	52 691	21 010	349	145	1 367	526
June	47 786	19 145	4 713	1 663	52 499	20 808	323	128	1 374	529
July	48 288	19 542	4 773	1 708	53 062	21 250	354	139	1 348	518
August	47 316	18 768	4 722	1 710	52 038	20 478	366	151	1 240	501
September	47 056	17 883	4 464	1 574	51 520	19 457	346	145	1 155	473
October	48 115	18 557	4 538	1 590	52 654	20 147	367	154	1 193	470
TREND										
2017										
October	51 383	19 529	4 677	1 563	56 059	21 092	426	167	1 339	499
November	50 962	19 564	4 681	1 571	55 643	21 135	391	156	1 319	490
December	50 405	19 602	4 650	1 565	55 056	21 167	353	143	1 306	485
2018										
January	49 784	19 607	4 607	1 553	54 390	21 160	322	130	1 304	486
February	49 191	19 582	4 575	1 548	53 766	21 130	305	123	1 318	495
March	48 670	19 542	4 583	1 563	53 253	21 105	306	123	1 341	509
April	48 236	19 465	4 622	1 596	52 858	21 062	319	128	1 358	520
May	47 949	19 346	4 669	1 634	52 618	20 980	334	135	1 358	524
June	47 795	19 185	4 695	1 660	52 489	20 845	342	138	1 336	520
July	47 701	18 990	4 690	1 668	52 390	20 658	349	142	1 302	511
August	47 638	18 776	4 661	1 661	52 299	20 438	354	145	1 263	500
September	47 604	18 569	4 621	1 647	52 225	20 216	359	148	1 224	488
October	47 600	18 384	4 571	1 622	52 171	20 006	362	150	1 187	476

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Includes Permanent building societies and Wholesale lenders n.e.c..

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By Lender, Australia (Percentage Change)

Month	Banks		Non-banks(b)		Total		Permanent building societies		Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	
	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value	no.	value
ORIGINAL (% change from previous month)										
2017										
October	3.4	3.8	3.3	6.9	3.4	4.0	23.0	35.2	-5.7	-1.3
November	7.8	11.3	11.8	11.1	8.2	11.3	-20.6	-19.9	6.6	7.0
December	-11.4	-10.6	-16.7	-14.0	-11.9	-10.8	-31.3	-26.2	-21.9	-20.1
2018										
January	-15.4	-16.1	-6.1	-10.2	-14.7	-15.6	-14.7	-26.7	4.7	-0.4
February	5.6	3.6	5.6	6.2	5.6	3.8	14.5	17.1	1.4	1.9
March	9.5	11.5	4.1	1.8	9.0	10.7	21.4	22.2	2.4	3.6
April	-9.2	-6.9	-6.9	-2.8	-9.0	-6.6	-11.3	-4.2	-4.2	-0.8
May	20.3	20.7	22.5	24.7	20.5	21.0	21.2	22.1	26.3	25.5
June	-9.8	-10.8	-11.3	-11.1	-10.0	-10.8	-14.2	-18.7	-12.6	-13.7
July	2.5	1.5	4.4	6.6	2.7	1.9	13.2	8.9	4.7	7.2
August	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-3.3	6.2	-4.8	-3.1
September	-10.2	-12.1	-12.6	-14.6	-10.4	-12.3	-5.7	-10.2	-6.9	-10.7
October	15.1	15.7	10.9	11.6	14.7	15.4	6.7	11.5	3.7	7.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month)										
2017										
October	-2.0	-1.0	1.5	4.8	-1.7	-0.6	33.2	41.1	-1.3	-5.9
November	1.8	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.9	2.4	-37.0	-37.2	-2.2	-3.2
December	-2.3	-0.7	-6.6	-5.2	-2.7	-1.1	-28.0	-26.2	-5.0	-4.9
2018										
January	-1.2	0.5	3.0	0.5	-0.9	0.5	27.1	21.2	4.2	3.4
February	-0.3	0.8	-1.9	1.5	-0.4	0.8	-11.2	-10.8	5.7	10.5
March	-2.3	-1.9	-2.2	-7.4	-2.3	-2.3	4.9	0.3	-4.4	-5.6
April	-1.2	-0.8	2.4	10.9	-0.9	0.0	7.7	18.5	3.0	7.1
May	0.2	0.3	4.4	3.8	0.5	0.6	4.9	3.9	1.3	-0.5
June	-0.3	-1.0	-1.2	-0.7	-0.4	-1.0	-7.6	-12.0	0.5	0.5
July	1.1	2.1	1.3	2.7	1.1	2.1	9.5	8.8	-1.9	-2.0
August	-2.0	-4.0	-1.1	0.2	-1.9	-3.6	3.5	8.3	-8.0	-3.4
September	-0.5	-4.7	-5.5	-7.9	-1.0	-5.0	-5.4	-3.9	-6.8	-5.5
October	2.3	3.8	1.7	1.0	2.2	3.5	6.1	6.8	3.3	-0.7
TREND (% change from previous month)										
2017										
October	-0.4	0.2	1.1	1.6	-0.2	0.3	-4.7	-1.9	-1.1	-1.5
November	-0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.7	0.2	-8.2	-6.3	-1.5	-1.9
December	-1.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.4	-1.1	0.2	-9.8	-8.8	-1.0	-1.1
2018										
January	-1.2	0.0	-0.9	-0.8	-1.2	0.0	-8.8	-8.5	-0.1	0.3
February	-1.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-1.1	-0.1	-5.1	-5.6	1.1	1.9
March	-1.1	-0.2	0.2	1.0	-1.0	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	1.8	2.7
April	-0.9	-0.4	0.9	2.1	-0.7	-0.2	4.2	4.2	1.2	2.2
May	-0.6	-0.6	1.0	2.4	-0.5	-0.4	4.6	5.0	0.0	0.8
June	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	1.6	-0.2	-0.6	2.4	2.9	-1.6	-0.8
July	-0.2	-1.0	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.9	1.9	2.4	-2.6	-1.8
August	-0.1	-1.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-1.1	1.6	2.2	-3.0	-2.2
September	-0.1	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.1	-1.1	1.3	2.1	-3.1	-2.2
October	0.0	-1.0	-1.1	-1.5	-0.1	-1.0	0.8	1.3	-3.0	-2.5

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Includes Permanent building societies and Wholesale lenders n.e.c..

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a)(b), By State and Territory (Number)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
ORIGINAL									
2017									
October	17 503	17 150	10 824	3 544	5 620	1 036	315	1 172	57 164
November	19 493	17 932	11 949	4 006	5 609	1 120	288	1 436	61 833
December	16 892	16 339	10 158	3 590	5 071	1 027	278	1 145	54 500
2018									
January	13 456	14 129	9 134	3 070	4 606	920	239	943	46 497
February	14 844	14 322	9 509	3 406	4 733	984	268	1 021	49 087
March	16 751	15 234	10 538	3 472	4 944	1 079	267	1 217	53 502
April	15 117	14 275	9 096	3 256	4 627	973	247	1 110	48 701
May	18 454	17 562	10 725	3 915	5 470	1 139	273	1 144	58 682
June	16 048	15 775	10 493	3 536	4 661	999	265	1 058	52 835
July	16 314	16 423	10 464	3 549	4 966	1 148	252	1 136	54 252
August	16 382	16 365	10 284	3 782	5 027	1 108	229	1 182	54 359
September	15 149	13 985	9 403	3 289	4 593	999	255	1 051	48 724
October	16 664	16 589	10 604	3 813	5 433	1 257	239	1 284	55 883
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)									
2017									
October	16 964	16 517	10 523	3 581	5 395	1 019	298	1 152	55 296
November	17 309	16 528	10 919	3 653	5 218	1 033	273	1 254	56 340
December	16 856	16 134	10 681	3 591	5 254	1 017	271	1 162	54 844
2018									
January	16 704	16 041	10 489	3 507	5 111	1 007	283	1 139	54 357
February	16 845	16 108	10 123	3 683	5 078	1 029	282	1 128	54 118
March	16 314	15 798	10 070	3 344	4 971	1 052	251	1 157	52 877
April	16 240	15 318	9 883	3 479	4 890	1 020	267	1 138	52 404
May	16 332	15 690	9 973	3 513	4 879	1 054	257	1 038	52 691
June	16 079	15 525	10 318	3 534	4 657	1 033	262	1 073	52 499
July	15 985	16 138	10 298	3 557	4 830	1 126	262	1 126	53 062
August	15 850	15 517	9 884	3 631	4 859	1 095	234	1 174	52 038
September	15 594	14 667	9 896	3 478	5 018	1 093	249	1 131	51 520
October	15 639	15 413	9 971	3 724	4 999	1 188	224	1 245	52 654
TREND (b)									
2017									
October	17 305	16 470	10 699	3 628	5 431	1 020	287	1 186	56 059
November	17 136	16 424	10 657	3 615	5 313	1 017	283	1 184	55 643
December	16 945	16 293	10 558	3 588	5 209	1 018	279	1 177	55 056
2018									
January	16 767	16 103	10 411	3 555	5 120	1 021	274	1 163	54 390
February	16 618	15 911	10 256	3 521	5 042	1 024	270	1 142	53 766
March	16 481	15 780	10 133	3 500	4 962	1 030	267	1 121	53 253
April	16 341	15 708	10 065	3 491	4 884	1 038	264	1 104	52 858
May	16 209	15 663	10 060	3 499	4 833	1 050	261	1 097	52 618
June	16 084	15 614	10 079	3 521	4 819	1 065	257	1 103	52 489
July	15 956	15 543	10 079	3 550	4 836	1 084	252	1 119	52 390
August	15 833	15 449	10 051	3 579	4 873	1 105	246	1 142	52 299
September	15 724	15 345	10 011	3 609	4 917	1 126	241	1 167	52 225
October	15 626	15 256	9 974	3 627	4 964	1 146	234	1 193	52 171

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Sum of states and territories may not equal Australian total (see paragraph 28 in Explanatory Notes).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By State and Territory (Percentage change)

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Month</i>	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
ORIGINAL (% change from previous month)									
2017									
October	0.3	5.7	3.6	0.3	7.9	8.0	2.6	1.5	3.4
November	11.4	4.6	10.4	13.0	-0.2	8.1	-8.6	22.5	8.2
December	-13.3	-8.9	-15.0	-10.4	-9.6	-8.3	-3.5	-20.3	-11.9
2018									
January	-20.3	-13.5	-10.1	-14.5	-9.2	-10.4	-14.0	-17.6	-14.7
February	10.3	1.4	4.1	10.9	2.8	7.0	12.1	8.3	5.6
March	12.8	6.4	10.8	1.9	4.5	9.7	-0.4	19.2	9.0
April	-9.8	-6.3	-13.7	-6.2	-6.4	-9.8	-7.5	-8.8	-9.0
May	22.1	23.0	17.9	20.2	18.2	17.1	10.5	3.1	20.5
June	-13.0	-10.2	-2.2	-9.7	-14.8	-12.3	-2.9	-7.5	-10.0
July	1.7	4.1	-0.3	0.4	6.5	14.9	-4.9	7.4	2.7
August	0.4	-0.4	-1.7	6.6	1.2	-3.5	-9.1	4.0	0.2
September	-7.5	-14.5	-8.6	-13.0	-8.6	-9.8	11.4	-11.1	-10.4
October	10.0	18.6	12.8	15.9	18.3	25.8	-6.3	22.2	14.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month)									
2017									
October	-2.2	-0.2	0.3	-1.8	-1.4	3.0	1.8	-2.4	-1.7
November	2.0	0.1	3.8	2.0	-3.3	1.4	-8.3	8.8	1.9
December	-2.6	-2.4	-2.2	-1.7	0.7	-1.6	-0.8	-7.3	-2.7
2018									
January	-0.9	-0.6	-1.8	-2.3	-2.7	-1.0	4.6	-2.0	-0.9
February	0.8	0.4	-3.5	5.0	-0.7	2.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.4
March	-3.2	-1.9	-0.5	-9.2	-2.1	2.2	-11.1	2.5	-2.3
April	-0.5	-3.0	-1.9	4.0	-1.6	-3.0	6.3	-1.6	-0.9
May	0.6	2.4	0.9	1.0	-0.2	3.3	-3.6	-8.7	0.5
June	-1.5	-1.0	3.5	0.6	-4.6	-2.0	1.8	3.3	-0.4
July	-0.6	3.9	-0.2	0.7	3.7	9.1	-0.1	4.9	1.1
August	-0.8	-3.8	-4.0	2.1	0.6	-2.8	-10.5	4.3	-1.9
September	-1.6	-5.5	0.1	-4.2	3.3	-0.2	6.5	-3.6	-1.0
October	0.3	5.1	0.8	7.1	-0.4	8.7	-10.3	10.1	2.2
TREND (% change from previous month)									
2017									
October	-0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-2.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.3	-0.2
November	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-2.2	-0.3	-1.4	-0.1	-0.7
December	-1.1	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-2.0	0.1	-1.6	-0.6	-1.1
2018									
January	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-0.9	-1.7	0.2	-1.6	-1.2	-1.2
February	-0.9	-1.2	-1.5	-0.9	-1.5	0.4	-1.5	-1.8	-1.1
March	-0.8	-0.8	-1.2	-0.6	-1.6	0.6	-1.3	-1.8	-1.0
April	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-1.6	0.7	-1.1	-1.6	-0.7
May	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-1.1	1.1	-1.3	-0.6	-0.5
June	-0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.6	-0.3	1.5	-1.6	0.6	-0.2
July	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	0.8	0.4	1.8	-1.8	1.4	-0.2
August	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.8	0.8	1.9	-2.2	2.0	-0.2
September	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4	0.8	0.9	1.9	-2.3	2.2	-0.1
October	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	1.0	1.8	-2.6	2.3	-0.1

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), By State and Territory (Value)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2017									
October	7 759	6 633	3 527	998	1 906	251	101	430	21 603
November	8 893	7 106	3 965	1 190	1 990	295	88	512	24 039
December	7 773	6 605	3 388	1 108	1 755	264	93	448	21 434
2018									
January	6 078	5 785	2 990	937	1 637	229	66	361	18 084
February	6 531	5 748	3 164	1 015	1 620	242	87	362	18 769
March	7 462	6 097	3 613	1 081	1 701	272	83	467	20 775
April	7 096	5 825	3 082	992	1 648	257	80	431	19 411
May	8 569	7 223	3 703	1 212	1 905	301	96	472	23 482
June	7 390	6 485	3 595	1 081	1 622	260	86	423	20 942
July	7 348	6 762	3 615	1 088	1 710	297	80	436	21 336
August	7 462	6 695	3 566	1 142	1 660	281	76	449	21 330
September	6 794	5 494	3 183	977	1 534	257	81	384	18 704
October	7 495	6 577	3 604	1 151	1 878	320	73	488	21 587
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)									
2017									
October	7 458	6 340	3 421	1 024	1 837	249	93	424	20 822
November	7 613	6 400	3 565	1 064	1 810	257	82	435	21 325
December	7 601	6 384	3 511	1 098	1 803	251	89	435	21 094
2018									
January	7 561	6 463	3 509	1 065	1 802	252	83	434	21 200
February	7 792	6 556	3 437	1 108	1 759	262	96	425	21 380
March	7 429	6 474	3 446	1 045	1 712	261	76	434	20 887
April	7 568	6 316	3 381	1 054	1 721	274	87	439	20 887
May	7 581	6 431	3 425	1 078	1 698	273	88	421	21 010
June	7 400	6 383	3 536	1 079	1 640	277	84	423	20 808
July	7 268	6 711	3 634	1 097	1 692	297	83	443	21 250
August	7 211	6 407	3 415	1 114	1 600	281	78	457	20 478
September	6 980	5 727	3 248	1 040	1 691	283	79	429	19 457
October	6 953	6 114	3 378	1 139	1 723	306	67	465	20 147
TREND (b)									
2017									
October	7 626	6 353	3 468	1 049	1 837	251	87	431	21 092
November	7 609	6 403	3 485	1 061	1 818	252	87	432	21 135
December	7 601	6 440	3 491	1 070	1 800	253	87	433	21 167
2018									
January	7 602	6 452	3 479	1 075	1 780	256	87	433	21 160
February	7 606	6 451	3 461	1 074	1 758	259	86	431	21 130
March	7 598	6 460	3 453	1 073	1 734	265	86	430	21 105
April	7 558	6 473	3 458	1 071	1 707	270	86	430	21 062
May	7 488	6 466	3 470	1 073	1 685	275	85	431	20 980
June	7 393	6 430	3 476	1 078	1 670	280	84	434	20 845
July	7 285	6 364	3 465	1 085	1 665	284	82	438	20 658
August	7 175	6 276	3 438	1 092	1 665	288	79	443	20 438
September	7 074	6 178	3 404	1 099	1 671	292	76	447	20 216
October	6 975	6 087	3 371	1 104	1 679	295	73	452	20 006

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(b) Sum of states and territories may not equal Australian total (see paragraph 28 in Explanatory Notes).

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), By Purpose and Change in Stock: Australia, Original

<i>Month</i>	<i>Commitments excluding refinancing of established dwellings(a)</i>	<i>Refinancing of established dwellings(b)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Commitments advanced during month</i>	<i>Commitments cancelled during month(c)</i>	<i>Commitments not advanced at end of month(c)</i>
<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
2017							
October	15 384	6 219	408	22 011	19 819	1 283	29 028
November	17 188	6 851	416	24 455	21 535	1 328	30 620
December	15 288	6 145	346	21 779	22 184	1 302	28 902
2018							
January	12 694	5 390	314	18 397	18 922	1 357	26 966
February	12 927	5 842	326	19 095	17 198	1 221	27 399
March	14 375	6 400	332	21 107	19 142	1 324	28 033
April	13 511	5 899	287	19 698	18 149	1 114	28 383
May	16 521	6 961	348	23 830	21 616	1 249	29 347
June	14 747	6 195	314	21 256	21 109	1 639	27 856
July	14 684	6 652	305	21 641	20 230	1 570	27 902
August	14 498	6 831	299	21 629	20 752	1 613	27 251
September	12 863	5 841	278	18 982	17 886	1 434	27 118
October	14 935	6 652	294	21 881	19 816	1 294	27 633

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

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

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), First Home Buyers and Fixed Rate Loans: Australia, Original

Month	FIRST HOME BUYERS(b)			FIXED RATE LOANS (2 YEARS OR LONGER)(b)(c)			ALL DWELLINGS FINANCED(b)
	Dwellings financed	% of all dwellings financed	Average loan size	Dwellings financed	% of all dwellings financed	Average loan size	Average loan size
	no.	%	\$'000	no.	%	\$'000	\$'000
2017							
October	10 078	17.6	323.6	9 568	16.7	393.2	377.9
November	11 110	18.0	327.2	9 790	15.8	400.1	388.8
December	9 744	17.9	334.7	8 141	14.9	403.5	393.3
2018							
January	8 385	18.0	327.4	6 728	14.5	396.0	388.9
February	8 782	17.9	327.8	7 081	14.4	391.9	382.4
March	9 297	17.4	335.6	7 620	14.2	400.1	388.3
April	8 557	17.6	342.8	6 440	13.2	405.7	398.6
May	10 303	17.6	344.6	7 109	12.1	400.8	400.1
June	9 556	18.1	349.8	6 121	11.6	393.6	396.4
July	9 693	17.9	342.4	6 312	11.6	401.3	393.3
August	9 613	17.7	341.5	6 579	12.1	387.9	392.4
September	8 764	18.0	338.3	7 102	14.6	398.1	383.9
October	10 137	18.1	338.9	9 097	16.3	399.9	386.3

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) The average loan series does not necessarily represent the average loan size per dwelling (see Glossary).

(c) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

	<i>Construction of dwellings</i>	<i>Purchase of new dwellings</i>	<i>Purchase of established dwellings(b)</i>	Total	<i>Refinancing of established dwellings(c)</i>	<i>Total excluding refinancing</i>
.....						
NUMBER						
New South Wales	1 403	991	14 270	16 664	5 809	10 855
Victoria	1 936	810	13 843	16 589	5 914	10 675
Queensland	1 098	397	9 109	10 604	2 970	7 634
South Australia	444	138	3 231	3 813	1 279	2 534
Western Australia	942	173	4 318	5 433	1 580	3 853
Tasmania	137	29	1 091	1 257	319	938
Northern Territory	31	7	201	239	37	202
Australian Capital Territory	98	140	1 046	1 284	337	947
Total	6 089	2 685	47 109	55 883	18 245	37 638
.....						
VALUE (\$M)						
New South Wales	514	474	6 507	7 495	2 420	5 075
Victoria	649	360	5 569	6 577	2 189	4 388
Queensland	347	141	3 116	3 604	953	2 651
South Australia	134	44	973	1 151	348	803
Western Australia	288	56	1 533	1 878	542	1 335
Tasmania	37	7	276	320	72	248
Northern Territory	8	3	62	73	10	63
Australian Capital Territory	39	54	395	488	116	372
Total	2 017	1 138	18 432	21 587	6 652	14 935
.....						
AVERAGE LOAN SIZE (\$'000)						
New South Wales	366.3	478.3	456.0	449.8	416.6	467.6
Victoria	335.2	444.1	402.3	396.5	370.2	411.1
Queensland	316.0	356.4	342.1	339.9	321.0	347.3
South Australia	301.8	317.3	301.3	301.9	272.4	316.9
Western Australia	306.3	325.9	355.0	345.6	343.3	346.5
Tasmania	270.4	235.2	253.3	254.8	227.2	264.1
Northern Territory	245.8	390.0	309.5	303.6	270.8	309.6
Australian Capital Territory	402.9	382.6	377.7	380.2	345.3	392.6
Total	331.2	424.0	391.3	386.3	364.6	396.8

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

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

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				INVESTMENT HOUSING(b)			TOTAL
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Refinancing of established dwellings(c)	Purchase of other established dwellings	Construction of dwellings for rent or resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale(d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	All dwelling finance
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL								
2017								
October	2 051	1 296	6 219	12 036	1 173	9 608	936	33 319
November	2 168	1 373	6 851	13 647	1 617	10 379	1 041	37 076
December	1 920	1 315	6 145	12 053	1 176	9 414	1 220	33 244
2018								
January	1 748	933	5 390	10 013	783	7 858	1 231	27 956
February	1 722	1 106	5 842	10 099	993	8 339	961	29 062
March	1 821	1 196	6 400	11 359	985	8 931	965	31 656
April	1 706	1 085	5 899	10 720	1 046	8 197	728	29 382
May	2 193	1 299	6 961	13 028	1 306	9 952	968	35 708
June	2 189	1 208	6 195	11 350	1 484	9 304	940	32 670
July	2 184	1 104	6 652	11 396	964	8 663	803	31 765
August	2 046	1 180	6 831	11 272	810	8 657	777	31 574
September	1 695	1 033	5 841	10 135	728	7 513	744	27 689
October	2 017	1 138	6 652	11 780	897	8 442	698	31 623
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
2017								
October	2 017	1 212	6 049	11 545	1 290	9 727	1 021	32 860
November	2 031	1 230	6 224	11 839	1 390	9 614	1 052	33 380
December	1 986	1 193	6 359	11 556	1 148	9 456	1 048	32 747
2018								
January	2 135	1 181	6 399	11 485	1 086	9 331	1 358	32 976
February	1 973	1 234	6 462	11 711	1 179	9 620	1 043	33 221
March	1 908	1 213	6 250	11 516	949	8 875	947	31 657
April	1 838	1 206	6 303	11 540	1 101	8 685	881	31 553
May	1 909	1 210	6 316	11 574	1 039	8 642	909	31 600
June	2 016	1 165	6 035	11 592	1 101	8 398	832	31 140
July	2 057	1 149	6 461	11 583	971	8 472	780	31 473
August	1 904	1 101	6 490	10 983	915	8 378	790	30 562
September	1 768	1 052	6 209	10 429	903	8 165	757	29 282
October	1 901	1 034	6 258	10 953	942	8 199	743	30 031
TREND								
2017								
October	2 043	1 219	6 127	11 702	1 216	9 833	1 016	33 156
November	2 037	1 215	6 223	11 660	1 224	9 694	1 049	33 102
December	2 024	1 211	6 311	11 621	1 202	9 542	1 088	32 999
2018								
January	2 000	1 211	6 358	11 592	1 160	9 378	1 104	32 802
February	1 972	1 212	6 359	11 588	1 113	9 202	1 077	32 522
March	1 951	1 212	6 335	11 607	1 077	9 016	1 017	32 214
April	1 940	1 208	6 305	11 608	1 054	8 818	941	31 875
May	1 939	1 193	6 288	11 559	1 040	8 639	877	31 535
June	1 941	1 168	6 291	11 446	1 019	8 498	831	31 194
July	1 938	1 136	6 304	11 280	990	8 396	804	30 848
August	1 923	1 103	6 315	11 096	960	8 315	780	30 494
September	1 902	1 073	6 319	10 923	935	8 251	759	30 161
October	1 880	1 046	6 311	10 768	907	8 195	743	29 851

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

Month	Banks(a)	Permanent Building Societies(a)	Credit Co-operatives(a)	Total Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs)(a)	Securitisation Vehicles(b)	Other Lenders(b)	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING							
2017							
October	1 033 315	6 848	21 456	1 061 619	na	na	na
November	1 039 119	6 409	21 522	1 067 050	na	na	na
December	1 045 973	6 599	21 900	1 074 472	na	na	na
2018							
January	1 051 979	6 729	22 162	1 080 870	na	na	na
February	1 057 479	6 747	22 090	1 086 316	na	na	na
March	1 064 210	6 781	21 576	1 092 567	na	na	na
April	1 068 712	6 800	21 392	1 096 904	na	na	na
May	1 074 239	6 832	21 708	1 102 779	na	na	na
June	1 082 340	6 896	21 788	1 111 024	na	na	na
July	1 086 478	6 921	22 082	1 115 481	na	na	na
August	1 091 680	6 958	22 272	1 120 910	na	na	na
September	1 095 251	6 983	22 505	1 124 739	na	na	na
October	1 100 313	7 033	22 266	1 129 612	na	na	na
INVESTMENT HOUSING							
2017							
October	553 021	2 753	6 136	561 910	na	na	na
November	553 545	2 714	6 142	562 401	na	na	na
December	554 182	2 548	6 129	562 859	na	na	na
2018							
January	554 542	2 459	6 118	563 119	na	na	na
February	554 861	2 448	5 986	563 295	na	na	na
March	555 688	2 421	5 756	563 865	na	na	na
April	556 025	2 410	5 695	564 130	na	na	na
May	556 713	2 402	5 710	564 825	na	na	na
June	557 420	2 389	5 720	565 529	na	na	na
July	557 287	2 389	5 752	565 428	na	na	na
August	557 469	2 392	5 775	565 636	na	na	na
September	557 284	2 386	5 831	565 501	na	na	na
October	557 305	2 399	5 820	565 524	na	na	na
ALL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING							
2017							
October	1 586 336	9 601	27 592	1 623 529	na	na	na
November	1 592 664	9 123	27 664	1 629 451	na	na	na
December	1 600 155	9 147	28 029	1 637 331	105 778	12 042	1 755 151
2018							
January	1 606 521	9 188	28 280	1 643 989	na	na	na
February	1 612 340	9 195	28 076	1 649 611	na	na	na
March	1 619 898	9 202	27 332	1 656 432	107 316	12 344	1 776 092
April	1 624 737	9 210	27 087	1 661 034	na	na	na
May	1 630 952	9 234	27 418	1 667 604	na	na	na
June	1 639 760	9 285	27 508	1 676 553	108 063	12 684	1 797 300
July	1 643 765	9 310	27 834	1 680 909	na	na	na
August	1 649 149	9 350	28 047	1 686 546	na	na	na
September	1 652 535	9 369	28 336	1 690 240	107 958	12 942	1 811 140
October	1 657 618	9 432	28 086	1 695 136	na	na	na

na not available

(b) Source ABS quarterly collections.

(a) Source APRA.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

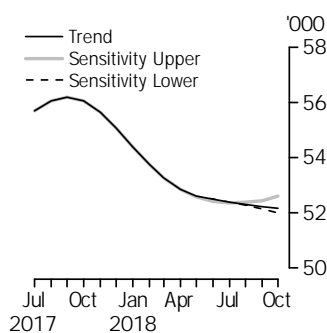
Readers should exercise care when interpreting the trend estimates of recent months because they will be revised when next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. For further information, see paragraphs 30 and 31 in the Explanatory Notes.

The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the trend estimates:

- (1) The November 2018 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is higher than the October 2018 seasonally adjusted estimate by 2.1%.
- (2) The November 2018 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is lower than the October 2018 seasonally adjusted estimate by 2.1%.

The percentage change chosen is the average absolute percentage change of the seasonally adjusted series, based on the last 10 years of data.

NUMBER OF OWNER OCCUPIED DWELLING FINANCE COMMITMENTS



	<i>Trend as published</i>		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
			<i>(1) rises by 2.1% on this month</i>		<i>(2) falls by 2.1% on this month</i>	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
April 2018	52 858	-0.7	52 858	-0.7	52 858	-0.7
May 2018	52 618	-0.5	52 572	-0.5	52 612	-0.5
June 2018	52 489	-0.2	52 418	-0.3	52 489	-0.2
July 2018	52 390	-0.2	52 357	-0.1	52 393	-0.2
August 2018	52 299	-0.2	52 379	0.0	52 285	-0.2
September 2018	52 225	-0.1	52 456	0.1	52 144	-0.3
October 2018	52 171	-0.1	52 594	0.3	52 006	-0.3

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents statistics on housing finance commitments made by significant lenders. This includes secured finance commitments for the construction or purchase of owner occupied dwellings and finance commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rent or resale (investment housing). Also included are the outstanding values of housing loan assets to individuals held by lenders at the end of each reference month.

SCOPE

2 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).

3 All lending commitments are classified to the lender type which is (or will be) the legal lender on the corresponding loan contract. Commitments are published for two broad groupings of lender type, Banks and Non-Banks. The Non-Bank grouping also has the components Permanent Building Societies and Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. published.

4 Housing loan outstandings are classified to the following lender types: Banks; Permanent Building societies; Credit unions/cooperative credit societies; Securitisation vehicles; and Other lenders n.e.c.. The first three of these types are components of the grouping Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs). Loan outstandings for the ADI lender types are published monthly, and are classified by purpose (owner occupied housing or investment housing). All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are only available on a quarterly basis. The release of loan outstandings data for those lenders reporting on a quarterly basis will be lagged by one month – for example March outstandings for securitisation vehicles and other lenders n.e.c. will be released from the April publication onwards.

COVERAGE

5 Until the statistics in this publication were derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) (see paragraph 9), the statistics of housing finance commitments covered all banks and permanent building societies. The largest of the remaining lenders of secured housing finance for owner occupation were included so that, together with banks and building societies, at least 95% of the Australian total of finance commitments were covered, and at least 90% of each state total was covered. While many smaller contributors to the Non-Banks series were excluded under these coverage criteria, at least 70% of finance commitments by wholesale contributors were covered.

6 When APRA commenced the collection, lending commitments by non-banks with total assets of \$50 million or more were covered. All banks' lending commitments were covered.

7 From January 2014 a monthly reporting threshold was introduced for Non-Banks to provide 95 per cent asset coverage of the Non-Bank sector. Non-Banks with assets below the \$200m asset threshold ceased reporting from January 2014 while other Non-Banks with assets above the threshold started reporting to APRA from January 2014. The lending commitments of those which started reporting in January 2014 were excluded from the January 2014 to January 2015 published statistics pending assessment of seasonal impacts of those Non-Banks' commitments on seasonally adjusted and trend series estimates. Issues of this publication from February 2015 onwards include finance commitments from January 2014 reported by Non-Banks above the reporting threshold.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COVERAGE *continued*

Non-Banks' Owner Occupied Housing Commitments are published in Tables 3 and 4. A trend break was added to the Non-Banks' series in January 2014 due to this change in coverage.

8 The statistics of housing loan outstandings cover all lenders included in the scope of paragraph 2 that have been identified as holding residential loan assets on their balance sheet as at the end of a particular reference month.

SOURCES

9 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.

10 Housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from the *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* form collected by APRA. Housing finance commitments for investor housing from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form and the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form. Owner occupied housing finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* form. Investor housing commitments are collected on the *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* form and the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form.

11 Statistics on loan outstandings in table 12 are sourced from banks on form *ARF 320.0 Statement of Financial Position (Domestic Books)* with lending by building societies and credit cooperatives derived from form *ARF 323.0: Statement of Financial Position (Licensed ADI)*. While building societies and credit cooperatives with total assets greater than or equal to \$200 million are required to report to APRA on a monthly basis, those institutions with total assets less than \$200 million are only required to submit this return on a quarterly basis. An undercoverage adjustment is made in deriving table 12 in the two months between the last month in the quarter to derive estimates for the complete population on a monthly basis.

12 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at <https://www.apra.gov.au/adi-reporting-requirements>. For RFCs, these are available at:
<https://www.apra.gov.au/registered-financial-corporations-reporting-requirements>.

13 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Data on loan outstandings of households for housing purposes for these lender types are only available on a quarterly basis. The data for Other lenders n.e.c. is compiled from a range of other data sources collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

REVISIONS

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

15 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 such change. Data for earlier periods for such lenders are not reclassified. Details of the establishment of new banks are recorded in the 'Series breaks' tabs of Statistical Table B2 on the Reserve Bank of Australia's website: RBA Statistical Tables.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

WHOLESALE LENDERS

16 A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower.

17 The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts), established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes commitments where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, is the lender on the loan contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

18 From July 1995 to July 2000, mortgage managers reported housing finance commitments on behalf of wholesale lenders. The introduction of wholesale lenders as the reporting unit does not change the scope of the collection, but has increased its coverage. This, along with the reclassification of some lending activity, increased the level of the Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series for owner occupied housing by \$249m in July 2000.

19 Wholesale lenders contribute to the Non-Banks series for owner occupied housing, which is seasonally adjusted in table 3. A trend break was added to the Non-Banks series, shifting the trend up by 1,579 commitments and \$178m in July 2000. Revisions related to the introduction of wholesale lenders also resulted in a downward shift in the Banks' trend for owner occupied housing of 1,256 commitments and \$167m. Consequential breaks in the finance purpose trend series for owner occupied housing at July 2000 were:

- construction finance trend shifted down 16 commitments (\$3m)
- new dwelling finance trend shifted up 26 commitments (\$1m)
- established dwelling finance trend shifted up 313 commitments (\$13m)
- refinancing trend shifted up 177 commitments (\$17m)
- total finance trend shifted up 323 commitments (\$11m).

20 Because of difficulties experienced by Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. in accurately identifying first home buyers in their commitments, these data are not used in estimating first home buyer commitments (table 9). Instead, from July 2000, the percentage of first home buyer commitments made by all banks and permanent building societies is applied to total Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. commitments to calculate their contribution to the First Home Buyers series. As a result, first home buyer commitments were revised upwards by 0.8 percentage points in July 2000.

21 An article on the introduction of the Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series (including implications for the First Home Buyers series) featured in the October 2000 issue of this publication. A copy of the article is available from the ABS website.

FIRST HOME BUYERS

22 First home buyers are people entering the home ownership market for the first time. In 2014, it was established that some lenders were reporting only loans extended to first home buyers who had also received a First Home Owner Grant, instead of all first home buyers. The method used to adjust the estimates to account for the under-reporting is outlined in *Information Paper: Changes to the method of estimating loan commitments to first home buyers, 2015* (cat. no. 5609.0.55.003).

23 The ABS and APRA work with lenders to ensure that all loans to first home buyers are reported, regardless of whether or not they received a First Home Owner Grant. Corrected historical data reported by some lenders was used to re-estimate the first home buyer statistics from July 2016 to October 2012. Information relating to these revisions and methods of estimating loans to first home buyers can be found in *Information Paper: Changes to ABS First Home Buyer Statistics, Australia, 2016* (cat. no. 5609.0.55.004).

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FIRST HOME BUYERS *continued*

24 Between July 2017 and November 2017, first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments recorded strong growth. The increase was driven mainly by changes to first home buyer incentive programs in New South Wales and Victoria. Some lenders continued to have difficulty accurately identifying first home buyers despite earlier attempts to improve reporting. Based on available information the ABS determined that the reporting issues were not of sufficient magnitude to require revisions to ABS first home buyer statistics.

25 The ABS considers these statistics fit for purpose, although users should note that some reporting issues may persist. The ABS is working with APRA and the financial institutions to improve reporting through the implementation of the modernised Economic and Financial Statistics (EFS) collection in 2019.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

26 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 series.

27 Over the period from early 1990 to April 1995, four of the major banks changed from reporting for the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of each month to reporting on a calendar month basis. The published seasonally adjusted data take account of this change in pattern.

28 Rapid change in the financial sector, and particularly developments in the provision of housing finance, may cause changes in the seasonal and trading day patterns of the housing finance data. Examples include changes in the classification of financial institutions (particularly the reclassification of non-bank financial institutions to banks) and the increased use of mortgage securitisation.

29 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 (once every two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. See paragraphs 30 and 31 for further information on trend estimates.

30 State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently of the Australian series. The sum of the state components in seasonally adjusted and trend series are therefore unlikely to equal the corresponding Australian totals. State component series are also affected by the changes mentioned in paragraphs 22 to 25.

31 The housing 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.

32 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

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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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 concurrent seasonal adjustment approach re-estimates seasonal factors each month with the receipt of each new observation. The parameters used for seasonal adjustment are routinely reviewed every 12 to 24 months to ensure the quality of the seasonal factors. The last reanalysis occurred in February 2017 for the January 2017 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).

33 The best seasonally adjusted estimates are achieved only some years after corresponding original estimates have been released. However, this does not satisfy the demand for timely seasonally adjusted estimates. The ABS advises users that while every effort is made to achieve the highest possible quality of seasonally adjusted estimates, given the available original estimates and preset publication deadlines, revisions to these seasonally adjusted estimates are inevitable and generally indicate improvements to those estimates. The use of the concurrent seasonal adjustment approach means that revisions, and therefore quality improvements, are identified earlier than under the previously used forward factor method. Under the concurrent approach, revisions are made up to one year earlier than under the forward factor approach.

TREND ESTIMATES

34 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* (cat. no. 1349.0).

35 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 30 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

36 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Published changes in dollar value and percentage terms are calculated using unrounded data and may differ slightly from, but are more accurate than, changes calculated from the rounded data presented in this publication.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

37 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the ABS website – see the listing on pages 3 and 4. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PRODUCTS

38 Other ABS publications which may be of interest are outlined below. All publications released from 1998 onwards are available on the ABS website: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

- *Lending Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5671.0) – issued monthly
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitised* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly
- *Buildings Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012)

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RELATED PRODUCTS *continued*

■ *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly.

39 Quarterly data prior to March 2002 for housing loan outstandings by type of lending institution are available as a priced special data report related to the *Australian National Accounts: Financial Accounts* (cat. no. 5232.0). Inquiries regarding this special data report should be made to the contact on the front cover of this publication.

40 The Reserve Bank of Australia produces the quarterly *Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin* as well as data on its website. Statistical Tables D1 and D2 contain data on lending and credit aggregates (including the housing credit aggregate). Table D5 Bank Lending Classified by Sector contains statistics on lending to persons for the purpose of housing, also classified by owner occupiers and investors, with statistics available from January 1990. Table B19 Securitisation Vehicles contains loans outstandings information for mortgages held, which includes both residential and non-residential mortgages.

41 APRA publishes residential lending by ADIs in *Monthly Banking Statistics* and *Quarterly Authorised Deposit-taking Institution Performance Statistics*.

42 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.

ABBREVIATIONS

\$b	billion (thousand million) dollars
\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADI	Authorised Deposit-taking Institution
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RFC	Registered Financial Corporation

GLOSSARY

Alterations and additions	Alterations and additions cover 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.
Average loan	<p>The Average Loan series is calculated as follows:</p> $\frac{\text{Total value of lending commitments per month}}{\text{Total number of dwellings financed per month}}$ <p>The Average Loan series does not necessarily represent the average loan size per dwelling. For instance, the average separately reflects first and second mortgages, committed in separate months, which apply to the same dwelling. For example, when a fixed rate and a variable rate loan are provided in separate months, two commitments are created for the same dwelling.</p>
Commitment	A lending commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Included are commitments to provide housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month.
Commitment value	The commitment value for a contract of sale is the dwelling's sale value less any deposit.
Commitments not advanced	<p>Commitments not advanced at the end of the month are calculated as follows:</p> <p>Balance of unadvanced commitments at the end of the previous month</p> <p>+ Total new housing commitments (including refinancing)</p> <p>+ Alterations and additions</p> <p>= Total commitments</p> <p>– Cancellations of commitments</p> <p>– Commitments advanced during the month</p> <p>= Commitments not advanced at the end of the month</p>
Construction of dwellings	Construction of dwellings represents commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.
Dwelling	A 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.
Dwelling units	Dwelling units refer to the number of single self-contained residences for which commitments have been made, either on the security of first mortgage or on contract of sale.
Established dwelling	An established dwelling is one which has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or which has been previously occupied.
First home buyers	First home buyers are persons entering the home ownership market for the first time.
Fixed loans	<p>Generally involve:</p> <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.
Fixed rate loan	Fixed rate loans have a set interest rate which cannot be varied, either upward or downward, for a minimum period of two years. Capped loans are not categorised as fixed rate loans because their interest rate can vary within a two year period.
Housing Loan Outstandings	The value of outstanding housing loans to Australian households as at a particular point in time (for statistics in this publication this refers to the end of the reference month). A

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loan is defined as an asset of a lending institution, which is not evidenced by the issuing of a security by the borrower.

New dwelling	A new dwelling is one that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant.
Other lenders n.e.c.	Comprises all lenders that are not banks, permanent building societies, credit cooperatives or securitisation vehicles. Includes life or general insurance companies, superannuation funds, government housing schemes, housing cooperatives, registered financial corporations and other financial institutions.
Refinancing	For investment housing finance, it represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance for owner occupation, included are those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged. 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 housing finance	This is all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for dwellings that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded.
Securitisation vehicle	Special purpose vehicles (generally trusts) that issue mortgage backed securities, which are debt securities secured by specific pools of mortgages and repaid from the cash flows (principal and interest payments) of the specific mortgage pool.
Self-contained	The dwelling includes bathing and cooking facilities.
Wholesale lenders	A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower. The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts) established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes funds provided where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, remains the lender on the contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

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