

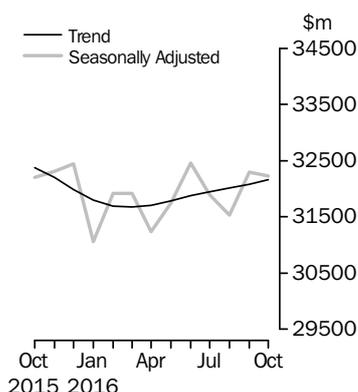
# HOUSING FINANCE

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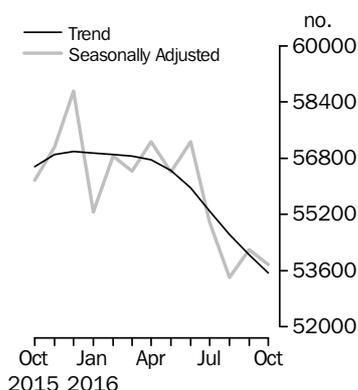
## Value of dwelling commitments

Total dwellings



## No. of dwelling commitments

Owner occupied housing



## INQUIRIES

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## KEY FIGURES

	Trend estimates		Seasonally adjusted estimates	
	Oct 2016	Sep 2016 to Oct 2016	Oct 2016	Sep 2016 to Oct 2016
<b>VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS</b> (a)(b)				
	\$m	% change	\$m	% change
Total dwellings	32 165	0.3	32 224	-0.2
Owner occupied housing	19 680	-0.5	19 684	-0.8
Investment housing - fixed loans(c)	12 485	1.5	12 541	0.7

## NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

	no.		no.	
	% change		% change	
Owner occupied housing	53 540	-0.9	53 769	-0.8
Construction of dwellings	5 520	-0.7	5 524	-0.8
Purchase of new dwellings	2 619	-0.3	2 637	0.3
Purchase of established dwellings	45 400	-1.0	45 608	-0.8

(a) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

(c) Excludes revolving credit.

## KEY POINTS

### VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER 2016 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2016:

- The trend estimate for the total value of dwelling finance commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.3%. Investment housing commitments rose 1.5%, while owner occupied housing commitments fell 0.5%.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, the total value of dwelling finance commitments, excluding alterations and additions fell 0.2%.

### NUMBER OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER 2016 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2016:

- In trend terms, the number of commitments for owner occupied housing finance fell 0.9% in October 2016.
- In trend terms, the number of commitments for the purchase of established dwellings fell 1.0%, the number of commitments for the construction of dwellings fell 0.7%, and the number of commitments for the purchase of new dwellings fell 0.3%.
- In original terms, the number of first home buyer commitments as a percentage of total owner occupied housing finance commitments rose to 13.7% in October 2016, from 13.1% in September 2016. This rise was driven by a fall in the number of non-first home buyer commitments; the number of first home buyer commitments fell slightly.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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## 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 and investment housing from July to September 2016.
- Housing loan outstandings to households (securitisation vehicles and total) for September 2008 to June 2016.

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## 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

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## TIME SERIES DATA

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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*

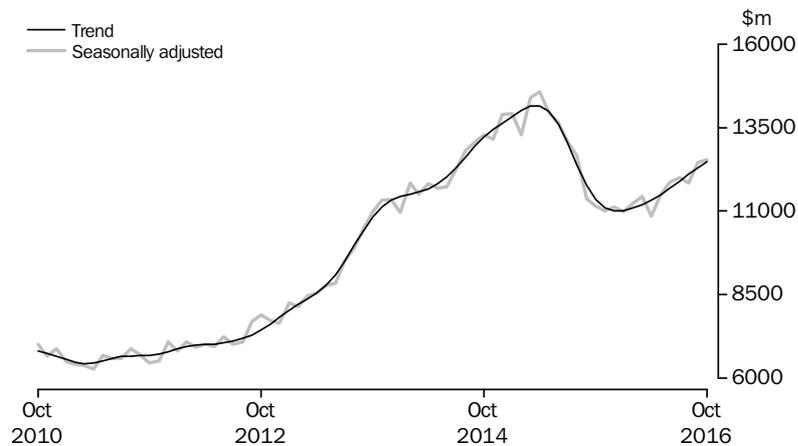
The total value of dwelling commitments excluding alterations and additions (trend) rose 0.3% in October 2016 compared with September 2016, while the seasonally adjusted series fell 0.2% in October 2016.

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell (down \$102m, 0.5%) in October 2016. Falls were recorded in the commitments for the purchase of established dwellings (down \$101m, 0.6%), and commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down \$2m, 0.2%), while rises were recorded for commitments for the construction of dwellings (up \$1m, 0.1%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of owner occupied housing commitments fell 0.8% in October 2016.

The total value of investment housing commitments (trend) rose (up \$183m, 1.5%) in October 2016 compared with September 2016. Rises were recorded in commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (up \$219m, 2.1%), and commitments for the purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale (up \$5m, 0.5%), while a fall was recorded in commitments for the construction of dwellings for rent or resale (down \$40m, 4.6%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total value of investment housing commitments rose 0.7% in October 2016.

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

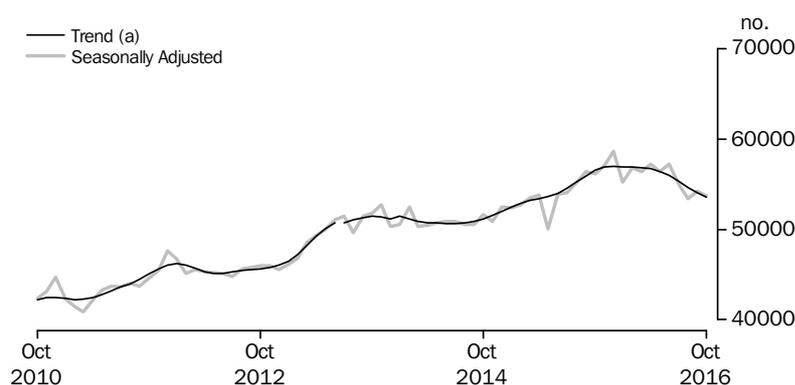


## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### *Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed*

The number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell 0.9% in October 2016, following a fall of 1.1% in September 2016. Falls were recorded in commitments for the purchase of established dwellings excluding refinancing (down 228, 0.9%), commitments for the construction of dwellings (down 39, 0.7%) and commitments for the purchase of new dwellings (down 9, 0.3%). The seasonally adjusted series for the total number of owner occupied housing commitments fell 0.8% in October 2016.

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(a) A correction has been applied to July 2013 for a break in the TOTAL - Number series due to revisions.

### *Number of Owner Occupied Dwellings Financed – State*

Between September 2016 and October 2016, the number of owner occupied housing commitments (trend) fell in New South Wales (down 192, 1.2%), Victoria (down 129, 0.9%), Queensland (down 59, 0.5%), Western Australia (down 46, 0.8%), the Australian Capital Territory (down 21, 2.1%), South Australia (down 24, 0.6%) and the Northern Territory (down 9, 3.2%), while a rise was recorded in Tasmania (up 7, 0.7%).

The seasonally adjusted estimates fell in New South Wales (down 385, 2.3%), Queensland (down 182, 1.7%), Victoria (down 7, 0.0%), South Australia (down 74, 1.9%), Western Australia (down 14, 0.2%) and the Northern Territory (down 19, 6.3%), while rises were recorded in the Australian Capital Territory (up 57, 6.1%), and Tasmania (up 30, 3.0%).

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 13.7% in October 2016 from 13.1% in September 2016. This rise was driven by a fall in the number of non-first home buyer commitments; the number of first home buyer commitments fell slightly.

Between September 2016 and October 2016, the average loan size for first home buyers rose \$3,300 to \$327,700. The average loan size for all owner occupied housing commitments rose \$5,300 to \$373,000 for the same period.

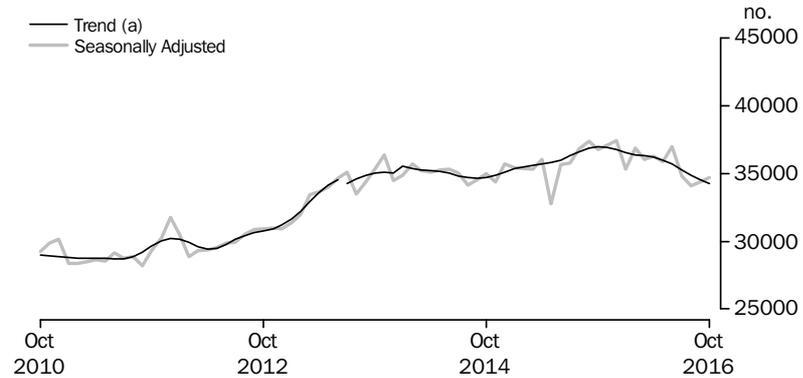
Further detail can be found in Table 9a on the downloads tab of this release and in Table 9 of the PDF.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

*Number of Owner  
Occupied Dwellings  
Financed Excluding  
Refinancing*

The number of owner occupied housing commitments excluding refinancing (trend) fell 0.8% in October 2016, following a fall of 0.9% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series rose 0.9% in October 2016, following a rise of 0.9% in September 2016.

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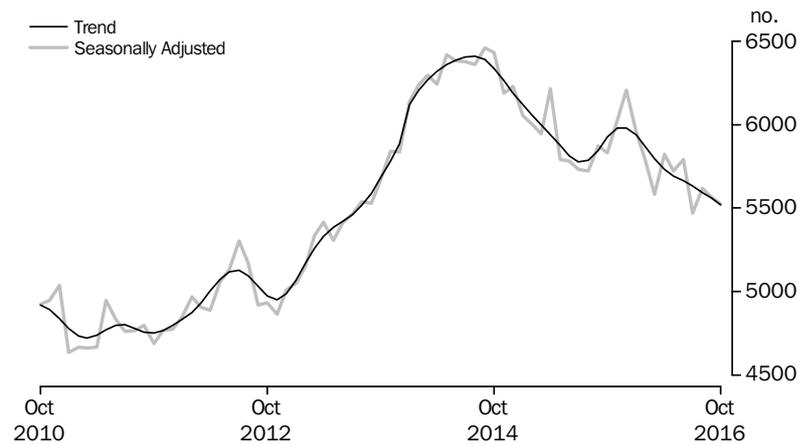


(a) A correction has been applied to July 2013 for a break in Total excluding refinancing of established dwellings - Number series due to revisions.

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

The number of finance commitments for the construction of dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 0.7% in October 2016, following a fall of 0.6% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 0.8% in October 2016, following a fall of 0.9% in September 2016.

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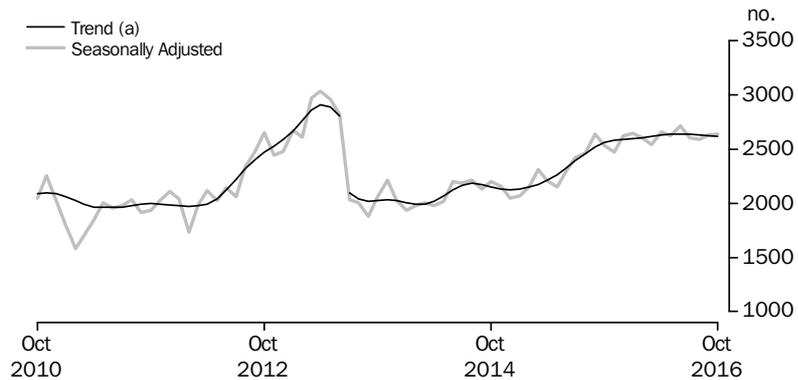


## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### *Purchase of new dwellings*

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of new dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 0.3% in October 2016, following a fall of 0.2% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series rose 0.3% in October 2016, following a rise of 1.3% in September 2016.

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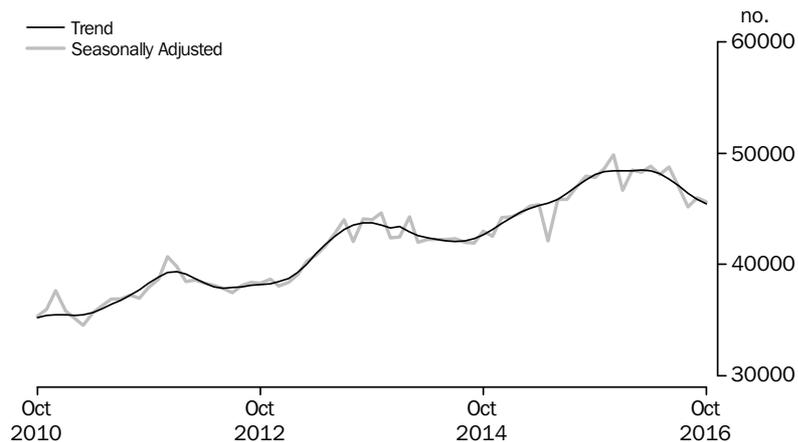


(a) A correction has been applied to July 2013 for a break in the Purchase of new dwellings - Number series due to revisions.

### *Purchase of established dwellings (including refinancing across lending institutions)*

The number of finance commitments for the purchase of established dwellings for owner occupation (trend) fell 1.0% in October 2016, following a fall of 1.2% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 0.8% in October 2016, after a rise of 1.8% in September 2016.

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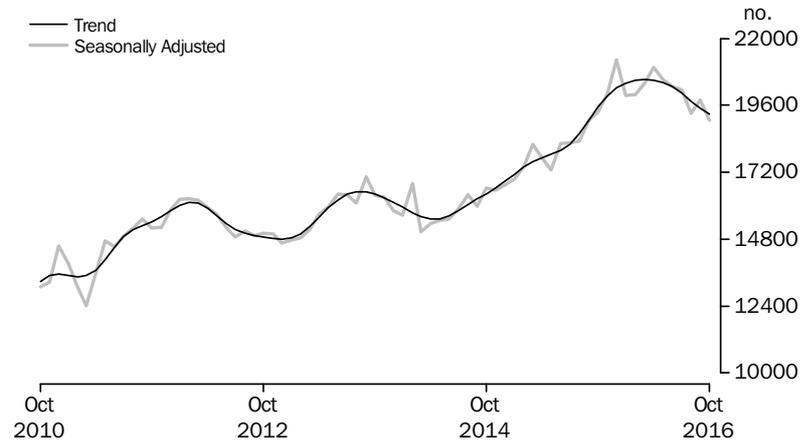


## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### Refinancing

The number of refinancing commitments for owner occupied housing (trend) fell 1.2% in October 2016, following a fall of 1.3% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 3.6% in October 2016, after a rise of 2.4% in September 2016.

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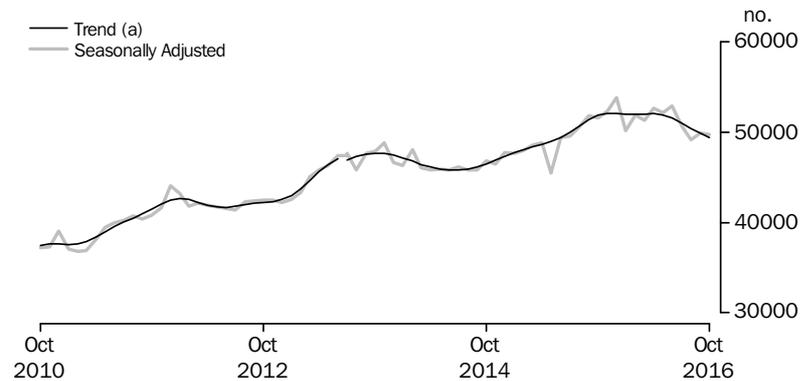


### TYPE OF LENDER (OWNER OCCUPATION)

#### Banks

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by banks (trend) fell 1.0% in October 2016, following a fall of 1.1% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 0.5% in October 2016, after a rise of 1.6% in September 2016.

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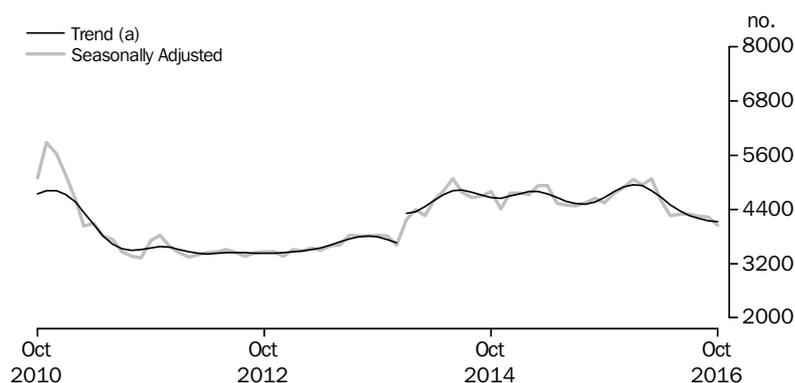
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### *Non-banks*

The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by non-banks (trend) fell 0.4% in October 2016, following a fall of 1.2% in September 2016. The seasonally adjusted series fell 4.2% in October 2016, after a fall of 0.5% in September 2016. The number of commitments for owner occupied dwellings financed by permanent building societies (trend) fell 3.0% in October 2016, following a fall of 2.5% in September 2016.

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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.

### HOUSING LOAN OUTSTANDINGS

At the end of October 2016, the value of outstanding housing loans financed by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) was \$1,540b, up \$9b (0.6%) from the September 2016 closing balance. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs rose \$7b (0.7%) to \$999b, and investment housing loan outstandings financed by ADIs rose \$2.7b (0.5%) to \$541b.

Bank housing loan outstandings rose \$9b (0.6%) during October 2016 to reach a closing balance of \$1,503b. Owner occupied housing loan outstandings of banks rose \$7b (0.7%) to \$970b and investment housing loan outstandings of banks rose \$3b (0.5%) to \$533b.

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												
<b>2015</b>												
October	5 956	1 837	2 583	1 059	49 530	19 132	<b>58 069</b>	22 028	19 903	7 035	38 166	14 993
November	6 085	1 885	2 624	1 070	51 250	19 966	<b>59 959</b>	22 921	21 101	7 545	38 858	15 376
December	6 255	1 962	2 930	1 183	52 661	19 940	<b>61 846</b>	23 085	21 999	7 705	39 847	15 380
<b>2016</b>												
January	4 524	1 406	2 072	793	37 629	13 942	<b>44 225</b>	16 142	15 451	5 355	28 774	10 787
February	5 463	1 690	2 448	899	45 419	16 192	<b>53 330</b>	18 780	19 072	6 522	34 258	12 258
March	5 585	1 748	2 576	934	49 231	17 658	<b>57 392</b>	20 340	21 073	7 164	36 319	13 176
April	5 682	1 775	2 576	961	48 193	17 403	<b>56 451</b>	20 139	20 558	6 911	35 893	13 228
May	6 373	2 019	2 762	1 029	51 798	18 549	<b>60 933</b>	21 597	21 937	7 307	38 996	14 290
June	6 319	1 984	2 903	1 100	50 074	18 267	<b>59 296</b>	21 351	21 833	7 367	37 463	13 984
July	5 489	1 763	2 509	931	45 983	16 787	<b>53 981</b>	19 481	19 849	6 788	34 132	12 694
August	6 056	1 974	2 678	1 034	46 946	17 211	<b>55 680</b>	20 219	19 899	6 853	35 781	13 365
September	5 787	1 899	2 675	1 017	47 389	17 618	<b>55 851</b>	20 534	20 613	7 152	35 238	13 383
October	5 451	1 782	2 648	1 046	45 281	17 081	<b>53 380</b>	19 909	18 686	6 477	34 694	13 432
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
<b>2015</b>												
October	5 829	1 812	2 536	1 008	47 804	18 234	<b>56 169</b>	21 055	19 367	6 862	36 802	14 193
November	6 026	1 863	2 475	997	48 620	18 437	<b>57 122</b>	21 297	20 028	7 101	37 094	14 195
December	6 206	1 903	2 628	1 039	49 866	18 384	<b>58 700</b>	21 325	21 230	7 419	37 469	13 906
<b>2016</b>												
January	5 959	1 872	2 644	999	46 660	17 201	<b>55 263</b>	20 072	19 955	6 962	35 308	13 110
February	5 785	1 820	2 606	986	48 481	17 882	<b>56 872</b>	20 687	19 978	6 951	36 894	13 737
March	5 582	1 733	2 543	938	48 299	17 799	<b>56 424</b>	20 471	20 399	6 943	36 025	13 527
April	5 824	1 809	2 659	1 004	48 796	17 575	<b>57 279</b>	20 388	20 974	7 090	36 305	13 298
May	5 722	1 812	2 624	989	48 070	17 449	<b>56 416</b>	20 251	20 515	6 885	35 901	13 367
June	5 791	1 791	2 718	1 034	48 755	17 767	<b>57 265</b>	20 592	20 280	6 874	36 985	13 718
July	5 470	1 792	2 606	980	46 896	17 125	<b>54 972</b>	19 897	20 151	6 827	34 822	13 070
August	5 619	1 844	2 594	999	45 193	16 845	<b>53 406</b>	19 689	19 326	6 626	34 081	13 063
September	5 566	1 812	2 629	1 003	45 997	17 027	<b>54 191</b>	19 843	19 788	6 808	34 404	13 035
October	5 524	1 827	2 637	1 010	45 608	16 847	<b>53 769</b>	19 684	19 068	6 585	34 702	13 098
TREND												
<b>2015</b>												
October	5 923	1 829	2 562	1 018	48 069	18 179	<b>56 554</b>	21 027	19 560	6 885	36 994	14 142
November	5 977	1 854	2 581	1 021	48 352	18 222	<b>56 910</b>	21 096	19 944	7 034	36 966	14 062
December	5 977	1 858	2 588	1 010	48 436	18 114	<b>57 001</b>	20 982	20 224	7 106	36 777	13 876
<b>2016</b>												
January	5 937	1 848	2 594	998	48 427	17 942	<b>56 958</b>	20 787	20 404	7 114	36 554	13 673
February	5 869	1 827	2 606	989	48 437	17 791	<b>56 912</b>	20 607	20 498	7 077	36 414	13 531
March	5 795	1 807	2 620	985	48 453	17 688	<b>56 869</b>	20 479	20 526	7 016	36 343	13 463
April	5 733	1 793	2 632	987	48 381	17 608	<b>56 745</b>	20 388	20 510	6 958	36 235	13 430
May	5 690	1 792	2 636	991	48 124	17 522	<b>56 449</b>	20 305	20 428	6 908	36 022	13 396
June	5 663	1 799	2 637	997	47 669	17 402	<b>55 969</b>	20 199	20 274	6 863	35 696	13 336
July	5 632	1 809	2 637	1 002	47 037	17 241	<b>55 305</b>	20 052	20 029	6 806	35 276	13 246
August	5 593	1 816	2 632	1 004	46 403	17 085	<b>54 628</b>	19 906	19 756	6 745	34 872	13 160
September	5 559	1 823	2 628	1 005	45 859	16 953	<b>54 045</b>	19 781	19 501	6 692	34 544	13 090
October	5 520	1 824	2 619	1 004	45 400	16 852	<b>53 540</b>	19 680	19 270	6 642	34 270	13 038

(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)												
<b>2015</b>												
October	-2.7	-3.4	-7.0	-4.6	0.4	1.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.4	1.8	-1.6	0.1
November	2.2	2.6	1.6	1.1	3.5	4.4	<b>3.3</b>	4.1	6.0	7.2	1.8	2.6
December	2.8	4.1	11.7	10.5	2.8	-0.1	<b>3.1</b>	0.7	4.3	2.1	2.5	0.0
<b>2016</b>												
January	-27.7	-28.3	-29.3	-32.9	-28.5	-30.1	<b>-28.5</b>	-30.1	-29.8	-30.5	-27.8	-29.9
February	20.8	20.1	18.1	13.3	20.7	16.1	<b>20.6</b>	16.3	23.4	21.8	19.1	13.6
March	2.2	3.5	5.2	4.0	8.4	9.1	<b>7.6</b>	8.3	10.5	9.8	6.0	7.5
April	1.7	1.5	0.0	2.9	-2.1	-1.4	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.0	-2.4	-3.5	-1.2	0.4
May	12.2	13.8	7.2	7.0	7.5	6.6	<b>7.9</b>	7.2	6.7	5.7	8.6	8.0
June	-0.8	-1.7	5.1	6.9	-3.3	-1.5	<b>-2.7</b>	-1.1	-0.5	0.8	-3.9	-2.1
July	-13.1	-11.1	-13.6	-15.4	-8.2	-8.1	<b>-9.0</b>	-8.8	-9.1	-7.9	-8.9	-9.2
August	10.3	12.0	6.7	11.1	2.1	2.5	<b>3.1</b>	3.8	0.3	1.0	4.8	5.3
September	-4.4	-3.8	-0.1	-1.6	0.9	2.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	3.6	4.4	-1.5	0.1
October	-5.8	-6.2	-1.0	2.8	-4.4	-3.0	<b>-4.4</b>	-3.0	-9.3	-9.4	-1.5	0.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)												
<b>2015</b>												
October	-0.7	0.0	-3.9	-3.3	-0.3	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	1.5	3.3	-1.5	-1.3
November	3.4	2.8	-2.4	-1.2	1.7	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	3.4	3.5	0.8	0.0
December	3.0	2.1	6.2	4.2	2.6	-0.3	<b>2.8</b>	0.1	6.0	4.5	1.0	-2.0
<b>2016</b>												
January	-4.0	-1.6	0.6	-3.9	-6.4	-6.4	<b>-5.9</b>	-5.9	-6.0	-6.2	-5.8	-5.7
February	-2.9	-2.8	-1.5	-1.3	3.9	4.0	<b>2.9</b>	3.1	0.1	-0.2	4.5	4.8
March	-3.5	-4.7	-2.4	-4.8	-0.4	-0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	2.1	-0.1	-2.4	-1.5
April	4.3	4.4	4.5	6.9	1.0	-1.3	<b>1.5</b>	-0.4	2.8	2.1	0.8	-1.7
May	-1.8	0.2	-1.3	-1.4	-1.5	-0.7	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.7	-2.2	-2.9	-1.1	0.5
June	1.2	-1.2	3.6	4.5	1.4	1.8	<b>1.5</b>	1.7	-1.1	-0.1	3.0	2.6
July	-5.5	0.1	-4.1	-5.3	-3.8	-3.6	<b>-4.0</b>	-3.4	-0.6	-0.7	-5.8	-4.7
August	2.7	2.9	-0.5	2.0	-3.6	-1.6	<b>-2.8</b>	-1.0	-4.1	-3.0	-2.1	0.0
September	-0.9	-1.8	1.3	0.4	1.8	1.1	<b>1.5</b>	0.8	2.4	2.7	0.9	-0.2
October	-0.8	0.8	0.3	0.7	-0.8	-1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-3.6	-3.3	0.9	0.5
TREND (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)												
<b>2015</b>												
October	1.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.0	1.2	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	2.5	3.3	0.3	0.4
November	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	2.0	2.2	-0.1	-0.6
December	0.0	0.3	0.3	-1.0	0.2	-0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	1.4	1.0	-0.5	-1.3
<b>2016</b>												
January	-0.7	-0.6	0.3	-1.2	0.0	-0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.9	0.1	-0.6	-1.5
February	-1.1	-1.1	0.5	-0.9	0.0	-0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-1.0
March	-1.3	-1.1	0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	0.1	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
April	-1.1	-0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2
May	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3
June	-0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	-0.9	-0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-0.5
July	-0.6	0.5	0.0	0.4	-1.3	-0.9	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-1.2	-0.7
August	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-1.3	-0.9	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.7	-1.4	-0.9	-1.1	-0.6
September	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.6	-1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.5
October	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.4

(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										
<b>2015</b>										
October	53 427	20 598	4 642	1 430	<b>58 069</b>	22 028	653	215	1 287	460
November	54 918	21 345	5 041	1 576	<b>59 959</b>	22 921	np	np	np	np
December	56 749	21 459	5 097	1 626	<b>61 846</b>	23 085	np	np	np	np
<b>2016</b>										
January	40 082	14 839	4 143	1 303	<b>44 225</b>	16 142	555	193	1 055	391
February	48 421	17 258	4 909	1 522	<b>53 330</b>	18 780	np	np	np	np
March	52 155	18 688	5 237	1 652	<b>57 392</b>	20 340	np	np	np	np
April	51 816	18 665	4 635	1 474	<b>56 451</b>	20 139	540	179	1 141	436
May	56 541	20 151	4 392	1 445	<b>60 933</b>	21 597	np	np	np	np
June	54 929	19 917	4 367	1 434	<b>59 296</b>	21 351	np	np	np	np
July	49 811	18 030	4 170	1 452	<b>53 981</b>	19 481	np	np	np	np
August	51 430	18 788	4 250	1 431	<b>55 680</b>	20 219	530	212	1 174	425
September	51 408	19 001	4 443	1 534	<b>55 851</b>	20 534	462	175	1 426	586
October	49 522	18 591	3 858	1 318	<b>53 380</b>	19 909	338	120	1 140	443
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
<b>2015</b>										
October	51 632	19 657	4 537	1 398	<b>56 169</b>	21 055	660	216	1 255	431
November	52 351	19 843	4 771	1 454	<b>57 122</b>	21 297	np	np	np	np
December	53 826	19 812	4 874	1 513	<b>58 700</b>	21 325	np	np	np	np
<b>2016</b>										
January	50 203	18 517	5 060	1 555	<b>55 263</b>	20 072	715	258	1 228	448
February	51 918	19 129	4 954	1 558	<b>56 872</b>	20 687	np	np	np	np
March	51 339	18 857	5 085	1 614	<b>56 424</b>	20 471	np	np	np	np
April	52 699	18 891	4 579	1 497	<b>57 279</b>	20 388	537	188	1 178	470
May	52 149	18 830	4 267	1 421	<b>56 416</b>	20 251	np	np	np	np
June	52 967	19 150	4 298	1 442	<b>57 265</b>	20 592	np	np	np	np
July	50 677	18 417	4 295	1 481	<b>54 972</b>	19 897	np	np	np	np
August	49 160	18 243	4 246	1 446	<b>53 406</b>	19 689	595	226	1 146	428
September	49 966	18 385	4 226	1 457	<b>54 191</b>	19 843	470	183	1 282	575
October	49 720	18 314	4 049	1 369	<b>53 769</b>	19 684	354	123	1 214	450
TREND										
<b>2015</b>										
October	51 886	19 601	4 668	1 425	<b>56 554</b>	21 027	714	235	1 258	451
November	52 118	19 628	4 792	1 468	<b>56 910</b>	21 096	728	246	1 274	458
December	52 101	19 472	4 900	1 510	<b>57 001</b>	20 982	745	257	1 260	457
<b>2016</b>										
January	52 003	19 247	4 955	1 540	<b>56 958</b>	20 787	738	256	1 227	453
February	51 983	19 057	4 929	1 550	<b>56 912</b>	20 607	689	240	1 194	450
March	52 046	18 940	4 823	1 540	<b>56 869</b>	20 479	616	217	1 169	448
April	52 082	18 872	4 663	1 516	<b>56 745</b>	20 388	550	200	1 156	447
May	51 956	18 817	4 493	1 488	<b>56 449</b>	20 305	511	193	1 156	448
June	51 613	18 734	4 357	1 465	<b>55 969</b>	20 199	499	195	1 166	452
July	51 041	18 603	4 264	1 449	<b>55 305</b>	20 052	496	198	1 181	459
August	50 427	18 469	4 201	1 437	<b>54 628</b>	19 906	490	197	1 197	469
September	49 896	18 357	4 149	1 425	<b>54 045</b>	19 781	478	190	1 212	478
October	49 409	18 261	4 131	1 419	<b>53 540</b>	19 680	463	181	1 227	487

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(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)										
<b>2015</b>										
October	0.1	1.0	-4.4	-4.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	13.2	18.1	-10.6	-13.4
November	2.8	3.6	8.6	10.2	<b>3.3</b>	4.1	np	np	np	np
December	3.3	0.5	1.1	3.2	<b>3.1</b>	0.7	np	np	np	np
<b>2016</b>										
January	-29.4	-30.8	-18.7	-19.8	<b>-28.5</b>	-30.1	np	np	np	np
February	20.8	16.3	18.5	16.8	<b>20.6</b>	16.3	np	np	np	np
March	7.7	8.3	6.7	8.6	<b>7.6</b>	8.3	np	np	np	np
April	-0.6	-0.1	-11.5	-10.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.0	np	np	np	np
May	9.1	8.0	-5.2	-1.9	<b>7.9</b>	7.2	np	np	np	np
June	-2.9	-1.2	-0.6	-0.8	<b>-2.7</b>	-1.1	np	np	np	np
July	-9.3	-9.5	-4.5	1.3	<b>-9.0</b>	-8.8	np	np	np	np
August	3.3	4.2	1.9	-1.4	<b>3.1</b>	3.8	np	np	np	np
September	0.0	1.1	4.5	7.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	-12.8	-17.3	21.5	37.8
October	-3.7	-2.2	-13.2	-14.1	<b>-4.4</b>	-3.0	-26.8	-31.7	-20.1	-24.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month)										
<b>2015</b>										
October	-0.3	0.2	-2.4	-1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	11.9	13.7	-3.7	-18.0
November	1.4	0.9	5.1	4.0	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	np	np	np	np
December	2.8	-0.2	2.2	4.1	<b>2.8</b>	0.1	np	np	np	np
<b>2016</b>										
January	-6.7	-6.5	3.8	2.8	<b>-5.9</b>	-5.9	np	np	np	np
February	3.4	3.3	-2.1	0.2	<b>2.9</b>	3.1	np	np	np	np
March	-1.1	-1.4	2.6	3.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	np	np	np	np
April	2.6	0.2	-9.9	-7.2	<b>1.5</b>	-0.4	np	np	np	np
May	-1.0	-0.3	-6.8	-5.1	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.7	np	np	np	np
June	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	1.7	np	np	np	np
July	-4.3	-3.8	0.0	2.7	<b>-4.0</b>	-3.4	np	np	np	np
August	-3.0	-0.9	-1.2	-2.3	<b>-2.8</b>	-1.0	np	np	np	np
September	1.6	0.8	-0.5	0.7	<b>1.5</b>	0.8	-21.1	-19.1	11.8	34.3
October	-0.5	-0.4	-4.2	-6.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-24.5	-32.5	-5.3	-21.7
TREND (% change from previous month)										
<b>2015</b>										
October	1.0	1.3	2.2	2.4	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	-1.9	1.1	3.9	3.8
November	0.4	0.1	2.7	3.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	1.9	4.8	1.3	1.6
December	0.0	-0.8	2.2	2.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	2.4	4.3	-1.1	-0.2
<b>2016</b>										
January	-0.2	-1.2	1.1	2.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-1.0	-0.4	-2.6	-1.0
February	0.0	-1.0	-0.5	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-6.7	-6.3	-2.8	-0.7
March	0.1	-0.6	-2.2	-0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-10.6	-9.5	-2.1	-0.4
April	0.1	-0.4	-3.3	-1.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-10.7	-8.0	-1.1	-0.1
May	-0.2	-0.3	-3.6	-1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-7.1	-3.3	0.0	0.1
June	-0.7	-0.4	-3.0	-1.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-2.4	1.2	0.9	1.0
July	-1.1	-0.7	-2.1	-1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.7	-0.5	1.6	1.2	1.6
August	-1.2	-0.7	-1.5	-0.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	1.4	2.0
September	-1.1	-0.6	-1.2	-0.8	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.6	-2.5	-3.4	1.3	2.0
October	-1.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-3.0	-4.8	1.3	1.8

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

# HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION)(a), 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									
<b>2015</b>									
October	18 784	15 583	10 870	3 691	6 888	864	351	1 038	<b>58 069</b>
November	19 417	16 043	10 879	4 002	6 915	1 028	432	1 243	<b>59 959</b>
December	19 533	17 038	11 514	4 202	6 973	1 087	374	1 125	<b>61 846</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	13 011	11 998	8 707	3 077	5 479	847	288	818	<b>44 225</b>
February	16 183	14 170	10 705	3 704	6 382	879	312	995	<b>53 330</b>
March	17 923	15 244	11 281	4 041	6 548	910	340	1 105	<b>57 392</b>
April	17 460	15 501	10 658	3 913	6 508	974	322	1 115	<b>56 451</b>
May	18 754	16 881	11 426	4 343	6 884	1 072	340	1 233	<b>60 933</b>
June	17 829	16 608	11 535	4 323	6 569	969	336	1 127	<b>59 296</b>
July	16 424	14 852	10 424	3 867	6 141	987	292	994	<b>53 981</b>
August	16 904	14 951	11 141	4 018	6 400	993	298	975	<b>55 680</b>
September	17 101	14 992	11 450	4 010	5 981	1 023	317	977	<b>55 851</b>
October	16 208	14 626	10 676	3 688	5 912	1 004	290	976	<b>53 380</b>
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	17 950	15 165	10 360	3 740	6 693	883	325	1 020	<b>56 169</b>
November	17 998	15 542	10 497	3 856	6 685	971	410	1 119	<b>57 122</b>
December	18 310	15 696	11 426	3 892	6 704	1 030	341	1 093	<b>58 700</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	17 361	14 747	10 925	3 804	6 619	957	355	1 069	<b>55 263</b>
February	17 754	15 544	10 785	3 887	6 571	900	322	1 003	<b>56 872</b>
March	17 440	15 654	10 621	3 915	6 469	905	310	1 123	<b>56 424</b>
April	17 608	15 706	10 824	3 974	6 437	947	345	1 089	<b>57 279</b>
May	17 434	15 533	11 001	4 039	6 383	984	332	1 138	<b>56 416</b>
June	17 174	15 534	11 311	4 018	6 202	1 005	339	1 115	<b>57 265</b>
July	16 755	15 060	10 766	3 998	6 250	1 015	311	1 011	<b>54 972</b>
August	16 292	14 162	10 656	3 892	6 279	981	296	965	<b>53 406</b>
September	16 477	14 727	10 894	3 958	6 058	1 020	301	937	<b>54 191</b>
October	16 092	14 720	10 712	3 884	6 044	1 050	282	994	<b>53 769</b>
TREND (b)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	18 071	15 204	10 589	3 781	6 709	932	349	1 045	<b>56 554</b>
November	18 088	15 350	10 712	3 817	6 691	942	354	1 064	<b>56 910</b>
December	17 970	15 406	10 804	3 843	6 662	948	352	1 074	<b>57 001</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	17 828	15 450	10 867	3 869	6 622	948	346	1 079	<b>56 958</b>
February	17 702	15 511	10 897	3 900	6 562	945	339	1 085	<b>56 912</b>
March	17 591	15 569	10 903	3 936	6 492	944	334	1 094	<b>56 869</b>
April	17 464	15 565	10 905	3 969	6 423	949	330	1 098	<b>56 745</b>
May	17 290	15 464	10 911	3 990	6 356	964	328	1 090	<b>56 449</b>
June	17 072	15 272	10 923	3 993	6 294	985	324	1 069	<b>55 969</b>
July	16 815	15 026	10 907	3 978	6 234	1 002	316	1 037	<b>55 305</b>
August	16 563	14 803	10 860	3 956	6 177	1 014	307	1 003	<b>54 628</b>
September	16 344	14 628	10 808	3 934	6 123	1 024	297	974	<b>54 045</b>
October	16 152	14 499	10 749	3 910	6 077	1 031	288	953	<b>53 540</b>

(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 26 in Explanatory Notes).

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

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 (% change from previous month)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	-1.9	1.0	0.3	-3.5	3.7	-3.8	-0.6	-3.9	<b>-0.2</b>
November	3.4	3.0	0.1	8.4	0.4	19.0	23.1	19.7	<b>3.3</b>
December	0.6	6.2	5.8	5.0	0.8	5.7	-13.4	-9.5	<b>3.1</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	-33.4	-29.6	-24.4	-26.8	-21.4	-22.1	-23.0	-27.3	<b>-28.5</b>
February	24.4	18.1	22.9	20.4	16.5	3.8	8.3	21.6	<b>20.6</b>
March	10.8	7.6	5.4	9.1	2.6	3.5	9.0	11.1	<b>7.6</b>
April	-2.6	1.7	-5.5	-3.2	-0.6	7.0	-5.3	0.9	<b>-1.6</b>
May	7.4	8.9	7.2	11.0	5.8	10.1	5.6	10.6	<b>7.9</b>
June	-4.9	-1.6	1.0	-0.5	-4.6	-9.6	-1.2	-8.6	<b>-2.7</b>
July	-7.9	-10.6	-9.6	-10.5	-6.5	1.9	-13.1	-11.8	<b>-9.0</b>
August	2.9	0.7	6.9	3.9	4.2	0.6	2.1	-1.9	<b>3.1</b>
September	1.2	0.3	2.8	-0.2	-6.5	3.0	6.4	0.2	<b>0.3</b>
October	-5.2	-2.4	-6.8	-8.0	-1.2	-1.9	-8.5	-0.1	<b>-4.4</b>
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous month)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	-1.7	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-1.4	1.1	-3.4	-4.4	<b>-0.5</b>
November	0.3	2.5	1.3	3.1	-0.1	10.0	26.3	9.6	<b>1.7</b>
December	1.7	1.0	8.8	0.9	0.3	6.1	-17.0	-2.3	<b>2.8</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	-5.2	-6.0	-4.4	-2.3	-1.3	-7.1	4.2	-2.2	<b>-5.9</b>
February	2.3	5.4	-1.3	2.2	-0.7	-6.0	-9.2	-6.2	<b>2.9</b>
March	-1.8	0.7	-1.5	0.7	-1.5	0.6	-3.9	11.9	<b>-0.8</b>
April	1.0	0.3	1.9	1.5	-0.5	4.7	11.3	-3.0	<b>1.5</b>
May	-1.0	-1.1	1.6	1.6	-0.8	3.9	-3.6	4.4	<b>-1.5</b>
June	-1.5	0.0	2.8	-0.5	-2.8	2.1	2.0	-2.0	<b>1.5</b>
July	-2.4	-3.1	-4.8	-0.5	0.8	1.0	-8.2	-9.4	<b>-4.0</b>
August	-2.8	-6.0	-1.0	-2.7	0.5	-3.4	-4.8	-4.5	<b>-2.8</b>
September	1.1	4.0	2.2	1.7	-3.5	4.0	1.6	-2.9	<b>1.5</b>
October	-2.3	0.0	-1.7	-1.9	-0.2	3.0	-6.3	6.1	<b>-0.8</b>
TREND (% change from previous month)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.3	-0.2	1.4	2.2	2.3	<b>1.1</b>
November	0.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	-0.3	1.1	1.3	1.8	<b>0.6</b>
December	-0.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	-0.4	0.6	-0.5	0.9	<b>0.2</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	-0.8	0.3	0.6	0.7	-0.6	0.0	-1.7	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>
February	-0.7	0.4	0.3	0.8	-0.9	-0.3	-2.1	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>
March	-0.6	0.4	0.1	0.9	-1.1	-0.2	-1.6	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>
April	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	-1.1	0.6	-1.1	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>
May	-1.0	-0.7	0.1	0.5	-1.0	1.6	-0.7	-0.7	<b>-0.5</b>
June	-1.3	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-1.0	2.1	-1.2	-2.0	<b>-0.9</b>
July	-1.5	-1.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	1.7	-2.3	-3.0	<b>-1.2</b>
August	-1.5	-1.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.9	1.2	-3.0	-3.2	<b>-1.2</b>
September	-1.3	-1.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9	1.0	-3.0	-2.9	<b>-1.1</b>
October	-1.2	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	0.7	-3.2	-2.1	<b>-0.9</b>

(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									
<b>2015</b>									
October	8 428	6 054	3 467	1 032	2 350	202	117	379	<b>22 028</b>
November	8 858	6 278	3 488	1 132	2 328	239	138	460	<b>22 921</b>
December	8 628	6 510	3 621	1 195	2 352	247	110	422	<b>23 085</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	5 591	4 641	2 666	832	1 840	198	86	288	<b>16 142</b>
February	6 619	5 155	3 241	1 019	2 112	199	97	338	<b>18 780</b>
March	7 375	5 447	3 514	1 097	2 188	200	118	400	<b>20 340</b>
April	7 294	5 603	3 287	1 091	2 145	226	97	395	<b>20 139</b>
May	7 789	6 034	3 568	1 202	2 217	238	106	443	<b>21 597</b>
June	7 606	6 022	3 629	1 204	2 151	225	106	408	<b>21 351</b>
July	7 066	5 371	3 281	1 069	2 013	234	89	357	<b>19 481</b>
August	7 226	5 481	3 597	1 135	2 105	225	98	353	<b>20 219</b>
September	7 399	5 572	3 718	1 128	2 022	244	95	356	<b>20 534</b>
October	7 208	5 535	3 470	1 030	1 982	232	95	357	<b>19 909</b>
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	7 930	5 780	3 299	1 038	2 286	204	110	370	<b>21 055</b>
November	7 847	5 926	3 322	1 066	2 236	220	130	410	<b>21 297</b>
December	7 841	5 848	3 549	1 087	2 248	237	96	402	<b>21 325</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	7 515	5 628	3 384	1 018	2 213	211	112	380	<b>20 072</b>
February	7 610	5 765	3 332	1 081	2 174	204	104	341	<b>20 687</b>
March	7 381	5 745	3 319	1 066	2 143	205	102	400	<b>20 471</b>
April	7 424	5 716	3 368	1 109	2 110	218	108	389	<b>20 388</b>
May	7 369	5 636	3 456	1 137	2 081	226	101	409	<b>20 251</b>
June	7 300	5 579	3 516	1 131	2 042	234	103	402	<b>20 592</b>
July	7 206	5 486	3 420	1 113	2 073	235	98	368	<b>19 897</b>
August	7 016	5 348	3 443	1 106	2 068	234	97	357	<b>19 689</b>
September	7 132	5 455	3 516	1 114	2 041	241	92	346	<b>19 843</b>
October	6 924	5 441	3 455	1 080	2 030	237	93	357	<b>19 684</b>
TREND (b)									
<b>2015</b>									
October	7 922	5 788	3 336	1 048	2 272	211	115	377	<b>21 027</b>
November	7 914	5 835	3 368	1 056	2 258	214	113	385	<b>21 096</b>
December	7 807	5 825	3 382	1 059	2 236	215	111	387	<b>20 982</b>
<b>2016</b>									
January	7 673	5 794	3 385	1 063	2 209	215	109	386	<b>20 787</b>
February	7 555	5 759	3 384	1 073	2 175	214	106	385	<b>20 607</b>
March	7 467	5 723	3 384	1 087	2 140	214	105	387	<b>20 479</b>
April	7 400	5 677	3 394	1 102	2 111	217	104	390	<b>20 388</b>
May	7 335	5 624	3 415	1 115	2 087	223	103	391	<b>20 305</b>
June	7 268	5 564	3 442	1 121	2 071	229	101	386	<b>20 199</b>
July	7 193	5 503	3 462	1 119	2 060	234	99	377	<b>20 052</b>
August	7 117	5 453	3 472	1 113	2 051	237	96	367	<b>19 906</b>
September	7 049	5 417	3 478	1 106	2 044	239	94	356	<b>19 781</b>
October	6 986	5 394	3 478	1 097	2 038	240	92	349	<b>19 680</b>

(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 26 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>
<b>2015</b>							
October	14 993	7 035	367	<b>22 396</b>	20 470	1 082	28 708
November	15 376	7 545	387	<b>23 308</b>	21 443	1 181	29 189
December	15 380	7 705	369	<b>23 454</b>	23 125	1 124	28 207
<b>2016</b>							
January	10 787	5 355	275	<b>16 417</b>	18 170	1 066	25 258
February	12 258	6 522	382	<b>19 162</b>	17 458	1 200	25 610
March	13 176	7 164	397	<b>20 737</b>	18 564	1 268	26 344
April	13 228	6 911	374	<b>20 513</b>	18 376	1 208	27 230
May	14 290	7 307	385	<b>21 982</b>	19 575	1 326	28 111
June	13 984	7 367	389	<b>21 739</b>	20 454	1 342	27 795
July	12 694	6 788	373	<b>19 854</b>	19 097	1 461	27 113
August	13 365	6 853	381	<b>20 599</b>	19 516	1 378	26 536
September	13 383	7 152	401	<b>20 935</b>	18 810	1 129	27 532
October	13 432	6 477	345	<b>20 254</b>	18 630	1 188	27 968

(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
<b>2015</b>							
October	7 485	12.9	329.2	5 230	9.0	351.0	379.3
November	7 882	13.1	328.7	6 843	11.4	356.6	382.3
December	8 319	13.5	323.6	8 150	13.2	357.9	373.3
<b>2016</b>							
January	6 046	13.7	317.1	6 053	13.7	357.3	365.0
February	7 255	13.6	307.8	7 132	13.4	345.7	352.1
March	7 386	12.9	316.0	8 546	14.9	357.7	354.4
April	7 393	13.1	316.2	9 105	16.1	369.5	356.7
May	8 096	13.3	312.8	8 971	14.7	358.5	354.4
June	7 896	13.3	316.0	7 933	13.4	356.9	360.1
July	7 121	13.2	316.3	7 033	13.0	356.6	360.9
August	7 372	13.2	318.3	6 783	12.2	356.5	363.1
September	7 332	13.1	324.4	6 249	11.2	359.5	367.7
October	7 302	13.7	327.7	6 841	12.8	364.1	373.0

(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>	<b>Total</b>	<i>Refinancing of established dwellings(c)</i>	<i>Total excluding refinancing</i>
NUMBER						
New South Wales	1 202	873	14 133	<b>16 208</b>	6 462	9 746
Victoria	1 529	805	12 292	<b>14 626</b>	5 167	9 459
Queensland	1 243	501	8 932	<b>10 676</b>	2 949	7 727
South Australia	352	136	3 200	<b>3 688</b>	1 321	2 367
Western Australia	927	182	4 803	<b>5 912</b>	2 133	3 779
Tasmania	92	38	874	<b>1 004</b>	276	728
Northern Territory	32	10	248	<b>290</b>	76	214
Australian Capital Territory	74	103	799	<b>976</b>	302	674
Total	5 451	2 648	45 281	<b>53 380</b>	18 686	34 694

	VALUE (\$M)					
New South Wales	432	407	6 368	<b>7 208</b>	2 582	4 626
Victoria	495	317	4 723	<b>5 535</b>	1 830	3 705
Queensland	407	169	2 893	<b>3 470</b>	886	2 584
South Australia	102	38	890	<b>1 030</b>	341	689
Western Australia	282	66	1 634	<b>1 982</b>	655	1 327
Tasmania	24	9	199	<b>232</b>	61	170
Northern Territory	10	2	82	<b>95</b>	22	74
Australian Capital Territory	29	37	291	<b>357</b>	101	257
Total	1 782	1 046	17 081	<b>19 909</b>	6 477	13 432

	AVERAGE LOAN SIZE (\$'000)					
New South Wales	359.6	466.5	450.6	<b>444.7</b>	399.5	474.6
Victoria	323.6	393.8	384.2	<b>378.4</b>	354.1	391.7
Queensland	327.4	338.0	323.9	<b>325.0</b>	300.4	334.4
South Australia	289.2	280.9	278.0	<b>279.2</b>	258.3	290.9
Western Australia	304.3	361.4	340.3	<b>335.3</b>	307.0	351.2
Tasmania	262.4	234.6	227.2	<b>230.7</b>	222.7	233.8
Northern Territory	328.0	238.2	332.4	<b>328.7</b>	284.7	344.3
Australian Capital Territory	391.9	360.7	364.5	<b>366.2</b>	332.9	381.1
Total	326.8	395.0	377.2	<b>373.0</b>	346.6	387.1

(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								
<b>2015</b>								
October	1 837	1 059	7 035	12 097	979	9 012	1 101	<b>33 120</b>
November	1 885	1 070	7 545	12 421	893	9 099	1 228	<b>34 141</b>
December	1 962	1 183	7 705	12 236	1 235	9 454	1 370	<b>35 144</b>
<b>2016</b>								
January	1 406	793	5 355	8 587	641	6 791	754	<b>24 328</b>
February	1 690	899	6 522	9 670	929	8 041	1 114	<b>28 863</b>
March	1 748	934	7 164	10 494	1 843	8 748	1 115	<b>32 046</b>
April	1 775	961	6 911	10 492	1 039	8 734	1 027	<b>30 939</b>
May	2 019	1 029	7 307	11 241	1 388	10 191	1 015	<b>34 191</b>
June	1 984	1 100	7 367	10 900	1 476	11 277	1 142	<b>35 246</b>
July	1 763	931	6 788	10 000	1 144	9 657	1 144	<b>31 426</b>
August	1 974	1 034	6 853	10 357	814	10 225	1 007	<b>32 264</b>
September	1 899	1 017	7 152	10 466	946	10 518	1 228	<b>33 227</b>
October	1 782	1 046	6 477	10 604	750	10 244	980	<b>31 883</b>
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
<b>2015</b>								
October	1 812	1 008	6 862	11 372	1 043	8 933	1 177	<b>32 208</b>
November	1 863	997	7 101	11 336	1 009	8 815	1 188	<b>32 309</b>
December	1 903	1 039	7 419	10 964	956	8 993	1 165	<b>32 440</b>
<b>2016</b>								
January	1 872	999	6 962	10 240	994	8 900	1 102	<b>31 068</b>
February	1 820	986	6 951	10 931	1 153	8 892	1 188	<b>31 921</b>
March	1 733	938	6 943	10 856	1 652	8 734	1 065	<b>31 921</b>
April	1 809	1 004	7 090	10 486	1 092	8 604	1 154	<b>31 239</b>
May	1 812	989	6 885	10 565	1 275	9 237	978	<b>31 741</b>
June	1 791	1 034	6 874	10 893	1 193	9 641	1 039	<b>32 465</b>
July	1 792	980	6 827	10 298	1 103	9 795	1 097	<b>31 891</b>
August	1 844	999	6 626	10 220	828	10 041	980	<b>31 538</b>
September	1 812	1 003	6 808	10 219	899	10 477	1 081	<b>32 299</b>
October	1 827	1 010	6 585	10 262	834	10 624	1 082	<b>32 224</b>
TREND								
<b>2015</b>								
October	1 829	1 018	6 885	11 294	894	9 270	1 191	<b>32 382</b>
November	1 854	1 021	7 034	11 188	946	8 979	1 178	<b>32 199</b>
December	1 858	1 010	7 106	11 008	1 029	8 806	1 165	<b>31 983</b>
<b>2016</b>								
January	1 848	998	7 114	10 828	1 124	8 739	1 148	<b>31 799</b>
February	1 827	989	7 077	10 715	1 213	8 752	1 127	<b>31 700</b>
March	1 807	985	7 016	10 671	1 270	8 826	1 103	<b>31 678</b>
April	1 793	987	6 958	10 650	1 283	8 957	1 080	<b>31 708</b>
May	1 792	991	6 908	10 614	1 243	9 179	1 060	<b>31 787</b>
June	1 799	997	6 863	10 539	1 156	9 478	1 048	<b>31 880</b>
July	1 809	1 002	6 806	10 435	1 054	9 800	1 043	<b>31 949</b>
August	1 816	1 004	6 745	10 340	963	10 101	1 046	<b>32 016</b>
September	1 823	1 005	6 692	10 262	883	10 366	1 053	<b>32 083</b>
October	1 824	1 004	6 642	10 210	843	10 585	1 057	<b>32 165</b>

(a) Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

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

(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
<b>OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING</b>							
<b>2015</b>							
October	879 061	9 824	23 211	912 096	na	na	na
November	889 057	9 893	23 214	922 164	na	na	na
December	898 514	10 006	22 877	931 397	na	na	na
<b>2016</b>							
January	905 848	10 177	23 036	939 061	na	na	na
February	912 702	10 275	23 263	946 240	na	na	na
March	920 602	10 413	21 779	952 794	na	na	na
April	927 102	np	np	959 574	na	na	na
May	937 377	np	np	966 934	na	na	na
June	946 227	np	np	975 973	na	np	na
July	952 222	np	np	981 629	na	na	na
August	958 291	np	np	987 260	na	na	na
September	963 477	7 662	21 333	992 472	na	na	na
October	970 076	7 726	21 343	999 145	na	na	na
<b>INVESTMENT HOUSING</b>							
<b>2015</b>							
October	517 823	2 805	6 764	527 392	na	na	na
November	517 753	2 807	6 852	527 412	na	na	na
December	517 624	2 806	6 842	527 272	na	na	na
<b>2016</b>							
January	517 537	2 805	6 922	527 264	na	na	na
February	517 601	2 821	6 993	527 415	na	na	na
March	518 674	2 837	6 321	527 832	na	na	na
April	519 628	np	np	528 811	na	na	na
May	522 362	np	np	530 778	na	na	na
June	525 323	np	np	533 789	na	na	na
July	526 785	np	np	535 087	na	na	na
August	528 598	np	np	536 779	na	na	na
September	530 425	2 076	6 111	538 612	na	na	na
October	533 059	2 094	6 158	541 311	na	na	na
<b>ALL RESIDENTIAL HOUSING</b>							
<b>2015</b>							
October	1 396 884	12 629	29 975	1 439 488	na	na	na
November	1 406 810	12 700	30 066	1 449 576	na	na	na
December	1 416 138	12 812	29 719	1 458 669	99 771	8 925	1 567 365
<b>2016</b>							
January	1 423 385	12 982	29 958	1 466 325	na	na	na
February	1 430 303	13 096	30 256	1 473 655	na	na	na
March	1 439 276	13 250	28 100	1 480 626	98 773	9 069	1 588 468
April	1 446 730	np	np	1 488 385	na	na	na
May	1 459 739	np	np	1 497 712	na	na	na
June	1 471 550	np	np	1 509 762	99 042	8 769	1 617 573
July	1 479 007	np	np	1 516 716	na	na	na
August	1 486 889	np	np	1 524 039	na	na	na
September	1 493 902	9 738	27 444	1 531 084	95 680	8 751	1 635 515
October	1 503 135	9 820	27 501	1 540 456	na	na	na

na not available

(a) Source APRA.

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

(b) Source ABS quarterly collections.

## WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

### EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

#### SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

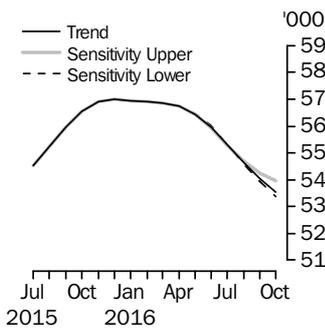
Readers should exercise care when interpreting the trend estimates of recent months because they will be revised when next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. For further information, see paragraphs 30 and 31 in the Explanatory Notes.

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

- (1) The November 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is higher than the October 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate by 2.1%.
- (2) The November 2016 seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of dwelling commitments is lower than the October 2016 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.	% change	no.	% change	no.	% change
April 2016	56 745	-0.2	56 745	-0.2	56 745	-0.2
May 2016	56 449	-0.5	56 431	-0.6	56 472	-0.5
June 2016	55 969	-0.9	55 932	-0.9	56 005	-0.8
July 2016	55 305	-1.2	55 290	-1.1	55 327	-1.2
August 2016	54 628	-1.2	54 684	-1.1	54 588	-1.3
September 2016	54 045	-1.1	54 246	-0.8	53 928	-1.2
October 2016	53 540	-0.9	53 964	-0.5	53 363	-1.0

## 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

<http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/ReportingFramework/Pages/reporting-forms-and-instructions-adis.aspx>. For RFCs, these are available at:

<http://www.apra.gov.au/NonReg/Pages/Registered-Financial-Corporations.aspx>.

**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 Tables B and D 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 web site.

### FIRST HOME BUYERS

**22** First home buyers are persons 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 methodology used to adjust the estimates to account for the under-reporting was published in *Information Paper: Changes to the method of estimating loan commitments to first home buyers, 2015* (cat. no. 5609.0.55.003) released on the ABS website on 4 February 2015.

**23** The ABS and APRA worked successfully 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. As a result, from August 2016, the number of first home buyers no longer require adjustment as most lenders are reporting correctly. In the process of working with lenders, corrected historical data has been reported by some lenders and this improved data has been 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 the *Information Paper: Changes to ABS First Home Buyer Statistics, Australia, 2016* (cat. no. 5609.0.55.004) released on the ABS website on 4 October 2016.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**24** 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.

**25** 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.

**26** 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.

**27** 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.

**28** 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.

**29** 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.

**30** 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 reanalysis. The next reanalysis is scheduled for December 2016. 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).

**31** 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

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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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

**32** 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).

**33** 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

**34** 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

**35** 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

**36** 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 Securitizers* (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).
- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly.

**37** 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.

**38** 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.

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### RELATED PRODUCTS *continued*

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

**40** 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

<b>Alterations and additions</b>	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.
<b>Average loan</b>	<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>
<b>Commitment</b>	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.
<b>Commitments not advanced</b>	<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 + Total new housing commitments (including refinancing) + Alterations and additions = Total commitments – Cancellations of commitments – Commitments advanced during the month = Commitments not advanced at the end of the month</p>
<b>Commitment value</b>	The commitment value for a contract of sale is the dwelling's sale value less any deposit.
<b>Construction of dwellings</b>	Construction of dwellings represents commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings.
<b>Dwelling</b>	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.
<b>Dwelling units</b>	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.
<b>Established dwelling</b>	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.
<b>First home buyers</b>	First home buyers are persons entering the home ownership market for the first time.
<b>Fixed loans</b>	<p>Generally involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose</li><li>■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period</li><li>■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.</li></ul>
<b>Fixed rate loan</b>	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.
<b>Housing Loan Outstandings</b>	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

## GLOSSARY *continued*

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

<b>New dwelling</b>	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.
<b>Other lenders n.e.c.</b>	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.
<b>Refinancing</b>	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.
<b>Revolving credit</b>	Generally has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed</li><li>■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit</li><li>■ 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.</li></ul>
<b>Secured housing finance</b>	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.
<b>Securitisation vehicle</b>	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.
<b>Self-contained</b>	The dwelling includes bathing and cooking facilities.
<b>Wholesale lenders</b>	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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