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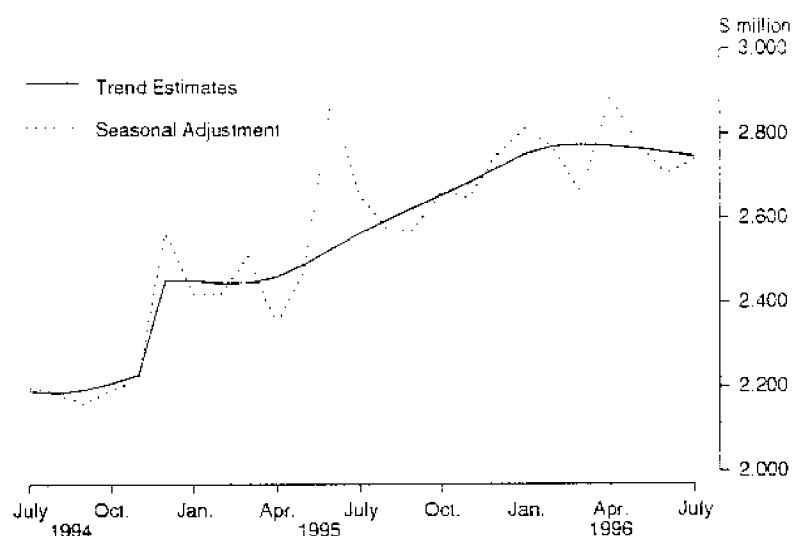
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Data Report

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MAIN FEATURES

PERSONAL FINANCE, AUSTRALIA, JULY 1994 – JULY 1996



1 The provisional trend estimate for personal finance commitments made by significant lenders in July 1996 was \$2 745.4 million, a decrease of \$10.1 million (0.4%) on June 1996 but an increase of \$181.0 million (7.1%) on July 1995.

2 Seasonally adjusted, personal finance commitments were \$2 739.8 million in July 1996, an increase of \$32.6 million (1.2%) on June 1996 and an increase of \$84.1 million (3.2%) on July 1995.

3 In original terms, personal finance commitments in July 1996 were \$3 226.0 million, an increase of \$381.4 million (13.4%) on June 1996 and an increase of \$417.0 million (14.8%) on July 1995.

INQUIRIES

- for further information about these statistics contact Greg Smith on (02) 9268 4784.
- for information about other ABS statistics and services please refer to the back cover.

PERSONAL FINANCE commitments: SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR AGGREGATES: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates, JULY 1996

Type of facility	Percentage change from previous month			Percentage change from corresponding month of previous year		
	Original %	Seasonally adjusted %	Trend %	Original %	Seasonally adjusted %	Trend %
Fixed Loans	10.1	-1.8	-2.7	9.2	-4.1	-0.4
Revolving Credit	18.4	5.9	3.5	23.7	15.8	21.0
Total	13.4	1.2	-0.4	14.8	3.2	7.1

PERSONAL FINANCE Commitments: Major aggregates: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates

Month	Commitments under fixed loan facilities			Commitments under revolving credit facilities			Total commitments		
	Original \$ million	Seasonally adjusted \$ million	Trend \$ million	Original \$ million	Seasonally adjusted \$ million	Trend \$ million	Original \$ million	Seasonally adjusted \$ million	Trend \$ million
1995 —									
May	1 789.5	1 624.8	1 625.4	933.9	850.9	865.7	2 723.4	2 475.7	2 491.1
June	1 785.8	1 678.6	1 649.3	1 308.8	1 199.5	879.3	3 094.6	2 878.1	2 528.5
July	1 713.2	1 685.7	1 669.3	1 093.8	970.0	895.2	2 807.0	2 655.7	2 564.4
August	1 758.9	1 654.0	1 682.8	1 029.7	919.6	911.9	2 788.6	2 573.6	2 594.6
September	1 627.9	1 720.5	1 695.9	848.9	849.5	930.6	2 476.8	2 570.0	2 626.4
October	1 660.6	1 716.0	1 713.6	1 016.5	947.7	942.6	2 677.0	2 663.7	2 656.2
November	1 782.3	1 688.8	1 740.0	1 009.0	960.8	945.6	2 791.3	2 649.7	2 685.6
December	1 575.6	1 772.9	1 777.0	951.2	975.7	943.1	2 526.8	2 748.6	2 720.0
1996 —									
January	1 729.9	1 805.9	1 814.2	824.9	1 007.1	937.5	2 554.8	2 813.0	2 751.7
February	1 852.7	1 875.1	1 834.5	771.4	891.3	936.3	2 624.0	2 766.9	2 770.8
March	1 903.9	1 847.8	1 829.4	728.8	810.3	945.3	2 632.7	2 658.1	2 774.7
April	1 886.1	1 850.3	1 800.7	938.9	1 039.6	970.5	2 825.0	2 889.9	2 771.3
May	1 926.4	1 766.7	1 757.5	1 095.2	1 007.8	1 007.2	3 021.7	2 774.5	2 764.5
June	1 701.5	1 847.2	1 709.4	1 143.1	1 060.0	1 046.2	2 844.6	2 707.2	2 755.6
July	1 672.9	1 816.7	1 662.4	1 353.2	1 123.1	1 083.0	3 026.0	2 739.8	2 745.4

TABLE 1 — PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS — JULY 1996
(\$ million)

Purpose of commitment by type of facility	Type of lender				Total
	All banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Others	
AUSTRALIA					
Commitments under fixed loan facilities					
Purchase of					
Motor cars and station wagons					
New	56.7	19.9	125.9	26.7	229.2
Used	191.7	64.3	212.7	13.6	482.3
Other motor vehicles	22.9	1.4	15.8	0.1	40.2
Motor cycles, etc	7.3	2.8	3.4	0.1	13.6
Boats, caravans and trailers	14.1	2.3	3.0	0.1	19.5
Individual residential blocks of land	91.2	4.4	0.7	2.5	98.8
Household and personal goods	37.2	12.5	7.3	4.9	61.9
Owner-occupied housing (unsecured)					
Purchase and construction of dwellings	10.2	11.1	3.6		25.0
Alterations and additions to dwellings(a)	17.9	14.4	0.8	0.3	33.4
Travel and holidays	21.1	9.3	3.1	0.2	33.6
Debt consolidation	126.2	37.4	7.6	3.7	174.9
Refinancing	345.1	18.3	13.5	1.3	378.2
Other	193.6	46.1	36.0	6.6	282.3
Total fixed loan commitments	1,155.3	244.2	433.4	60.0	1,872.8
Commitments under revolving credit facilities(b)					
New and increased credit limits					
Secured	595.1	2.8	2.4		600.3
Unsecured	674.6	14.5	35.5	28.2	752.9
Total revolving credit commitments	1,269.7	17.4	37.9	28.2	1,353.2
Total personal finance commitments	2,405.0	261.5	471.3	88.2	3,226.0
STATES					
New South Wales	1,004.8	122.1	131.3	32.7	1,290.8
Victoria	541.1	34.9	109.8	24.7	710.6
Queensland	401.2	39.1	102.0	17.0	559.3
South Australia	130.1	25.8	30.4	4.5	190.8
Western Australia	209.9	19.2	77.4	5.9	312.4
Tasmania	45.7	10.3	n.p.	n.p.	65.9
Northern Territory	16.4	4.4	n.p.	n.p.	27.1
Australian Capital Territory	55.8	5.7	6.7	1.1	69.2

(a) Includes commitments to refinance loans where the principal purpose is for alterations and/or additions to dwellings. (b) Includes credit card facilities.

TABLE 2 PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS — ALL LENDERS

Commitments under fixed loan facilities for -											
Purchase of					Owner-occupied housing (unsecured)						
Motor cars and station wagons											
New		Used									
Number	\$ m	Number	\$ m		Motor cycles, etc.	Other motor vehicles	Total motor vehicles	Boats, caravans and trailers	Individual residential blocks of land	Household and personal goods	Purchase and alterations and additions to dwellings (a)
					\$ m	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m
AUSTRALIA											
YEARS											
1993	1994	1993	1994		105.5	378.8	6,948.5	189.3	1026.9	532.2	184.4
131,105	2,623.7	467,665	5,135.5		127.6	400.2	8,287.0	222.2	1063.1	541.4	239.8
129,715	2,505.3	489,422	5,558.7		151.3	433.6	8,648.8	222.1	1120.1	564.9	291.4
1995											
12,755	252.3	44,033	489.6		10.9	38.0	790.8	17.1	98.6	48.2	22.9
11,161	218.7	42,416	471.8		10.7	38.6	739.8	18.4	118.0	45.9	21.0
9,175	182.3	40,585	453.0		10.5	34.1	679.9	14.5	106.5	40.5	29.3
10,846	208.7	44,513	496.4		12.2	38.1	755.4	17.3	107.4	41.1	26.4
9,749	188.3	39,332	440.9		12.7	37.0	678.9	17.7	94.0	42.6	29.3
10,491	201.5	39,821	451.5		12.9	39.5	705.5	17.6	102.0	41.6	24.5
11,394	220.5	42,702	468.6		13.3	38.1	740.4	19.2	105.3	49.6	21.1
10,384	198.2	34,683	397.2		11.5	32.2	639.0	18.0	87.1	43.3	24.7
1996											
11,078	210.6	41,819	484.7		11.7	35.6	742.6	21.4	89.3	44.1	22.9
10,939	208.9	42,497	480.5		13.4	34.0	736.8	21.8	90.3	48.4	25.3
11,131	217.4	42,371	484.0		14.6	35.8	751.8	21.0	80.8	52.3	27.5
10,574	207.6	38,845	445.7		12.9	35.0	701.2	18.0	83.0	49.5	27.6
12,411	239.8	43,794	508.8		13.9	38.8	801.3	19.2	95.9	59.3	22.7
11,343	221.5	38,460	447.4		11.7	35.4	716.0	16.4	78.4	52.7	19.7
11,708	229.2	40,871	482.3		13.6	40.2	765.3	19.5	98.8	61.9	25.0
STATES - JUNE 1996											
NSW											
4,350	81.9	11,394	132.4		3.6	10.6	228.5	4.3	19.6	18.1	11.9
2,836	58.2	9,238	110.0		2.5	6.9	177.5	2.9	19.4	12.5	3.3
1,900	36.0	7,636	89.1		2.6	8.0	135.7	4.8	20.4	9.7	1.3
658	12.6	4,449	35.6		0.9	2.3	51.3	1.0	4.0	3.5	0.7
1,172	24.9	4,475	56.7		1.1	6.4	89.1	2.4	10.2	6.3	1.9
148	2.4	1,177	10.8		0.4	0.6	14.1	0.5	2.8	1.2	0.3
99	2.3	430	5.5		0.3	0.2	8.2	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.2
180	3.3	661	7.4		0.2	0.5	11.5	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.2
VIC.											
4,316	79.5	11,662	136.2		4.3	11.4	231.4	6.1	27.0	24.6	16.5
2,925	61.2	10,051	120.9		2.8	8.2	193.1	3.3	25.1	12.6	3.9
1,998	38.8	8,366	99.0		3.0	9.0	149.7	4.8	24.7	10.7	1.8
656	12.6	3,441	36.6		1.0	2.2	52.4	1.1	3.5	4.0	0.6
1,311	27.5	4,943	64.0		1.6	7.6	100.6	2.9	14.7	7.1	1.6
145	2.5	1,346	12.5		0.4	0.9	16.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	0.6
106	2.3	458	5.8		0.4	0.3	8.7	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.1
261	4.7	603	7.4		0.2	0.7	13.0	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.3
QLD											
2,925	61.2	10,051	120.9		2.8	8.2	193.1	3.3	25.1	12.6	3.9
1,998	38.8	8,366	99.0		3.0	9.0	149.7	4.8	24.7	10.7	1.8
656	12.6	3,441	36.6		1.0	2.2	52.4	1.1	3.5	4.0	0.6
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TAS.											
145	2.5	1,346	12.5		0.4	0.9	16.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	0.6
106	2.3	458	5.8		0.4	0.3	8.7	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.1
261	4.7	603	7.4		0.2	0.7	13.0	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.3
NT											
106	2.3	458	5.8		0.4	0.3	8.7	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.1
261	4.7	603	7.4		0.2	0.7	13.0	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.3
ACT											
180	3.3	661	7.4		0.2	0.5	11.5	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.2

TABLE 2 PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS — ALL LENDERS continued
(\$ million)

Commitments under fixed loan facilities for (cont.) -										
YEARS	Travel and holidays	Debt consolidation	Refinancing	Other	Total fixed loan commitments during period	Commitments under revolving credit facilities(a)				Total fixed loans and revolving credit commitments
						New and increased credit limits during period		Cancellations and reductions of credit limits during period	Total	
						Secured	Unsecured			
AUSTRALIA										
1993 1994	289.6	1,658.5	2,994.1	2,386.9	16,556.2	2,718.6	6,178.3	8,896.9	7,203.4	37,792.3
1994 1995	301.0	1,502.4	3,466.2	2,613.4	18,623.0	4,090.9	5,800.0	9,890.9	7,326.1	40,523.9
1995 1996	327.0	1,872.8	4,154.5	3,321.5	20,935.9	4,155.0	7,296.4	11,451.4	7,912.0	44,481.5
1995										
May	33.1	145.7	339.9	259.4	1,789.5	450.1	483.8	933.9	669.2	39,594.7
June	29.1	153.6	353.1	266.8	1,785.8	388.5	920.1	1,308.6	559.8	40,523.9
July	24.8	145.6	354.1	295.3	1,715.2	476.8	667.0	1,093.8	611.3	41,174.8
August	25.0	151.7	360.5	254.7	1,768.9	432.8	596.9	1,029.7	892.9	41,336.9
September	22.5	148.6	334.3	233.6	1,627.9	396.2	452.7	848.9	732.0	41,503.5
October	23.8	151.3	333.2	232.4	1,660.6	270.8	745.7	1,016.5	914.8	41,582.2
November	24.9	178.5	353.2	248.9	1,782.3	112.2	696.8	1,099.0	597.1	42,007.7
December	23.1	147.0	322.3	235.3	1,575.6	265.0	686.2	951.2	653.3	42,322.4
1996										
January	21.7	140.2	333.4	280.2	1,729.9	361.5	523.4	824.9	659.2	42,380.2
February	27.1	160.6	378.2	325.9	1,852.7	318.6	452.8	771.4	496.6	42,756.2
March	32.1	175.0	393.3	337.2	1,909.9	273.7	455.0	738.8	605.9	42,893.2
April	31.1	150.1	320.2	269.6	1,686.1	304.9	634.1	938.9	625.3	43,336.6
May	36.4	170.4	363.2	317.8	1,925.4	405.9	689.3	1,095.2	495.4	43,931.6
June	34.4	153.7	308.5	290.7	1,701.5	446.6	696.5	1,143.1	595.1	44,481.5
July	33.6	174.9	378.2	282.3	1,872.8	600.3	752.9	1,353.2	753.0	45,095.0
NSW	15.7	53.2	111.6	113.2	589.6	198.2	238.6	436.8	213.9	16,870.8
Vic.	8.2	36.1	74.0	68.4	408.8	89.2	189.2	278.4	152.5	10,588.8
Qld	4.2	30.2	53.1	46.4	311.7	77.3	123.6	200.9	116.1	7,695.7
SA	1.8	11.6	22.7	19.2	117.3	20.5	44.2	64.7	34.2	3,277.6
WA	2.6	16.2	30.5	29.4	190.7	39.5	64.8	104.3	61.7	4,024.3
Tas.	0.8	2.3	6.4	6.2	35.7	7.8	17.1	24.9	19.4	875.8
N.T.	0.3	1.1	3.9	2.9	18.2	1.5	4.9	6.4	3.7	360.3
A.C.T.	0.8	3.1	6.2	5.1	29.5	12.7	14.1	26.8	13.7	938.2
STATES JULY 1996										
NSW	14.9	61.0	143.3	103.4	615.2	272.8	372.7	645.6	325.6	17,203.4
Vic.	7.2	41.5	87.7	65.1	446.3	119.1	145.2	264.3	177.8	10,679.4
Qld	5.6	32.4	67.9	47.8	351.3	91.3	116.7	207.9	128.2	7,772.1
SA	1.7	12.8	24.6	18.3	120.9	32.9	36.9	69.9	34.1	3,384.7
WA	2.4	17.8	36.3	33.0	217.0	48.1	47.3	95.4	62.8	4,056.5
Tas.	1.0	2.5	7.4	6.8	39.9	13.1	12.9	26.0	21.2	880.5
N.T.	0.2	1.4	4.4	3.0	30.2	3.2	4.7	6.9	6.1	260.8
A.C.T.	0.7	3.4	6.5	5.0	33.0	20.9	16.4	37.3	17.3	958.0
STATES JULY 1996										
NSW	14.9	61.0	143.3	103.4	615.2	272.8	372.7	645.6	325.6	17,203.4
Vic.	7.2	41.5	87.7	65.1	446.3	119.1	145.2	264.3	177.8	10,679.4
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(a) Includes credit card facilities.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This data service presents statistics of personal finance commitments made by significant lenders to individuals for their own personal (non-business) use.

SCOPE

2 The scope of the survey comprises the following types of lenders:

- banks
- permanent building societies
- credit unions/co-operative credit societies
- life or general insurance companies
- superannuation funds
- corporations registered under the *Financial Corporations Act 1974* and
- other providers of consumer finance registered with State credit tribunals, including mortgage managers.

COVERAGE

3 The statistics cover significant lenders only. From July 1996 significant lenders are defined as those who reported commitments of more than \$26 million Australia-wide for the calendar year 1995. They account in aggregate for at least 95% of the Australian total and at least 90% of each State total. An annual collection is conducted to maintain coverage of significant lenders. In addition, new lenders are included in the series as their level of lending becomes significant.

STATISTICAL PERIOD

4 While the statistics are described as being for calendar months, it should be noted that some lenders have accounting periods which do not correspond exactly to a calendar month and that these figures are used without adjustment.

DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF DATA ITEMS

5 *Lending commitments.* A lending commitment is a firm offer to provide finance which has been or is normally expected to be accepted. Commitments to provide personal finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month are included.

6 *Fixed loan facilities* generally involve:

- a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose
- a schedule of repayments over a fixed period and
- repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.

7 *Revolving credit facilities* generally have the following characteristics:

- 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 and
- 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.

8 *Total credit limits at end of period.* In principle, total credit limits at end of the period for revolving credit presented in Table 2 are derivable by adding new and increased lending commitments during the period less cancellations and reductions of credit limits during the period to the balance of credit limits at the end of the previous period. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments such as the transfer of an existing fixed credit facility to a revolving credit facility will mean that such a derivation is inexact.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

9 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations and trading day effects (arising from the varying reporting practices of the lenders). Adjustment has also been made for Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised from this issue following annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

10 Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular or 'non-seasonal' influences (e.g. a change of interest rates).

11 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the last six months. 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 *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends: an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

12 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 11 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data becomes 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 adjustment factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

13 More detailed dissections of the data may be made available on request. A charge is made for providing this information. Inquiries should be made by writing to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Financial Surveys Section, GPO Box 796 Sydney 2001, or by calling the Manager, Financial Surveys Section on Sydney 02 9268 4784.

14 Revisions to previously provided statistics are included in issues of this publication as they occur.

15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) — issued monthly.

Commercial Finance, Australia — available monthly (data service)

— nil or rounded to zero

16 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

ADDITIONAL DATA

REVISIONS

RELATED DATA

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGE



For more information . . .

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