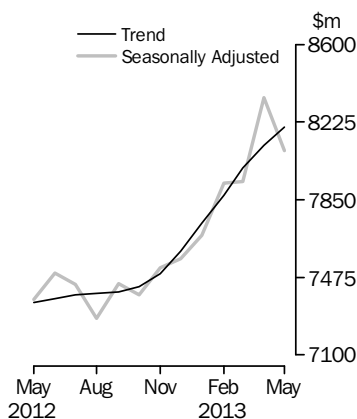


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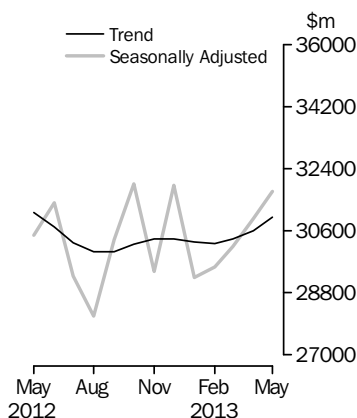
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KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2013	May 2013	Apr 2013 to May 2013
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	14 704	14 909	1.4
Personal finance	8 115	8 200	1.0
Commercial finance	30 606	30 988	1.2
Lease finance	502	499	-0.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	14 689	15 022	2.3
Personal finance	8 345	8 087	-3.1
Commercial finance	30 964	31 747	2.5
Lease finance	503	482	-4.2

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

MAY 2013 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2013:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 1.4% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.0%. Fixed lending commitments rose 1.4% and revolving credit commitments rose 0.5%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 3.1%. Revolving credit commitments fell 6.2% and fixed lending commitments fell 0.9%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 1.2%. Fixed lending commitments rose 2.1%, while revolving credit commitments fell 1.4%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 2.5% in May 2013, following a rise of 2.7% in April 2013. Fixed lending commitments rose 7.4%, following a rise of 0.9% in the previous month. Revolving credit commitments fell 11.5%, after a rise of 8.3% in the previous month.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 0.5% and the seasonally adjusted series fell 4.2%, following a fall of 2.2% in April 2013.

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 2013	12 August 2013
July 2013	11 September 2013
August 2013	15 October 2013
September 2013	12 November 2013
October 2013	13 December 2013
November 2013	15 January 2014

REVISIONS

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

- Owner occupied housing values for the period February 2012 to April 2013
- Commercial finance values for the period January 2012 to April 2013
- Personal finance values for the period January 2012 to April 2013.

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

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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TIME SERIES DATA

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

(Table 1)

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 1.4% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.3%.

For further information, please refer to *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat.no. 5609.0), which was released on 12 July 2013.

PERSONAL FINANCE

(Tables 1 & 4)

In trend terms, the value of total personal finance commitments rose 1.0% in May 2013 compared with April 2013. Fixed lending commitments rose 1.4% and revolving credit commitments rose 0.5%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the value of total personal finance commitments fell 3.1%. Revolving credit commitments fell 6.2% and fixed lending commitments fell 0.9%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

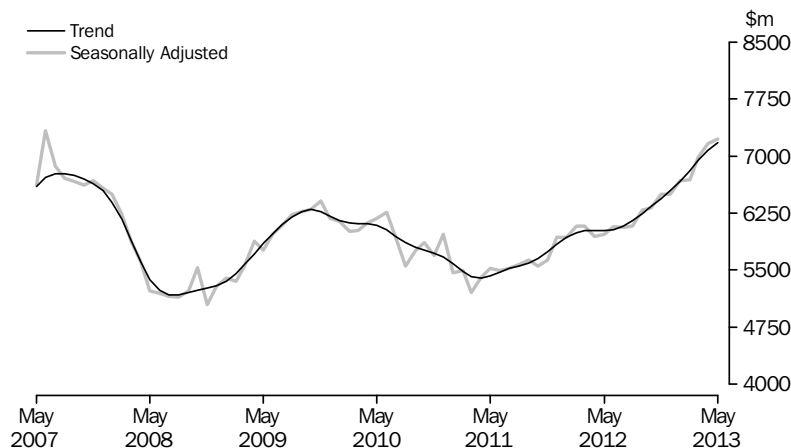
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The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 1.2% in May 2013 compared with April 2013. Fixed lending commitments rose 2.1%, while revolving credit commitments fell 1.4%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments rose 2.5% in May 2013, following a rise of 2.7% in April 2013 and a rise of 2.0% in March 2013. Fixed lending commitments rose 7.4%, following a rise of 0.9% in the previous month. Revolving credit commitments fell 11.5%, after a rise of 8.3% in the previous month.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) rose 1.5% in May 2013 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 0.8%.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



LEASE FINANCE

(Table 1)

The value of total lease finance commitments (trend) fell 0.5% in May 2013. The seasonally adjusted series fell 4.2%, following a fall of 2.2% in April 2013.

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Summary

Month	SECURED HOUSING(a)		PERSONAL(b)			COMMERCIAL			LEASE
	Construction and purchase of dwellings(c)	Alterations and additions	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2012									
May	15 101	365	4 720	3 369	8 089	23 554	8 496	32 050	611
June	13 686	334	4 676	3 467	8 143	27 751	9 790	37 542	624
July	13 746	324	4 177	3 400	7 577	21 609	7 886	29 495	570
August	14 436	341	4 363	2 990	7 353	21 228	8 351	29 578	528
September	13 014	312	3 981	2 901	6 882	20 003	7 806	27 809	532
October	14 724	357	4 420	3 301	7 721	24 623	9 038	33 661	573
November	15 411	361	4 688	3 108	7 796	22 326	9 090	31 417	544
December	13 537	322	4 225	3 146	7 371	26 708	11 762	38 470	487
2013									
January	11 922	263	3 965	3 054	7 018	17 285	5 571	22 856	429
February	12 284	325	4 225	3 186	7 411	18 269	5 995	24 264	467
March	14 056	354	4 746	2 927	7 673	21 650	7 066	28 717	520
April	14 737	333	4 819	3 325	8 144	20 266	6 858	27 123	483
May	16 852	403	5 444	3 282	8 727	27 232	6 954	34 185	506
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2012									
May	13 493	324	4 169	3 198	7 367	21 664	8 797	30 460	573
June	13 553	326	4 217	3 279	7 496	22 898	8 520	31 418	545
July	13 466	339	4 251	3 190	7 442	21 318	7 969	29 287	557
August	13 636	329	4 237	3 041	7 278	20 628	7 505	28 133	528
September	13 859	330	4 342	3 100	7 443	21 914	8 428	30 342	577
October	13 856	331	4 304	3 084	7 388	23 509	8 460	31 969	540
November	13 939	327	4 376	3 144	7 521	20 888	8 534	29 422	536
December	13 486	349	4 421	3 143	7 564	22 783	9 124	31 907	449
2013									
January	13 964	320	4 475	3 202	7 677	21 716	7 533	29 249	517
February	14 083	339	4 519	3 412	7 930	22 508	7 034	29 541	527
March	14 782	346	4 964	2 973	7 937	22 700	7 437	30 137	514
April	14 689	343	4 878	3 467	8 345	22 913	8 051	30 964	503
May	15 022	348	4 835	3 251	8 087	24 620	7 127	31 747	482
TREND									
2012									
May	13 421	329	4 136	3 219	7 354	22 468	8 660	31 128	551
June	13 488	328	4 188	3 185	7 373	22 183	8 522	30 704	558
July	13 589	329	4 234	3 155	7 389	21 906	8 349	30 255	559
August	13 678	331	4 272	3 123	7 396	21 739	8 242	29 981	554
September	13 720	331	4 298	3 106	7 405	21 743	8 240	29 983	544
October	13 745	332	4 323	3 108	7 430	21 890	8 323	30 213	532
November	13 783	332	4 366	3 128	7 494	22 019	8 352	30 370	521
December	13 868	333	4 439	3 164	7 602	22 128	8 226	30 354	513
2013									
January	14 019	336	4 535	3 201	7 736	22 275	7 991	30 266	508
February	14 231	338	4 641	3 232	7 873	22 493	7 730	30 223	505
March	14 472	341	4 745	3 257	8 002	22 835	7 527	30 362	504
April	14 704	344	4 836	3 279	8 115	23 222	7 384	30 606	502
May	14 909	346	4 906	3 295	8 200	23 711	7 277	30 988	499

(a) For owner occupation.

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

(e) New and increased credit limits during the month. Includes credit

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

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HOUSING AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: Original

Month	HOUSING FINANCE (a)					PERSONAL FINANCE (b)				
	Banks	Permanent building societies	Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	Other lenders	Total	Banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012										
May	14 144	281	158	517	15 101	6 892	np	np	858	8 089
June	12 837	199	151	498	13 686	6 985	np	np	824	8 143
July	12 871	218	181	475	13 746	6 551	np	np	715	7 577
August	13 561	214	199	462	14 436	6 243	np	np	757	7 353
September	12 161	175	171	506	13 014	5 850	np	np	733	6 882
October	13 795	185	216	529	14 724	6 496	np	np	896	7 721
November	14 400	212	256	543	15 411	6 535	np	np	918	7 796
December	12 678	170	219	470	13 537	6 151	np	np	911	7 371
2013										
January	11 114	145	251	412	11 922	5 845	np	np	852	7 018
February	11 442	210	199	433	12 284	6 359	np	np	747	7 411
March	13 168	213	242	431	14 056	6 584	np	np	765	7 673
April	13 839	188	274	435	14 737	7 067	np	np	777	8 144
May	15 827	241	335	449	16 852	7 527	np	np	851	8 727

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

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

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE					LEASE FINANCE				
	Banks	Money market corporations	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total	Banks	General financiers	Finance companies	Other lessors	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012										
May	29 235	np	np	np	32 050	111	293	np	np	611
June	34 577	np	np	np	37 542	166	237	np	np	624
July	26 622	np	np	np	29 495	104	275	np	np	570
August	26 644	np	np	np	29 578	103	217	np	np	528
September	25 206	np	np	np	27 809	94	262	np	np	532
October	30 904	np	np	np	33 661	112	262	np	np	573
November	28 095	np	np	np	31 417	132	217	np	np	544
December	35 681	np	np	np	38 470	119	199	np	np	487
2013										
January	20 427	np	np	np	22 856	95	170	np	np	429
February	21 791	np	np	np	24 264	137	153	np	np	467
March	25 535	np	np	np	28 717	88	214	np	np	520
April	24 237	np	np	np	27 123	124	168	np	np	483
May	31 010	np	np	np	34 185	116	182	np	np	506

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

<i>Month</i>	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Total motor vehicles(a)</i>	<i>Individual residential blocks of land</i>	<i>Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012									
May	540	458	1 149	543	64	582	1 330	1 053	4 720
June	600	439	1 181	562	47	559	1 387	940	4 676
July	501	451	1 094	427	42	517	1 207	891	4 177
August	556	497	1 219	437	42	537	1 185	943	4 363
September	490	435	1 073	397	40	519	1 038	914	3 981
October	592	471	1 229	466	41	586	1 075	1 023	4 420
November	633	456	1 278	484	49	612	1 117	1 149	4 688
December	608	386	1 133	448	35	575	1 037	997	4 225
2013									
January	558	440	1 149	386	37	555	928	910	3 965
February	511	428	1 094	424	40	570	1 101	996	4 225
March	520	416	1 081	510	40	654	1 427	1 035	4 746
April	507	406	1 054	531	46	630	1 486	1 072	4 819
May	578	453	1 187	641	59	757	1 618	1 181	5 444

(a) Includes motorcycles and other motor vehicles.

(b) Includes alterations and additions.

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

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

Month	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	<i>Secured</i>	<i>Unsecured</i>	Total	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Total limits(a)</i>	<i>Credit used</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012						
May	1 330	2 039	3 369	4 166	297 848	120 858
June	1 557	1 910	3 467	4 172	297 628	121 482
July	1 647	1 753	3 400	3 264	297 837	120 294
August	1 284	1 706	2 990	3 448	297 886	119 154
September	1 311	1 591	2 901	2 717	298 107	118 294
October	1 347	1 954	3 301	3 282	298 169	117 772
November	1 166	1 942	3 108	3 059	298 448	117 778
December	1 423	1 723	3 146	2 797	298 732	117 749
2013						
January	1 220	1 834	3 054	2 616	298 997	116 528
February	1 352	1 834	3 186	2 949	299 357	116 963
March	1 009	1 918	2 927	3 476	298 880	116 459
April	1 366	1 959	3 325	3 086	299 127	115 935
May	1 247	2 036	3 282	3 660	298 846	115 617

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

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

Month	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	Total	Commitments not drawn at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012								
May	973	8 874	1 463	2 812	3 085	6 348	23 554	43 247
June	1 107	9 440	1 523	2 332	5 146	8 203	27 751	42 595
July	873	8 125	1 402	1 953	2 521	6 734	21 609	43 625
August	692	8 162	1 565	2 109	2 958	5 742	21 228	44 530
September	1 141	8 140	1 725	2 047	2 020	4 931	20 003	44 694
October	3 666	8 765	1 804	2 136	2 478	5 773	24 623	43 325
November	941	9 224	1 331	2 196	2 944	5 691	22 326	42 556
December	3 373	8 815	1 195	1 962	4 092	7 271	26 708	42 859
2013								
January	711	7 525	1 259	1 562	2 111	4 115	17 285	42 731
February	720	7 855	1 337	1 836	1 658	4 862	18 269	42 807
March	776	8 545	1 771	1 886	2 009	6 664	21 650	43 379
April	585	9 122	1 551	1 831	1 976	5 201	20 266	41 758
May	1 285	10 778	1 912	2 101	2 389	8 766	27 232	44 988

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LEASE AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Stocks and Flows: Original

Month	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions(a)	Total credit limits at end of month(a)	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012						
May	611	np	8 496	8 026	328 227	206 177
June	624	np	9 790	10 624	326 987	203 838
July	570	np	7 886	10 402	325 008	202 123
August	528	np	8 351	8 396	325 860	204 508
September	532	np	7 806	8 567	325 235	202 574
October	573	np	9 038	12 543	321 762	200 767
November	544	np	9 090	9 891	320 838	198 725
December	487	np	11 762	11 385	321 331	197 189
2013						
January	429	np	5 571	8 498	318 379	197 497
February	467	np	5 995	5 618	319 090	197 284
March	520	np	7 066	8 104	318 477	196 156
April	483	np	6 858	7 468	318 232	197 228
May	506	np	6 954	8 957	316 343	195 537

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(b)	Alterations and additions	Total(c)	Construction of dwellings for rent and resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2012									
May	1 647	759	12 695	365	64	354	6 945	658	23 486
June	1 546	749	11 391	334	47	619	6 941	593	22 219
July	1 548	712	11 486	324	42	378	6 179	461	21 130
August	1 568	815	12 053	341	42	271	6 405	634	22 129
September	1 319	793	10 901	312	40	442	5 788	910	20 506
October	1 442	969	12 313	357	41	911	6 408	836	23 276
November	1 449	911	13 051	361	49	402	6 970	918	24 111
December	1 313	886	11 338	322	35	393	6 212	806	21 304
2013									
January	1 123	747	10 051	263	37	389	5 482	645	18 738
February	1 252	773	10 258	325	40	383	5 781	843	19 656
March	1 384	940	11 731	354	40	474	6 758	674	22 355
April	1 530	984	12 223	333	46	287	7 248	672	23 324
May	1 763	1 072	14 016	403	59	602	8 476	816	27 208
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2012									
May	1 407	688	11 398	324	50	259	5 969	571	20 666
June	1 447	760	11 346	326	47	436	6 074	507	20 944
July	1 429	716	11 321	339	43	391	6 065	468	20 771
August	1 434	803	11 399	329	42	266	6 083	595	20 951
September	1 384	857	11 618	330	43	384	6 293	948	21 857
October	1 376	882	11 598	331	38	952	6 323	757	22 257
November	1 387	841	11 711	327	43	478	6 502	841	22 131
December	1 423	825	11 238	349	41	397	6 501	764	21 537
2013									
January	1 392	860	11 712	320	46	534	6 676	814	22 354
February	1 393	867	11 824	339	42	474	6 691	955	22 584
March	1 493	971	12 318	346	39	449	6 987	783	23 386
April	1 533	993	12 163	343	47	381	7 160	748	23 368
May	1 529	1 001	12 492	348	46	447	7 218	746	23 827
TREND									
2012									
May	1 407	705	11 309	329	47	385	6 019	518	20 719
June	1 418	736	11 333	328	46	373	6 033	528	20 795
July	1 420	771	11 398	329	44	366	6 077	553	20 959
August	1 416	802	11 460	331	43	365	6 150	594	21 160
September	1 406	824	11 490	331	42	380	6 240	652	21 366
October	1 393	839	11 513	332	41	408	6 335	720	21 581
November	1 387	849	11 547	332	41	440	6 433	783	21 813
December	1 394	858	11 616	333	42	460	6 545	823	22 071
2013									
January	1 414	875	11 730	336	42	467	6 670	834	22 368
February	1 441	902	11 888	338	43	461	6 803	828	22 705
March	1 470	935	12 067	341	44	450	6 941	814	23 062
April	1 498	967	12 239	344	44	439	7 072	794	23 397
May	1 523	998	12 389	346	45	429	7 179	772	23 680

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

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

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary)

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

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)				Total	COMMERCIAL	LEASE	ALL VEHICLE
	New motor cars and station wagons	Used motor cars and station wagons	Motorcycles	Other motor vehicles		FINANCE(a)	FINANCE	FINANCE
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012								
May	540	458	33	117	1 149	1 170	331	2 650
June	600	439	29	112	1 181	1 258	315	2 753
July	501	451	29	113	1 094	1 104	313	2 511
August	556	497	31	136	1 219	1 085	318	2 621
September	490	435	32	116	1 073	1 022	290	2 385
October	592	471	34	132	1 229	1 111	311	2 652
November	633	456	32	157	1 278	1 112	327	2 717
December	608	386	27	112	1 133	1 022	268	2 423
2013								
January	558	440	28	124	1 149	902	247	2 298
February	511	428	28	127	1 094	1 008	245	2 347
March	520	416	28	117	1 081	1 039	265	2 385
April	507	406	26	114	1 054	983	282	2 319
May	578	453	30	127	1 187	919	299	2 406

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

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

Month	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS				LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	New	Used	New	Used	New	Used	Total		Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m	
2012										
May	204	62	37	14	8	3	3		331	
June	204	52	37	5	7	3	5		315	
July	200	54	36	np	6	4	np		313	
August	191	54	42	np	5	np	np		318	
September	173	47	32	8	np	np	np		290	
October	198	49	37	9	7	np	np		311	
November	203	57	37	8	13	np	np		327	
December	165	43	31	11	12	3	5		268	
2013										
January	149	44	27	np	15	np	np		247	
February	154	45	27	np	4	np	np		245	
March	171	49	31	6	2	3	4		265	
April	167	47	31	7	22	5	4		282	
May	178	np	30	10	21	4	np		299	

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Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other plant and equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012					
May	297	1 345	1 642	280	1 922
June	233	841	1 074	309	1 383
July	191	659	849	257	1 107
August	259	765	1 025	210	1 234
September	247	778	1 025	242	1 266
October	259	766	1 025	262	1 287
November	298	785	1 084	217	1 301
December	242	697	939	219	1 158
2013					
January	221	440	660	181	842
February	206	622	828	222	1 050
March	210	637	846	256	1 102
April	210	638	848	201	1 049
May	532	650	1 182	208	1 389

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

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

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

Month	Transport equipment(a)	Construction and earthmoving equipment	Agricultural machinery and equipment	Manu- facturing equipment	Electronic data processing equipment	Office machines	Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment	Other goods	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2012									
May	np	np	np	2	66	58	12	np	280
June	21	95	17	6	57	42	23	49	309
July	18	76	3	3	84	42	5	26	257
August	13	58	7	4	54	41	5	29	210
September	21	np	np	3	35	38	8	24	242
October	17	90	11	13	60	39	5	28	262
November	14	53	6	3	47	39	8	46	217
December	15	63	6	3	44	38	10	40	219
2013									
January	11	30	np	np	85	20	9	15	181
February	17	78	8	4	67	24	8	15	222
March	np	88	11	5	56	40	8	np	256
April	np	56	5	3	48	31	6	np	201
May	13	44	9	2	48	42	15	36	208

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unless otherwise indicated

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

SCOPE

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

COVERAGE

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

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COVERAGE *continued*

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

SOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

REVISIONS

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

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

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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

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

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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

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

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

TREND ESTIMATES

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

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

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

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

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

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.0.55.001)
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0)
- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) - issued quarterly
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0)

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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■ *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia Electronic Publication* (cat. no. 9314.0).

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

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

GLOSSARY

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

GLOSSARY *continued*

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

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