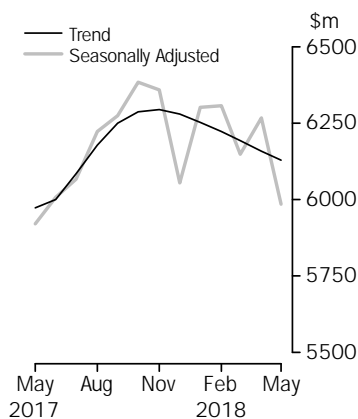


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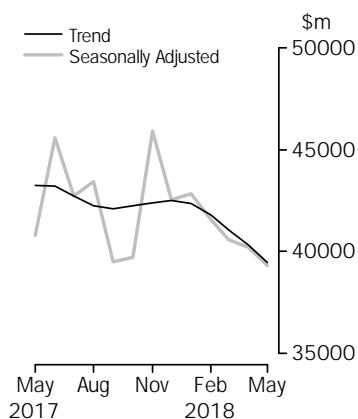
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KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018 to May 2018
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	21 122	21 089	-0.2
Personal finance	6 159	6 129	-0.5
Commercial finance	40 302	39 455	-2.1
Lease finance	565	575	1.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	21 015	21 168	0.7
Personal finance	6 267	5 987	-4.5
Commercial finance	40 208	39 317	-2.2
Lease finance	552	622	12.8

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

MAY 2018 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2018:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.2% in trend terms, while the seasonally adjusted series rose 0.7%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.5%. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.8%, while revolving credit commitments was flat.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 4.5%. Revolving credit commitments fell 12.0%, while fixed lending commitments rose 0.6%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 2.1%. Fixed lending commitments fell 2.6% and revolving credit commitments fell 0.4%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 2.2%. Fixed lending commitments fell 6.3%, while revolving credit commitments rose 12.6%.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments rose 1.8% in May 2018 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 12.8%, following a rise of 2.9% in April 2018.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 2018	10 August 2018
July 2018	11 September 2018
August 2018	16 October 2018
September 2018	13 November 2018
October 2018	12 December 2018



FORTHCOMING CHANGES

Upcoming release of the new, streamlined monthly finance publication, Lending to Households and Businesses, Australia (5601.0)

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

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:

- Commercial Finance for the periods March 2018 and April 2018.
- Personal Finance for the period April 2018.
- Owner occupied housing for the period April 2018.
- Investment housing for the period April 2018.

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ABBREVIATIONS

\$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
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RFC	Registered Financial Corporation

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TIME SERIES DATA

TIME SERIES DATA

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13. Lending Finance Seasonal Factors and Forward Factors for 12 months, By Purpose: Australia (from January 1985)

14. Commercial finance commitments, summary (original, seasonally adjusted, trend)

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50. Personal finance commitments, summary (original, seasonally adjusted, trend)

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions fell 0.2% in trend terms while the seasonally adjusted series rose 0.7%.

Further detail can be found in Table 1 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

For further information, please refer to Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0), which was released on 11 July 2018.

PERSONAL FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.5% in May 2018 compared with April 2018. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.8%, while revolving credit commitments was flat.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 4.5%. Revolving credit commitments fell 12.0%, while fixed lending commitments rose 0.6%.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE

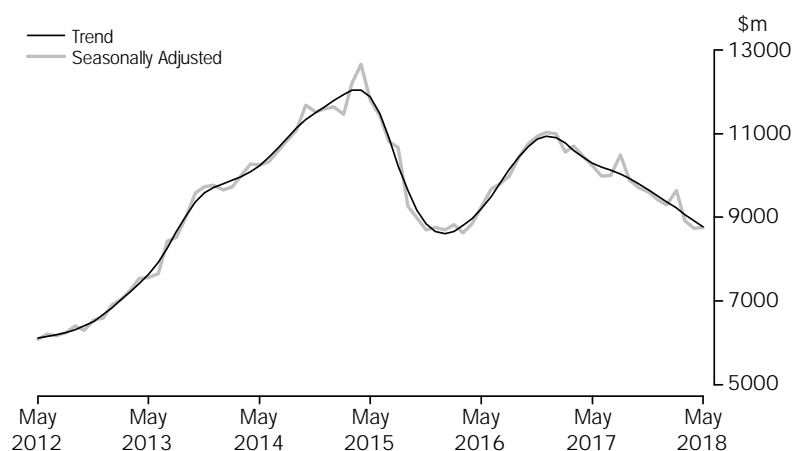
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The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 2.2% in May 2018, following a fall of 0.9% in April 2018. Fixed lending commitments fell 6.3%, after a rise of 0.5% in the previous month. Revolving credit commitments rose 12.6%, after a fall of 5.6% in the previous month.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) fell 1.5% in May 2018 while the seasonally adjusted series rose 0.2%.

Further detail can be found in Tables 1 and 8 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

LEASE FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments rose 1.8% in May 2018 and the seasonally adjusted series rose 12.8%, following a rise of 2.9% in April 2018.

Further detail can be found in Table 1 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

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									
2017									
May	22 899	452	4 162	2 301	6 463	33 568	7 127	40 696	620
June	21 575	411	4 238	2 625	6 863	45 879	13 736	59 616	769
July	20 164	350	3 590	2 400	5 989	31 746	8 879	40 625	543
August	22 140	417	3 921	2 337	6 258	34 432	8 871	43 303	556
September	20 767	443	3 861	2 042	5 903	29 186	9 589	38 775	535
October	21 603	408	4 113	2 233	6 346	30 238	9 516	39 754	594
November	24 039	416	4 292	2 361	6 653	38 062	8 744	46 806	514
December	21 434	346	3 724	2 068	5 792	39 143	13 235	52 378	644
2018									
January	18 084	314	3 486	2 260	5 746	25 096	8 112	33 208	475
February	18 769	326	3 579	2 442	6 020	26 973	7 011	33 984	504
March	20 775	332	3 874	2 490	6 363	33 345	9 091	42 436	565
April	19 411	287	3 465	2 436	5 901	27 808	7 585	35 393	495
May	23 481	348	4 228	2 270	6 498	29 881	9 379	39 260	670
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2017									
May	20 730	413	3 688	2 234	5 922	33 346	7 444	40 790	586
June	20 727	385	3 658	2 350	6 008	35 855	9 724	45 578	619
July	20 994	357	3 801	2 266	6 067	33 704	9 011	42 715	575
August	21 117	400	3 799	2 423	6 222	34 259	9 186	43 445	568
September	20 801	434	3 983	2 292	6 275	29 500	10 000	39 499	567
October	20 777	402	4 141	2 244	6 384	30 086	9 621	39 707	583
November	21 270	384	4 044	2 315	6 359	37 051	8 859	45 910	537
December	21 032	376	3 926	2 130	6 055	32 457	10 078	42 534	591
2018									
January	21 154	368	3 947	2 354	6 301	32 037	10 790	42 827	558
February	21 408	338	3 862	2 445	6 307	32 896	8 676	41 571	537
March	20 954	322	3 778	2 370	6 149	31 346	9 218	40 563	536
April	21 015	312	3 726	2 541	6 267	31 503	8 705	40 208	552
May	21 168	319	3 750	2 236	5 987	29 514	9 803	39 317	622
TREND									
2017									
May	20 586	388	3 709	2 265	5 974	34 126	9 106	43 233	603
June	20 742	391	3 711	2 289	6 000	34 028	9 176	43 204	583
July	20 866	395	3 775	2 310	6 086	33 561	9 162	42 722	577
August	20 937	399	3 866	2 312	6 178	33 004	9 245	42 249	577
September	20 978	401	3 952	2 299	6 250	32 628	9 469	42 097	572
October	21 018	400	4 008	2 279	6 288	32 544	9 685	42 229	568
November	21 061	392	4 020	2 274	6 294	32 672	9 735	42 407	563
December	21 107	377	3 987	2 291	6 279	32 819	9 691	42 510	558
2018									
January	21 139	360	3 926	2 325	6 252	32 748	9 598	42 346	554
February	21 151	343	3 861	2 362	6 223	32 330	9 466	41 796	554
March	21 140	330	3 805	2 389	6 193	31 698	9 346	41 045	558
April	21 122	319	3 758	2 401	6 159	31 041	9 261	40 302	565
May	21 089	311	3 727	2 402	6 129	30 235	9 220	39 455	575

(a) For owner occupation.

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

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

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

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

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
2017										
May	21 341	140	510	907	22 899	4 897	149	130	1 287	6 463
June	20 065	179	472	859	21 575	5 008	142	139	1 574	6 863
July	18 821	145	476	721	20 164	4 390	121	106	1 372	5 989
August	20 623	138	582	797	22 140	4 460	np	np	1 567	6 258
September	19 245	160	530	831	20 767	4 294	np	np	1 382	5 903
October	19 977	216	523	886	21 603	4 725	np	np	1 379	6 346
November	22 234	173	560	1 073	24 039	5 020	np	np	1 386	6 653
December	19 882	128	447	977	21 434	4 320	np	np	1 235	5 792
2018										
January	16 689	94	445	855	18 084	4 159	np	np	1 339	5 746
February	17 288	110	453	917	18 769	4 125	np	np	1 652	6 020
March	19 268	134	470	903	20 775	4 246	117	130	1 870	6 363
April	17 946	129	466	870	19 411	4 095	np	np	1 583	5 901
May	21 656	157	584	1 084	23 481	4 894	np	np	1 332	6 498

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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
2017										
May	36 413	np	1 260	np	40 696	228	164	45	184	620
June	54 366	np	1 792	np	59 616	314	191	60	204	769
July	36 684	np	1 266	np	40 625	184	161	46	152	543
August	38 679	np	1 114	np	43 303	168	171	42	175	556
September	34 729	np	1 479	np	38 775	191	155	np	np	535
October	34 912	np	1 559	np	39 754	201	196	44	152	594
November	42 013	np	1 689	np	46 806	158	154	42	160	514
December	47 739	np	1 194	np	52 378	185	273	np	np	644
2018										
January	30 062	np	994	np	33 208	139	168	25	143	475
February	29 701	np	np	np	33 984	161	150	np	np	504
March	37 829	np	1 529	np	42 436	183	164	np	np	565
April	32 254	np	1 040	np	35 393	156	167	np	np	495
May	36 231	np	1 180	np	39 260	243	202	np	np	670

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

<i>Month</i>	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Total motor vehicles(a)</i>	<i>Individual residential blocks of land</i>	<i>Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b)</i>	<i>Debt consolidation</i>	<i>Refinancing</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2017									
May	713	515	1 391	888	71	407	452	952	4 162
June	853	526	1 557	837	62	418	443	921	4 238
July	645	477	1 259	641	55	389	466	780	3 590
August	711	538	1 405	703	56	np	np	818	3 921
September	677	498	1 331	674	65	521	469	800	3 861
October	676	514	1 341	677	63	625	522	885	4 113
November	769	515	1 430	701	73	672	509	907	4 292
December	662	444	1 245	682	50	527	429	790	3 724
2018									
January	692	500	1 336	526	45	458	407	714	3 486
February	676	488	1 308	549	67	463	430	762	3 579
March	701	485	1 325	633	67	536	483	828	3 874
April	575	438	1 140	576	50	546	468	685	3 465
May	687	490	1 323	758	63	646	590	848	4 228

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(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
2017						
May	633	1 669	2 301	3 226	251 532	99 285
June	867	1 758	2 625	2 773	251 290	99 562
July	650	1 751	2 400	2 703	251 054	97 851
August	481	1 856	2 337	2 930	250 645	96 941
September	430	1 613	2 042	2 564	250 215	96 414
October	613	1 620	2 233	2 704	249 828	95 835
November	686	1 675	2 361	3 703	248 455	95 958
December	577	1 491	2 068	2 327	248 253	96 285
2018						
January	367	1 893	2 260	2 358	249 049	95 163
February	426	2 016	2 442	2 653	248 962	95 472
March	344	2 146	2 490	2 852	248 616	94 921
April	633	1 804	2 436	2 689	248 387	94 075
May	692	1 578	2 270	3 002	247 443	93 612

(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
2017								
May	1 681	15 406	2 912	3 142	1 953	8 473	33 568	59 197
June	2 917	16 778	2 892	4 270	3 800	15 223	45 879	59 275
July	1 635	14 509	2 160	2 798	2 258	8 385	31 746	57 906
August	2 673	14 607	1 969	3 204	2 345	9 633	34 432	59 671
September	1 648	12 951	2 345	2 907	2 183	7 151	29 186	57 939
October	1 797	13 951	2 094	3 164	2 185	7 047	30 238	57 764
November	3 673	14 970	2 015	3 275	3 578	10 551	38 062	60 802
December	3 562	13 574	2 581	3 118	4 197	12 111	39 143	63 262
2018								
January	1 647	10 919	1 483	2 353	1 919	6 775	25 096	59 826
February	1 818	11 749	2 215	2 848	2 047	6 297	26 973	58 543
March	2 398	12 821	3 059	3 334	4 257	7 476	33 345	59 850
April	2 496	11 611	1 837	2 834	2 219	6 811	27 808	57 588
May	2 390	13 451	700	3 097	2 652	7 592	29 881	58 423

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LEASE AND REVOLVING COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, BY STOCK: AUSTRALIA, ORIGINAL (\$M)

	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions	Total credit limits at end of month	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2017						
May	620	np	7 127	9 986	346 684	187 783
June	769	np	13 736	9 472	350 091	185 915
July	543	np	8 879	8 754	348 908	186 529
August	556	np	8 871	8 755	349 379	185 423
September	535	np	9 589	9 854	349 527	187 164
October	594	np	9 516	7 698	351 935	190 861
November	514	np	8 744	10 969	350 104	188 810
December	644	np	13 235	12 447	350 016	186 699
2018						
January	475	np	8 112	9 087	348 022	187 356
February	504	np	7 011	6 832	349 229	187 741
March	565	np	9 091	8 392	350 803	190 591
April	495	np	7 585	8 575	353 728	192 484
May	670	np	9 379	10 859	352 314	191 650

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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									
2017									
May	2 304	1 207	19 387	452	71	1 159	11 818	1 192	37 592
June	2 282	1 239	18 054	411	62	1 651	11 659	1 554	36 913
July	2 139	1 095	16 930	350	55	957	9 802	1 045	32 373
August	2 241	1 271	18 629	417	56	1 027	10 676	1 062	35 378
September	2 009	1 244	17 513	443	65	949	9 587	838	32 647
October	2 051	1 296	18 255	408	63	1 173	9 608	936	33 790
November	2 168	1 373	20 498	416	73	1 617	10 379	1 041	37 565
December	1 920	1 315	18 198	346	50	1 176	9 414	1 220	33 640
2018									
January	1 748	933	15 402	314	45	783	7 858	1 231	28 315
February	1 722	1 106	15 942	326	67	993	8 339	961	29 455
March	1 821	1 196	17 758	332	67	985	8 931	965	32 055
April	1 706	1 085	16 620	287	50	1 046	8 197	728	29 719
May	2 193	1 299	19 989	348	63	1 306	9 952	968	36 118
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2017									
May	1 975	1 140	17 615	413	68	1 007	10 243	1 149	33 611
June	2 049	1 174	17 505	385	61	1 233	9 990	1 327	33 725
July	2 162	1 202	17 630	357	64	998	10 005	1 035	33 453
August	2 069	1 206	17 843	400	58	1 069	10 494	1 066	34 206
September	2 000	1 229	17 572	434	64	1 047	9 890	781	33 015
October	2 023	1 213	17 540	402	61	1 250	9 708	999	33 196
November	2 020	1 219	18 030	384	58	1 392	9 600	1 039	33 743
December	2 001	1 193	17 838	376	54	1 154	9 428	1 064	33 108
2018									
January	2 130	1 171	17 852	368	53	1 101	9 301	1 377	33 353
February	1 967	1 238	18 203	338	70	1 190	9 647	1 052	33 705
March	1 875	1 222	17 858	322	59	950	8 923	960	32 168
April	1 833	1 215	17 967	312	58	1 113	8 730	904	32 132
May	1 870	1 220	18 077	319	59	1 061	8 748	929	32 284
TREND									
2017									
May	1 998	1 132	17 456	388	65	1 088	10 294	1 155	33 576
June	2 041	1 166	17 535	391	64	1 079	10 203	1 126	33 605
July	2 062	1 194	17 609	395	63	1 086	10 130	1 074	33 613
August	2 064	1 210	17 662	399	62	1 113	10 037	1 020	33 569
September	2 057	1 215	17 706	401	60	1 152	9 925	992	33 509
October	2 048	1 215	17 755	400	59	1 190	9 803	1 004	33 474
November	2 038	1 210	17 813	392	58	1 208	9 664	1 046	33 429
December	2 023	1 207	17 876	377	58	1 199	9 514	1 090	33 346
2018									
January	2 002	1 207	17 931	360	59	1 165	9 366	1 106	33 194
February	1 968	1 210	17 973	343	59	1 120	9 224	1 082	32 979
March	1 926	1 214	17 999	330	60	1 082	9 069	1 035	32 715
April	1 886	1 219	18 018	319	60	1 053	8 915	980	32 449
May	1 851	1 222	18 015	311	60	1 033	8 781	930	32 203

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

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

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary).

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

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)					COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)	LEASE FINANCE	ALL VEHICLE FINANCE
	New motor cars and station wagons	Used motor cars and station wagons	Motorcycles	Other motor vehicles	Total	Total	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2017								
May	713	515	41	122	1 391	1 426	389	3 206
June	853	526	42	136	1 557	1 973	458	3 988
July	645	477	32	104	1 259	1 200	349	2 808
August	711	538	37	119	1 405	1 222	385	3 012
September	677	498	39	117	1 331	1 159	354	2 845
October	676	514	36	115	1 341	1 187	363	2 891
November	769	515	36	111	1 430	1 378	355	3 162
December	662	444	33	107	1 245	1 220	366	2 831
2018								
January	692	500	28	116	1 336	1 086	315	2 738
February	676	488	30	114	1 308	1 248	340	2 895
March	701	485	34	106	1 325	1 446	390	3 161
April	575	438	32	95	1 140	1 143	322	2 606
May	687	490	36	111	1 323	1 442	460	3 226

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

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

<i>Month</i>	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS		LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2017								
May	228	73	38	np	24	5	np	389
June	277	84	46	8	20	3	19	458
July	216	64	33	np	18	np	np	349
August	239	71	40	np	13	3	np	385
September	209	68	38	6	21	np	np	354
October	219	66	37	np	22	np	np	363
November	214	69	32	6	22	np	np	355
December	218	61	33	7	34	np	np	366
2018								
January	189	62	23	5	27	np	np	315
February	194	68	28	7	19	1	22	340
March	224	76	37	8	24	6	14	390
April	187	67	31	7	19	3	10	322
May	209	81	37	8	100	6	19	460

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COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment(a): Original

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
2017					
May	305	1 412	1 717	231	1 948
June	339	1 957	2 296	312	2 608
July	236	1 361	1 598	194	1 792
August	281	1 701	1 982	171	2 153
September	283	1 465	1 748	181	1 929
October	280	1 697	1 977	231	2 208
November	279	1 618	1 897	160	2 057
December	286	1 613	1 899	278	2 176
2018					
January	212	1 054	1 266	160	1 426
February	258	1 343	1 600	164	1 765
March	286	1 603	1 888	175	2 064
April	319	1 371	1 690	173	1 863
May	305	1 350	1 654	210	1 865

(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
2017									
May	np	47	np	np	46	91	18	np	231
June	5	87	42	24	46	40	47	22	312
July	np	52	np	np	39	34	6	np	194
August	—	52	np	np	40	34	11	19	171
September	1	49	7	4	24	30	38	27	181
October	np	57	19	2	60	np	np	np	231
November	3	54	10	1	32	32	7	20	160
December	2	np	np	4	54	28	11	24	278
2018									
January	np	68	7	3	43	23	8	np	160
February	np	53	11	2	39	31	11	np	164
March	np	55	15	3	35	38	8	np	175
April	np	66	np	np	41	21	12	np	173
May	1	72	20	3	62	28	9	14	210

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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

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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 leases and excludes operating and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided separately as spreadsheets on the Downloads 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 Until the statistics in this publication were derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) (see paragraph 10), the statistics covered 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 were 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 were covered. While many lenders other than banks were not covered, at least 70% coverage was maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8 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.
- 9 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 include finance commitments from January 2014 reported by Non-Banks above the reporting threshold.

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COVERAGE *continued*

A trend break in January 2014 was added to the Lease Finance series published in Tables 1 and 27, due to this change in coverage.

SOURCES

10 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.

11 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.

12 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).

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

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

REVISIONS

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

16 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 recorded in the 'Series breaks' tabs of Statistical Table B2 on the Reserve Bank of Australia's website: RBA Statistical Tables.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

17 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.

18 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

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. (See paragraphs 21 and 22 for further information on trend estimates).

19 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.

20 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 concurrent seasonal adjustment approach re-estimates seasonal factors each month with the receipt of each new observation. The parameters used for seasonal adjustment are routinely reviewed every 12 to 24 months to ensure the quality of the seasonal factors. The last reanalysis occurred in February 2017 for the January 2017 issue. For more information on ARIMA modelling see *Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions* in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

21 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 term Henderson-weighted moving average to all but the last six months of the respective seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0).

22 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 21 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

23 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

24 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

25 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. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012)
- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0)
- *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia* (cat. no. 9314.0).

26 In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the Bulletin, the tables of which are available on the RBA website <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>.

27 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	For owner occupation, comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings. For commercial finance construction of dwellings for rental or resale, comprises commitments made to corporations to finance the construction of dwellings to be occupied by persons other than the owner(s).
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.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.
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.
Wholesale lenders	A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower. The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts) established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes funds provided where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, remains the lender on the contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

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