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Lending to individuals: September 2010

Total net lending to individuals rose by £0.4 billion in September (Table A). The twelve-month and three-month annualised growth rates remained the same at 0.8% and 0.5% respectively.

Within the total, **net lending secured on dwellings** rose by £0.1 billion (Table A), below the August increase of £1.6 billion and the previous six-month average of £0.5 billion. The twelve-month growth rate decreased slightly to 0.8% and the three-month annualised growth rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 0.4%. The **number of loan approvals for house purchase** (47,474) was little changed on the August figure (47,498), though lower than the previous six-month average (48,764). Approvals for **remortgaging** (28,903) were higher than in August (28,390) and higher than the previous six-month average (27,067), while approvals for **other purposes** in September (23,279) were lower than in August (23,963) and also below the previous six-month average of 24,754 (Table B).

Consumer credit showed a net increase of £0.3 billion in September, above the previous six-month average rise of £0.1 billion (Table A). The twelve-month growth rate of consumer credit increased 0.3 percentage points to 0.6% and the three-month annualised growth rate rose from 0.2% to 0.8%. Within consumer credit, **credit card lending** increased by £0.2 billion and **other loans and advances** increased by £0.1 billion.

Table A: Net lending to individuals ^(a)

Seasonally adjusted

		Total			Secured on dwellings			Consumer credit ^(b)		
		Change £ billions	Growth rates Per cent		Change £ billions	Growth rates Per cent		Change £ billions	Growth rates Per cent	
			1m	12m		1m	12m		1m	12m
	<i>LPM</i>	<i>VTUV</i>	<i>VTXZ</i>	<i>VTYC</i>	<i>VTVJ</i>	<i>VTYF</i>	<i>VTYI</i>	<i>RLMH</i>	<i>VTYL</i>	<i>VTYO</i>
2010	Jun	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0
	Jul	-0.3	0.0	0.8	-0.5	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2
	Aug	1.6	0.1	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
	Sep	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.6
Previous 6m average		0.6			0.5			0.1		
		<i>VTXC</i>			<i>VTXK</i>			<i>VZRI</i>		
Amounts outstanding		1 455.0			1 239.2			215.8		

(a) Data in *bold italics* are where the current estimate of the change differs by more than 0.2 per cent of the underlying level or the growth rate differs by 0.2 percentage points or more from the most recent published estimate. There are no revisions above the threshold on this occasion.

(b) See Notes to Editors 4.

Table B: Approvals secured on dwellings ^(a)

Seasonally adjusted

		Total ^(b)		House purchase		Remortgaging		Other	
		Value £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number
		<i>VTVQ</i>	<i>B3C8</i>	<i>B4B5</i>	<i>VTVX</i>	<i>B4B6</i>	<i>B4B3</i>	<i>B4B7</i>	<i>B4B4</i>
2010	Jun	11.1	99,419	6.9	48,492	3.4	25,977	0.7	24,949
	Jul	11.2	100,200	7.0	48,470	3.6	27,506	0.7	24,224
	Aug	11.2	99,851	6.7	47,498	3.7	28,390	0.7	23,963
	Sep	11.0	99,656	6.6	47,474	3.8	28,903	0.6	23,279
Previous 6m average		11.2	100,585	6.9	48,764	3.5	27,067	0.7	24,754

(a) Approvals secured on dwellings are measured net of cancellations. From January 2008 additional monthly gross approvals and cancellations data are available on the Bank's Statistical Interactive Database. The database can be accessed at www.bankofengland.co.uk/mfsd/iadb.

(b) Owing to the method of seasonal adjustment of these series, they may not equal the sum of their component breakdown.

Chart 1: Growth rates of seasonally adjusted lending secured on dwellings

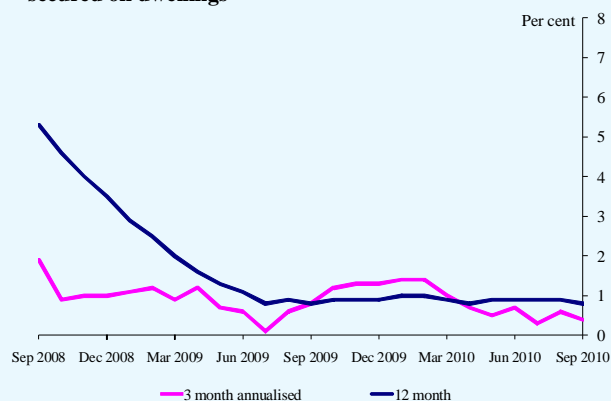
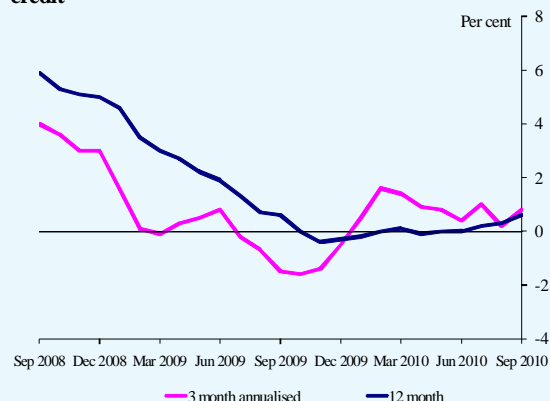


Chart 2: Growth rates of seasonally adjusted consumer credit



Notes to Editors

- 1 Full data on lending to individuals are available in Table A5 of Bank of England *Monetary and Financial Statistics* (www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/bankstats/current/index); these data are consistent with M4 lending, but are more comprehensive (as they include lending by institutions other than banks and building societies). Further information on the definitions of lending to individuals and calculations of growth rates are shown separately.
- 2 The consumer credit data include input from the Office for National Statistics. These data, and additional data not presented here, can be accessed free-of-charge from the Time Series data services at the National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp.
- 3 The Statistical Interactive Database (www.bankofengland.co.uk/mfsd/iadb) provides long runs of statistical data with comprehensive search options and the ability to download in a variety of formats. The series codes are listed in the tables in this release. The additional tables, shown separately, also illustrate the codes for each series which can be used for downloading long runs from the database.
- 4 Consumer credit consists of credit card lending and other loans and advances. Other loans and advances include loans made through Government student finance schemes. The Student Loans Company pays tuition fees to Higher Education Institutions on behalf of students who have taken out tuition fee loans. From the academic year 2006/07 onwards, tuition fee loans were made available to new students who were subject to variable fees (fees charged at a higher rate than the previous fixed level fees), and also to those continuing students who were not entitled to 100% tuition fee grants and, hence, were paying all or part of their lower fixed level tuition fees. Such loans are made in instalments, mainly paid in February and May. As students paying the lower fixed level fees left university, while new entrants were subject to higher variable fees, the level of tuition fee loans rose each year between 2006/07 and 2009/10. Further information on Government student support schemes can be found at: www.slc.co.uk/statistics/national_statistics.html.