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PRA / FCA Mortgage Lenders and Administrators Statistics published

The Bank of England and Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) today published the latest Mortgage Lenders and Administrators Statistics for the United Kingdom covering the period Q4 2013.

Key statistics for Q4 2013 are as follows:

- Gross advances are at their highest level since 2008, with lending to first-time buyers at its highest level since Q3 2007. Interest rates on new lending, the number of new arrears cases and stocks of possession cases remaining unsold are at their lowest level since this series began in 2007.
- The overall value of the residential loan amounts outstanding was £1,238 billion in Q4 2013, an increase of 0.4% compared to Q3 2013.
- Gross advances of £51.5 billion in Q4 2013 were 31% higher than in Q4 2012. This was the highest amount advanced in a quarter since Q3 2008.
- New commitments increased in value to £50.3 billion in Q4 2013. This represented a drop of 0.4% from Q3 2013, when new commitments stood at £50.5 billion.
- The value of loans advanced to first time buyers increased by £3.1 billion over the past year to £10.6 billion, an increase of 41%. This was the highest quarterly amount since Q3 2007.
- There was an increase in the value of new lending for buy to let (BTL) over the past year – up from £4.3 billion advanced in Q4 2012 to £6.6 billion in Q4 2013. This was the highest quarterly amount since Q2 2008.
- The proportion of gross advances at a high LTV (i.e. over 90%) was little changed at 2.1% in Q4 2013.
- The number of new arrears cases in Q4 2013 was 2.9% lower than in Q3 2013 at 29,208, the lowest quarterly number of new cases since the series began in 2007.
- The total number of loan accounts with reportable arrears continued to decrease - from 279,649 in Q3 2013 to 264,862 in Q4 2013, a reduction of 5.3% and the lowest since Q1 2007.
- The performance of loans in arrears – payments received as a percentage of payments due – improved for the sixth quarter in succession to 61.9% in Q4 2013.

- Arrears totalling £32 million on 8,191 accounts were capitalised in Q4 2013, an increase of 2.2% by number compared to Q3 2013.ew cases taken into possession totalled 6,137 in Q4 2013, a 21% reduction from Q4 2012.
- As possession sales outstripped new possessions, the stock of possession cases remaining unsold declined for the ninth quarter in succession, down to 9,962 in Q4 2013 which is the lowest level since the series began.

Notes to Editors

1. These data are compiled from supervisory data collected through the [Mortgage Lenders & Administrators Return](#) (MLAR) provided by regulated firms. It covers information on residential mortgage lending and some non-regulated business, i.e. buy-to-let and second charge mortgages. This information is published quarterly.
2. The definition within these data of a reportable arrears case covers loans where the amount of actual arrears is 1.5% or more of the borrower's current loan balance. For example, if the loan balance is £100,000 and arrears on the loan amount to £1,500 or more, then it is a reportable arrears case for MLAR purposes.
3. The definition of a possession within these data refers to an arrears case where the lender, having formally been granted a Possession Order by a Court, is then able to sell the underlying property (against which the loan is secured) and use the proceeds to reduce or pay-off the mortgage debt. Our figures relate to individual loan accounts in possession.
4. In terms of 'loan accounts in possession', this number does not represent the number of borrowers that have been subject to possession. It represents the number of individual loan accounts in possession, and covers possessions arising on first charge loans, second and subsequent charge loans (where the borrower takes an extra loan from another lender).
5. No breakdown is available for these statistics on a regional or local authority basis.
6. Further detailed definitions are available in the Technical Notes at the end of the published [Statistical release](#) and the additional [Explanatory Notes](#) published by the Bank.

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