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Money and Credit: March 2015

Part one: Broad money and credit

Please note that the compilation and descriptions of some credit series will change in the next edition of the Money and Credit statistical release, as described in Bankstats, April 2015, 'Changes to the treatment of loan transfers and lending to housing associations', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1apr15.pdf.

Aggregate money and credit

UK broad money, M4 excluding intermediate other financial corporations (OFCs), increased by £7.2 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £5.9 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 2.5% and 4.1% respectively.

M4Lx is defined as M4 lending excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers. M4Lx excluding intermediate OFCs increased by £10.0 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £1.9 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 3.8% and 2.9% respectively.

Table A: Aggregate money and credit

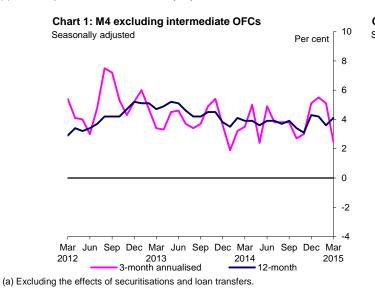
Sterling

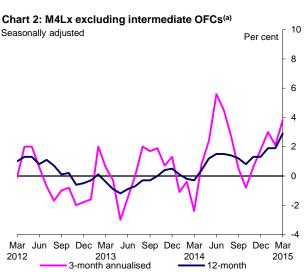
2014 Dec 2015 Jan Feb Mar

Seasonally adjusted (a)

		IVI4				IN.	/14LX					
	excluding	interme	diate OFC	s	excluding intermediate OFCs							
Amounts	nts Changes Growth rates		es	Amounts Changes		Growth rates						
outstanding		1m	3m	12m	outstanding		1m	3m	12m			
			(ann)					(ann)				
£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent			
B53Q	B54Q	B68P	B55Q	B56Q	B57Q	B58Q	B66P	B59Q	B62Q			
1,792.0	18.2	1.0	5.1	4.3	1,765.7	2.8	0.2	1.8	1.3			
1,793.4	0.7	0.0	5.5	4.2	1,766.8	2.2	0.1	3.0	1.9			
1,797.2	3.3	0.2	5.1	3.6	1,770.6	4.2	0.2	2.1	1.9			
1,807.8	7.2	0.4	2.5	4.1	1,783.2	10.0	0.6	3.8	2.9			

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A2.2.3.





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Sectoral money and credit

Households' money and credit

Households' holdings of M4 increased by £2.3 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £3.2 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 1.0% and 3.4% respectively.

M4 lending (excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers) to households increased by £2.8 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £2.1 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 2.2% and 2.4% respectively.

Table B: Households' money and credit

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted

		M4: Hou	seholds	s ^(a)			M4Lx: H	ousehold	ls ^(b)			
	Amounts	Changes	G	Frowth rate	es	Amounts	Changes	G	Growth rates			
	outstanding		1m	3m	12m	outstanding		1m	3m	12m		
				(ann)					(ann)			
	£ billions	£ billions p	er cent	per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent		
	WHR	WHS	VVHT	VVHU	WHW	BC44	WNV	WNW	WEI	WNZ		
2014 Dec	1,223.6	5.9	0.5	4.6	4.1	1,215.6	1.7	0.1	2.3	2.5		
2015 Jan	1,222.5	-1.5	-0.1	2.6	3.6	1,217.4	1.9	0.2	2.2	2.5		
Feb	1,224.8	2.2	0.2	2.2	3.5	1,220.0	1.9	0.2	1.8	2.4		
Mar	1,227.9	2.3	0.2	1.0	3.4	1,222.5	2.8	0.2	2.2	2.4		

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A4.1, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code VVIM.

Private non-financial corporations' (PNFCs) money and credit

PNFCs' holdings of M4 increased by £5.2 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £2.0 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 11.2% and 9.4% respectively.

M4 lending (excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers) to PNFCs increased by £2.8 billion in March, compared to the average monthly decrease of £0.8 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 2.6% and 0.1% respectively.

Table C: PNFCs' money and credit

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted

		M4:	PNFCs ^(a)			M4Lx: PNFCs(b)					
	Amounts	Changes	Gı	rowth rate	s	Amounts	Changes	Growth rates		s	
	outstanding		1m	3m	12m	outstanding		1m	3m	12m	
				(ann)					(ann)		
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent	
	WHL	VVHM	WHN	VVHO	VVHQ	BC57	WWNQ	WWNR	WNS	WWNU	
2014 Dec	310.8	2.0	0.6	9.5	8.7	372.9	-1.5	-0.4	-3.0	-2.7	
2015 Jan	314.4	3.6	1.2	9.1	9.6	369.0	-4.1	-1.1	-3.3	-3.5	
Feb	314.0	-0.4	-0.1	6.9	7.4	371.7	3.7	1.0	-2.0	-1.1	
Mar	320.3	5.2	1.6	11.2	9.4	375.2	2.8	0.7	2.6	0.1	

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A4.1, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code VVIG.

Non-intermediate other financial corporations' (OFCs) money and credit

Non-intermediate OFCs' holdings of M4 decreased by £0.3 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £0.7 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were -0.4% and 1.0% respectively.

⁽b) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see *Bankstats* Table <u>A4.3</u>, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code B9Y6.

⁽b) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see *Bankstats* Table A4.3, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code B9Y5.

M4 lending (excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers) to non-intermediate OFCs increased by £4.5 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £0.6 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 18.0% and 13.2% respectively.

Table D: Non-intermediate OFCs' money and credit

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted (a)

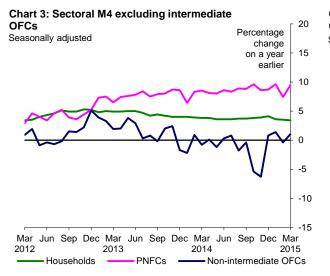
M4: Non-intermediate OFCs

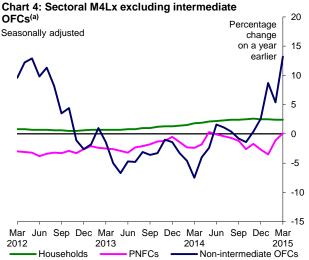
M4Lx: Non-intermediate OFCs (t	2)
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	Amounts	Changes	Growth rates		es	Amounts	Changes	Changes Growth rates			
	outstanding		1m	3m	12m	outstanding		1m	3m	12m	
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	(ann) per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	(ann) per cent	per cent	
	B63Q	B64Q	B67P	B65Q	B66Q	B67Q	B68Q	B65P	B69Q	B72Q	
2014 Dec	257.6	10.3	4.2	2.8	8.0	177.2	2.5	1.5	10.0	2.6	
2015 Jan	256.5	-1.4	-0.6	15.7	1.4	180.5	4.4	2.5	24.3	8.7	
Feb	258.4	1.5	0.6	17.7	-0.4	178.9	-1.4	-0.8	13.3	5.4	
Mar	259.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	1.0	185.5	4.5	2.5	18.0	13.2	

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A2.2.3.

⁽b) These series have not been seasonally adjusted as, after examination, they were found not to be significantly seasonal. These series are reviewed for seasonality regularly.





About these data:

Monetary financial institutions (MFIs) are defined as UK-resident banks and building societies.

Data presented in Tables A to D and Charts 1 to 4 relate to UK sterling measures of broad money (M4 excluding intermediate OFCs) and credit (M4Lx excluding intermediate OFCs). The credit measure excludes the effects of any securitisations of lending by banks and building societies: this means that any lending that is securitised remains included in this definition. The notation M4Lx is used to indicate the exclusion of these effects and the effects of loan transfers.

Broad money comprises cash (sterling only) and holdings of sterling deposits and similar short-term sterling liabilities including repo positions. Credit comprises sterling borrowing from UK MFIs, including loans, overdrafts, issuance of securities, reverse repos and similar financial instruments.

In all tables, the 'changes' data are measured after the removal of significant series break effects that may be present in the amounts outstanding measures. Growth rates are calculated using 'changes' data.

Further information can be found in the explanatory notes, available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/m4_sectoral.aspx.

⁽a) Excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers

Aggregate M4 and M4 lending

Table E provides summary data for the aggregate broad money and credit data on definitions that do not exclude intermediate OFCs, i.e. they include all OFCs. In addition, aggregate data are also presented for M4 lending, which does not exclude the effects of securitisations and loan transfers.

Table E: Aggregate M4 and M4 lending

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted

		M4 ^(a)		M	4 lending ⁽	b)		M4Lx ^(c)	
	Changes	Growth rates		Changes	Changes Growth rates		Changes	Changes Growth	
		1m	12m		1m	12m		1m	12m
	£ billions	per cent	per cent	£ billions	per cent	per cent	£ billions	per cent	per cent
	AUZJ	VQJS	VQJW	AVBR	VQJQ	VQJU	VWVL	VWVM	WVP
2014 Dec	2.6	0.1	-1.1	4.5	0.2	-3.7	3.5	0.2	-3.8
2015 Jan	-15.7	-0.7	-2.2	-16.6	-0.8	-4.0	-15.0	-0.7	-4.0
Feb	-3.7	-0.2	-3.2	1.8	0.1	-3.8	1.7	0.1	-3.8
Mar	6.5	0.3	-0.6	12.5	0.6	-1.2	12.1	0.6	-1.2

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see *Bankstats* Tables <u>A2.2.1</u>, <u>A2.2.3</u> and <u>A3.1</u>. (b) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see *Bankstats* Tables <u>A2.1.1</u> and <u>A3.1</u>.

Deposits and loans of financial and non-financial businesses, by industry

Deposits from financial and non-financial businesses increased by £9.6 billion in March, compared to the average monthly decrease of £10.4 billion over the previous six months. The increase was mainly in deposits from businesses in the business services industry (£7.9 billion). The twelve-month growth rate was -6.0%.

Loans to financial and non-financial businesses increased by £8.9 billion in March, compared to the average monthly decrease of £2.8 billion over the previous six months. The increase was mainly in loans to businesses in the financial services industry (£6.7 billion). The twelve-month growth rate was -3.4%.

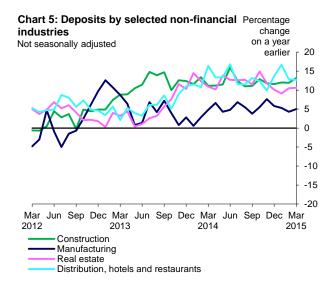
Table F: Deposits and loans of financial and non-financial businesses, by industry^(a)

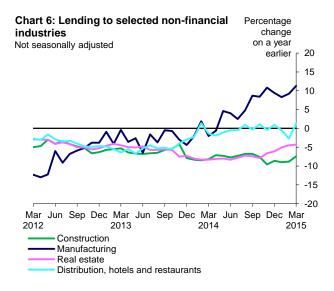
All currencies Not seasonally adjusted March 2015

	Deposits								Loans					
	Α	mounts	Cha	nges	Growt	h rate	Α	mounts	Changes		Growth rate			
	outs	tanding				12m	outs	tanding				12m		
	£	billions	£ bi	llions	ре	r cent	£	billions		£ billions	pe	r cent		
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	Z8ZE	6.5	Z8ZF	-0.1	Z8ZG	3.3	Z 929	16.7	Z 92A	0.3	Z 92B	10.4		
Total production	Z8ZH	74.4	Z8ZI	0.3	Z8ZJ	6.8	Z92C	56.9	Z92D	0.6	Z 92E	9.2		
Mining and quarrying	TDAD	16.2	BG25	-2.8	Z8ZK	3.9	TBSE	6.9	BG85	0.3	Z92F	0.4		
Manufacturing	TDAE	47.3	BG26	1.9	B6G7	5.0	TBSF	35.6	BG86	-0.3	BH43	11.3		
Electricity, gas and air conditioning supply	TDAN	6.6	BG38	0.9	Z8ZL	33.5	TBSO	9.1	BG97	0.2	Z92H	6.5		
Water supply, sewerage etc.	Z8ZM	4.2	Z8ZN	0.2	Z8ZO	4.8	Z92I	5.3	Z92J	0.4	Z92K	12.0		
Construction	TDAP	30.6	BG42	1.5	B8G2	13.2	TBSQ	36.7	BG99	0.2	BH56	-7.4		
Total services	Z8ZP	1,137.9	Z8ZQ	8.0	Z8ZR	-7.2	Z 92L	1,010.9	Z92M	7.8	Z 92N	-4.0		
Distribution, hotels and restaurants	Z8ZS	52.6	Z8ZT	8.0	Z8ZU	12.7	Z920	68.0	Z92P	0.6	Z92Q	1.3		
Transport, storage and communication	TDAV	43.9	BG48	1.2	Z8ZV	6.4	TBSW	28.7	B2G7	0.1	Z92R	5.4		
Business services	TDAW	143.5	BG49	7.9	Z8ZW	9.3	TBSX	181.6	B2G8	-1.5	Z92S	-1.6		
o/w Real estate	TDAX	40.2	BG52	2.9	B9G2	10.6	TBSY	137.2	B2G9	-0.8	BH66	-4.3		
Financial services	B3H2	796.0	B2H6	-1.5		-11.6	B4H4	680.6	B2H4	6.7	B4H8	-5.7		
Financial intermediation	TDBG	427.8	BG64	4.7		-20.6	TBTI	394.5	B4G2	3.0		-13.9		
Insurance companies and pension funds	TDBR	65.3	BG77	1.5	BH36	4.5	TBTT	28.1	B5G5	2.3	BH92	34.5		
Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	B5H5	302.9	B5H4	-7.7	B5H6	1.5	B5H8	257.9	B5H7	1.4	B5H9	6.4		
Government and other services	Z926	102.0	Z927	-0.5	Z928	-4.1	Z932	52.1	Z933	2.0	Z934	-1.2		
Total financial and non-financial businesses		1,249.3	Z8ZY	9.6	Z8ZZ	-6.0		1,121.1	Z92U	8.9	Z 92V	-3.4		
o/w Non-financial businesses	B2H9	453.3	B2H5	11.1	B3H5	5.8	B4H3	440.6	B2H3	2.2	B4H7	0.3		

⁽a) The SIC codes associated with the series shown in this table are available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/industrial.aspx.

⁽c) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Tables A2.1.1 and A2.2.3.





About these data:

Monetary financial institutions (MFIs) are defined as UK-resident banks and building societies.

Data presented in Table F relate to deposits placed at MFIs by all UK industries and loans by MFIs to all UK industries. Data cover loans and deposits in both sterling and foreign currency, expressed in sterling.

Deposits and loans are classified according to the National Accounts standard industrial classification.

Table F has a broader scope compared to Tables A to D. It includes all currencies and also covers public sector institutions and enterprises, and intermediate financial corporations.

Further information can be found in the explanatory notes, available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/industrial.aspx

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Part two: Lending to individuals

Total lending to individuals

Total lending to individuals increased by £3.1 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £2.5 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 2.2% and 2.3% respectively.

Table G: Lending to individuals

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted (a)

	Amounts	Changes	;		
	outstanding		1m	3m(ann)	12m
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent
	BZ2A	BZ2C	BZ2E	BZ2G	BZ2K
2014 Dec	1,466.3	2.1	0.1	2.1	2.3
2015 Jan	1,468.9	2.5	0.2	2.1	2.3
Feb	1,471.0	2.6	0.2	2.0	2.3
Mar	1,473.9	3.1	0.2	2.2	2.3

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A5.2, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code BZZH.

Lending secured on dwellings

Lending secured on dwellings increased by £1.8 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £1.6 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 1.6% and 1.7% respectively. Gross lending secured on dwellings was £16.9 billion and repayments were £15.0 billion.

Table H: Lending secured on dwellings

Sterling

Seasonally adjusted (a)

	Amounts	Changes (b)	G	rowth rates		Gross lending	Repayments
	outstanding		1m	m 3m(ann) 12m			
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions
	VTXK	VTVJ	VTYF	VTYG	VTYI	VTVC	B86L
2014 Dec	1,297.5	1.6	0.1	1.5	1.8	16.5	14.7
2015 Jan	1,299.3	1.6	0.1	1.6	1.8	16.4	14.9
Feb	1,301.9	1.8	0.1	1.5	1.8	16.3	14.6
Mar	1.303.7	1.8	0.1	1.6	1.7	16.9	15.0

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see *Bankstats* Tables <u>A5.2</u>, <u>A5.3</u> and <u>A5.5</u>, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code <u>B3XJ</u>.

⁽b) The changes series will not necessarily equal gross lending minus repayments, due to the seasonal adjustment methodology used and small differences in coverage between the three series.



Mortgage approvals

The number of loan approvals for house purchase was 61,341 in March, compared to the average of 60,303 over the previous six months. The number of approvals for remortgaging was 32,591, compared to the average of 31,726 over the previous six months. The number of approvals for other purposes was 9,369, compared to the average of 9,298 over the previous six months.

Table I: Approvals of loans secured on dwellings

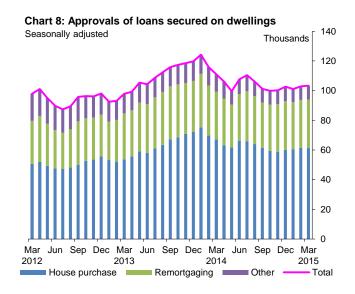
Sterling

Seasonally adjusted (a)

	Total		House pu	ırchase	Remort	gaging	Oth	Other		
	Value ^(b) £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number	Value £ billions	Number		
	VTVQ	B3C8	B4B5	VTVX	B4B6	B4B3	B4B7	B4B4		
2014 Dec	15.3	102,723	9.8	60,117	5.1	32,791	0.5	9,816		
2015 Jan	16.1	101,078	10.7	60,503	5.1	31,718	0.5	8,857		
Feb	16.2	102,940	10.3	61,523	5.3	32,211	0.6	9,207		
Mar	16.4	103,301	10.2	61,341	5.5	32,591	0.6	9,369		

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A5.4.

⁽b) Owing to the seasonal adjustment methodology, this series may not equal the sum of its components.



Consumer credit

Consumer credit increased by £1.2 billion in March, compared to the average monthly increase of £0.9 billion over the previous six months. The three-month annualised and twelve-month growth rates were 7.0% and 6.9% respectively.

Table J: Consumer credit Sterling Seasonally adjusted(a)

	Amounts	Changes	G	rowth rates	3
	outstanding		1m	3m(ann)	12m
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent
	BI2O	B3PS	B3PW	B3PY	B4TC
2014 Dec	168.8	0.5	0.3	7.0	6.6
2015 Jan	169.5	0.9	0.5	6.3	6.7
Feb	169.1	0.8	0.5	5.3	6.7
Mar	170.2	1.2	0.7	7.0	6.9

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Tables A5.2 and A5.6, with the exception of the three-month annualised growth rate, which is available on the Statistical Interactive Database as code B3MZ.

Within consumer credit, credit card lending increased by £0.2 billion in March, in line with the average monthly increase over the previous six months. Other loans and advances increased by £1.1 billion, compared to the average monthly increase of £0.7 billion over the previous six months.

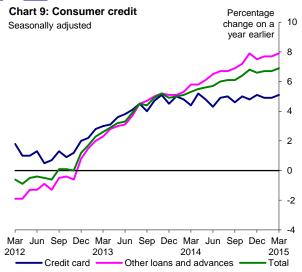
Table K: Consumer credit by category

Seasonally adjusted

		Cre	dit card ^(a)			(Other loans	and adva	nces ^(b)	
	Amounts	Changes	G	rowth rates		Amounts	Changes	G	rowth rates	6
	outstanding		1m	3m(ann)	12m	outstanding		1m	3m(ann)	12m
	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	per cent	per cent
	VZRJ	VZQX	B7A4	VZZM	WUZ	B4TS	B4TU	B4TK	B4TM	B4TQ
2014 Dec	61.0	0.3	0.5	6.5	5.1	107.8	0.3	0.2	7.3	7.5
2015 Jan	61.2	0.2	0.3	5.0	4.9	108.4	0.7	0.6	7.1	7.7
Feb	61.2	0.2	0.4	4.8	4.9	107.9	0.5	0.5	5.5	7.7
Mar	61.2	0.2	0.3	4.0	5.1	109.0	1.1	1.0	8.8	7.9

⁽a) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A5.6, with the exception of the growth rates, which are available on the Statistical Interactive Database as codes <u>B8A4</u>, <u>B8A5</u> and <u>B8A7</u>.

⁽b) For the equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, see Bankstats Table A5.6, with the exception of the growth rates, which are available on the Statistical Interactive Database as codes B4TL, B4TN and B4TR.



About these data:

Monetary financial institutions (MFIs) are defined as UK-resident banks and building societies.

Data presented in Tables G to K relate to sterling lending to individuals and housing associations by MFIs and by other lenders (including non-MFI consumer credit grantors, specialist mortgage lenders, retailers, central and local government, public corporations and insurance companies).

Lending to individuals is split between lending secured on dwellings (mortgages) and consumer credit. Consumer credit is further split between credit card debt and other loans and advances. Student loans are excluded from the definitions in this statistical release.

The data presented in Part two are not directly comparable to the data on M4 lending to households presented in Part one. Firstly, they relate to a different definition of borrowers, comprising individuals plus housing associations, whereas in Part one households are defined to include individuals, unincorporated businesses and non-profit institutions serving households but to exclude housing associations. Secondly, they relate to a broader definition of lenders as they include other (non-MFI) lenders, which are excluded from the M4 lending definitions. The tables also provide additional information on flows of new lending and repayments, and on mortgage approvals.

In all tables, the 'changes' data are measured after the removal of significant series break effects that may be present in the amounts outstanding measures. Growth rates are calculated using 'changes' data.

There is some overlap in the data covered in this release with those in the joint Bank of England and FCA release on Mortgage Lenders and Administrators Statistics. For further details see Bankstats, November 2014, 'Residential mortgages: a comparison of the Bank of England's published statistical and regulatory data collections', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1nov14.pdf

Further information on lending to individuals data can be found in the explanatory notes, available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/ltoi.aspx

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Part three: Lending to businesses

PNFCs' financing

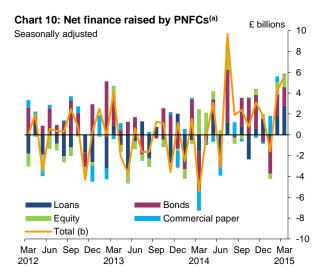
Table L outlines a wider measure of PNFCs' financing from MFIs and capital markets. PNFCs' net finance raised from MFIs and capital markets was £5.6 billion in March, compared to the average of £1.8 billion raised over the previous six months.

Table L: Net finance raised by PNFCs

All currencies, £ billions Seasonally adjusted

	Net finance	of which:						
	raised by PNFCs from MFIs and capital markets (a)				Loans by MFIs ^{(c)(d)}			
	VYVV	B29L	Z93T	B32L	B93K			
2014 Dec	1.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.2	1.5			
2015 Jan	-1.6	-0.5	-3.5	1.8	-0.3			
Feb	4.3	1.2	2.1	0.5	1.8			
Mar	5.6	1.2	1.8	0.1	2.8			

- (a) Owing to the seasonal adjustment methodology, this series may not equal the sum of its components.
- (b) This series has not been seasonally adjusted as, after examination, it was found not to be significantly seasonal. This series is reviewed for seasonality
- (c) The sterling loans component excludes the effects of securitisations and loan transfers. (d) An equivalent series not seasonally adjusted, is available on the IADB as code <u>B6NT</u>.



⁽a) Finance raised by PNFCs from monetary financial institutions and capital markets. Data cover funds raised in both sterling and foreign currency, expressed in sterling. Bonds, equity and commercial paper are non seasonal.

(b) Owing to the seasonal adjustment methodology, this series may not equal the sum of its components.

Loans to non-financial businesses

Loans to non-financial businesses increased by £2.7 billion in March, compared to the average monthly decrease of £0.6 billion over the previous six months. The twelve-month growth rate was -0.5%. Within this, loans to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) increased by £0.3 billion, compared to the average monthly decrease of £0.1 billion over the previous six months. The twelve-month growth rate was -1.0%.

Table M: Loans to non-financial businesses

All currencies Not seasonally adjusted

Non-financial businesses

of which: SN	MFs ^(a)
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	Amounts outstanding	of which: Overdrafts	Changes	Growth rate	Amounts outstanding	of which: Overdrafts	Changes	Growth rate
				12m				12m
	£ billions	£ billions	£ billions	per cent	£ billions	£ billions	£ billions	per cent
	Z8YJ	Z8YG	Z8YP	Z8YV	Z8YH	Z8YE	Z8YN	Z8YT
2014 Dec	435.3	42.0	-3.9	-2.8	167.1	12.4	-1.2	-2.2
2015 Jan	436.8	43.6	1.9	-2.1	167.4	12.7	0.1	-2.0
Feb	437.7	42.2	1.3	-1.7	168.0	12.8	0.6	-1.8
Mar	442.2	42.7	2.7	-0.5	168.9	12.6	0.3	-1.0

⁽a) SMEs are those businesses with annual debit account turnover on the main business account less than £25 million.

Gross lending to and repayments by non-financial businesses (excluding overdrafts)

Gross lending to non-financial businesses was £20.6 billion in March, compared to the average of £16.8 billion over the previous six months. Within this, gross lending to SMEs was £5.6 billion, compared to the average of £4.8 billion over the previous six months. Repayments by non-financial businesses were £18.4 billion in March, compared to the average of £17.6 billion over the previous six months. Within this, repayments by SMEs were £5.1 billion, compared to the average of £4.8 billion over the previous six months. Net lending - defined as gross lending minus repayments - to large businesses was £1.8 billion in March. Net lending to SMEs was £0.5 billion.

Table N: Gross lending to and repayments by non-financial businesses (excluding overdrafts)

All currencies, £ billions Not seasonally adjusted

	Non-financial businesses				of which: SMEs ^(a)			
	Amounts outstanding	Gross lending		Net lending ^(b)	Amounts outstanding	Gross lending	Repayments	Net lending ^(b)
	Z8YD	Z8Y4	Z8Y7	Z8YA	Z8YB	Z8Y2	Z8Y5	Z8Y8
2014 Dec	393.3	19.5	23.7	-4.2	154.7	5.6	6.0	-0.4
2015 Jan	393.2	16.2	16.0	0.2	154.7	4.5	4.6	-0.2
Feb	395.5	15.1	12.3	2.8	155.2	4.3	3.9	0.4
Mar	399.6	20.6	18.4	2.2	156.3	5.6	5.1	0.5

⁽a) SMEs are those businesses with annual debit account turnover on the main business account less than £25 million.

⁽b) Net lending is defined as gross lending minus repayments.

About these data:

Monetary financial institutions (MFIs) are defined as UK-resident banks and building societies.

Data presented in Table L relate to net flows of lending to UK private non-financial corporations (PNFCs) in the form of borrowing from MFIs and issuance of securities by PNFCs (such as equity, bonds and commercial paper) on capital markets, to all investors, in all currencies. There may be some flows of global finance to UK PNFCs not captured by these data. Further information can be found in the Capital Issuance release, available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/calendar/default.aspx

Tables M and N relate to UK MFIs lending to UK non-financial businesses, in all currencies. This is a broader coverage of borrowers than Tables A and C, because this definition of businesses also includes public sector enterprises and unincorporated businesses, but it relates to a narrower definition of lending, because capital market issuance of debt securities is excluded. There is an 'of which' split relating to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Gross lending data presented in Table N relate to gross loans excluding overdrafts.

Further information can be found in the explanatory notes, available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/loans_to_non-financial_businesses.aspx.

Technical notes

Background material on the data in this statistical release is provided in the 'About these data' sections in each Part. These notes cover more technical material.

General

- The Statistical Interactive Database, IADB, (www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/iadb/NewIntermed.asp) provides long runs of statistical data with comprehensive search options and the ability to download these in a variety of formats. The series codes are listed in the tables in this release. Tables providing more detailed breakdowns of data, including quarterly data, are also available in Bank of England Bankstats (Monetary & Financial Statistics)

 (www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/bankstats/default.aspx)
- 2 Further information on the definition of 'changes', the treatment of break effects and the calculation of growth rates can be found at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/Changes_flows_growth_rates.aspx. Movements in amounts outstanding can reflect breaks in data series as well as underlying flows. Users requiring data for amounts outstanding series on a break-adjusted basis should refer to www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/Break_adjusted_levels_data.aspx. For changes and growth rates data, users are recommended to refer directly to the appropriate series or data tables.
- 3 Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs) are defined as UK-resident banks and building societies. Money and credit data, including the industrial analysis of deposits and lending, exclude inter-MFI deposits and lending.
- 4 All tables in this statistical release have UK coverage, meaning that they relate to deposits of, or credit to, UK residents only. Loans include MFIs' loans and advances including under reverse repos, to the non-MFI sector. Deposits includes MFIs' liabilities under repo positions.
- 5 Tables showing data for totals and components of totals may be subject to rounding effects.
- When the 'direct method' of seasonal adjustment is used for a totals series, the seasonally adjusted total need not correspond to the sum of its seasonally adjusted components. Under the alternative 'indirect' method, however, this equality is preserved. The choice of application of the 'direct' or 'indirect' method depends on an assessment of the seasonal adjustment criteria in any particular case. For more details please see Annex A, *Bankstats*, September 2010, 'Seasonal adjustment of quarterly M4 excluding intermediate OFCs (M4ex)', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1sep10.pdf

Part one

- In Tables A and D, intermediate other financial corporations (OFCs) are defined as non-bank credit grantors; mortgage and housing credit corporations; bank holding companies; securitisation special purpose vehicles and other activities auxiliary to financial intermediation. Sterling deposits from and sterling loans and advances to 'other financial intermediaries' undertaken with banks and building societies in their own financial group are also included in intermediate OFCs. Banks' and building societies' holdings of securities issued by their own securitisation vehicles are also included in intermediate OFCs.
- 8 In Table B, households are defined as individuals, unincorporated businesses other than unlimited liability partnerships (i.e. sole traders) and non-profit institutions serving households (e.g. charities and universities).
- 9 Quarterly M4 excluding intermediate OFCs is calculated as households' M4 (seasonally adjusted) plus private non-financial corporations' (PNFCs') M4 (seasonally adjusted) plus non-intermediate OFCs M4 (seasonally adjusted). For more details see www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/m4adjusted.aspx.
 - M4Lx (i.e. M4 lending excluding the effects of securitisations and loan transfers) excluding lending to intermediate OFCs is calculated as household M4Lx (seasonally adjusted) plus PNFC M4Lx (seasonally adjusted) plus non-intermediate OFCs' M4Lx, (not seasonally adjusted). For more details see
 - www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/m4lxadjusted.aspx. Following a review of the seasonal adjustment method for non-intermediate OFCs, changes were made to the seasonally adjusted measures of M4 and M4 lending. The changes are detailed in *Bankstats*, October 2013, 'Modifications to the seasonally adjusted measures of M4 and M4 lending excluding intermediate OFCs', available at
 - www.bank of england.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1oct13.pdf

10 The series codes for data not seasonally adjusted are as follows:

RPQ/RPM	Amounts outstanding	Changes	1m	1Q(ann) /3m(ann)	4Q/12m
M4 excluding intermediate OFCs	B3DQ	B3DS	B3D4	B3D8	B3DC
M4Lx excluding intermediate OFCs	B3DR	B3DT	B3D5	B3D9	B3DD

11 In Table F, the definition of the industry categories follows the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC 2007) and is consistent with the broad industry categories employed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Within 'business services', real estate is defined as the 'buying, selling and renting of own or leased real estate' plus 'real estate activities on a fee or contract basis', corresponding to SIC codes 68.1, 68.2 and 68.3. 'Government and other services' comprise ONS divisions O to T (e.g. as published in the ONS Blue Book 2012), which include total government, health and education, and 'other services'. This table excludes intra-MFI sector balances. More detailed industry-level breakdowns of deposits and loans are provided in *Bankstats* tables section C, at

www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/bankstats/current/default.aspx

For more information on the data classifications, see Parts IV.1 and IV.2 of the Classification of Accounts Guide available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/reporters/default.aspx_

Part two

- 12 In Table I, approvals secured on dwellings are measured net of cancellations. From September 2008, additional monthly gross approvals and cancellations data are available on the Bank's Statistical Interactive Database. See Technical Note 1 for more details.
- 13 The consumer credit data in Tables J and K include input from the Office for National Statistics. Historical data and additional data not presented here can be accessed from www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html. Further information on breaks and valuation in consumer credit data can be found at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/iadb/notesiadb/ltoi.aspx.
- 14 Student loans are excluded from the measures of consumer credit presented in this statistical release. Data on UK student loans are published on an annual basis by the Student Loans Company, see www.slc.co.uk/statistics.aspx. More information is provided in Bankstats, July 2012, 'A new measure of consumer credit', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1jul12.pdf

Part three

- 15 Table L shows available data for finance raised by UK PNFCs. The scope of this table includes sterling and foreign currency loans from MFIs, and finance raised through the issuance of sterling and foreign currency equity, bonds and commercial paper in capital markets. Certain sources of finance of PNFCs will be outside the scope of available data for this table, for example, loans advanced by non-UK resident banks or privately raised capital.
- 16 Tables M and N cover MFIs' loans to non-financial businesses including, within these, to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The definition of 'non-financial businesses' is consistent with the non-financial industry sectors presented in Table F. SMEs are defined as those businesses with an annual debit account turnover on the main business account less than £25 million. Gross lending is defined as loans and advances (including claims made under sale and repurchase agreements) and finance leases granted to UK businesses. More information on the data sources underlying these tables is provided in *Bankstats*, March 2012, 'Lending to Businesses a new data source', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art2mar12.pdf
- 17 A broad description of the lending to businesses measures in Tables C, L, and M and N and the main differences between them is provided in *Bankstats*, August 2014, 'Measures of lending to UK businesses', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art1sep14.pdf. A summary of the known available data on measures of lending to UK small and medium-sized enterprises is provided in *Bankstats*, January 2015, 'Data on lending to UK SMEs', available at www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Documents/ms/articles/art2jan15.pdf.