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Mortgage Arrears and Possessions Update



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UK Finance: Mortgage Arrears and Possessions Update Quarter 3 2023

- There were 87,930 homeowner mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the third quarter of 2023, 7 per cent greater than in the previous quarter.
- Within the total, there were 34,110 homeowner mortgages in the lightest arrears band (representing between 2.5 and 5 per cent of the outstanding balance). This was 10 per cent greater than in the previous quarter.
- There were 11,540 buy-to-let mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the third quarter of 2023, 29 per cent greater than in the previous quarter.
- Within the total, there were 6,270 buy-to-let mortgages in the lightest arrears band (representing between 2.5 and 5 per cent of the outstanding balance). This was 33 per cent greater than in the previous quarter.
- Mortgages in arrears accounted for 1.00 per cent of all homeowner mortgages outstanding, and 0.57 per cent of all buy-to-let mortgages outstanding in the third quarter of 2023.
- 630 homeowner mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the third quarter of 2023, 9 per cent fewer than in the previous quarter.
- 450 buy-to-let mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the third quarter of 2023, unchanged from the previous quarter.

Notes to Editor

- 1 For more information please call the UK Finance press office on 020 7416 6750 or mail press@ukfinance.org.uk.
- 2 UK Finance is the collective voice for the banking and finance industry. Representing more than 250 firms across the industry, we act to enhance competitiveness, support customers and facilitate innovation.
- 3 The data shown are for first charge mortgages only. Figures are reported by most UK Finance mortgage members and presented here on a grossed-up basis from that sample to reflect total market size.
- 4 Arrears and possessions figures are for the UK as a whole. There is no breakdown of data for English regions or for individual countries in the UK.
- 5 The Ministry of Justice publishes mortgage and landlord possession statistics, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mortgage-and-landlord-possession-statistics>. These include quarterly national statistics on possession claim actions in county courts by mortgage lenders and social and private landlords.

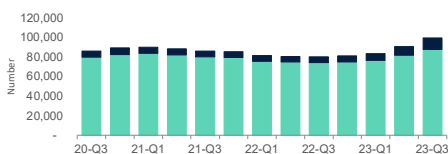
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Mortgage Arrears

Number of mortgages in arrears

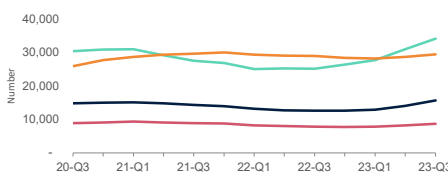
Number of first charge mortgage loans in arrears representing over 2.5% of the outstanding balance



	Latest (23-Q3)	Q-o-Q comparison	Y-o-Y comparison
Homeowners	87,930	7%	18%
Buy-to-let	11,540	29%	100%

Number of homeowner mortgages within arrears bands

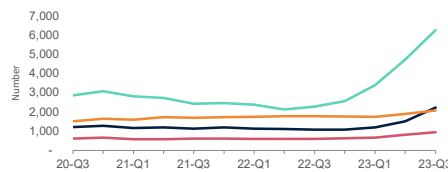
Number of first charge homeowner mortgage loans in arrears, split by severity of arrears.



	Latest (23-Q3)	Q-o-Q comparison	Y-o-Y comparison
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	34,110	10%	36%
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	15,670	11%	24%
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	8,680	6%	12%
Arrears over 10% of balance	29,470	3%	2%

Number of buy-to-let mortgages within arrears bands

Number of first charge buy-to-let mortgage loans in arrears, split by severity of arrears.

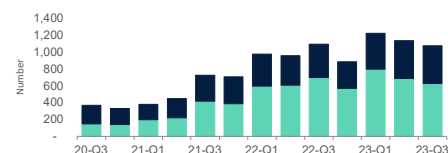


	Latest (23-Q3)	Q-o-Q comparison	Y-o-Y comparison
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	6,270	33%	174%
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	2,240	48%	106%
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	950	17%	58%
Arrears over 10% of balance	2,080	9%	17%

Mortgage Possessions

Number of mortgage possessions

Number of possessions of first charge mortgaged properties in period



	Latest (23-Q3)	Q-o-Q comparison	Y-o-Y comparison
Homeowners	630	-9%	-10%
Buy-to-let	450	0%	13%

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Mortgages outstanding (000s)		20-Q3	20-Q4	21-Q1	21-Q2	21-Q3	21-Q4	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	Source table
Number of mortgages outstanding (000s)	Homeowners	8,960	8,980	8,980	8,990	8,980	8,960	8,940	8,930	8,920	8,890	8,840	8,800	8,760	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,970	1,980	2,000	2,020	2,030	2,030	2,040	2,040	2,050	2,050	2,040	2,030	2,010	AP2

Mortgages in arrears (number)		20-Q3	20-Q4	21-Q1	21-Q2	21-Q3	21-Q4	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	30,370	30,880	30,920	29,170	27,530	26,860	25,000	25,250	25,170	26,390	27,690	30,920	34,110	AP2
	Buy-to-let	2,860	3,090	2,820	2,730	2,440	2,470	2,380	2,130	2,290	2,570	3,400	4,730	6,270	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	14,840	14,950	15,050	14,770	14,310	13,980	13,200	12,740	12,590	12,640	12,910	14,070	15,670	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,220	1,290	1,170	1,200	1,130	1,200	1,130	1,120	1,090	1,080	1,200	1,510	2,240	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	8,840	9,060	9,340	9,070	8,870	8,790	8,150	7,980	7,760	7,750	7,840	8,200	8,680	AP2
	Buy-to-let	620	670	580	590	610	610	600	600	600	640	660	810	950	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	25,850	27,720	28,700	29,370	29,650	30,010	29,350	29,030	28,900	28,390	28,180	28,690	29,470	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,520	1,650	1,610	1,740	1,700	1,730	1,760	1,790	1,780	1,770	1,760	1,910	2,080	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	79,900	82,610	84,010	82,380	80,360	79,640	75,700	75,000	74,420	75,170	76,620	81,880	87,930	AP2
	Buy-to-let	6,220	6,700	6,180	6,260	5,880	6,010	5,870	5,640	5,760	6,060	7,020	8,960	11,540	AP2

Mortgages in arrears (% of mortgages outstanding)		20-Q3	20-Q4	21-Q1	21-Q2	21-Q3	21-Q4	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%	0.32%	0.31%	0.30%	0.28%	0.28%	0.28%	0.30%	0.31%	0.35%	0.39%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.15%	0.16%	0.14%	0.14%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.10%	0.11%	0.13%	0.17%	0.23%	0.31%	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.15%	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.15%	0.16%	0.18%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.06%	0.07%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.06%	0.07%	0.11%	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	0.29%	0.31%	0.32%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.32%	0.32%	0.32%	0.33%	0.34%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	0.89%	0.92%	0.94%	0.92%	0.89%	0.89%	0.85%	0.84%	0.83%	0.85%	0.87%	0.93%	1.00%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.32%	0.34%	0.31%	0.31%	0.29%	0.30%	0.29%	0.28%	0.28%	0.30%	0.34%	0.44%	0.57%	AP2

Mortgage possessions (number)		20-Q3	20-Q4	21-Q1	21-Q2	21-Q3	21-Q4	22-Q1	22-Q2	22-Q3	22-Q4	23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	Source table
Mortgage possessions	Homeowners	150	140	200	220	420	390	600	610	700	570	800	690	630	AP4
	Buy-to-let	220	190	180	230	310	320	380	350	400	320	430	450	450	AP4

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