

Mortgage Arrears and Possessions Update

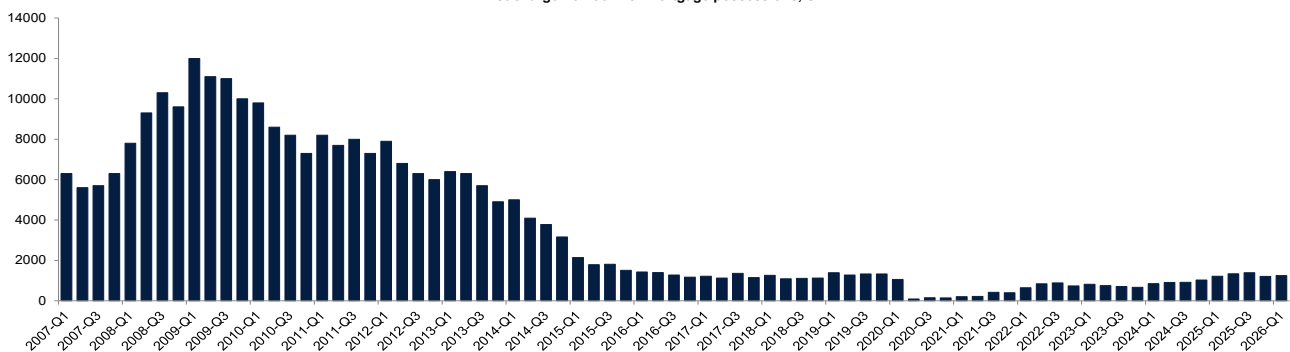


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- There were 79,110 homeowner mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the first quarter of 2026, 2 per cent fewer than in the previous quarter.
- Within the total, there were 27,290 homeowner mortgages in the lightest arrears band (representing between 2.5 and 5 per cent of the outstanding balance). This was 2 per cent fewer than in the previous quarter.
- There were 8,960 buy-to-let mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the first quarter of 2026, 6 per cent fewer than in the previous quarter.
- Within the total, there were 3,220 buy-to-let mortgages in the lightest arrears band (representing between 2.5 and 5 per cent of the outstanding balance). This was 7 per cent fewer than in the previous quarter.
- Mortgages in arrears accounted for 0.91 per cent of all homeowner mortgages outstanding, and 0.47 per cent of all buy-to-let mortgages outstanding in the first quarter of 2026.
- 1,250 homeowner mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the first quarter of 2026, 3 per cent greater than in the previous quarter. This remains significantly below the long-term average (see chart below).
- 810 buy-to-let mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the first quarter of 2026, 5 per cent greater than in the previous quarter.

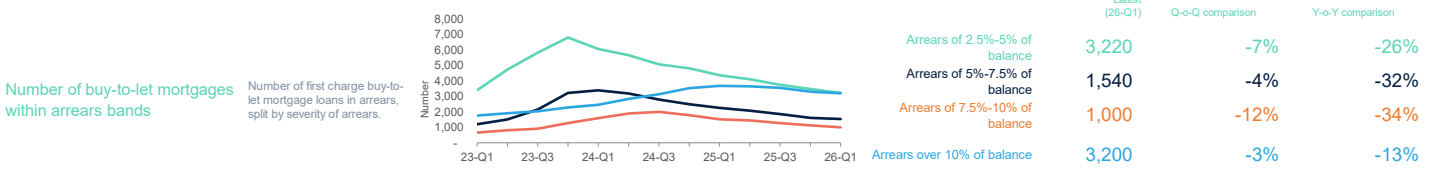
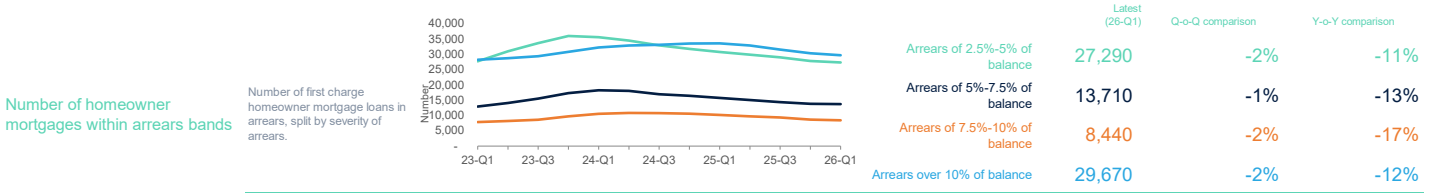
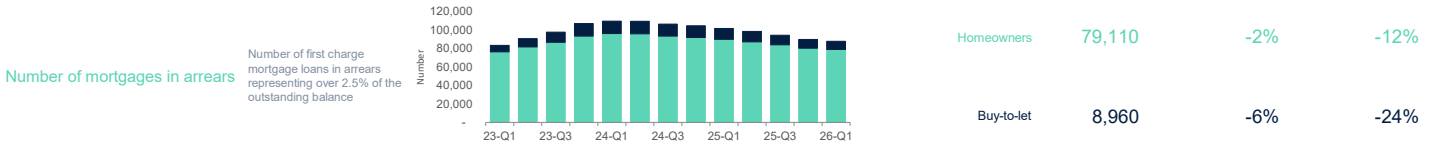
First charge homeowner mortgage possessions, UK



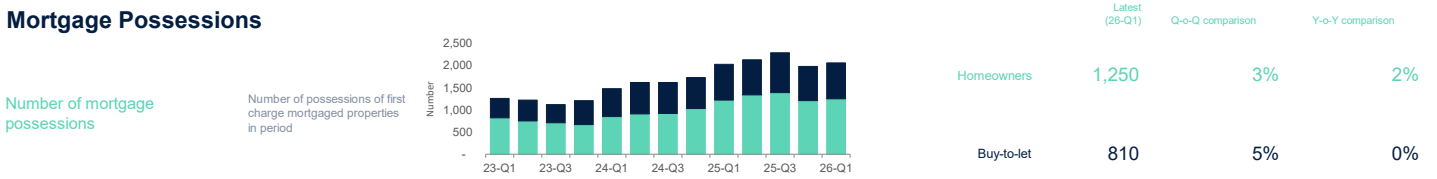
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- 2 UK Finance is the collective voice for the banking and finance industry. Representing more than 250 firms across the industry, we act to enhance competitiveness, support customers and facilitate innovation.
- 3 The data shown are for first charge 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.

Mortgage Arrears



Mortgage Possessions



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Mortgages outstanding (000s)		23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	Source table
Number of mortgages outstanding (000s)	Homeowners	8,840	8,800	8,770	8,770	8,730	8,710	8,700	8,670	8,730	8,720	8,710	8,710	8,710	AP2
	Buy-to-let	2,040	2,030	2,000	1,980	1,970	1,960	1,950	1,940	1,950	1,940	1,930	1,920	1,920	AP2
Mortgages in arrears (number)		23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	27,690	30,920	33,590	35,940	35,520	34,420	32,850	31,720	30,690	29,840	28,950	27,780	27,290	AP2
	Buy-to-let	3,400	4,730	5,820	6,800	6,060	5,660	5,070	4,810	4,370	4,100	3,750	3,480	3,220	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	12,910	14,070	15,480	17,270	18,220	18,030	16,940	16,430	15,740	15,020	14,340	13,790	13,710	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,200	1,510	2,150	3,220	3,390	3,180	2,790	2,490	2,260	2,070	1,860	1,610	1,540	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	7,840	8,200	8,590	9,720	10,510	10,820	10,750	10,570	10,160	9,710	9,330	8,640	8,440	AP2
	Buy-to-let	660	810	910	1,270	1,590	1,890	2,000	1,780	1,520	1,450	1,270	1,130	1,000	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	28,180	28,690	29,350	30,760	32,170	32,820	33,060	33,450	33,530	32,810	31,500	30,280	29,670	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,760	1,910	2,040	2,280	2,460	2,840	3,140	3,530	3,680	3,650	3,550	3,300	3,200	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	76,620	81,880	87,010	93,690	96,420	96,090	93,600	92,170	90,120	87,380	84,120	80,490	79,110	AP2
	Buy-to-let	7,020	8,960	10,920	13,570	13,500	13,570	13,000	12,610	11,830	11,270	10,430	9,520	8,960	AP2
Mortgages in arrears (% of mortgages outstanding)		23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	0.31%	0.35%	0.38%	0.41%	0.41%	0.40%	0.38%	0.37%	0.35%	0.34%	0.33%	0.32%	0.31%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.17%	0.23%	0.29%	0.34%	0.31%	0.29%	0.26%	0.25%	0.22%	0.21%	0.19%	0.18%	0.17%	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	0.15%	0.16%	0.18%	0.20%	0.21%	0.21%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.17%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.06%	0.07%	0.11%	0.16%	0.17%	0.16%	0.14%	0.13%	0.12%	0.11%	0.10%	0.08%	0.08%	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.10%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.08%	0.07%	0.07%	0.06%	0.05%	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	0.32%	0.33%	0.33%	0.35%	0.37%	0.38%	0.38%	0.39%	0.38%	0.38%	0.36%	0.35%	0.34%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.12%	0.12%	0.14%	0.16%	0.18%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.17%	0.17%	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	0.87%	0.93%	0.99%	1.07%	1.10%	1.10%	1.08%	1.06%	1.03%	1.00%	0.97%	0.92%	0.91%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.34%	0.44%	0.55%	0.69%	0.69%	0.69%	0.67%	0.65%	0.61%	0.58%	0.54%	0.50%	0.47%	AP2
Mortgage possessions (number)		23-Q1	23-Q2	23-Q3	23-Q4	24-Q1	24-Q2	24-Q3	24-Q4	25-Q1	25-Q2	25-Q3	25-Q4	26-Q1	Source table
	Homeowners	820	750	710	670	850	910	920	1,030	1,220	1,340	1,390	1,210	1,250	AP4
	Buy-to-let	440	470	410	540	630	710	700	700	810	790	900	770	810	AP4

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