

Business Finance Update



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UK Finance: Business Finance Update for August 2018

Key data highlights:

- Lending to manufacturers grew by 7.4 per cent in the last 12 months, in contrast to a wider 2.1 per cent contraction overall in UK business borrowing.
- UK business deposits for non-financial companies grew by 1.5 per cent in the last 12 months.

Commenting on the data, [Stephen Pegge, Managing Director, Commercial Finance at UK Finance](#) said:

“It is encouraging to see net lending to businesses growing for the third consecutive month, with borrowing by non-financial companies increasing by £573m in August.

“Lending to the manufacturing sector continues to grow year on year but overall business borrowing remains subdued, as ongoing economic uncertainty impacts on long-term investment decisions.

“There has also been a further slowdown in the growth of business deposits, suggesting firms are experiencing tighter margins as a result of rising input costs.”

Notes to Editors

- 1 For more information please call the [UK Finance Press Office](#) on 020 7416 6750 or e-mail press@ukfinance.org.uk.
- 2 UK Finance is the trade association formed on 1 July 2017 to represent the finance and banking industry operating in the UK. It represents almost 300 firms in the UK providing credit, banking, markets and payment-related services. The organisation brings together most of the activities previously carried out by the Asset Based Finance Association, the British Bankers' Association, the Council of Mortgage Lenders, Financial Fraud Action UK, Payments UK and the UK Cards Association.
- 3 Data in this update reflect lending and deposit activity conducted by UK large, medium and small businesses with the main high street banks. This coverage reflects around three-quarters of UK business finance provided by all banks and building societies.

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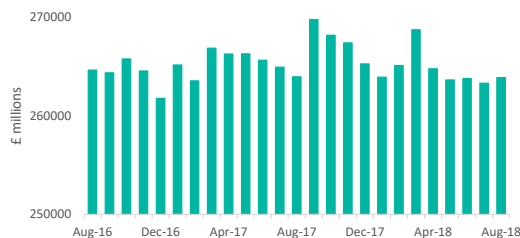


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Loans & overdrafts

Sterling loan & overdraft lending amounts outstanding on non-financial business accounts with high street banks



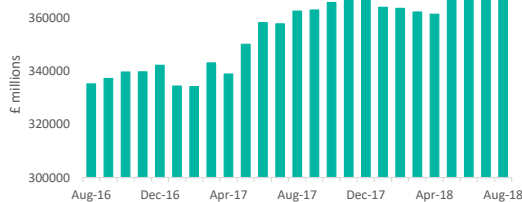
Latest (August 2018)

Annual growth rate

High street banks **£263.9 bn** **-2.1%**

Business deposits

Total sterling deposits held in UK non-financial business accounts with high street banks

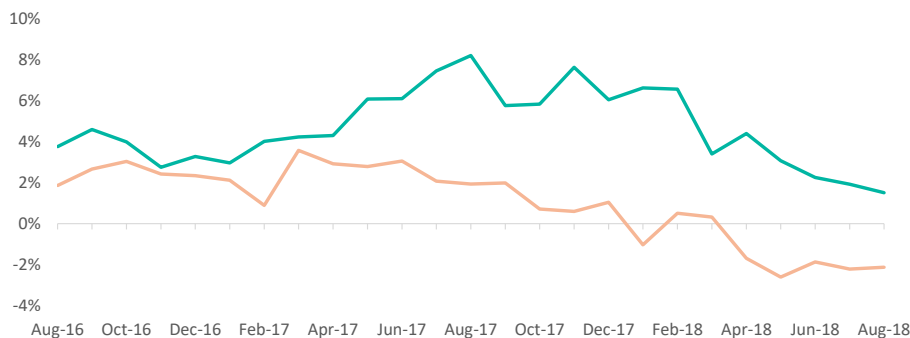


Latest (August 2018)

Annual growth rate

High street banks **£375.1 bn** **1.5%**

Annual growth rates



deposits

loans & overdrafts

	lending outstanding	annual growth rate	deposits level	annual growth rate
agriculture, hunting & forestry	£15.2 bn	1.9%	£6.3 bn	6.2%
fishing	£0.2 bn	2.0%	£0.3 bn	1.4%
mining & quarrying	£1.1 bn	-2.2%	£1.6 bn	-3.0%
manufacturing	£18.1 bn	7.4%	£29.8 bn	4.3%
electricity, gas & water	£7.4 bn	-1.6%	£7.7 bn	-1.8%
construction	£19.8 bn	-4.5%	£36.2 bn	3.8%
wholesale & retail trade	£26.6 bn	-2.6%	£35.2 bn	4.5%
accommodation & food services	£18.8 bn	2.0%	£9.0 bn	-0.7%
transport, storage & communications	£10.8 bn	-0.7%	£32.7 bn	8.5%
real estate & professional services	£110.3 bn	-4.1%	£138.9 bn	4.9%
public admin & defence	£7.5 bn	-6.4%	£15.2 bn	-37.8%
education	£7.9 bn	-4.8%	£17.7 bn	4.0%
health & social work	£14.6 bn	-2.1%	£18.4 bn	2.3%
recreation & personal services	£5.7 bn	-3.8%	£26.3 bn	1.8%
total financial company sectors	£263.9 bn		£375.1 bn	

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Loans & overdrafts amounts outstanding

		Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	
		263,957	269,771	268,174	267,404	265,276	263,931	265,099	268,739	264,775	263,636	263,787	263,318	263,891	O/S
non-financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	-990	-299	-1,597	-770	-2,128	-995	1,168	3,272	-4,684	-1,140	151	98	573	Net
		1.9%	2.0%	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%	-1.0%	0.5%	0.3%	-1.7%	-2.6%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.1%	Growth
other financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	256,261	270,308	262,489	263,705	266,258	267,897	265,047	269,710	264,710	255,495	273,648	283,818	289,159	O/S
		10,035	8,495	-7,819	1,216	2,553	2,259	-2,850	4,461	-5,000	-9,215	18,153	9,743	5,341	Net

Deposits

		Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	
		362,431	362,866	365,670	371,973	369,092	363,882	363,500	362,149	361,283	368,173	373,453	371,736	375,066	O/S
non-financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	4,763	-5,717	2,804	6,303	-2,881	-6,240	-382	-1,350	-866	6,890	5,412	-1,717	3,331	Net
		8.2%	5.8%	5.8%	7.6%	6.1%	6.6%	6.6%	3.4%	4.4%	3.1%	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	Growth
other financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	301,669	308,054	314,955	312,405	302,873	319,652	318,815	295,621	300,271	293,746	289,531	290,224	292,205	O/S
		3,899	835	6,900	-2,550	-9,531	17,839	-1,432	-23,194	4,641	-6,525	-4,349	693	1,981	Net

Data included in this update relate to business conducted with the banking groups of Barclays, Lloyds, HSBC, RBS, Santander UK, TSB and Virgin Money.

Annual growth rates are adjusted to exclude the effects of population changes, write-offs, sales/purchases of loan books and reporting definition changes, to reflect underlying economic trends where appropriate and are based on seasonally adjusted data, while all other data series are non-seasonally adjusted.

Year-on-year percentage changes compare the latest month's figure with the same month's figure in the previous year.

Data series for UK business lending or deposits relate to sterling business only.

Other financial companies covers businesses which are engaged principally in financial activities, e.g. insurance brokers and non-bank credit grantors, but excludes banks and building societies.

Extended data tables are available from our website www.ukfinance.org.uk/statistics/

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