

# Business Finance Update



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Business Finance Update - March 2018

## Latest update on business finance by UK Finance

### Key data highlights:

- UK business borrowing grew slightly at 0.2 per cent in the last 12 months. Within industry sectors manufacturing continued to show strong growth at 8.8 per cent while construction contracted by 6.7 per cent in the year.
- UK business deposits grew by 3.4 per cent in the last 12 months down on the previous six month average of 6.4 per cent.

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

"Bank lending to the manufacturing sector saw a 9 per cent boost in the year to March, helping businesses to grow and invest.

"This reflects improved optimism amongst manufacturing firms, who are taking advantage of the competitiveness of sterling and strengthening global economy to expand overseas.

"Overall lending to businesses of all sizes is marginally up year on year. However, borrowing in the construction sector has contracted, affected by the unusually severe weather.

"This mixed economic outlook is expected to continue in the coming months, as rising wages and output growth are counter-balanced by uncertainty over Brexit impacting on longer-term investment decisions."

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### 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](mailto: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 around 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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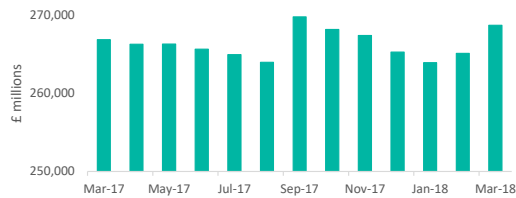


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### Loans & overdrafts

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

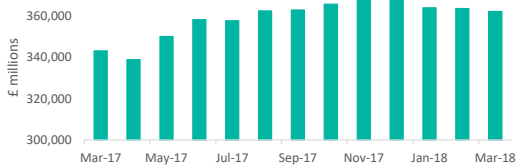


High street banks **£268.7 bn** **0.2%**

Latest (March 2018) Annual growth rate

### Business deposits

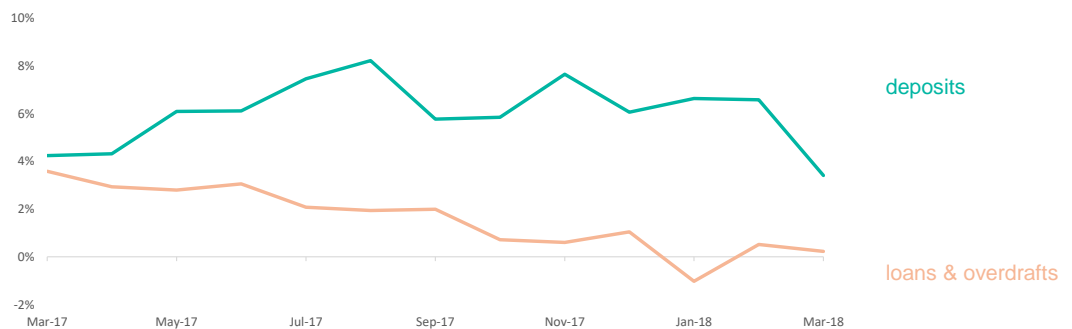
Total sterling deposits held in UK non-financial business accounts with high street banks



High street banks **£362.1 bn** **3.4%**

Latest (March 2018) Annual growth rate

### Annual growth rates



deposits

loans & overdrafts

	lending outstanding	annual growth rate	deposits level	annual growth rate
agriculture, hunting & forestry	£14.7 bn	1.6%	£6.5 bn	11.7%
fishing	£0.2 bn	1.1%	£0.3 bn	-1.4%
mining & quarrying	£0.9 bn	-21.0%	£1.6 bn	-12.4%
manufacturing	£17.3 bn	8.8%	£28.5 bn	2.3%
electricity, gas & water	£7.2 bn	2.7%	£7.7 bn	5.9%
construction	£20.3 bn	-6.7%	£34.8 bn	6.4%
wholesale & retail trade	£28.1 bn	0.1%	£32.9 bn	-2.2%
accommodation & food services	£19.0 bn	2.2%	£7.6 bn	-2.9%
transport, storage & communications	£10.5 bn	-1.7%	£30.8 bn	3.6%
real estate & professional services	£111.3 bn	-5.3%	£135.5 bn	6.7%
public admin & defence	£10.9 bn	34.2%	£15.5 bn	-9.3%
education	£8.0 bn	-4.3%	£16.2 bn	1.2%
health & social work	£14.6 bn	-2.4%	£18.0 bn	1.4%
recreation & personal services	£5.7 bn	-3.9%	£26.3 bn	3.6%
<b>total financial company sectors</b>	<b>£268.7 bn</b>		<b>£362.1 bn</b>	

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## Loans & overdrafts amounts outstanding

		Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	
		266,865	266,279	266,301	265,645	264,947	263,957	269,771	268,174	267,404	265,276	263,931	265,099	268,707	O/S
non-financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	3,559	-587	23	-657	-698	-990	-299	-1,597	-770	-2,128	-995	1,168	3,241	Net
		3.6%	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%	-1.0%	0.5%	0.2%	Growth
other financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	241,078	240,173	239,038	250,890	246,226	256,261	270,308	262,489	263,705	266,258	267,897	265,047	263,410	O/S
		1,939	-906	-1,135	11,852	-4,664	10,035	8,495	-7,819	1,216	2,553	2,259	-2,850	-1,839	Net

## Deposits

		Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	
		343,037	338,862	350,001	358,149	357,668	362,431	362,866	365,670	371,973	369,092	363,882	363,500	362,149	O/S
non-financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	9,146	-4,175	11,138	8,148	-481	4,763	-5,717	2,804	6,303	-2,881	-6,240	-382	-1,351	Net
		4.2%	4.3%	6.1%	6.1%	7.5%	8.2%	5.8%	5.8%	7.6%	6.1%	6.6%	6.6%	3.4%	Growth
other financial companies (£mns)	High street banks	303,464	306,575	298,560	291,431	297,770	301,669	308,054	314,955	312,405	302,873	319,652	318,815	291,540	O/S
		8,520	3,111	-8,015	-7,130	6,339	3,899	835	6,900	-2,550	-9,531	17,839	-1,432	-27,275	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/](http://www.ukfinance.org.uk/statistics/)

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