

Mortgage Arrears and Possessions



Release date: 10 May 2018

UK Finance: Mortgage Arrears and Possessions Update Quarter 1 2018

Mortgage arrears reach record low in Q1 2018

- There were 78,800 homeowner mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the first quarter of 2018, 8 per cent fewer than in the same quarter of the previous year.
- Within the total, there were 24,100 homeowner mortgages with more significant arrears (representing 10 per cent or more of the outstanding balance). This was 3 per cent fewer than in the same quarter of the previous year.
- There were 4,500 buy-to-let mortgages in arrears of 2.5 per cent or more of the outstanding balance in the first quarter of 2018, 6 per cent fewer than in the same quarter of the previous year.
- Within the total, there were 1,100 buy-to-let mortgages with more significant arrears (representing 10 per cent or more of the outstanding balance).
- 1,200 homeowner mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the first quarter of 2018, unchanged from the same quarter of the previous year.
- 700 buy-to-let mortgaged properties were taken into possession in the first quarter of 2018, unchanged from the same quarter of the previous year.

Commenting on the data, [Jackie Bennett, Director of Mortgages at UK Finance](#) said:

"The number of mortgages in arrears has reached its lowest level since records began while possessions remain at a historic low.

"This has been helped by low interest rates and lenders supporting borrowers through periods of temporary financial difficulty wherever possible.

"However, the recent change to Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI) from a benefit to a loan and potential pressure on households from a future base rate rise risk causing a reversal of this trend as the year goes on.

"Only a small minority of those eligible for the SMI loan have taken it up so far. Lenders will proactively help borrowers in receipt of Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI) to see if there are other ways to make up their payments if they do not want to take out the loan.

"As ever, customers should not hesitate to contact their lender if they anticipate any payment problems and want to discuss what options are available. Repossession is always a last resort. "

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 a 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 new 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 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.

Next update:

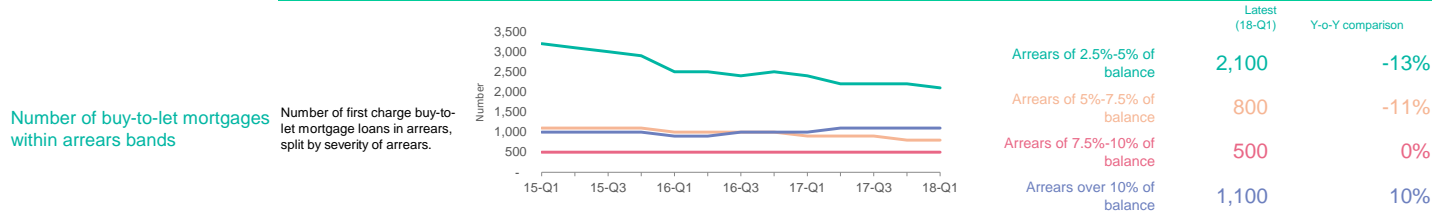
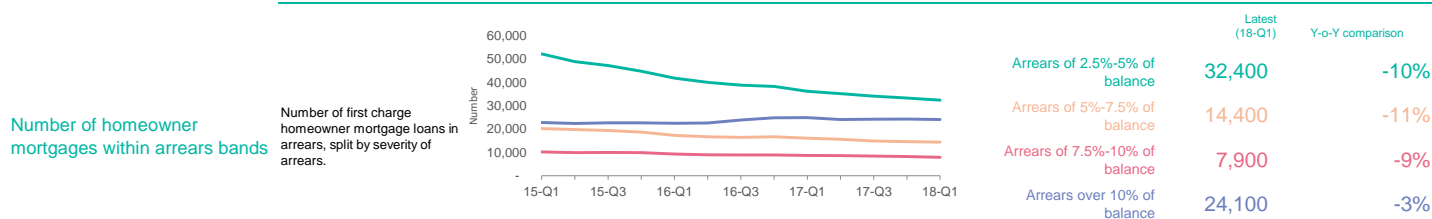
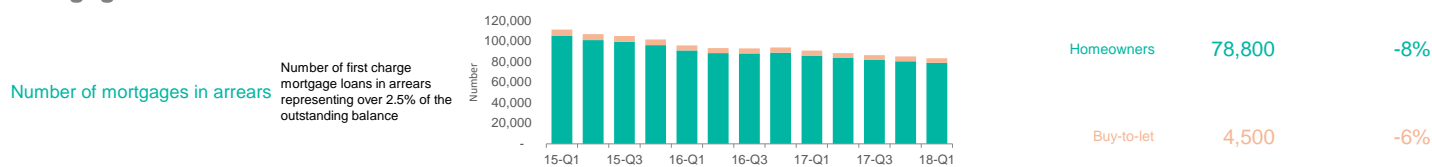
09 August 2018

Mortgage Arrears and Possessions

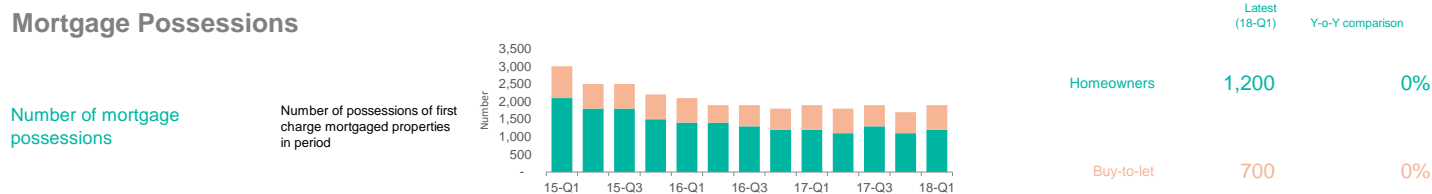


Release date: 10 May 2018

Mortgage Arrears



Mortgage Possessions



Next update:

09 August 2018

Mortgage Arrears and Possessions



Release date: 10 May 2018

Mortgages outstanding (000s)		15-Q1	15-Q2	15-Q3	15-Q4	16-Q1	16-Q2	16-Q3	16-Q4	17-Q1	17-Q2	17-Q3	17-Q4	18-Q1	Source table
Number of mortgages outstanding (000s)	Homeowners	9,420	9,410	9,370	9,330	9,290	9,240	9,230	9,210	9,210	9,160	9,160	9,100	9,070	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,700	1,700	1,740	1,780	1,830	1,840	1,850	1,860	1,860	1,870	1,880	1,880	1,890	AP2
Mortgages in arrears (number)		15-Q1	15-Q2	15-Q3	15-Q4	16-Q1	16-Q2	16-Q3	16-Q4	17-Q1	17-Q2	17-Q3	17-Q4	18-Q1	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	52,200	48,900	47,200	44,800	41,800	40,000	38,800	38,300	36,200	35,200	34,100	33,300	32,400	AP2
	Buy-to-let	3,200	3,100	3,000	2,900	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,400	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	20,200	19,800	19,400	18,700	17,300	16,700	16,400	16,700	16,100	15,600	14,900	14,600	14,400	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	900	900	800	800	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	10,200	9,900	10,000	9,900	9,300	9,000	8,900	8,900	8,700	8,600	8,400	8,200	7,900	AP2
	Buy-to-let	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	22,800	22,400	22,700	22,700	22,500	22,600	23,900	24,800	24,900	24,100	24,200	24,300	24,100	AP2
	Buy-to-let	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	105,400	101,000	99,300	96,100	90,900	88,300	88,000	88,700	85,900	83,500	81,600	80,400	78,800	AP2
	Buy-to-let	5,800	5,700	5,600	5,500	4,900	4,900	4,900	5,000	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,600	4,500	AP2
Mortgages in arrears (% of mortgages outstanding)		15-Q1	15-Q2	15-Q3	15-Q4	16-Q1	16-Q2	16-Q3	16-Q4	17-Q1	17-Q2	17-Q3	17-Q4	18-Q1	Source table
Arrears of 2.5%-5% of balance	Homeowners	0.55%	0.52%	0.50%	0.48%	0.45%	0.43%	0.42%	0.42%	0.39%	0.38%	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	AP2
Arrears of 5%-7.5% of balance	Homeowners	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.20%	0.19%	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	0.17%	0.17%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	AP2
Arrears of 7.5%-10% of balance	Homeowners	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	AP2
Arrears over 10% of balance	Homeowners	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.26%	0.27%	0.27%	0.26%	0.26%	0.27%	0.27%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	AP2
All arrears of over 2.5% of balance	Homeowners	1.12%	1.07%	1.06%	1.03%	0.98%	0.96%	0.95%	0.96%	0.93%	0.91%	0.89%	0.88%	0.87%	AP2
	Buy-to-let	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	AP2
Mortgage possessions (number)		15-Q1	15-Q2	15-Q3	15-Q4	16-Q1	16-Q2	16-Q3	16-Q4	17-Q1	17-Q2	17-Q3	17-Q4	18-Q1	Source table
	Homeowners	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,300	1,100	1,200	AP4
	Buy-to-let	900	700	700	700	700	500	600	600	700	700	600	600	700	AP4

UK Finance publishes aggregate information on mortgages based on data supplied by our members, and grossed up to estimate total market size.

Source data tables are available to UK Finance members or data associates from www.cml.org.uk/industry-data/industry-data-tables/.

For information or enquiries, please contact ukstatistics@ukfinance.org.uk

For media enquiries, journalists should contact press@ukfinance.org.uk

Next update: 09 August 2018