

Mortgage Approvals

March 2014

Summary

Three-month Moving Average Ending	Mar. 2014	Feb. 2014	Mar. 2013	Vs Feb. 2014	Vs Mar. 2013
Number of Mortgage Approvals	1,564	1,494	1,034	4.7%	51.3%
House Purchase	1,452	1,397	939	3.9%	54.6%
Re-mortgage/Top-up	111	97	94	14.4%	18.1%
Value of Mortgage Approvals (€ m)	261	252	167	3.6%	56.3%
House Purchase	250	243	158	2.9%	58.2%
Re-mortgage/Top-up	11	9	9	22.2%	22.2%

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding. Data reported is based on a three-month moving average. The full data series is available at www.ibf.ie.

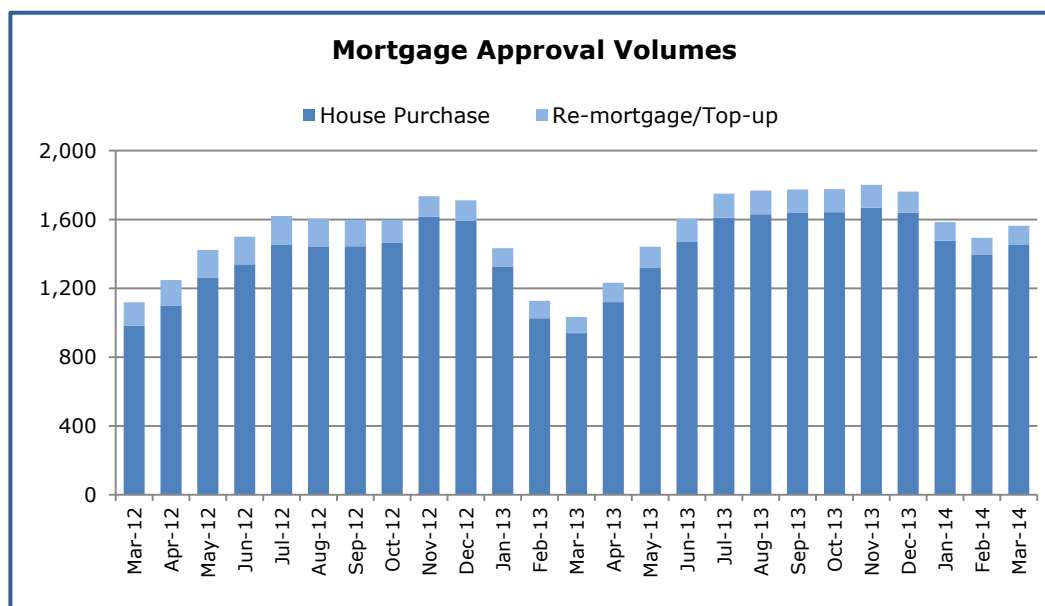
Key Points

Mortgage approval volumes

There were 1,564 mortgage approvals per month in the three months ending* March 2014, of which 1,452 were for house purchase (the reported data is based on a three-month moving average).

The number of mortgage approvals rose by 51.3% compared with the three months ending March 2013 and by 4.7% compared with the three months ending February 2014. The first quarter is traditionally the weakest period of the year for mortgage lending. Approvals for house purchase also rose by 54.6% year-on-year.

By the end of March 2014, year-to-date mortgage volumes were 29.3% higher than in 2013.



*The reported data is based on a three-month rolling average.

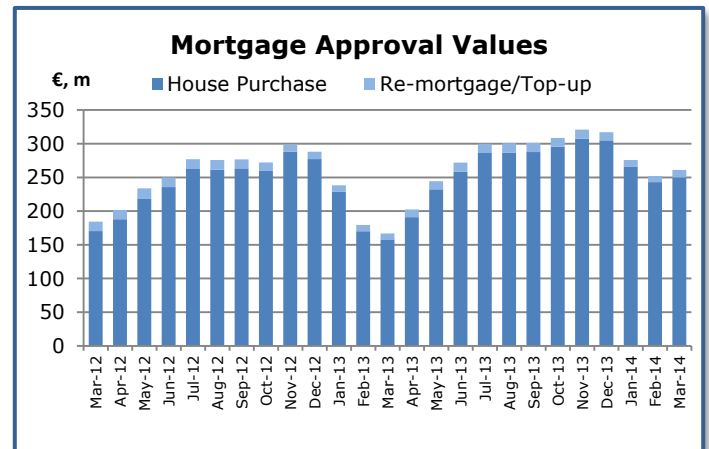
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Mortgage approval values

Some €261 million in mortgages was approved per month in the three months ending March 2014. The value of mortgage approvals rose by 56.3% year-on-year and by 3.6% when compared with the three months ending February 2014.

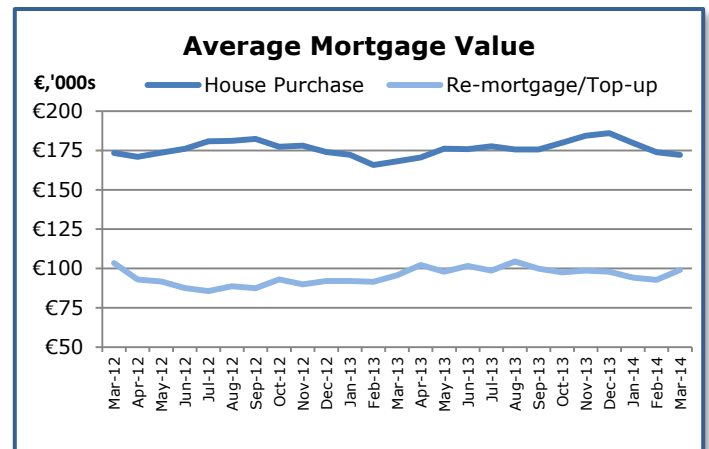
The value of house purchase mortgage approvals grew by 58.2% year-on-year to €250 million.



Average mortgage approval value

The average mortgage approval value in the three months ending March 2014 was €166,880, up 3.4% year-on-year.

The average mortgage for house purchase also rose by 2.4% year-on-year to €172,176.



Notes

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Data

This data relates to loans approved by IBF member institutions listed which are secured by a mortgage on residential Irish property. The data includes residential mortgage lending data from the following institutions: AIB group; Bank of Ireland Mortgage Bank; EBS Limited; Haven Mortgages; ICS Building Society; KBC Bank Ireland; Danske Bank (September 2012-December 2013); Permanent TSB; Ulster Bank.

To reduce volatility in the data and identify underlying trends, the reported data is based on a three-month moving average, i.e. the past three months' data divided by three.

The full data series, including the base monthly data, is available on the IBF website at www.ibf.ie/gns/publications/research/researchmortgageapprovals.aspx.

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Key Terms

Mortgage Approval

A mortgage approval is defined as a "firm offer" to a customer of a credit facility secured on a specific residential property. A mortgage approval arises when the lender issues a formal offer of mortgage finance to the customer (whether it be in print or some other durable form) for a specific residential property and after a valuation report and any other necessary documentation have been received.

House Purchase

A house purchase approval is an approval for a mortgage loan issued for the purchase of residential property (houses/apartments) which is to be owner-occupied or used as a residential investment property or a holiday home. House purchase mortgages include those for first-time buyers, mover-purchasers and residential investment letting.

Re-mortgage/Top-up Purposes

A re-mortgage approval is an approval for a mortgage loan which is issued by one lender to refinance an existing mortgage with another lender. A top-up approval is an approval for a mortgage loan which is issued by a lender as a further mortgage advance to an existing borrower which is issued to finance expenditure other than house purchase.