

# BPFI Mortgage Approvals



### September 2019

		Sep-18	Aug-19	Sep-19	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
Approval Volume	FTB	1,782	2,227	1,972	-11.5%	10.7%
	Mover Purchase	1,067	1,216	1,001	-17.7%	-6.2%
	RIL	164	138	115	-16.7%	-29.9%
	Re-mortgage/Switching	528	470	462	-1.7%	-12.5%
	Top-up	284	304	274	-9.9%	-3.5%
	Total	3,825	4,355	3,824	-12.2%	0.0%
Approval Value €,m	FTB	385	500	438	-12.4%	13.8%
	Mover Purchase	271	309	256	-17.2%	-5.7%
	RIL	21	20	16	-21.3%	-24.7%
	Re-mortgage/Switching	118	112	99	-12.0%	-16.3%
	Top-up	27	26	24	-8.9%	-10.5%
	Total	822	968	833	-14.0%	1.2%

There were 3,824 mortgage approvals, valued at €833 million in September 2019.

Mortgage approval activity decreased in volume terms by 0.03% year-on-year and increased in value terms by 1.2% over the same period.

There were 3,088 purchase mortgage approvals, valued at €710 million in September 2019.

Purchase mortgage approval activity rose in volume terms by 2.5% year-on-year and increased in value terms by 4.8% over the same period.



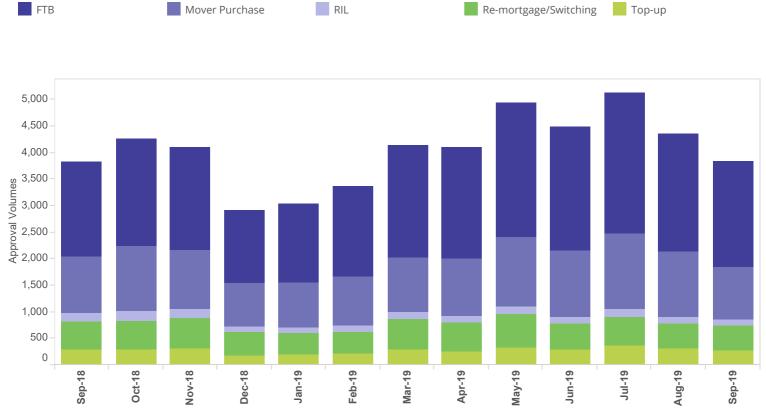
## Mortgage Volumes

In September 2019, mortgage approval volumes for property purchase increased by 2.5% year-on-year to 3,088.

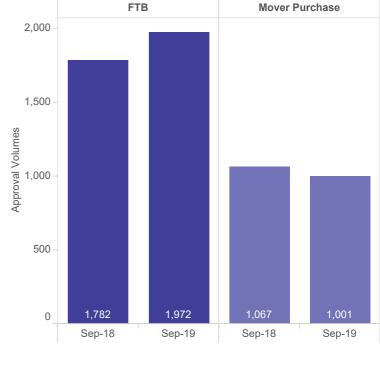
First-time buyer (FTB) mortgage approval volumes increased by 10.7% year-on-year to 1,972 while mover purchase approval volumes decreased by 6.2% year-on-year to 1,001.

Residential investment letting (RIL) mortgage approval volumes decreased by 29.9% year-on-year to 115.

Remortgage/switching mortgage approval volumes fell by 12.5% year-on-year to 462 while the number of top-up approvals fell by 3.5% year-on-year to 274.



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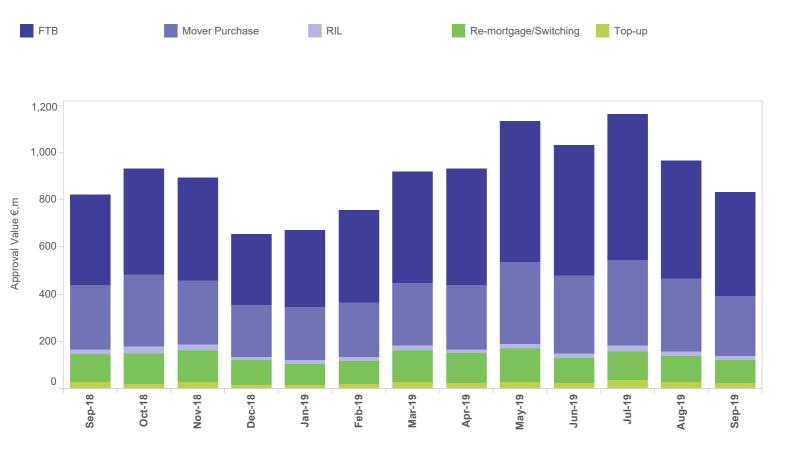
# **Mortgage Values**

The value of mortgage approvals for property purchase increased by 4.8% year-on-year to €710 million.

The value of FTB mortgage approvals increased by 13.8% year-on-year to €438 million, while the value of mover purchase approvals decreased by 5.7% year-on-year to €256 million.

RIL mortgage approval values decreased by 24.7% year-on-year to €16 million.

Re-mortgage/switching approval values fell by 16.3% year-on-year to €99 million while the value of top-up approvals fell by 10.5% year-on-year to €24 million.





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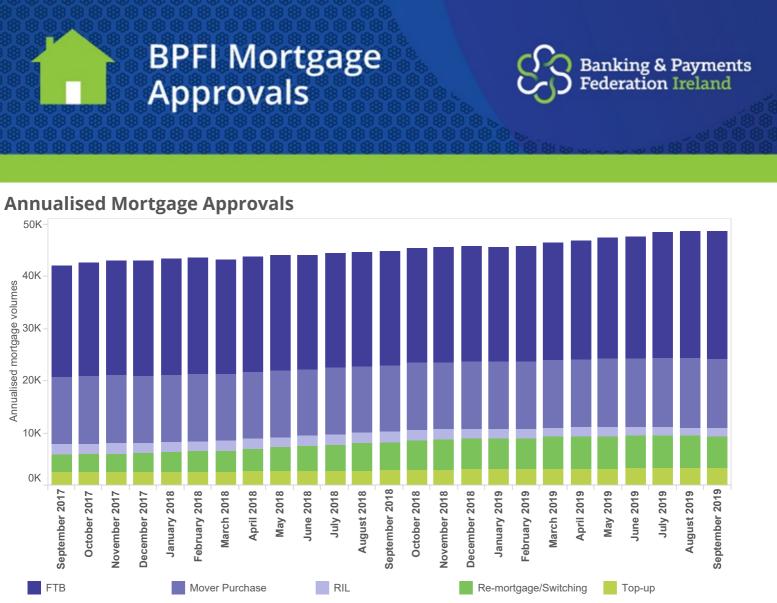
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There were 48,636 mortgage approvals in the twelve months ending September 2019, valued at €10,893 million.

Annualised mortgage approval activity decreased in volume terms by 0.002% compared with the twelve months ending August 2019 and increased in value terms by 0.09% over the same period.

Annualised purchase mortgage approval volumes rose in volume terms by 0.19% compared with the prior period to 39,240 in the twelve months ending September 2019, while the annualised value of purchase mortgage approvals was €9,200 million, up by 0.35% over the same period.

#### Notes:

#### What is an 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 which contains the Notice of important information to be included in a housing loan agreement specified in the Consumer Credit Act 1995. All mortgage loans must be secured on residential property in Ireland.

#### About this data

This data relates to loans approved by participating BPFI member institutions which are secured by a mortgage on residential Irish property. The full data series, including the list of participating institutions, as well as definitions and methodology, is available on the BPFI website at <u>www.bpfi.ie</u>.

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