

# BPFI Mortgage Approvals



## October 2023

		Oct-22	Sept-23	Oct-23	Month-on-Month	Year-on-Year
Approval Volume	FTB	2,363	2,541	2,687	5.7%	13.7%
	Mover Purchase	1,001	919	926	0.8%	-7.5%
	RIL	75	67	63	-6.0%	-16.0%
	Re-mortgage/Switching	1,708	366	370	1.1%	-78.3%
	Top-up	202	268	227	-15.3%	12.4%
	Total	5,349	4,161	4,273	2.7%	-20.1%
Approval Value €,m	FTB	633	739	793	7.2%	25.2%
	Mover Purchase	320	307	291	-5.4%	-9.1%
	RIL	12	12	10	-15.3%	-11.8%
	Re-mortgage/Switching	475	89	88	-1.2%	-81.5%
	Top-up	23	35	33	-4.9%	45.6%
	Total	1,462	1,182	1,214	2.7%	-16.9%

There were 4,273 mortgage approvals, valued at €1,214 million in October 2023.

Mortgage approval activity decreased in volume terms by 20.1% year on year and decreased in value terms by 16.9% over the same period.

There were 3,676 purchase mortgage approvals, valued at €1,094 million in October 2023.

Purchase mortgage approval activity rose in volume terms by 6.9% year on year and increased in value terms by 13.4% over the same period.





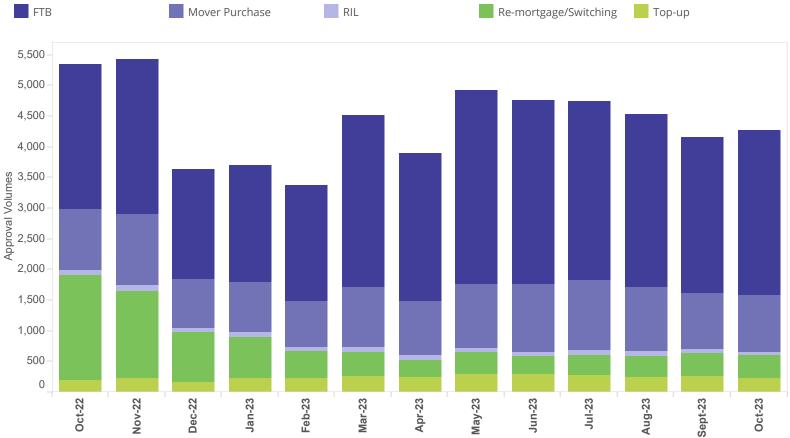
## Mortgage Volumes

In October 2023, mortgage approval volumes for property purchase increased by 6.9% year-on-year to 3,676.

First-time buyer (FTB) mortgage approval volumes increased by 13.7% year-on-year to 2,687 while mover purchase approval volumes decreased by 7.5% year-on-year to 926.

Residential investment letting (RIL) mortgage approval volumes decreased by 16.0% year-on-year to 63.

The number of switching/re-mortgage approvals fell by 78.3% year on year to 370. The number of top-up approvals rose by 12.4% year on year to 227.



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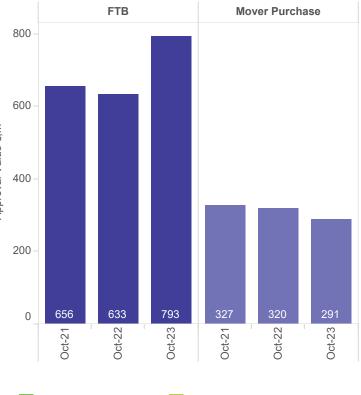
### **Mortgage Values**

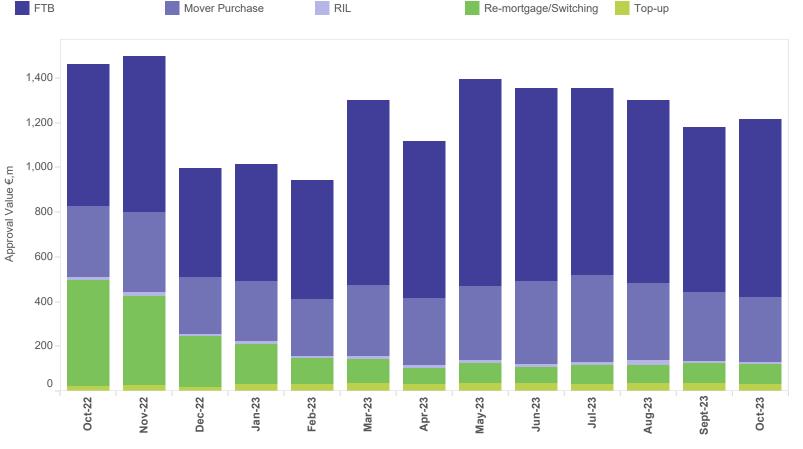
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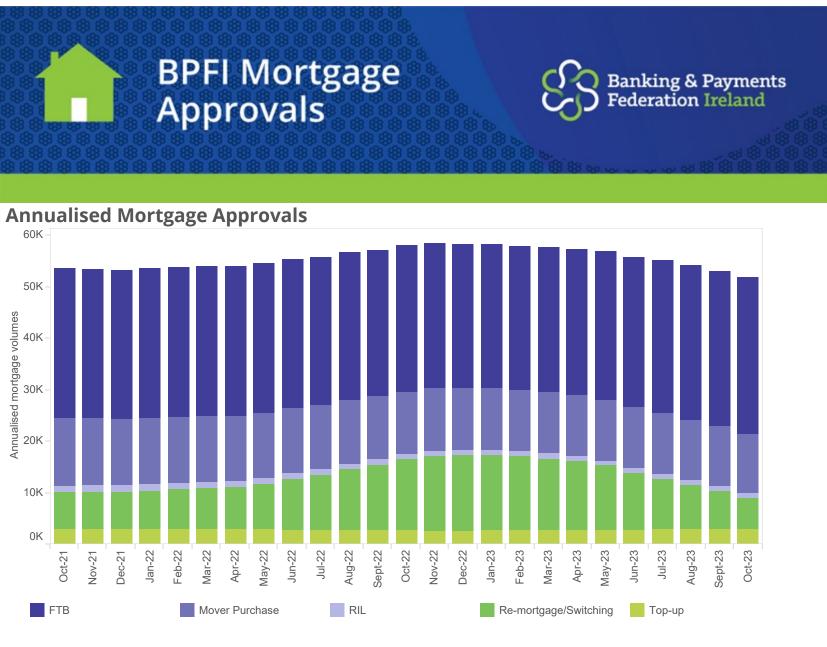
The value of FTB mortgage approvals increased by 25.2% year on year to €793 million, while the value of mover purchase approvals decreased by 9.1% year on year to €291 million.

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RIL mortgage approval values decreased by 9.1% year on year to year to €10 million.

Switching/re-mortgage approval values fell by 75.8% year on year to €88 million. Top-up approval values rose by 45.6% year on year to €33 million.







There were 51,971 mortgage approvals in the twelve months ending October 2023, valued at €14,678 million. Annualised mortgage approval activity to end-October 2023 decreased in volume terms by 2.03% compared with the twelve months ending September 2023 and decreased in value terms by 1.66% over the same period.

Annualised purchase mortgage approval volumes rose by 0.56% compared with the prior period to 42,935 in the twelve months ending October 2023, while the annualised value of purchase mortgage approvals was €12,693 million, up by 1.03% 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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