

**Table 40 Numbers of mortgage advances per year in Great Britain**

*Thousands*

1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
Building societies	675	1,073	780	661	531	561	602	513	589	396	230	304	311	225	246
+ Banks		176	333	316	327	397	359	346	431	674	678	757	734	965	1,063
+ Insurance companies	18	19	26												
+ Local authorities	16	23	8												
+ Other specialist lenders				83	38	34	52	50	65	116	127	82	68	68	97
= Total	709	1,291	1,147	1,060	896	992	1,013	909	1,085	1,186	1,035	1,143	1,113	1,257	1,406

Sources: Housing and Construction Statistics (annual volumes) for 1980 to 1990; Bank of England 1991 onwards.

Notes: The 1980 figures are for England and Wales only and exclude council house sales. Thereafter, figures are for Great Britain, and include council house sales. Abbey National Plc figures included with the banks figures from July 1989. The Bank of England data from 1991 onwards also reflects the continuing trend for building societies to convert to banks. The figures for banks and other specialist lenders for the years 1991 to 1997 are understood to include remortgage advances as well as loans for house purchase. From 1998 the data relates solely to advances for house purchase.