APRA’s statistical collections

The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) is a national statistical agency for information on the financial sector in Australia. APRA uses data from the institutions it supervises as a vital input into its assessment of risks in these institutions and in the financial sector more generally. APRA also collects statistical information on behalf of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

APRA produces regular statistical publications that provide updates on the financial position of APRA-regulated industries. All these publications are available free of charge on the APRA website at www.apra.gov.au/statistics/Pages/default.aspx. These publications are briefly outlined below.

Authorised deposit-taking institutions

APRA produces four statistical publications on authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs) — i.e. banks, building societies and credit unions:

- **Monthly Banking Statistics** — contains information on the banking business of individual banks within the Australian market;
- **Quarterly Authorised Deposit-taking Institution Performance statistics** — provides aggregate statistics on financial performance, financial position, capital adequacy, asset quality, liquidity (for credit unions and building societies only) and key financial performance ratios;
- **Quarterly Authorised Deposit-taking Institution Property Exposures statistics** — provides aggregate statistics on commercial property exposures, residential property exposures and new residential loan approvals; and
- **Points of Presence** — an annual publication with data on the service points of ADIs available to the Australian community as at 30 June each year.


General insurers

APRA produces four statistical publications on the general insurance industry:

- **Quarterly General Insurance Performance Statistics** — provides industry aggregate summaries of financial performance, financial position and key ratios;
- **General Insurance Institution-level Statistics** — provides individual insurer and insurance group information about financial performance, position and capital base and capital adequacy;
- **General Insurance Supplementary Statistical Tables** — provides state level premium and claims expenses for direct insurers, and information about public insurers’ financial performance, position, and premium and claims by class of business;
- **Intermediated General Insurance Statistics** — provides an overview of intermediated insurance placed with APRA-authorised general insurers, Lloyd’s underwriters and unauthorised foreign insurers (UFIs).


Life insurers and friendly societies

APRA produces two statistical publications on the life insurance industry and one on friendly societies:

- **Quarterly Life Insurance Performance Statistics** — provides industry aggregate summaries of financial performance, financial position, solvency, capital adequacy and management capital, as well as details of the performance of individual product groups;
- **Half Yearly Life Insurance Bulletin** — provides a summary of the life insurance industry for the financial years ended in a 12-month reference period; and

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- Annual Friendly Society Bulletin — provides a summary of the friendly society industry for a 12-month reference period. It also contains a range of data items for each individual entity, including profit and loss, balance sheet and solvency information.

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Superannuation funds

APRA produces three statistical publications on the life insurance industry and one on friendly societies:

- Quarterly Life Insurance Performance Statistics — provides industry aggregate summaries of financial performance, financial position, solvency, capital adequacy and management capital, as well as details of the performance of individual product groups;

- Half Yearly Life Insurance Bulletin — provides a summary of the life insurance industry for the financial years ended in a 12-month reference period;

- Life Insurance Institution-level Statistics — provides individual insurer level information about financial performance, position and capital base and solvency data; and

- Annual Friendly Society Bulletin — provides a summary of the friendly society industry for a 12-month reference period. It also contains a range of data items for each individual entity, including profit and loss, balance sheet and solvency information.


Insight magazine

APRA’s Insight magazine includes articles on prudential matters of importance to the financial sector and the Australian community. Insight also includes regular statistical updates on banks, credit unions, building societies and general insurers. Insight includes data on ADI assets, liabilities and capital adequacy, as well as on commercial property exposures. The publication also provides statistics on revenues, expenses, performance measures and capital adequacy for general insurers.

To view editions of Insight go to www.apra.gov.au/Insight/Pages/default.aspx

APRA’s electronic data collections system

In 2001, APRA introduced its electronic data collections system — Direct to APRA (D2A) — and became the first regulatory agency globally to use the eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) for the electronic communication of data via encrypted online transmission. Reporting entities using D2A benefit from secure online electronic communications with APRA. D2A meets international standards to ensure users have confidence in the integrity of the data.

Over 99 per cent of statistical returns from institutions are submitted to APRA on time or within one week of the due date.