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/. 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 Bank Performance Statistics** — provides aggregate statistics on financial performance, financial position and key financial performance ratios;
- **Quarterly Credit Union and Building Society Performance Statistics** — provides aggregate statistics on financial performance, financial position and key financial performance ratios; 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.

For further information go to www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/ADIs.cfm

General insurers
APRA produces two statistical publications on the general insurance industry:

- **Quarterly General Insurance Performance Statistics** — provides industry aggregate summaries of financial performance, financial position and key ratios; and
- **Half Yearly General Insurance Bulletin** — includes detailed information at both an individual insurer and aggregate industry level.

For further information go to www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/General-Insurers-Statistics.cfm

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
- **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.

For further information go to www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/Life-Insurers-Statistics.cfm

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Superannuation funds

APRA produces three statistical publications on the superannuation industry:

- **Quarterly Superannuation Performance** — provides aggregate statistics on financial performance, financial position and key financial performance ratios on superannuation entities with at least $50 million in assets;
- **Annual Superannuation Bulletin** — focuses on the whole of the superannuation industry including sectors not supervised by APRA; and
- **Superannuation fund-level publications** — comprise a summary publication containing whole-of-fund rates of return for the largest 200 superannuation funds and eligible rollover funds as well as a detailed publication at the individual fund-level, including key entity-specific information and rates of return.


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/

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.