

# Press release: October 2017

## Transaction Data

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in October 2017.

In October:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 1,740,000 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 407,148

The transaction data shows HM Land Registry completed 1,740,068 applications in October compared with 1,586,987 in September and 1,532,007 last October, of which:

- 408,685 were applications to update existing titles compared with 363,990 in September
- 823,267 were applications to obtain an official copy of a register compared with 747,090 in September
- 226,488 were official searches compared with 210,805 in September
- 26,260 were postal applications from non-account holders, compared with 24,136 in September

### **Applications by region and country**

| <b>Region and country</b> | <b>August 2017 applications</b> | <b>September 2017 applications</b> | <b>October 2017 applications</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| South East                | 392,737                         | 372,168                            | 407,148                          |
| Greater London            | 313,338                         | 298,966                            | 329,865                          |
| North West                | 186,030                         | 176,591                            | 195,045                          |
| South West                | 164,325                         | 155,495                            | 168,802                          |
| West Midlands             | 143,074                         | 135,283                            | 145,121                          |
| Yorkshire and the Humber  | 128,718                         | 122,127                            | 135,347                          |
| East Midlands             | 115,673                         | 111,411                            | 120,689                          |
| North                     | 76,810                          | 72,506                             | 82,710                           |
| Wales                     | 79,289                          | 76,292                             | 80,938                           |
| East Anglia               | 71,789                          | 66,034                             | 74,202                           |
| Isles of Scilly           | 47                              | 47                                 | 106                              |

| Region and country               | August 2017 applications | September 2017 applications | October 2017 applications |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| England and Wales (not assigned) | 87                       | 67                          | 95                        |
| Total                            | 1,671,917                | 1,586,987                   | 1,740,068                 |

### Top 5 local authority areas

| Top 5 local authority areas | August applications | Top 5 local authority areas | September applications | Top 5 local authority areas | October applications |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Birmingham                  | 25,179              | Birmingham                  | 23,631                 | Birmingham                  | 26,232               |
| City of Westminster         | 21,516              | City of Westminster         | 20,892                 | City of Westminster         | 24,087               |
| Leeds                       | 19,102              | Leeds                       | 18,076                 | Leeds                       | 19,895               |
| Manchester                  | 17,499              | Cornwall                    | 16,809                 | Manchester                  | 17,810               |
| Cornwall                    | 17,193              | Manchester                  | 16,290                 | Cornwall                    | 17,794               |

### Top 5 customers

| Top 5 customers      | August applications | Top 5 customers      | September applications | Top 5 customers      | October applications |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Enact                | 37,513              | Enact                | 39,349                 | Enact                | 48,058               |
| O'Neill Patient      | 26,888              | O'Neill Patient      | 24,273                 | O'Neill Patient      | 24,610               |
| Optima Legal Service | 21,031              | Optima Legal Service | 20,688                 | Optima Legal Service | 23,721               |
| Eversheds LLP        | 20,189              | Eversheds LLP        | 18,307                 | HBOS Bank PLC        | 20,980               |
| HBOS Bank PLC        | 18,235              | Barclays Bank PLC    | 16,491                 | Eversheds LLP        | 19,123               |

[Access the full dataset](#) on [data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk).

### Notes to editors

1. Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The November Transaction Data will be published at 11am on Thursday 21 December 2017 at [HM Land Registry Monthly Property Transaction Data](#).
2. The monthly Transaction Data showing how many applications for new titles, leases, splitting titles, updating existing titles, official copies of the register and searches were completed, reflects the volume of applications lodged by customers using an HM Land Registry account number on their application form.
3. Completed applications in England and Wales shown by region and by local authority include postal applications as well as those sent electronically.
4. Transaction Data excludes pending applications, withdrawn applications, bankruptcy applications, bulk applications and discharge applications.

5. Transactions for value are applications lodged involving a transfer of ownership for value. Discharge applications remove a charge, for example a mortgage, from the register. For an explanation of other terms used, see [abbreviations used in the transaction data](#).
6. Most searches carried out by a solicitor or conveyancer are to protect the purchase and/or mortgage. For example, a search will give the buyer priority for an application to HM Land Registry to register the purchase of the property. This can give an indication of market activity.
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12. HM Land Registry safeguards land and property ownership worth more than £4 trillion, including more than £1 trillion of mortgages. The Land Register contains more than 24 million titles, which show evidence of ownership, covering more than 84% of the land mass.
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