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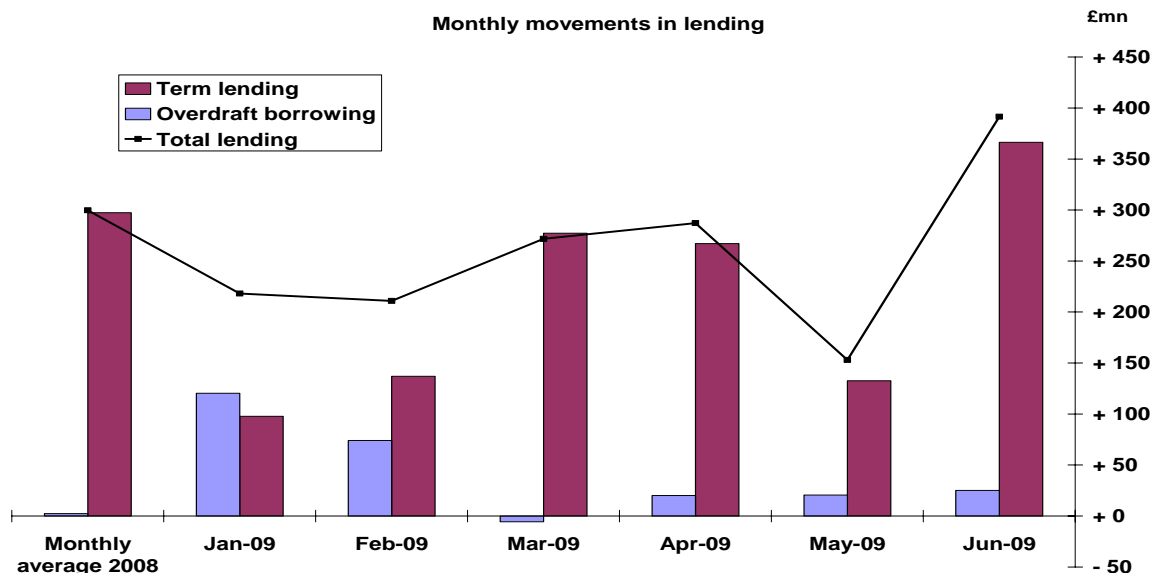
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June '09 small business figures for the high street banks

Lending to small businesses rose by £391 million in June, whilst almost 50,000 new small business banking relationships were established. Deposits from small business grew by £577 million.

Commenting on the data, BBA statistics director, David Dooks, said:

"These figures provide more evidence of the high street banks' support for small businesses. Structured term lending rose by £366 million in June, while deposits and numbers of new business relationships continued to hold up, perhaps reflecting improved business confidence in trading conditions."



	Term lending £m	Overdrafts £m	Deposits £m	No. of small businesses establishing new banking relationships
June 2009 amounts outstanding	46,916	9,052	54,127	
Monthly movements				
June 2009	+ 366	+ 25	+ 577	49,579
May 2009	+ 133	+ 20	+ 250	45,403
April 2009	+ 267	+ 20	+ 119	48,397
March 2009	+ 277	- 6	+ 881	52,857
February 2009	+ 137	+ 74	+ 66	44,642
January 2009	+ 98	+ 120	- 1,513	45,693
Monthly average through 2008	+ 297	+ 2	- 21	43,773

N.B. Figures above are NOT seasonally adjusted, so monthly movements can be volatile due to factors occurring at different times throughout the year, eg CAP single farm payment receipts or tax payments, etc.

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Notes to Editors:

1. *Although clubs, charities and societies operate small business accounts with banks, their activities are not commercial in nature and are therefore not covered by these data.*
2. *Small businesses are defined here as those commercial businesses with an annual bank account turnover of £1 million or less.*
3. *Individual banks contributing to this survey are Abbey (inc Alliance & Leicester), Barclays, Clydesdale (inc Yorkshire Bank), HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group (inc HBOS), Royal Bank of Scotland (inc NatWest) and The Co-operative Bank.*
4. *The statistics section of the BBA website (www.bba.org.uk) provides information on bank support for small businesses, whilst the Policy Issues section contains a Small Business area, dedicated to providing practical help and advice for small businesses, including a business account finder.*
5. *The BBA is the leading UK banking and financial services trade association and acts on behalf of its members on domestic and international issues. Our members, from 50 different countries, collectively provide the full range of banking and financial services. They operate some 150 million personal accounts, contribute £50bn to the economy, and together make up the world's largest international banking centre.*

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